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Mapping of research agenda within “Sahel Alliance” West Africa

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Context

- ❖ Major current issues for the West African countries concerns sustainable economic, social and environmental development.
In addition, past decade is marked by exacerbation of the **security concerns**;
- ❖ A robust **security/military solution** is currently being implemented : military alliance between the G5 Sahel countries (Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Chad), backed by the international community (France, EU, UN,...).

BUT,

these solutions alone seems to **not be sufficient for the situation** currently lived by populations.





Context (cont')

In 13 July 2017, France and Germany launched a joint initiative:
“**The Sahel Alliance**”,

- For fostering the **coordination** and **efficiency** of the main development **aid donors** operating in the Sahel,
- backed by some important multilateral players (WB, AfDB),
- And which **priority sectors are** :
 - youth employability and education,
 - rural development, agriculture and food security,
 - energy and climate,
 - governance, decentralization and basic services and
 - security,





Main actors/stakeholders of the Alliance

- National agricultural research systems (NARS) of G-5 Sahel countries + agricultural research institutions of Senegal (ISRA),
- West African regional cooperation institutions (ECOWAS, CILSS, CORAF/WECARD, WASCAL)
- European partners (CIRAD, IRD),

Secretariat (temporary): France's AFD (responsible for implementation of the initiative)





Commitments/objectives

- ❑ Conduct an initial **joint analysis of the major issues** related to common areas of expertise of participating actors,
- ❑ **Identify the main issues requiring high priority** in terms of scientific investment, innovation and development support in the coming years,
- ❑ **Found an open coalition** to serve as the scientific and technical backbone **within the Sahel Alliance to respond adequately** to the social, economic and technical demands of agricultural and rural development for the benefit of rural populations.





Area of priorities of the WA regional research agenda

- Support to territorial development
- Ecological intensification of all value chains
- Development of hydro-agricultural schemes and of irrigated crops
- Pastoralism and animal health





Area of priorities of the WA regional research agenda (cont')

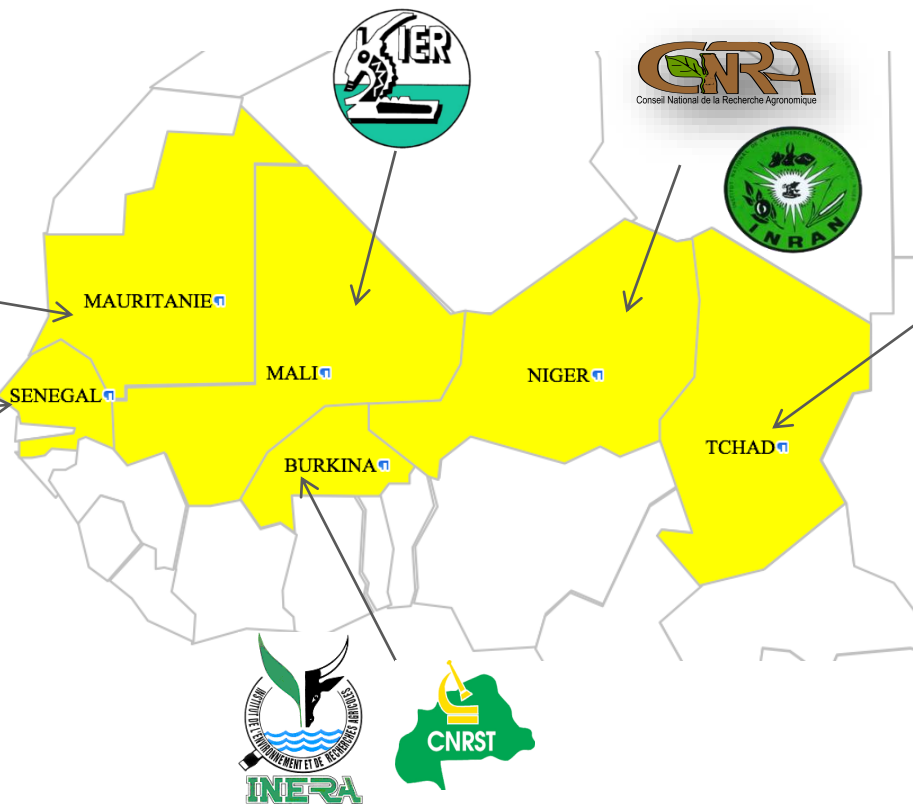
- Management of habitats and natural resources
- Deployment of sustainable food systems
- Contributing to strengthen the capacities of the stakeholders and to consolidate the research, the innovation support and the agricultural and rural training institutions



Regional organisations



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French organisation



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