

17TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME, 1-2 JULY 1985

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MEMORANDUM



FROM: Executive Secretariat
TO: The Council of Ministers

SUBJECT: Note of Presentation On The Report Of The 8th Meeting Of The Industry, Agriculture And Natural Resources Commission - Agriculture Sub-Commission.

The 8th Session of the Agriculture Commission was held from 30th April to 3rd May 1985 at the Maison du RPT (Headquarters of the Togolese People's Rally) in Lome, Republic of Togo.

The following items were included in the agenda of this meeting:

- 1) Presentation and consideration of feasibility studies on the Community Seed Production Centres at LOSSA (NIGER) and BOUAKE (IVORY COAST).
- 2) Presentation and consideration of feasibility studies on the KAEDI (Mauritania), FANAYE (Senegal) and MOLODO (Mali) Community Seed Production Centres.
- 3) Presentation and consideration of feasibility studies on the ZARIA (NIGERIA) and ROKUPR (SIERRA LEONE) Community seed centres.
- 4) Presentation and consideration of feasibility studies on the MARAHOUE Ranch (IVORY COAST).
- 5) Presentation and consideration of feasibility studies on the MANDINA DIASSA RANCH (MALI) and the ZEBU-MAURE Cattle Breeding Centre in KAEDI (Mauritania).
- 6) Other business.

I. Consideration of Feasibility Studies On Selected Community Seed Centres.

Having examined the feasibility studies on the above-mentioned Community Seed Centres, the sub-commission highlighted the following points:

- 1) the incomplete nature of the documents presented;
- ii) the non-definition of Community aspects and functions of these centres;
- iii) the lack of proposals in some reports on the establishment of national institutions responsible for seed matters (planning, production, processing, quality control and seed certification, phytosanitary measures).

The sub-commission requested the EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT to revise the reports presented thoroughly, going over each point and aspect mentioned in detail, and to make concrete proposals likely to lead to the actual implementation of the projects.

In addition, the Sub-Commission recommended that the sites of certain centres be defined more precisely.

II. Consideration of Studies Relating To The Selected Cattle Breeding Centres.

A. The MARAHOUE RANCH (IVORY COAST):

After examining the report, the Sub-Commission noted that:

This document was the only one which contains some aspects of a feasibility study, but the rate of return is too poor as against the investment costs;

- the section on production of breeders of the N'DAMA species was not examined from the point of view of satisfying Community requirements;
- the project is requesting only additional financing to meet the production target for breeders.

The Sub-Commission therefore made the following recommendations:

- a careful study of equipment requirements with a view to reducing costs;
- the establishment or consolidation of preventive and curative for reduction of the mortality rate at the ranch;
- the revision of the feasibility study, duly taking into account the research aspect and the production of N'Dama species breeders.

B. MANDINA-DIASSA RANCH (YANFOLIA) IN MALI AND THE ZEBU MAURE BREEDING CENTRE IN KAEDI (MAURITANIA):

After consideration of this report, the Sub-Commission made the following observations:

- Out of all the documents presented, this one was the least well-prepared;
- The area provided for exploitation on the MANDINA-DIASSA site was considered inadequate. The Sub-Commission therefore stressed the need to increase the grazing areas.
- The high mortality rate requires that adequate measures be taken for its reduction (consistent parasite removal and trypano-tolerance programmes both for young cattle and for adult breeders).

For this purpose, the Sub-Commission mandated the Executive Secretariat to revise the studies concerned in order to produce a comprehensive feasibility report.

III. Other Business:

In the light of the alarming situation prevailing in certain Member States of the Community affecting the survival of our people and the conservation of livestock, the Sub-Commission made a special recommendation with a view to providing emergency relief to these countries. This recommendation is hereby submitted for the approval of Council.

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

8TH MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY
AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

LOME, 29 APRIL - 3 MAY, 1985

F I N A L R E P O R T

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Sub-Commission on Agriculture met from the 30th of April to the 3rd of May, 1985 in the Togolese People's Rally Building in Lome, (Republic of Togo).

2. The following Member States were represented:

BENIN

GUINEA

MALI

MAURITANIA

NIGER

NIGERIA

TOGO

3. The List of Participants is attached to this Report.

II. OPENING SESSION

4. The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and the Economy, Mr. A. AMAVI representing his minister welcomed participants to this meeting on behalf of the Founder Chairman of the Togolese People's Rally, His Excellency, General Gnassingbe EYADEMA, President of the Republic of Togo, the Government and the people of Togo. He stressed the importance of Agriculture within the socio-economic development of the Member States of ECOWAS and the need to achieve self sufficiency in food production in the sub-region.

5. The Deputy Executive Secretary of ECOWAS for Economic Affairs, Dr. D.T. SAKHO in his speech defined the objective of the meeting which he said falls within the framework of the implementation of the ECOWAS sub-regional agricultural development strategy and particularly the creation of multiplication centres for selected foundation seeds and cattle breeding.

III. ELECTION OF BUREAU

6. The following bureau was elected:

Chairman - TOGO
Rapporteurs - BENIN
- NIGERIA

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

7. The draft agenda presented by the Executive Secretariat was amended and adopted as follows:

1. Opening ceremony
2. Election of Bureau
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Presentation and consideration of reports of feasibility studies on Community Seed Multiplication Centres of Lossa (Niger), and Bouake (Ivory Coast).
5. Presentation and consideration of reports of feasibility studies on Community Seed Centres of Kaedi (Mauritania), Fanaye (Senegal) and Molodo (Mali).
6. Presentation and consideration of reports of feasibility studies on Community Seed Multiplication Centres of Zaria (Nigeria) and Rokupr (Sierra Leone).
7. Presentation and consideration of Reports of feasibility study on the Marahoue Ranch (Ivory Coast).
8. Presentation and consideration of reports of feasibility studies on the Madina-Diassa Ranch (Mali) and the Moor Zebu Breeding Centre of Kaedi (Mauritania).
9. Any other matters:
 - a) information on the sub-regional conference on sea-fishing, held in Dakar from 25 to 29 March, 1985.
 - b) symposium on agriculture and incentives to stimulate agricultural production, held in Abidjan from 9 to 13 April, 1985.
10. Adoption of Report.
11. Closing Ceremony.

V. RESULTS OF DELIBERATIONS:

CONSIDERATION OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON SELECTED
COMMUNITY SEED CENTRES

8. After the reports on these studies had been presented by the Executive Secretariat, the discussions that ensued brought out the following defects:

- i) the incomplete nature of the documents presented;
- ii) the non-definition of Community aspects and functions of these centres;
- iii) the lack of a detailed financial and economic analysis indicating:
 - updated investment and operational costs, expected medium-term revenue and long-term income projections,
 - rate of return and potential for self-financing,
 - socio-economic impact of the projects,
 - estimated financial participation by ECOWAS in the overall financing of the Centres, as well as proposals on the mode of management,
 - estimated selected seed requirements at national and at Community level,
 - estimated production capacity and possibilities of satisfying requirements of other Member States;
- iv) lack of proposals in some reports on the establishment of national institutions responsible for seed matters (planning, production, processing, quality control and seed certification, phytosanitary measures).

9. Following these discussions, the Sub-Commission requested that these studies be revised with the aim of indicating in detail the points and aspects mentioned above and of making concrete proposals likely to lead to actual implementation of the projects.

10. In addition, the Sub-Commission recommended that the sites of certain centres be determined or defined more precisely.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF STUDIES RELATING
TO THE SELECTED CATTLE BREEDERS PRODUCTION CENTRES
THE MARAHOUE RANCH (IVORY COAST)

11. After examining the report, the sub-Commission on agriculture noted that:
- this paper was the only document that contains elements of a feasibility study. But a poor profitability rate in terms of investments costs is indicated in the report.
 - Present activities at the ranch are manifold and national in character.
 - The production aspect for the N'Dama Specie was not examined from a perspective that could meet Community needs.
 - The project is only requesting for additional funding to meet present production target for breeders.

The Sub-Commission made the following recommendations:

- An appropriate study in respect of required materials with a view to reducing costs.
- The establishment or consolidation of preventive and curative facilities for a reduction in mortality rate at the ranch.
- To revise the feasibility studies taking duly into account research and production of the N'Dama breeding stock.

MADINA-DIASSA-YANFOLILA (MALI) RANCH AND THE ZEBU-MAURE
BREEDING CENTRE IN KAEDI (MAURITANIA):

12. The report on this study was presented by the Executive Secretariat. In the course of the discussions which followed, the following observations were made:
- Out of all the documents, this one is the least well prepared;

- The area provided for exploitation on the Madina-Diassa site was considered inadequate by the Sub-Commission and consequently stressed the need to increase the grazing areas. Adequate measures are required to reduce the high mortality rate (a consistent anti-parasite and trypanosomiasis prevention programme, for both young animals and adult breeders).
- Quantities of agro-industrial by-products to be distributed as feed complements to breeders at off-season periods should also be defined.
- In the case of the Kaedi Centre, it was recommended that the site be well defined.

Following these observations, the Sub-Commission requested that the studies concerned be revised in order to produce a complete feasibility study.

OTHER MATTERS


13. The Secretariat informed the Sub-Commission on the conclusions of the sub-regional conference on the development of sea-fishing in West Africa, held in Dakar from 25 to 29 March, 1985 and on the symposium on agriculture and incentives to stimulate agricultural production, held in Abidjan from 9 to 13 April, 1985. The Sub-Commission took note of the reports of these meetings and welcomed this laudable initiative of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat and asked the Secretariat to persevere in its efforts towards the achievement of self-sufficiency in food.
14. The Director of the Department was asked to present a work programme and an activities report to the Sub-Commission at each of its meetings.

15. Noting the poor quality of the Study Reports presented, the Sub-Commission strongly recommended that in future the Executive Secretariat should appraise such documents properly before presenting them to the Commission.
16. In the light of the alarming situation prevailing in certain Member States of the Community affecting the survival of our peoples and the conservation of livestock, the Sub-Commission made a special recommendation with a view to providing emergency relief to these States.

VI. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

17. This Report was adopted.

DONE AT LOME, 3RD MAY 1985


THE CHAIRMAN
FOR THE COMMISSION

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

EIGHTH SESSION OF THE INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE
AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION (AGRICULTURE
SUB-COMMISSION)

LOME, 29 APRIL - 3 MAY 1985

VOTE OF THANKS

The Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission (Agriculture Sub-Commission) meeting in Lome from 29th April to 3rd May 1985 hereby expresses its sincere thanks and profound gratitude to His Excellency General Gnassingbe EYADEMA, Founder Chairman of the Togolese People's Rally, President of the Republic of Togo, and to the People and Government of Togo, for the warm welcome extended to the participants and the facilities placed at their disposal to ensure the success of this meeting.

DONE AT LOME, 3RD MAY 1985

THE COMMISSION.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

8TH MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY
AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

LOME, 29 APRIL - 3 MAY, 1985

RECOMMENDATION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MEASURES
TO RELIEVE PREVAILING DROUGHT AND FAMINE CONDITIONS IN AFFECTED
MEMBER STATES.

THE AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION,

CONCERNED about the persistent economic and social effects of
such natural calamities as desertification, drought, flood
and famine on large sections of the population of certain
ECOWAS Member States;

CONVINCED that together, the West African States are capable
of organising some assistance for the alleviation of the
suffering being experienced by the affected population in
the disaster areas;

CONVINCED further that emergency relief measures are urgently
needed while longer term solutions are being sought;

RECOMMENDS TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS:

1. To adopt special emergency relief measures to assist the
West African population affected by the scourge of
desertification, drought, flooding and famine.
2. To establish an ECOWAS Task Force to determine the extent
and coordinate the emergency relief measures which would
include food aid, medical supplies, distribution of
adequate feedstuffs, seeds and agricultural inputs as
well as appropriate technical assistance.

3. To establish a Special Emergency Relief Fund, to be contributed to by both Member States and third countries, as an important source of funding some of the emergency relief operations.
4. To draw up a long-term Community programme designed to remedy these calamities.

DONE AT LOME, 3RD MAY, 1985.

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THE COMMISSION.

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