

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES



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PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE 17TH
MEETING OF THE INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

LAGOS, JULY 1994

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The 17th meeting of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission was held in the conference room of the Executive Secretariat Lagos from 14 to 17 June 1994.

The following Member States were present

- Republic of Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
- Republic of Ghana
- Republic of Guinea
- Republic of Liberia
- Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Togolese Republic

The United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), the Federation of West African Manufacturers Associations (FEWAMA) and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) were present as observers.

The following bureau was elected :

- Chairman: Republic of Benin
- Rapporteurs: Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
Republic of Ghana

The main items examined by the Commission were the following:

- the coordination Master Plan for Desertification Control Programmes;
- the Agricultural Information Strategy for Development
- the Industrial Master Plan
- Other matters

The Commission has particularly insisted on :

- it is necessary to assess and review the programme for the establishment of Community seed and breeder centres
- there is need to revitalise FEWAMA through the participation of manufacturers' Associations of all Member States in FEWAMA activities.

The Commission approved the proposals presented by the Secretariat and recommended adoption by the Council of Ministers of the following programmes.

- Coordination Master Plan for Desertification Control Programmes;
- Agricultural Information Strategy for West Africa;
- Industrial Master Plan

The draft decisions pertaining thereto are attached to this memorandum.

The Commission expressed concern over the conditions for the implementation of the programmes. It recommended cooperation between Member States and regional and international organisations, taking due account of the new economic environment.