



CORAF/WECARD's contribution to the transformation of agriculture in West Africa



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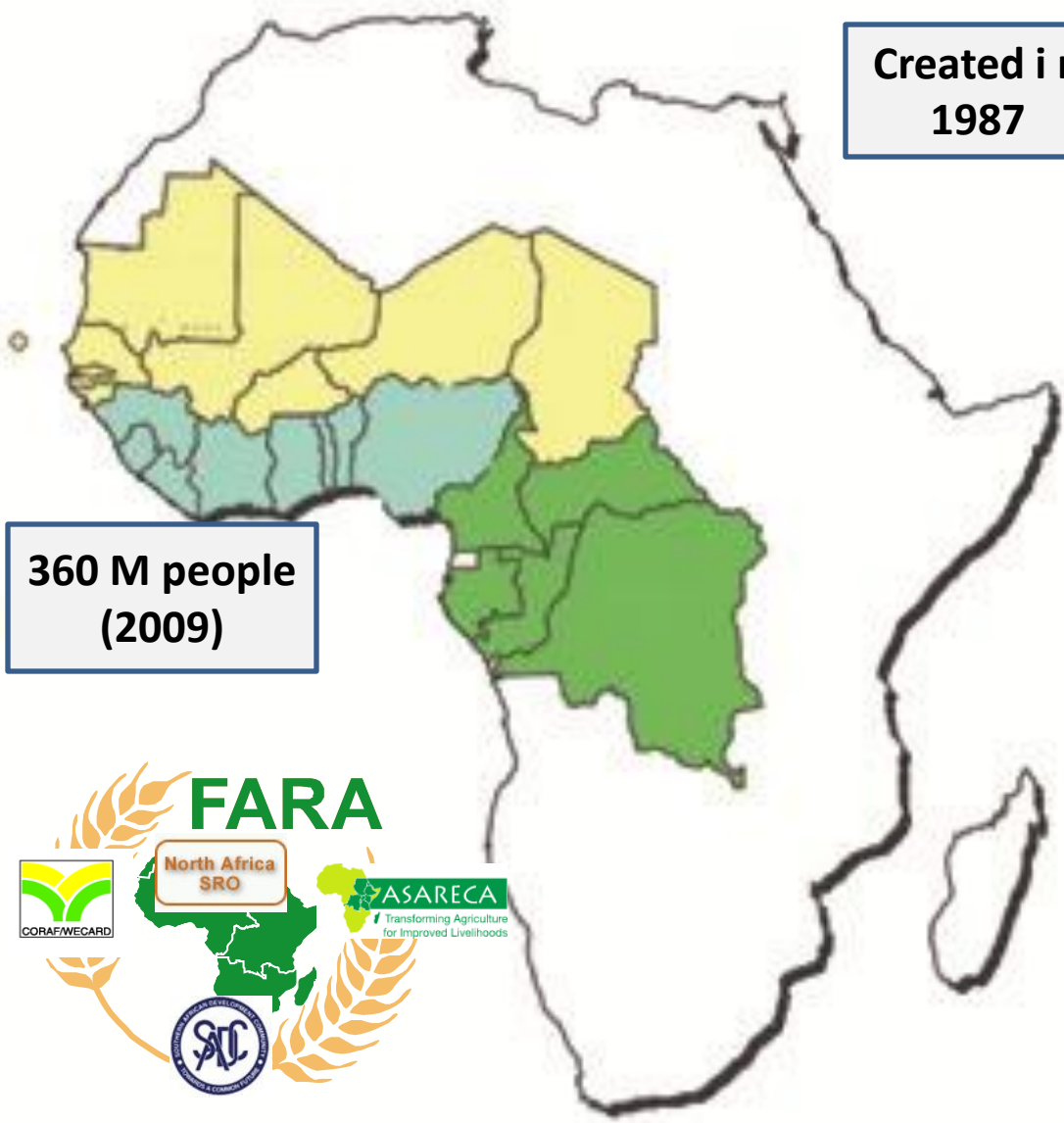
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Overview of CORAF/WECARD



Promote sub-regional cooperation

Create synergies & reduce duplications

Mobilize resources



Solve common agricultural research and development problems



Contribute to the transformation of small-holder farmers to entrepreneurs

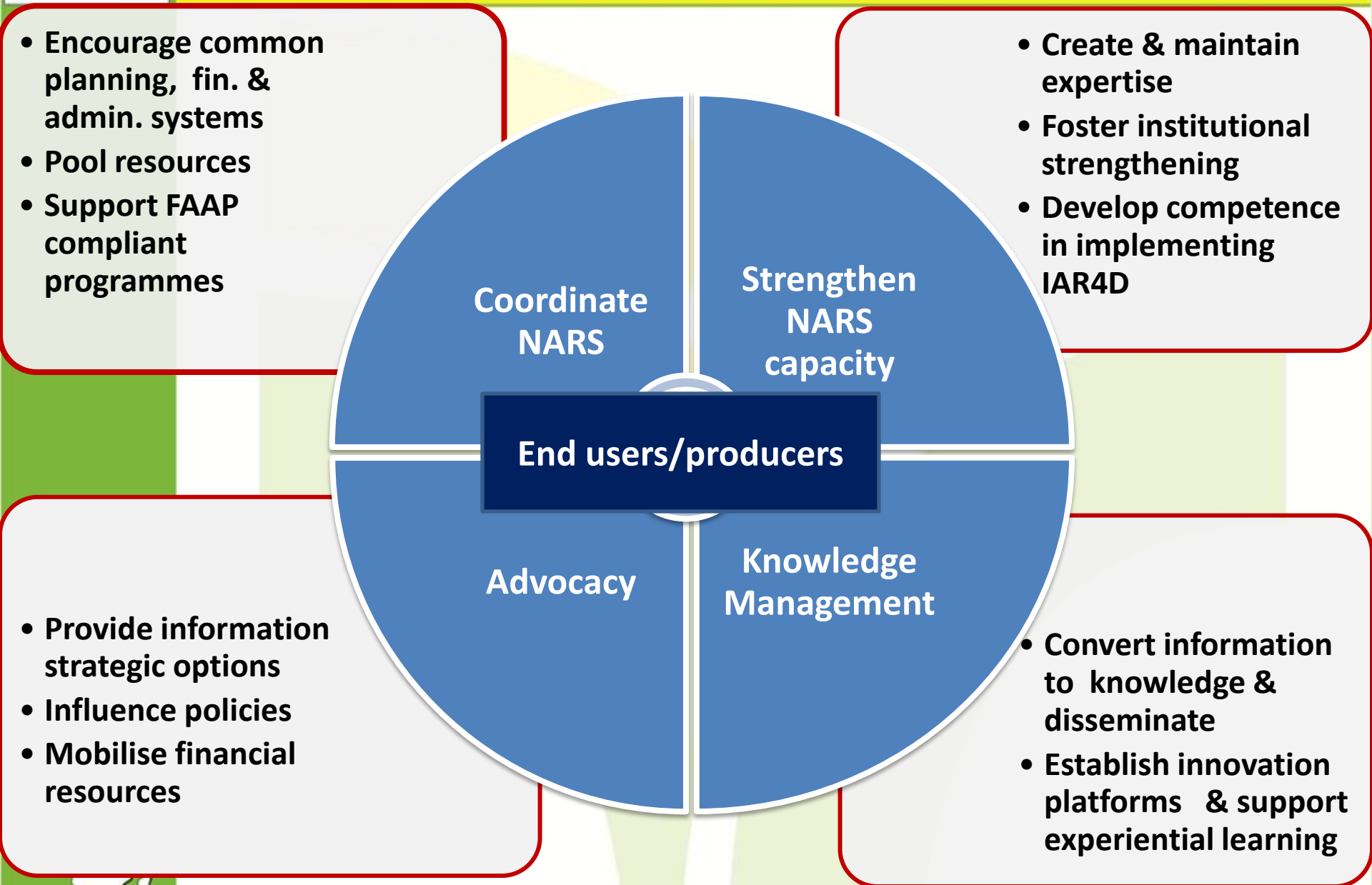
CORAF/WECARD Vision and Mission

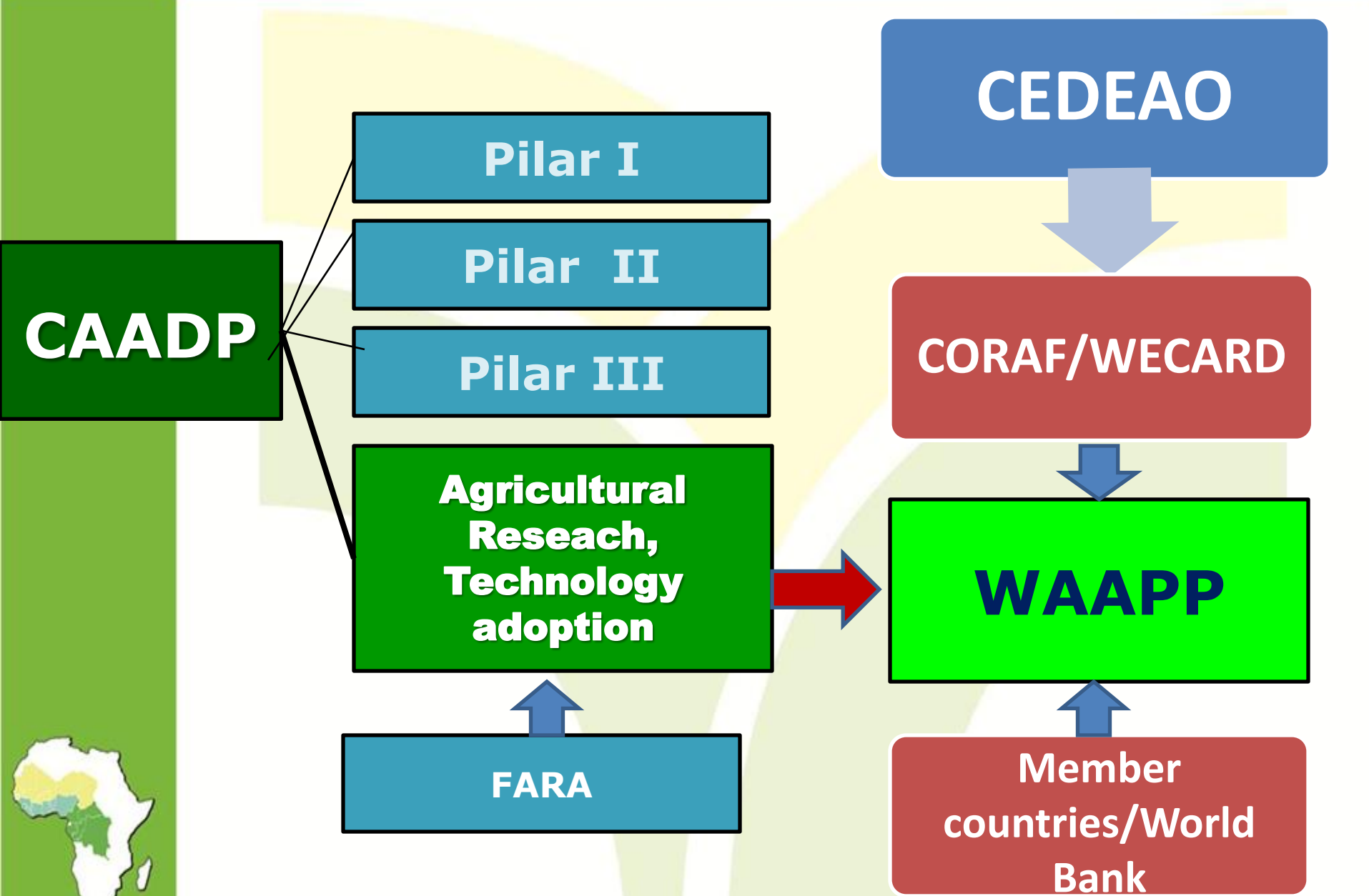
Vision: Sustainable reduction in poverty and food security in West and Central Africa

Mission:Sustainable improvements to the competitiveness, productivity and markets of the agricultural system in West and Central Africa by meeting the key demands of the sub-regional research system as expressed by target groups



CORAF/WECARD functions





Strategic trajectory

2007: Adoption of new Strategic Plan 2007-2016

2008: Adoption of the new Operational Plan 2008-2013

Key features:

- Link to MDG, CAADP, RECs policies
- Coherence with FAAP principles
- Programmatic approach (8 programmes)
- IAR4D - innovation system + value chain approach

Cross-cutting issues :

- Pro-poor
- Gender
- HIV/AIDS
- Environmental sustainability/Climate Change

Programmatic approach

Eight programmes delivering in the four result areas

- 1. Livestock, fisheries and aquaculture**
- 2. Staple crops**
- 3. Non staple crops**
- 4. Natural resources management**
- 5. Biotechnology and Biosafety**
- 6. Policy, Markets and Trade**
- 7. Knowledge Management**
- 8. Strengthening capacity**

Contributing directly or indirectly to food security



Four result areas

1. Appropriate technologies and innovations developed

2. Strategic decision-making options for policies, institutions and markets developed

3. Sub-regional agricultural research systems strengthened and coordinated

4. Demand for agricultural knowledge from targeted clients facilitated and met



Partnership with ECOWAS



● Technical arm of ECOWAS through signing of collaborative agreement in 2005

- ✚ Development and effectiveness of WAAP in 2008
- ✚ Development and adoption in 2007 of the Action Plan for integration of biotechnology in agriculture in the ECOWAS region
- ✚ Development of the theme “Sustainable Management of farming systems for the RAIP in 2009”



Partnership with RECs/IGO



UEMOA: 2006 ; CEMAC: 2007

CILSS: 2008; ECCAS:2008



Development partners

DFID

USAID

ECOWAS countries

AfDB/FARA

EU Commission

ECOWAS commission

CTA

IDRC

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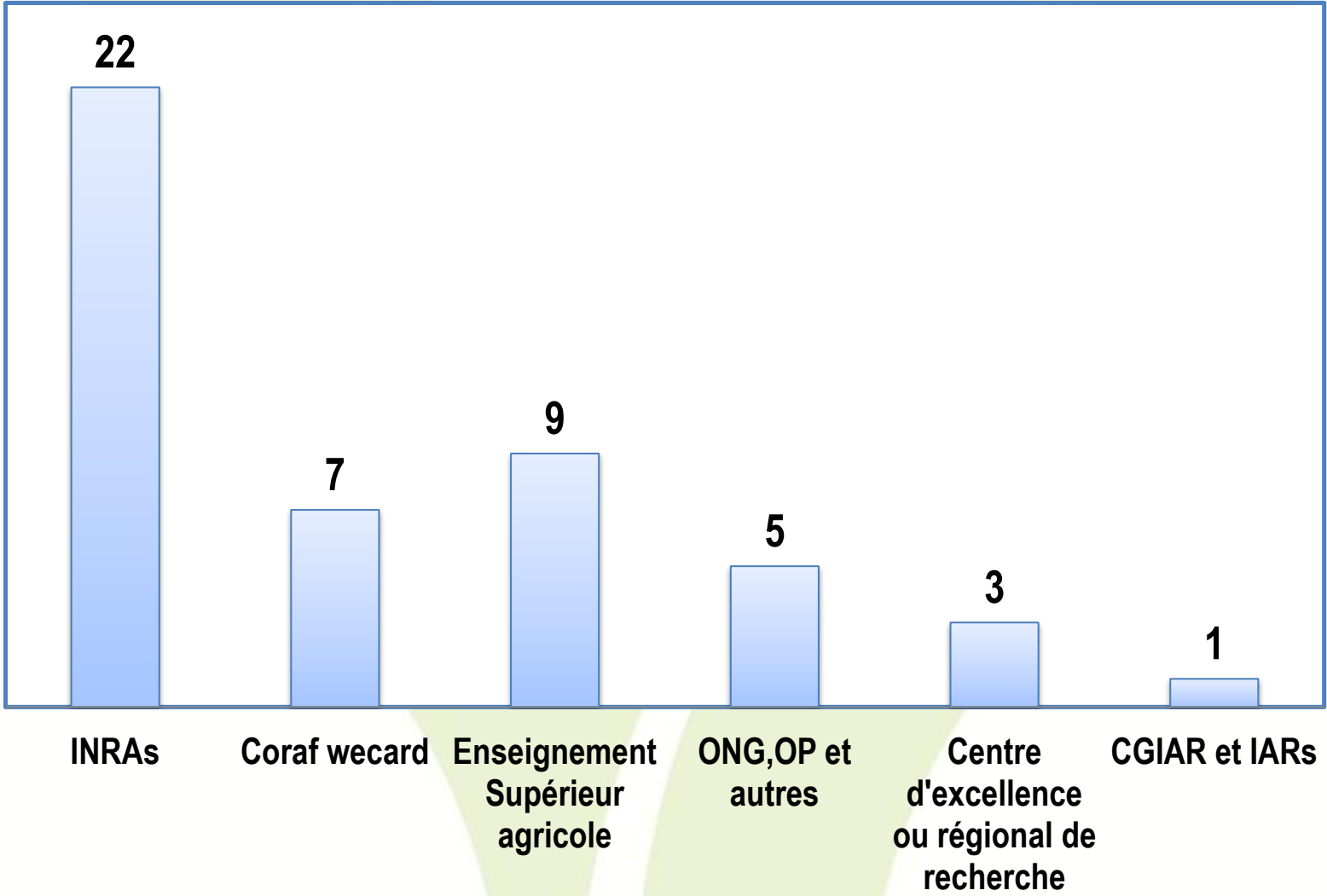
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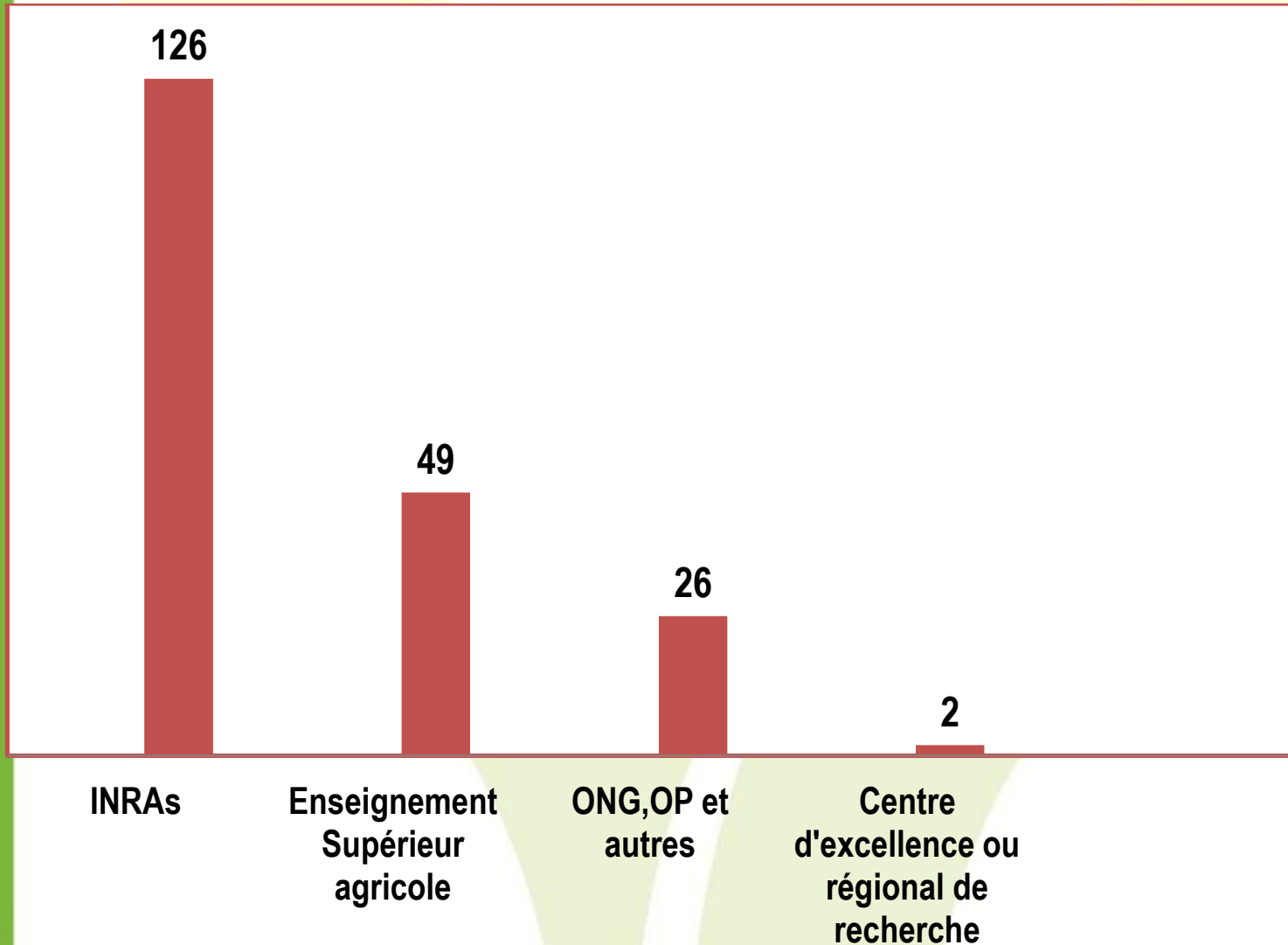
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Institutions in Regional Projects Coordination

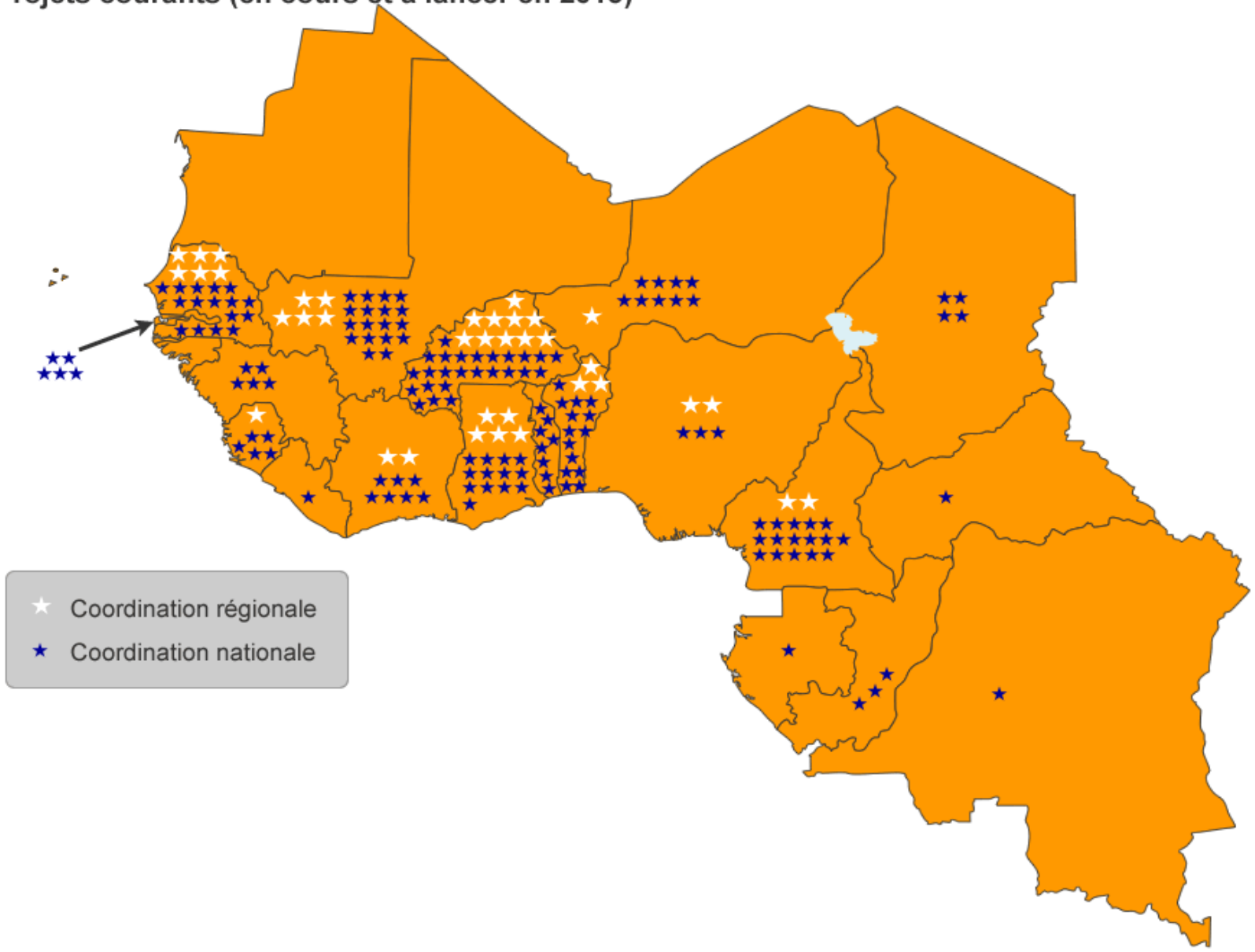


Coordination of projects at national level

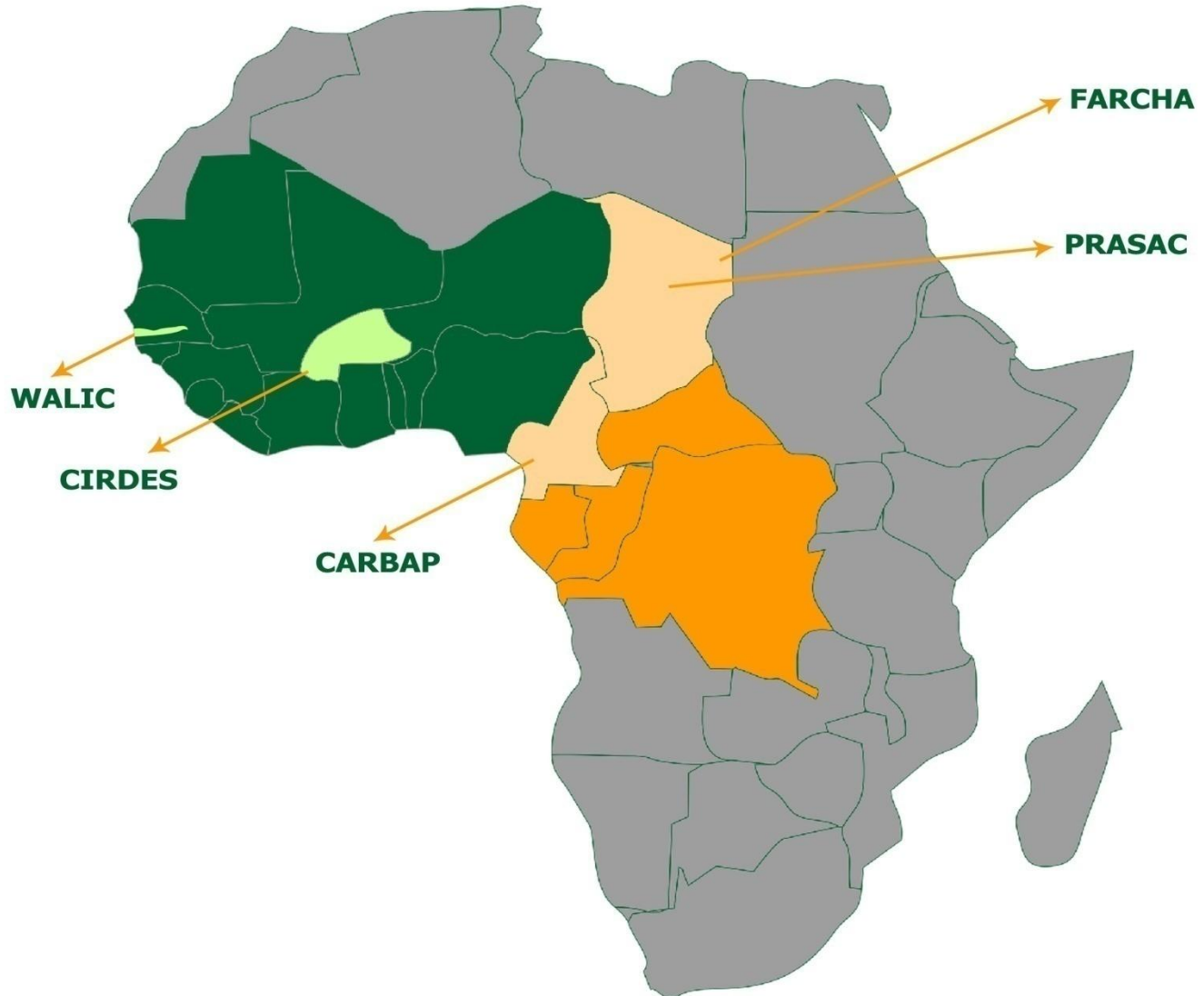


Projects implementation by NARS

Projets courants (en cours et à lancer en 2013)



Regional Centers facilitated by CORAF/WECARD



The National Centers of Specialisation (NCOs)

**WAAPP-1A (2007)
2A (2013)**

- **Roots & Tuber (Ghana)**
- **Dryland Cereals (Senegal),**
- **Rice (Mali)**

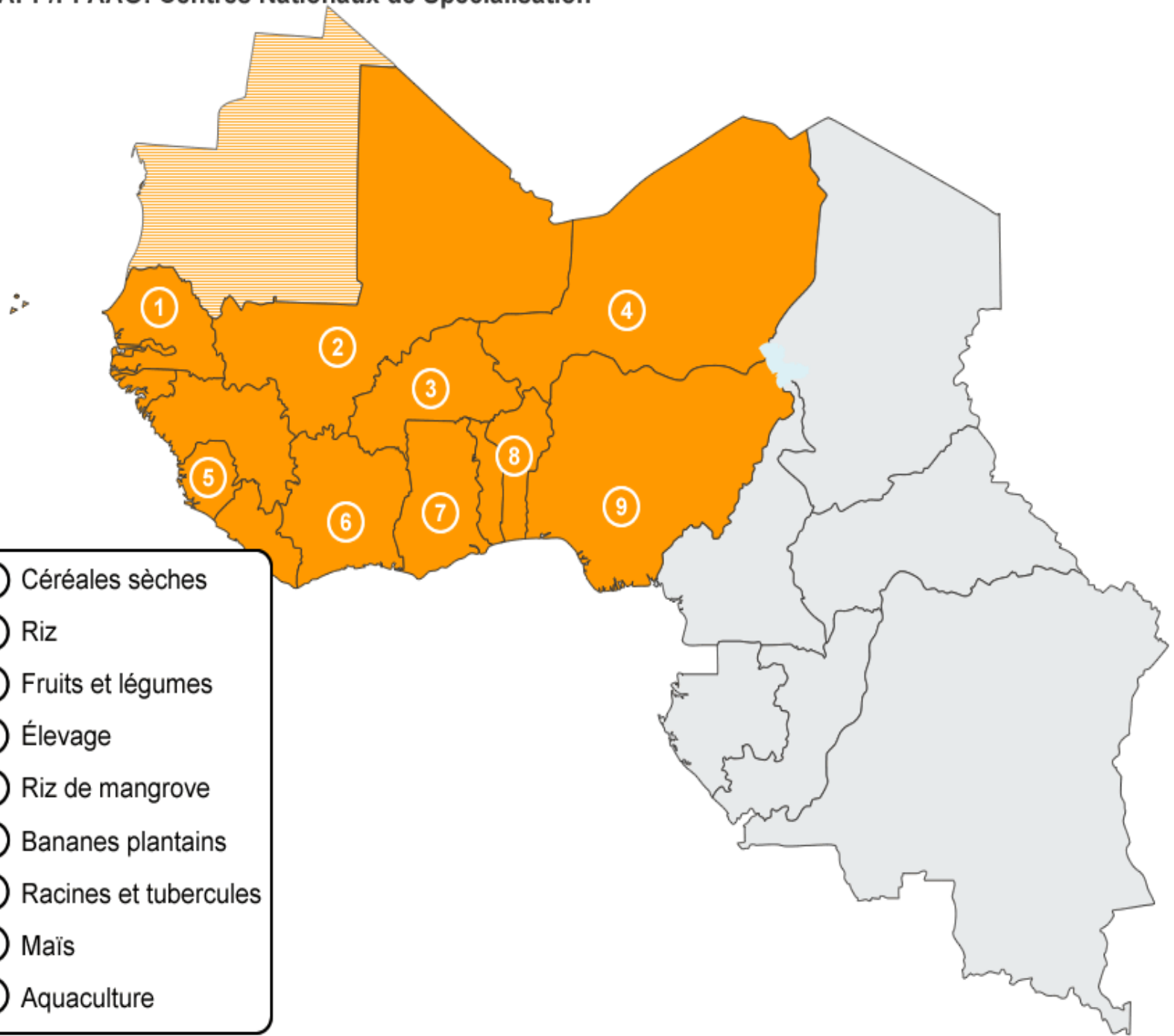
WAAPP-1B (2010)

- **Fruits & vegetable (Burkina)**
- **Banana plantain (Côte d'Ivoire)**
- **Aquaculture (Nigeria)**

WAAPP-1C (2011)

- **Livestock (Niger)**
- **Maize (Benin),**
- **Mangroves Rice (Sierra Leone)**





- ① Céréales sèches
- ② Riz
- ③ Fruits et légumes
- ④ Élevage
- ⑤ Riz de mangrove
- ⑥ Bananes plantains
- ⑦ Racines et tubercules
- ⑧ Maïs
- ⑨ Aquaculture



“Success Stories” of CORAF/WECARD

1. **WAAPP : Among the top 28 best projects supported by the World Bank in Africa**
2. **Increased confidence of ECOWAS to CORAF/WECARD coordinate**
 - **National Seed Systems in 15 member States (including Chad & Mauritania)**
 - **West African Seed Alliance (ASIWA)**



“Success Stories” of CORAF/WECARD

4. Policy makers show more interest in CORAF/WECARD coordination functions and activities (The President of Sierra Leone, the ECOWAS Commissioner of President of ROPPA)



“Success Stories” of CORAF/WE CARD: Gender and leadership

5. A new initiative ‘AWARD’ for francophones women in WCA



Challenges

Human, institutional and infrastructural capacities to:

- **develop new resilient crop varieties that respond to stress and climate variability**
- **produce and market adequate quantities of seeds**
- **address issues related to health and nutrition**
- **address emerging diseases of plants and animals**
- **address challenges in marketing of produce and inputs, and access to finance**
- **revert the natural resources degradation**
- **address issues related to gender and social development**



Conclusions

- **CORAF/WECARD is developing a sustainable funding mechanism for agricultural research and development through national funds and financial partners:**
 - **Model for regional integration and cooperation in agriculture**
 - **Model that promotes the mobility of actors and the diffusion of technology in the region**
 - **Model that has producers and actors of value chains in the center of all initiatives**



Conclusions

- **The establishment and use of IAR4D based on innovation platforms and value chain approaches in the implementation of all projects/actions facilitates the achievement of relevant impacts**
- **CORAF/WECARD creates value addition in investments because it is structured to ensure spillover effects – therefore a relevant and efficient research for development cooperation tool for transforming agriculture in West Africa.**



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