**International Workshop: Strategic Levers for the Development of Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services for Agroecology in West Africa**

**Save the date: 27th June 2023, 8:30-11:00 GMT**

- Nogent sur Marne (Paris), Campus of the Garden of Tropical Agronomy, France

**OBJECTIVES:** To share results of an ongoing capitalization and action-research work on the needs, challenges and potential solutions for transforming agricultural extension and advisory services (EAS) to better support agroecological transitions in West Africa. A policy brief on the levers to develop EAS for agroecology will be presented and discussed.

**PARTICIPANTS:** About forty participants are expected to attend in person and more than a hundred online. The working language will be French, but simultaneous translation into English will be provided online. The following types of actors are expected: policy makers (ECOWAS/PAE, MEAE, FAO...), donors (AFD, EU, GIZ, Swiss Cooperation, IFAD, etc.), farmers' organizations, NGOs, research institutions, networks (GFRAS, RESCAR-AOC).

**Schedule:** from 8:30 to 11:00 GMT - 10:30 to 13:00 Paris time (CET)

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| 8:45 - 9:45 | **Session 1:** The importance of agricultural extension and advisory services in facilitating agroecological transitions: importance, state of the art and strategic levers  
- Importance of Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services (EAS) in facilitating agroecological transitions for sustainable food systems (GFRAS tbc) - 10 min  
- State of the art and challenges of EAS for Agroecology in West Africa (C. Rigourd - IRAM) - 10 min  
- Strategic levers for developing EAS for Agroecology in West Africa (P. Djamen - CIRAD) - 15 min  

Exchanges and debates on the three presentations |
| 9:50 - 10:50 | **Session 2:** Interactive panel discussion (Moderator C. Jacqmin - Inter Réseaux)  
The expected panelists will be representatives of ECOWAS/PAE, a farmers' organization, research, a donor and RESCAR-AOC.  
Exchanges between panelists, then interactions with other participants in face-to-face and video  |
| 10:50 - 11:00 | **Conclusions** of the workshop and prospects (P. Djamen – CIRAD) |

**NB:** This workshop is linked to the Study Day organized by IRAM on Thursday, June 29 on the theme How to support agroecological transitions in the South? [https://je2023.iram-fr.org/](https://je2023.iram-fr.org/)