

## MEMBERS' CORNER

Although Ghana, an English-speaking country in West Africa, is not a typical area of focus for Inter-réseaux, we decided to take an in-depth look at the country in this edition of the magazine. This issue was put together in close collaboration with our members, some of whom are directly active in Ghana.



Agronomes et Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (AVSF) is an NGO that has been working in Ghana since 2016, particularly to carry out sub-regional projects on the sustainability of supply chains (Equité): [www.avsf.org](http://www.avsf.org)



Fondation pour l'Agriculture et la Ruralité dans le Monde (FARM) seeks to inform decision-makers and actors working to promote development in Ghana, particularly in the Tamale region, where it pre-finances inputs needed to grow soy: [www.fondation-farm.org](http://www.fondation-farm.org)



Réseau des Organisations Paysannes et de Producteurs d'Afrique de l'Ouest (ROPPA), through Farmers Organisation Network in Ghana (FONG), works with small-farmer organisations in Ghana: <http://www.roppa-afrique.org>



SNV has been present in Ghana since 1992. With their national partners, they contribute to economic, institutional, social and environmental development and poverty reduction in line with the policy priorities of the Government of Ghana and the sustainable development goals (SDGs). [www.snv.org](http://www.snv.org)



### Focus on the HortiFresh programme supported by SNV

SNV supports the Hortifresh project which mission is to establish "a sustainable and internationally competitive fruit and vegetable sector that contributes to inclusive economic growth, food and nutrition security" in Ghana and Ivory Coast. It aims to reach 15,000 farmers, increase their productivity by 20% until 2021 and contribute to food and nutrition security.

#### **A competitive and innovative high-value fruit and vegetable sector**

HortiFresh West Africa supports the fruits and vegetables sector through activities

and funds (cluster funds, youth funds and commercial loans) that contribute to increasing the value of exports, both to the EU and to regional markets. It improves quality and value-added in the domestic market through technical assistance in agronomy and business management and is also aiming at reducing imports.

#### **A conducive business climate**

The project aims at improving the business climate for SMEs and international companies active in these two sectors of West Africa. It particularly focuses on the existing platforms of the Export Taskforce in Ghana

and the activities of Ghana Green Label. It also promotes high level public-private dialogue in order to create a competitive enabling environment.

#### **Inclusive and sustainable growth of the fruit and vegetable sector**

HortiFresh will create opportunities for women and youth to engage in the horticulture sector.