# The CILSS day at COP 21: The Confirmation

Room 11 of Pavilion Afrique has hosted on December 5, 2015 the CILSS day. It was chaired by Dr. Djimé Adoum, Executive Secretary of CILSS in presence of Mr. Lapodini Marc Atouga, ECOWAS Commissioner in charge of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources, Mr. Ibrahima Dièmè, UEMOA commissioner in charge of food security, Agriculture, Mines and Environment and important policy-makers, and managers of research and development institutions at regional, national and international level.

The agenda of that day is as follow:

- A movie show on CILSS major achievements;
- A poster presentation on CILSS key actions in the domain of Climate change
- An exhibition of CILSS products

#### Movie show

The public has attended with many interests, two infomercials: one on the CILSS major achievements in the field of food security, combating desertification and climate change and another one on the diploma courses and the continuous training.

**Posters presentations**: Four poster presentations have been made successively by CILSS Experts:

- Capitalization of good low-carbon practices of the AFOLU sector (Agriculture, Forestry and other land use) in CILSS/CEDEAO region, by Dr Maguette Kairé, Forestry Expert;
- •From sustainable land management to the eco-villages of the Boala city, (Province of Namentega, region of the Central-North of Burkina Faso) by Dr. Benoît Sarr, Climate change Expert;

- CILSS platform in the field of climate change and sustainable land management, by Dr. Issaka Lona, climate change expert;
- Scaling of smart agriculture for food security in the Sahel, Dr. Edwige Botoni, Natural Resource Management Expert;

These two events were followed by question/answers sessions

Before, the **CILSS Executive Secretary** has thanked all the guests who have taken part to this CILSS day. He emphasized the efforts made by all the CILSS staff, which led to efficient achievements for the improvement of Sahelian and West African population's livelihoods. He has appreciated as well the notable collaboration between CILSS, ECOWAS, UEMOA and BOAD which was illustrated by the successful joint organization of the Side Event of December 2, 2015. Finally, the CILSS Executive Secretary has invited the sub-regional institutions to develop synergy actions for a better consideration of the concerns of populations.

As for the **ECOWAS** commissioner in charge of agriculture, environment and water resources, he has congratulated CILSS for the organization of that day. He emphasized projects and programs that are jointly implemented by ECOWAS and CILSS. The commissioner made an advocacy for a re-greening of the sub-region

Concerning the **UEMOA commissioner**, he congratulated as well CILSS for the remarkable achievement in the sub-region. He emphasized the quality of the expertise at regional level to develop or implement projects or programs. Thus, he insisted on the necessity to join our efforts for our region to emerge from the underdevelopment.

An exhibition of CILSS products followed by a cocktail has closed that wonderful day.

The CILSS team on that day was composed of : Dr Adoum Djimé, CILSS Executive Secretary Mr. Issa Martin Bikienga, Coordinator of the AGIR Unit, Dr Mahalmoudou Hamadoun, Coordinator of PRA/SA/LCD/Pop and Dev, Dr Maty Ba Diao, PRAPS coordinator , Dr Edwige Botoni, GCCA focal point , Dr Benoît Sarr, GCCA Scientific Coordinator , Dr Jean Sibiri Ouedraogo, Chief DREAM, Dr Philippe Zoungrana, PRGDT Coordinator , Dr Maguette Kairé, forestry Expert, Dr Issaka Lona, Climate change , Dankoulou Abdoukarim, Chief UAM/CID, Papa Oumar Dièye, Chief UCID/CRA.

# The CILSS day in image

### Interventions of the representatives of the West African Institutions



Dr Djimé Adoum (CILSS) (UEMOA)

M. Lapodini Marc Atouga (ECOWAS) M. Ibrahima Dièmè

#### **Presentation of Experts**



Dr Benoît Sarr



Dr Maguette Kairé



Dr Issaka Lona



Dr Edwige Botoni



View of the room during the movie-show



A family photo at the end of the CILSS day