SIDE EVENT #3: The ECOWAS Experience in Establishing a Regional Agriculture Joint Sector Review in Support of the Next Generation of NAIPS

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Abstract & Objectives
ECOWAS in collaboration with ReSAKSS and IFPRI have been able to conduct agriculture Joint Sector Reviews (JSRs)—a key instrument for supporting mutual accountability and implementing the CAADP Result Framework— in seven countries (Burkina Faso, Ghana, Senegal, Benin, Cote D’Ivoire, and Togo) in West Africa since 2014. Such reviews provide a platform to collectively review the effectiveness of policies and institutions in the agricultural sector as well as assess the extent to which intended results and outcomes in the sector are being realized. It serves as a management and policy support tool for inclusive stakeholder planning, programming, budget preparation and execution, monitoring and evaluation, and overall development of the agricultural sector. To better understand the context of the JSR, provide an opportunity for increased learning and sharing and also set the basis for effective support to its member states, ECOWAS resolved to conduct such review at the regional level. Therefore, since January 2015, the ECOWAS Commission with funding from USAID engaged IFPRI and ReSAKSS to embark on a regional joint review of the agriculture sector.
The outcome of the review is expected to enable ECOWAS to better understand and conceptualize more practically the processes and reports emanating from its member states. The review is also expected to contribute to determining the achievements and challenges in implementing ECOWAP (the regional agricultural policy) over the last ten years as well as suggest ways of improving the new phase of ECOWAP, the regional agricultural investment plan (RAIP) and the next generation of national agricultural investment plans (NAIPs) of member states.

The side event will provide an opportunity for ECOWAS to share experiences in conducting the regional JSR and how it impacts the RAIP and NAIP implementation, and hence the next generation of the RAIP and NAIPs.

Staff from ECOWAS staff will make presentations on:
- Steps taken towards organizing a regional JSR and lessons learnt so far and
- Perspective of the next generation of NAIPs and RAIP.

The objectives of the side-event are to:
- Share the experience of ECOWAS in undertaking a regional JSR, and
- Set out a road map toward the next generation of NAIPs incorporating the 2014 Malabo Declaration and its Implementation Strategy and Roadmap.