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**Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the  
154<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council (30 May – 3 June 2016)**

### ADDENDUM

1. The 154<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Council endorsed “the creation of a separate Subregional Office for West Africa, preferably based in a Francophone country, with the location to be determined by the Director-General in consultation with the countries concerned.”
2. In August 2016 the Secretariat contacted representatives of the 15 Member Countries of West Africa informing them that firm proposals had been received for hosting the Office from Côte d’Ivoire and Senegal, and requesting that they inform the FAO Secretariat if they also wished to submit a proposal. One additional proposal was received from Burkina Faso. A summary of the three proposals is presented below.
3. The three proposals were then sent to the Chairperson of the Africa Regional Group in Rome requesting that she initiate a consultation process amongst the Africa Group Members, possibly leading to a recommendation being made to the Director-General by the end of October 2016 for his decision.
4. The Africa Group welcomed for the opportunity to provide input and recognized the merits of all three proposals, highlighting that each one provides conditions to host a productive subregional office. The Africa Group, however, did not to make a single recommendation and looked forward to the Director-General’s decision.
5. The Director-General will now proceed with the analysis of the three proposals, taking into careful consideration the merits of each proposal as they relate to the requirements of the West Africa Subregional Office, and a decision is expected in early 2017.

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<b>Burkina Faso</b>	
Premises	Rental building, funded from Trust Fund of USD 3 million per year, see Partnership Programme.
Equipment, furniture, utilities	See Partnership Programme
Government Provided Staff	A number of Junior Technical Experts
Annual cash contribution for operation of the office	See Partnership Programme
Partnership Programme	Trust Fund of USD 3 million per year (no duration limit mentioned); to also cover office rent and contribution to the operational costs of the office
Flight connections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accra, Ghana</li> <li>2. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire</li> <li>3. Bamako, Mali</li> <li>4. Cotonou, Bénin</li> <li>5. Dakar, Sénégal</li> <li>6. Lomé, Togo</li> <li>7. Niamey, Niger</li> </ol>
Presence of International Organizations related to FAO	West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU); Autorité du Liptako Gourma (ALG); Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS); Network of Peasant Farmers' and Agricultural Producers' Organizations of West Africa (ROPPA)

<b>Côte d'Ivoire</b>	
Premises	Two options offered: Option 1. Two floors in the African Development Bank (AfDB) high-rise building; total 43 offices and 3 large meeting rooms; or Option 2. Expanding current FAO villa.
Equipment, furniture, utilities	Office will be outfitted with furniture and information and communication equipment
Government Provided Staff	
Annual cash contribution for operation of the office	USD 300,000
Partnership Programme	USD 20 million over five years; agreement was signed in April 2016
Flight connections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accra, Ghana</li> <li>2. Bamako, Mali</li> <li>3. Conakry, Guinea</li> <li>4. Cotonou, Benin</li> <li>5. Dakar, Senegal</li> <li>6. Freetown, Sierra Leone</li> <li>7. Lomé, Togo</li> <li>8. Monrovia, Liberia</li> <li>9. Niamey, Niger</li> <li>10. Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso</li> </ol>
Presence of International Organizations related to FAO	<p>African Development Bank (AfDB);  Africa Rice;  AfricaSeeds  United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – Subregional Office for West Africa</p>

<b>Senegal</b>	
Premises	Initially a two-or three-story building in the center of Dakar. A few years from now move to a new UN building in the diplomatic city (under construction) outside Dakar, close the new airport (under construction).
Equipment, furniture, utilities	
Government Provided Staff	Support staff will be provided by the Ministry of the Civil Service and Labour. Technical experts (at least 8) will be provided by the relevant line Ministries.
Annual cash contribution for operation of the office	
Partnership Programme	Proposal for CFA francs 20 billion over five years, equivalent to about USD 33 million
Flight connections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire</li> <li>2. Accra, Ghana</li> <li>3. Bamako, Mali</li> <li>4. Banjul, Gambia</li> <li>5. Bissau, Guinea-Bissau</li> <li>6. Conakry, Guinea</li> <li>7. Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso</li> <li>8. Praia, Cabo Verde</li> </ol>
Presence of International Organizations related to FAO	<p>UN Women - West and Central Africa Regional Office;            United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) - West and Central Africa Regional Office;            World Food Programme (WFP) - Regional Bureau;            Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) - Regional Office for West and Central Africa;            International Labour Organization (ILO) – ILO Decent Work Team for West Africa and ILO Country Office for Senegal, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Togo;            International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) – West and Central Africa</p>