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Successful agroecological practices by  
farmers and SMEs in Africa



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*The case of ROPPA and its members in the  
field of Agroecology.*

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# 1. PRESENTATION PLAN

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Key information about ROPPA

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Strategic and political success

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# 1 What is ROPPA?

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Network of Farmers' Organisations and Agricultural Producers of West Africa

13 National Platforms in West Africa + 2 National Platforms under construction (Nigeria & Cape Verde)

147 Federations Member

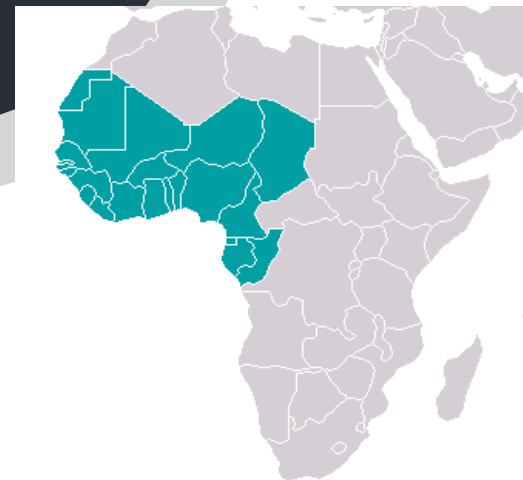
ROPPA

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- 5 main value chains (Rice, Livestock, Fisheries, Cereals, Horticulture)
- 1 Women's College and 1 Youth College

More than 27 million family farms in agroecology

Promoting family farms by influencing policy + Advocacy  
Lobbying + services to members.



## 2. Strategic and political success

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### 2.1 Adoption of a vision and strategy by the ROPPA Board for AE

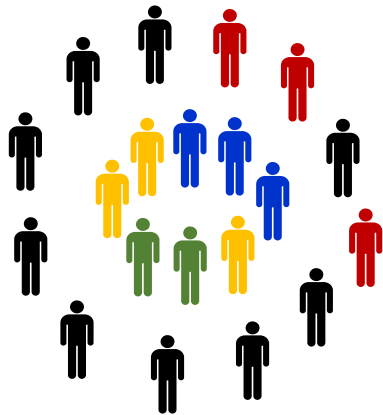
- Agroecology (AE) taken into account in the 5 Regional Programmes (RP) of the five-year plan (2019-2023): with RP5 specifically dedicated to climate resilience and the promotion of good agricultural practices based on AE principles.



# 2. Strategic and political success

- 2.2 Creating and strengthening alliances and coalitions to (i) strengthen dialogue/advocacy and (ii) pool resources/strategies

## National level



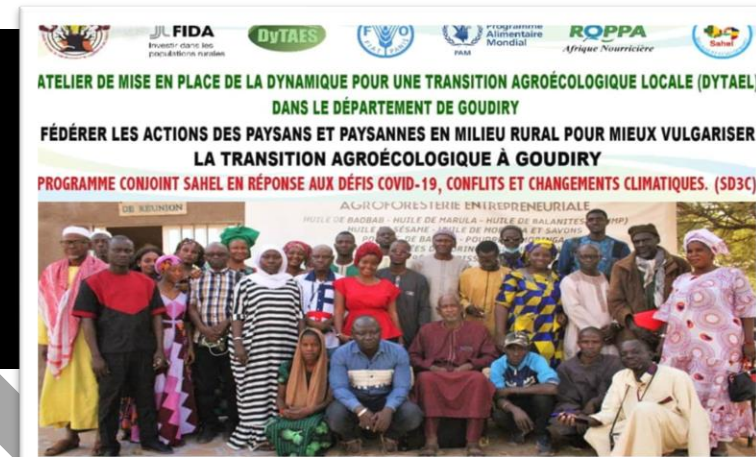
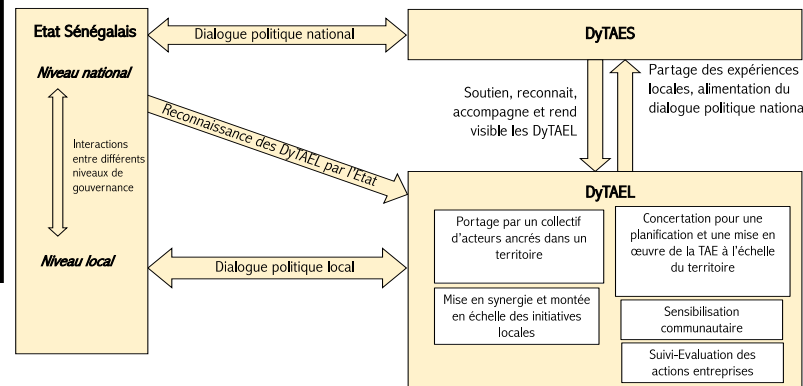
## SENEGAL (CNCR)

- Night of agroecology
- Setting up of 2 Dynamics for Local Agroecological Transition (DyTAEL) Foundiougne and Goudiry

### Success (DyTAES) :

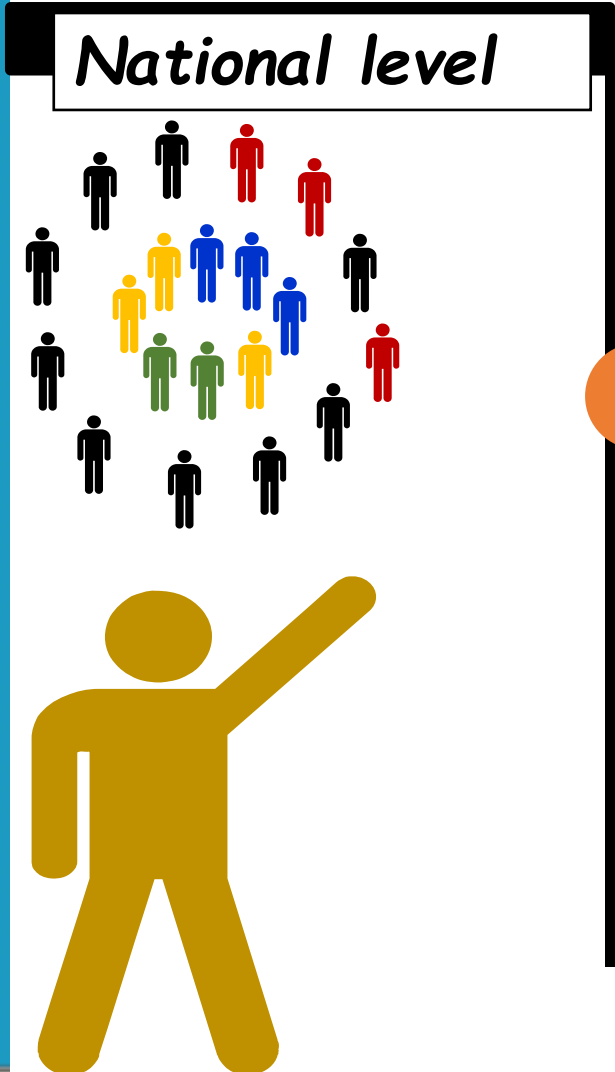
- Appointment of an agroecology focal point at the Ministry of Agriculture;
- 10% subsidy for organic fertilisers.

Articulation DyTAES / DyTAEL



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## MALI (CNOP)

Setting up 3 multi-stakeholder agroecology consultation frameworks. The CNOP provides the secretariat for the 3 frameworks.

1 **SNP framework:** Standards and Farmers' Seeds. For the recognition of farmers' seeds by public policies

2 Multi-stakeholder consultation framework on agricultural land.

**National platform for peasant agroecology (after Nyeleni Forum)**

**Success stories :**

- ❑ In 2022 IPR/IFRA opened a Master's degree in agroecology
- ❑ Launch of the process to draw up the national agroecology strategy.

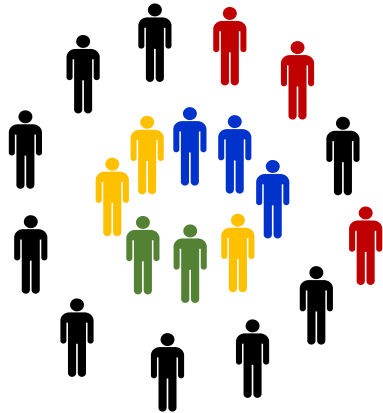
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## 2. Strategic and political success

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### National level



### NIGER (PFPN)

#### Setting up the agro-ecological platform "RAYA KARKARA"

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- ❑ **Successes:** (i) Development of a training module, (ii) Negotiation of a joint programme "Agroecological transition in West Africa".

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#### Ongoing process (lobbying politicians) :

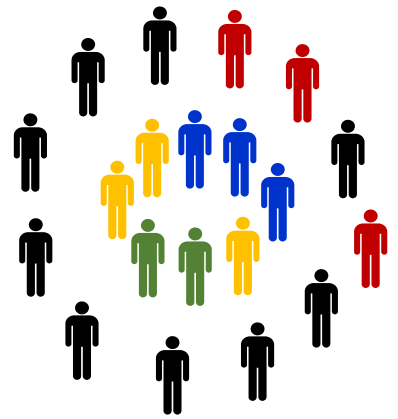
- ❑ A plea to integrate farmers' seeds into agricultural policies ;
- ❑ Call for the development of a national agroecology strategy



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## National level



## TOGO (CTOP)

Setting up the national agroecological consultation framework (not yet institutionalised)

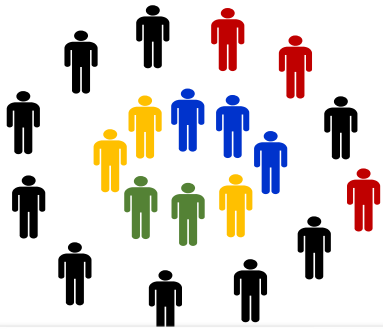
- Success:** Implementation of the CTOP-ITRA & ICAT consortium "Support project for the ecological transition of cropping systems in the prefecture of Tchamba, central region of Togo".



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## Regional level



ALLIANCE POUR L'AGROÉCOLOGIE EN AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST

## ROPPA

### Creation of the "Alliance for Agroecology in West Africa (3AO)".

- ROPPA is a founding member of 3 AO
- ROPPA houses the secretariat of 3 AO
- 3 AO includes 74 regional and international networks and structures (*producer organisations, civil society organisations, research institutions, etc.*).

**Successes:** (i) Institutionalisation of a regional agroecology forum  
(ii) Development of a contribution note (1<sup>st</sup> edition of the regional forum about AO) to support the development of a regional AO strategy (ECOWAS)

- Dialogue with IFAD for the implementation of the IGREENFIN project. At the heart of the process with its national platforms (CPF, CNOP Mali, CNCR, ANOPACI, FONG, PFPN)



# 3. Operational success

- 3.1 Strengthening the training offered by producer organisations to ensure a critical mass of agents of change
- Training of 1,913 endogenous agroecology facilitators at 12 farms and 3 farmers' training centres (Togo, Mali, Niger & Burkina-Faso) set up by producers' organisations. They participate in the training of other members.

Country	Total number trained	Number of women	Number of young people
Burkina Faso	280	138	98
Niger	106	47	50
Mali	871	267	534
Togo	656	207	560
<b>Total</b>	<b>1913</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>1242</b>

Sources: ROPPA national platform activity reports (2020 to 2023)



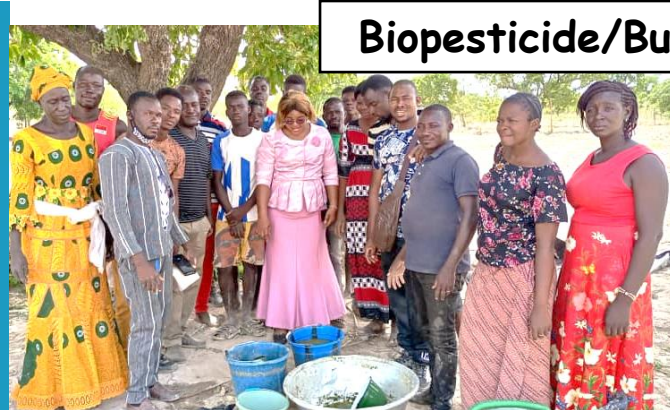
Compost, Togo/N°2



Stone cordon Togo/N°1



Biointranants/Benin



Biopesticide/Burkina-Faso



# 3. Operational success

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Development of 14 pooled training modules and 8 video capsules and 1 trainer's manual (ROPPA), 1 guide (CTOP) and 2 image boxes (CPF and CNOPM) on good agroecological practice,

GUIDE DES MODULES DE FORMATION DU RESEAU DES ORGANISATIONS PAYSANNES ET DES PRODUCTEURS AGRICOLES D'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST (ROPPA)

FORMATION EN AGROECOLOGIE

Approche de formation basée sur les principes de l' :

“Université Paysanne du ROPPA (UPR)”

N°1	Modules	Thèmes
1	Module introductif à l'agroécologie paysanne	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evolution de l'agriculture dans le pays</li> <li>Définition des concepts (agriculture biologique, agriculture conventionnelle et agro écologie paysanne, Notion de changement climatique) ;</li> <li>Cadre institutionnel, législatif/juridique ;</li> <li>Enjeux, défis et perspectives</li> </ol>
2	Systèmes agroforestiers en agroécologie pour la gestion de la biodiversité	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Définition de l'agroforesterie ;</li> <li>Connaitre le rôle et l'intérêt de l'arbre et de l'agroforesterie ;</li> <li>Connaitre les arbres conseillés pour leur utilité ;</li> <li>Comprendre les pratiques d'agroforesterie ;</li> <li>Savoir produire ses plants ;</li> <li>Cultiver dans son champ aménagé en agroforesterie</li> <li>Connaitre les textes réglementaires de la gestion des forêts</li> <li>S'organiser collectivement pour la production, la plantation et la gestion</li> </ol>
3	Fertilisation des sols en agroécologie paysanne	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconnaitre les différents types de sol en agroécologie paysanne</li> <li>Comprendre les enjeux liés aux sols : foncier agricole, importance de préserver et d'enrichir les terres</li> <li>Les techniques agroécologiques qui améliorent les sols</li> <li>S'organiser collectivement pour produire</li> </ol>
4	Traitements naturels des espèces végétales	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Définir le traitement naturel et son importance en agro</li> </ol>



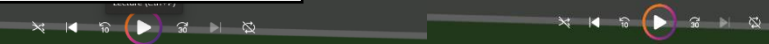
Module 2

Module 1

Agriculture - élevage

FAUCHE ET CONCERVATION

Video clip



# 3. Operational success

## 3.2 Developing small markets for agroecological and organic products

### Organic Weekend in Mali (CNOP)



### Other initiatives planned by the CNOP

Meeting with the district governor and the mayor of the district of Bamako to facilitate the acquisition of a public space from the communal authorities (mayor of commune IV) for the establishment of a market for ecological and organic products.

## 3.3 Capitalising on experience and agroecological initiatives developed by producer organisations

Capitalising on and disseminating good agroecological practice: 9 initiatives by producer organisations on good agroecological practice and adaptation to climate change (2 Senegal, 3 Burkina-Faso, 2 Niger and 2 Mali)

Organisation of **knowledge fairs** on good agro-ecological practices

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**Thank you for your  
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