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**FORMALIZATION PROJECT
FROM THE WEST
AFRICAN SEED WOMEN
NETWORK**

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The context

Initiated and managed by CORAF

For:

strengthen the capacities of women
seed producers in quality seed
production techniques,
in seed business management
in leadership and advocacy

Network objectives



Promote seed companies managed by women



Facilitating trade at national and regional levels



Facilitate market access for seed companies managed by women



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METHODOLOGY AND PROGRESS REPORT



Our approach

- Inclusion
- Participative
- Consultative
- Based on real data



Execution table to date

Jul. 2023	Development of the concept note
Nov. 2023	First virtual introduction and consultation meeting
Nov.23 - Feb.24	Data collection and submission of data report
Jan.2024 - Feb.2024	Field visits (Mali - Burkina Faso, Nigeria) and virtual meeting with Chad
Mar – Apr 2024	Drafting and submission of the draft statute





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CONSULTANT'S OBSERVATIONS



Network characteristics

- **Similarities of challenges throughout the West African region**
- **Diversity within the network (in terms of size, experience and years of existence)**
- **88% of women are in the seed production, processing or marketing network**
- **Large part of inactive members**
- **Training gap**

Network success factors



- Promote communication and inclusion, ✨
- Work on member engagement and dynamism
- Capacity Building
- Develop long-term external partnerships
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- Establish a competent and motivated technical team

Consultant's recommendation for the next step

1. Finalize registrations and official launch.
2. Establish working groups with active members.
3. Establish strong network representatives at national level
4. Advocacy and political engagement at national and regional levels and with other sector actors



Consultant's recommendation for the next step

1. **Work on advocacy and the integration of young people into the network to bring their dynamism (those under 35)**
2. **• Capacity building and training**
3. **• Resource mobilization**
4. **• Monitoring and evaluation**
5. **• Workforce growth**
6. **• Intensification of activities**
7. **• General Ordinary assembly.**



Thanks...



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