

#### **EVENT OPEN TO JOURNALISTS**

Journalists must register to attend the event via Zoom: https://meetoecd1.zoom. us/webinar/register/WN stgZm0TDQ9Ousg2S3YytjQ

Limited space is available onsite for accredited and previously agreed journalists. For accreditation or interview requests, please contact:

Sahel and West Africa Club Secretariat / OECD: Ms. Lia BEYELER lia.beyeler@oecd.org +33 (0)6 27 89 55 69

#### **European Union:**

Ms. Ana PISONERO HERNÁNDEZ ana.pisonero-hernandez@ ec.europa.eu +32 460 75 43 20

Mr. Balazs UJVARI balazs.ujvari@ec.europa.eu +32 229 54578

Mr. Daniel PUGLISI daniel.puglisi@ec.europa.eu +32 229 69140

## **World Food Programme**

Mr. Djaounsede P. MADJIANGAR djaounsede.madjiangar@wfp.org +221 77 639 42 71

## FAO

Ms. Irina UTKINA irina.utkina@fao.org +39 06 570 52542

### Meeting event page:

https://www.food-security.net/ en/topic/crise-alimentaire-etnutritionnelle-2022/ For the third consecutive year, the countries of the Sahel and West Africa are facing a food and nutrition crisis of exceptional proportions. Hunger and malnutrition could affect 38.3 million people by June if appropriate measures are not taken. Countries in central Sahel and Lake Chad are by far the most affected. This situation is a result of long-term structural issues including poverty, a lack of availability and access to basic social services and chronic insecurity. Recent socio-economic shocks, extreme weather events and the impacts of Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine are all exacerbating the food and nutrition situation.

In order to respond effectively to the current emergency and in the search for sustainable responses to these multifaceted, recurrent food and nutrition crises, the Sahel and West Africa Club, the European Union and the Global Network Against Food Crises are co-organising a high-level consultation with the region's partners from the international community.

#### **Objectives:**

• Mobilise emergency food and nutrition assistance for the most affected populations.

• Renew a strong and long-term political commitment to structural policies addressing the underlying causes of food and nutrition crises and integrating humanitarian, development and peace dimensions.

## High-level participants expected to attend

- H.E. Mr. Mohamed BAZOUM, President of Niger, Chair of the UEMOA High Level Committee on Food and Nutrition Security
- 2. H.E. Mrs. Josefa Leonel CORREIA SACKO, Commissioner, African Union
- **3. H.E. Mr. Jean-Claude BROU**, President of the Commission, ECOWAS
- **4. H.E. Mr. Abdoulaye DIOP,** President of the Commission, UEMOA
- 5. H.E. Mrs Adam KAMOUGUÉ née
  DÉNÉ-ASSOUM, Coordinating Minister, CILSS
- **6. H.E. Mr. Mathias CORMANN**, OECD Secretary-General
- 7. H.E. Dr. Ibrahim ASSANE MAYAKI, SWAC Honorary President

- 8. H.E. Mr. Jean-Yves LE DRIAN, Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France (video message)
- 9. H.E. Mr. Josep BORRELL FONTELLES, High Representative of the European Union, Vice-President of the Commission
- **10. H.E. Mr. Janez LENARČIČ,** European Commissioner for Crises Management
- **11. H.E. Mrs. Jutta URPILAINEN,** European Commissioner for International Partnerships
- **12. H.E. Mr. David BEASLEY**, Executive Director, World Food Programme
- **13. H.E. Mr. Laurent THOMAS,** Deputy Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organisation



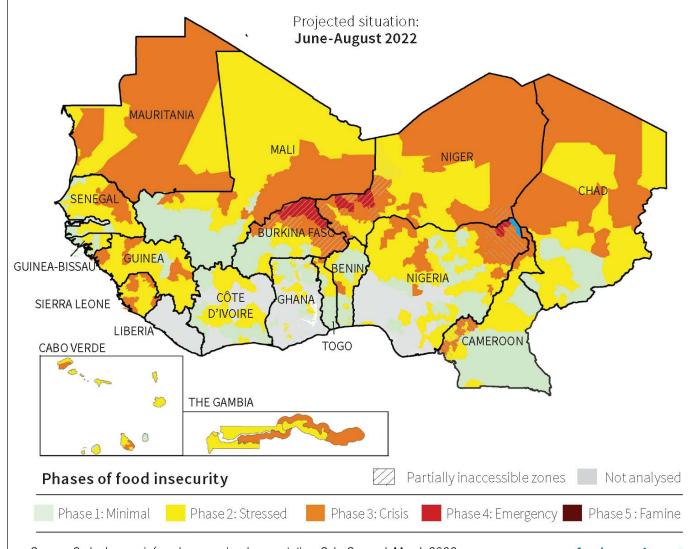






# SAHEL AND WEST AFRICA: FOOD AND NUTRITION OUTLOOK

38.3 million people expected to face "Crisis" or worse (phases 3-5)



Source: Cadre harmonisé analyses, regional concertation, Saly, Senegal, March 2022

www.food-security.net

© 2022. Food Crisis Prevention Network (RPCA), map produced by CILSS/AGRHYMET