Monday 2 April

General Session
The objective of the morning session will be to present the current content of the World Development Report (WDR) 2008, with a focus on Africa; get an update on the CAADP as an input to the WDR; and get feedback from the group on the proposed content of the WDR.

Chairperson: Baba Dioum

8:30– 8:40 Welcoming Remarks
Bino Temé, Director General, Institut d’Economie Rural, representing the Minister of Agriculture

8:40-8:55 Opening remarks
Saidou Koala, Director ICRISAT West and Central Africa

8:55 - 9.25 WDR 2008 Overview and Outline
Derek Byerlee and Alain de Janvry, Directors, WDR

9:25-9:55 Selected Africa Issues
John Staatz, Michigan State and Nango Dembele, Michigan State

9:55 – 10:25 Linking Agricultural and Industrial Growth
Kandeh Yumkella, Director General, UNIDO

10:25 – 10:55 Coffee Break

10:55– 11.25 Ecowap and the NEPAD Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) – Daniel Eklu

11:25 – 12:30 Open Discussion

12:30-14:00 Lunch

Focus Sessions
The objective of the following focus discussions is to get further input and examples on specific topics including on what has led to current outcomes, and how constraints preventing better outcomes can be addressed. Each session will start with a 10 minute presentation from discussion openers to initiate the broader discussion.

14:00 -15:30 Improving Productivity of Agriculture in West Africa: The Example of the Semi-Arid Tropics
Chairperson: Saidou Koala

Discussion leader: Francois Lompo (Programme Gestion des Ressources Naturelles et Systèmes de Production)

• With focus on soil and water management

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30  Constraints on Agricultural Diversification
Chairperson: Bernard Lédea
Discussion leader: Kofi Debrah

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09:00 – 09:15  Key Messages from the First Day’s Discussion: Rapporteurs (Samuel Asuming-Brempong and Harouna Koné) and Baba Dioum
09.15 – 10.45  Decentralization and Local Governance
Chairperson: Mme. Nafisatou Konaré
Discussion leaders: Bréhima Sangaré & John Igué

10:45 – 11:15  Coffee break
11:15 -12.45  Regionalization (Trade and Research)
Chairperson: Amadou Mousatapha
Discussion leaders: Dramane Coulibaly (CILSS) & Paco Sereme (CORAF/WECARD)

12:45 – 14:15  Lunch
14.15 – 15.45  Non-Agricultural Pathways out of Poverty
Chairperson: Kandeh Yumkella
Discussion opener: Dunstan Spencer & Jupiter Ndjeungu

15:45-16:15  Coffee break
16:15 -17:15  Review of Main Messages for the WDR2008 and Wrap-Up
Chair and Opener: Baba Dioum