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Strengthening Food and Nutrition Information Systems in Nigeria: CILSS Advocacy Mission in Abuja



The regional delegation was received, by the Honorable State Minister, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security (FMAFS) **Sen. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi** and the Permanent Secretary. **Engr. (Dr.) Marcus Olaniyi Ogunbiyi** and all the relevant directors of the Ministry.

The meeting began with a minute's silence in honor of the late President, General Muhammadu Buhari, followed by self-introductions from all the participants present.

The Permanent Secretary, Engr. (Dr.) Marcus Olaniyi Ogunbiyi welcomed the CILSS Executive Secretary, **Dr ABDOULAYE Mouhamed** in head of the regional mission composed with **Dr Issoufou Baoua** acting Director of AGRHYMET, **Mr Williams Massaoud**, Acting Chief of Division of Food, resilience and vulnerability analysis, **Marie Ndiaye** from Regional Bureau of WFP, Chair of the Cadre Harmonisé Technical Committee and **Guy Adoua** Deputy Director (Operations) WFP Nigeria. By the way, he informed the delegation that such advocacy is coming at the right time when the country is trying to build a strong synergy between relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies in the area of food and Nutrition Security preparedness. He assured the Mission Team that FMAFS is open for collaboration and partnership to any meaningful development that will improve the food Security situation in the Country.




The Executive Secretary of CILSS, in his remarks, began by condoling with the people and government of Nigeria move the demise of the former President. He appreciated the Hon. Minister of Agriculture for receiving the mission Team and also stated that the main objective of the mission is to strengthen the partnership and collaboration with the government of Nigeria. He stated that Nigeria have been participating in the regional meetings and also the need to work closely with other countries to institutionalize the EWS and other forms of data collections.

The Honorable Minister of State **Sen. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi**, in his response, welcomed the ES and the delegation. He also stated that whatever affected the Sahelian countries also affected Nigeria because of the common borders shared by border with the Sahel. He urged CILSS that the government of Nigeria will work closely with CILSS to ensure that food is available, accessible, stable, and properly utilized in Nigeria and the sub-region. He stressed the points that the government of Nigeria has engaged in a lot of activities to minimize food crises in the country and the region. However, such a plan cannot be achieved without having accurate information/data; hence, the importance of CH in Nigeria can be overemphasized. The CH results remain the major information

the government of Nigeria use in planning and decision making. Therefore, the contribution of CILSS to support the strengthening of the EW system in the country is a welcome idea. The FMAFS look forward to having a robust EWS for the country that will include the states and local government areas.

And the Technical Discussion with all the relevant Directors of the Ministry are made with the regional delegation, in how to institutionalize a robust coordination in food and nutrition information management.

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