



## Dr. Modibo Tiemoko Traore appointed as FAO Representative to the African Union, UNECA, Ethiopia and as sub-regional coordinator for Eastern Africa



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Director-General of FAO José Graziano da Silva has appointed Mr Modibo Tiémoko Traoré as FAO Representative to the African Union (AU) and to the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), as well as Sub regional Coordinator for Eastern Africa (SFE) with effect from 1 January 2013. Mr Traoré will also serve as FAO Representative in Ethiopia.

Mr Traoré, a national of Mali, holds an M.Sc. in Veterinary Medicine, from the Agricultural Academy of Kiev, Ukraine; a "Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures Spécialisées" (DESS) in Animal Production and Agro-food technologies in Tropical countries from the University of Paris XII, France and the Institute of Livestock and Veterinary Medicine of Tropical Countries (IEMVT), Maison Alfort, France; and a "Doctorat d'Etat ès Sciences" in Animal Production and Health from the University of Paris XII, Créteil, France.

Mr Traoré started his career in 1979 as Head of the Livestock Section and Veterinary Services, District of Ségou, Mali. From 1981 to 1987, he served as the Senior research Officer of the Breeding programme on N'dama Cattle in Yanfolila District and Deputy Manager of the Breeding Centre Madina Diassa, Yanfolila, Mali. In 1988, he was appointed Chief of the Breeding and Livestock Research Centre for the Sahel (SERZ/S), Niono, Mali. In 1990, he became Director of the Regional Agricultural Research Centre (CRRRA), Niono, Mali, and from 1992 to 1994, he worked as National Director of the Livestock Services and Chief Veterinary Officer, Bamako, Mali. From 1994 to 1997, he served as Minister for Rural Development and Environment in the Malian Government, and from 1997 to 2000, as Minister for Rural Development and Water Resources. In 2000, he was appointed Ambassador of Mali to the People's Republic of China and a few other Asian countries with residence in Beijing, China.

From January 2005 to February 2008 Mr. Traoré held the position of Director of the Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (IBAR) of the African Union, Nairobi, Kenya.

He joined FAO in March 2008 as Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative for Africa, Accra, Ghana. In August 2008, he was appointed Assistant Director-General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department (AG), Rome, Italy.

As he joined FAO in Ethiopia, he was warmly welcomed by FAO staff, the African Union, UN ECA and senior officials of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

### Renewed Vision for Africa

FAO's office in Addis Ababa is one of the five sub regional offices in Africa and plays significant role in the liaison with AU and UNECA. In its renewed role, FAO will effectively coordinate with organizations operating in Agriculture and Food Security in Africa including those affiliated to the African Union, which includes, DREA, IAPSC, IBAR, PATTEC, ICRAF, ILRI, ICIPE, AGRA and the like.

Recently, the scope of the Addis Ababa office has also expanded to include full responsibility for FAO representation to AU and UNECA and for program coordination with technical institutions affiliated to AU, and operating at continental level. This will help build common understanding and shared vision with African players at regional level, including joint planning and project implementation.

The strategic location of SFE office (strategic co-location with AU and UNECA in Addis Ababa and proximity with main regional players in Eastern Africa) represents an important asset that reduces considerable transaction costs and makes coordination efforts easier and more effective.



*Dr. Modibo Tiémoko Traoré presenting his credentials to Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission*





# FAO, CGIAR to renew partnerships to boost impact on agriculture, food & nutrition security

FAO held multi-lateral discussion with the Consortium of International Agriculture Research Centers (CGIAR Consortium) based in Ethiopia to form a strategic partnership to boost the impact of its activities.

The meeting was aimed at ensuring effective evidence and knowledge based information sharing between FAO and the research centers. In February 2013, FAO has signed a [global MoU](#) with CGIAR to boost the ability of both organizations to scale up their efforts and make a powerful, joint contribution to the world's food security needs.

"An important partnership between FAO and the CGIAR Consortium has been reached at global level. Our coordination at the field level will have an important contribution to make to eradicating hunger, producing and managing resources sustainably, reducing rural poverty, improving participation of smallholders in food systems, increasing resilience in rural communities and nutrition security," FAO Sub regional Coordinator to Eastern Africa and Representative to Ethiopia, AU and ECA, Mr. Traore said.

Director General of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Dr. Iain Wright for his part said that working with FAO will enable ILRI and the CG centers bring strategic development results and impacts at different levels. For details [click here](#) or email [susan.minae@fao.org](mailto:susan.minae@fao.org)



Mr. Modibo Traore (left) addressing participants on the importance of partnership between FAO and CGIAR

## Pastoral Field Schools empowered Pastoralists



Pastoral Field School in Borena, Ethiopia

Regional and national Pastoral Field School (PFS) meetings were held from January 29 to 31, 2013 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to critically review their role in disaster risk reduction and to sustainably address the root causes of the recurrent drought in Pastoral areas of Eastern Africa.

Opening the regional Pastoral Field School event, Livestock officer at the Eastern Africa sub-regional office of FAO, Emmanuelle GuerneBleich, said Pastoral Field Schools are vital to empower pastoral communities of the region and hence they should be expanded and scaled up in the region and beyond to address the root causes of poverty, food and nutrition insecurity. "PFS being scaled up in the region, expanding beyond the initial work in Kenya, Uganda, and Ethiopia, which makes sharing of experiences very timely at this particular point in time," Emmanuelle said. "The adoption of improved agricultural practices through the implementation of Farmer Field Schools/Pastoral Field School approach will increase production and have a positive impact on food security of farmers and pastoralists." she added. For details [click here](#) or email [solomon.nega@fao.org](mailto:solomon.nega@fao.org)

## Urban Agriculture Networks established in Addis Ababa, Hawassa and Bahir Dar Cities

FAO Ethiopia in collaboration with the City Administrations of Addis Ababa, Hawassa and Bahir Dar launched Urban Agriculture Networks to strengthen agricultural support and systems for urban centres, with the aim of increasing employment opportunities and improving nutrition.

The urban agriculture networks were established with the objective of bringing together different urban agriculture stakeholders from the government, international organization and NGO spheres, along with academia and private sector to discuss urban agriculture related issues. The Networks will coordinate a range of stakeholders and their activities, and will increase technical capacities, share knowledge and increase co-operation and communication, thereby enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of urban agricultural interventions. The networks will also increase employment opportunities and improve nutrition. In early 2012 the Addis Ababa City Administration's Urban Agriculture Core Process, supported by FAO, launched an Urban Agriculture Network. In February 2013 the Addis Ababa Network was joined by a Network in Hawassa, and later on in Bahir Dar Network in March 2013. For details [click here](#) or email [eleni.asmare@fao.org](mailto:eleni.asmare@fao.org)

## A workshop on the control of Trans-boundary Animal Diseases held in Ethiopia



A high-level meeting aimed at drafting and formalizing a joint veterinary protocol agreement for the control of Trans-boundary Animal Diseases in South Sudan and Sudan was held in Addis Ababa Ethiopia from 6 to 7 March 2013. The meeting was organised by FAO Eastern Africa office and was attended by technical officers of the FAO Sudan and South Sudan country offices, senior livestock experts from FAO Eastern Africa regional office (SFE), ministries of Animals resources and livestock and technical officers of AGAH, ECTAD and IGAD. For details [click here](#) email: [Emmanuelle.GuerneBleich@fao.org](mailto:Emmanuelle.GuerneBleich@fao.org)

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