



**DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S CONSULTATIVE FRAMEWORK  
MECHANISM ON COTTON**

**TABLE ON DOMESTIC COTTON SECTOR REFORMS**

*Revision*

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1.1. The attached Table on Domestic Cotton Sector Reforms has been prepared on the basis of the understanding amongst participants at the 9<sup>th</sup> Round of the DGCFMC.<sup>1</sup> It will be subject to periodic updates.

1.2. Domestic cotton sector reforms has been a standing item on the agenda of the Director-General's Consultative Framework Mechanism on Cotton (DGCFMC) from the start of the implementation of the mandate in 2004. Under this item, the exchange of views has deepened the constructive engagement and development dialogue between development partners (providers and recipients) on cotton development assistance. The purpose of the information provided by beneficiaries of cotton development assistance on their domestic reform priorities, in the attached Table, is to identify the specific areas where assistance is urgently required from the development community on the basis of domestic reform priorities and/or action plans. The understanding amongst participants in the DGCFMC is that the information provided under this item is valuable for both providers and recipients alike in relation to promoting efficiency in resource use and fostering the partnership to enhance development assistance in the cotton sector.

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<sup>1</sup> TN/AG/SCC/W/9, 14 December 2007.

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Cotton proponents	Measure <sup>a</sup>	Description	Implementation status/period	Focal point	Reform priorities <sup>b</sup>
Benin	Letter on Rural Development Policy (LDPDR), signed in Washington, defining the main aspects of Benin's agricultural policy	Letter defining the main aspects of Benin's agricultural policy.	Letter signed in Washington on 31 May 1999	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche (MAEP) Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Rural development policy declaration
	Creation of the Cotton Trade Association	Framework for consultation between branches of Benin's cotton sector.	25 October 1999	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Cornerstone of the implementation of reforms in Benin's cotton sector
	Decree No. 99-537	Transfer to the private sector of responsibility for consultations on the supply of inputs.	17 November 1999	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Liberalization of the cotton sector. Agricultural services restructuring
	Decree No. 2000-294	Abolition of the monopoly on seed cotton marketing held by the National Company for Agricultural Promotion (SONAPRA).	23 June 2000	Centrale de Sécurisation des Paiements et de Recouvrement 01 BP 343 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9292 Email: cspr@intnet.bj	Liberalization of the ginning subsector
	Creation of the Agency for Guaranteeing Payment and Collection (CSPR)	Management of the physical and financial flows related to the cotton sector.	26 October 2000	Centrale de Sécurisation des Paiements et de Recouvrement 01 BP 343 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9292 Email: cspr@intnet.bj	Invoicing of ginning factories. Recovery of input credit. Reimbursement of distributors and payment of producers

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	Rural Development Policy Declaration (DPDR)	Reaffirmation of strategic rural development choices.	2001	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche (MAEP) Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Rural development policy declaration
	Master Plan for Rural Development (SDDR)	Details of sectoral and cross-cutting issues in the agricultural sector.	2001	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche (MAEP) Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Rural development policy declaration
	Operational Strategic Plan (PSO)	Implementation of national rural development policy.	2001	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche (MAEP) Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Rural development policy declaration
	Decree No. 2002-302	Ratification of Credit Agreement No. 3598 BEN signed on 15 February 2002 between the Republic of Benin and the International Development Association in the context of the financing of the support project for the reform of the cotton sector.	11 July 2002	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Support for the Beninese State, the technical bodies of the Cotton Trade Association and producers with regard to implementation of the reforms

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	Interministerial Order No. 2003-016/MICPE/MAEP/MFE/DC/SG/DCCI	Determination of the conditions for the importation and distribution of cotton inputs in Benin.	14 March 2003	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Integrated and countrywide private sector
	Interministerial Order No. 2003-022/MICPE/MAEP/MFE/DC/SG/DCCI	Organization of seed cotton marketing in the Republic of Benin.	7 May 2003	Centrale de Sécurisation des Paiements et de Recouvrement 01 BP 343 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9292 Email: cspr@intnet.bj	Marketing season subject to the Agency for Guaranteeing Payment and Collection (CSPR) mechanism
	Interministerial Order No. 2004-033/MICPE/MAEP/MFE/DC/SG/DCCI	Transitional provisions for the importation and distribution of cotton inputs during the 2004-2005 season.	27 May 2004	Conseil National des Importateurs et Distributeurs d'Intrants Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Participation of all distributors in the crop season. Accreditation of distributors of inputs for a duration of five years from the 2005/2006 season
	Framework Agreement between the State and the Cotton Trade Association	Clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the State and the private sector in the cotton sector.	December 2005	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Joint management of the sector in the context of a public-private partnership
	Decree No. 2005-41 of 2 February 2005	Approval of the Framework Agreement between the State and the Cotton Trade Association.	February 2005	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Regulatory value of the Framework Agreement

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	Interministerial Order No. 2005-033/MICPE/MAEP/MFE/DC/SG/DCCI/DCE	Determination of the conditions for the importation and distribution of cotton inputs during the exceptional 2005/2006 season in the Republic of Benin.	31 March 2005	Conseil National des Importateurs et Distributeurs d'Intrants Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Integrated and countrywide private sector
	Decree No. 2006-232	Definition of the institutional framework for the representation of cotton-ginning companies within the Cotton Trade Association.	18 May 2006	Conseil National des Egreneurs de Coton Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9120 Email: lbeco@intnet.bj	Transfer of responsibility for cotton sector management from the State to private operators. Creation of an exclusive framework for representation based on objective criteria
	Decree No. 2006-233	Definition of the institutional framework for the representation of cotton-input importers and distributors within the Cotton Trade Association.	18 May 2006	Conseil National des Importateurs et Distributeurs d'Intrants Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Transfer of responsibility for cotton sector management from the State to private operators. Creation of an exclusive framework for representation based on objective criteria
	Decree No. 2006-234	Definition of the institutional framework for the representation of cotton producers within the Cotton Trade Association.	18 May 2006	Conseil National des Producteurs de Coton 02 BP 92 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2361-4190; (+229) 2310-0482 Email: cnpben@yahoo.fr	Transfer of responsibility for cotton sector management from the State to private operators. Creation of an exclusive framework for representation based on objective criteria
	Decree No. 2006-290	Determination of the conditions for the importation and distribution of cotton inputs and conditions for the marketing of seed cotton during the 2006/2007 season.	22 June 2006	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Integrated and countrywide private sector
	Decree No. 2007-238	Definition and organization of the transitional management framework for the cotton sector.	31 May 2007	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2130-0410; (+229) 2130-0496 Fax: (+229) 2130-0326	Special season

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	Ministerial Order No. 2007-0386/MAEP/D-CAB/SGM/DRH	Creation, responsibilities, composition and functioning of the Commission responsible for organizing the call for tenders for the importation and distribution of cotton inputs for the 2008/2009 season.	12 November 2007	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Supplying producers with cotton inputs
	Ministerial Order No. 2007-0387/MAEP/D-CAB/SGM/DRH/SA	Creation, responsibilities, composition and functioning of the Commission responsible for defining the general framework for the supply of cotton inputs to producers.	12 November 2007	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Supplying producers with cotton inputs
	Strategic guidelines for a new approach to cotton sector reform and the relaunch of the SONAPRA industrial operations transfer process. Summary of Council of Ministers decisions No. 18 of 19 June 2008	Strategy document on comprehensive cotton sector reform.	19 May 2008	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2130-0410; (+229) 2130-0496 Fax: (+229) 2130-0326	Ensure efficient institutional organization. Reorganization of cotton growers with a view to large-scale production
	Letter No. 048/07/AIC/SP/CT/C-SAJ of 6 June 2008 transmitting the preliminary draft of the Cotton Sector Framework Law to the MAEP	Cotton Sector Framework Law	6 June 2008	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Provide the cotton sector with a framework law
	Decree No. 2008-561	Creation of the Cotton Development Company (SODECO)	7 October 2008	SODECO Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2130-9511; (+229) 2130-9441	Transfer of the industrial operations of the National Company for Agricultural Promotion (SONAPRA)

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	New comprehensive approach for the development of Benin's cotton sector. Summary of Council of Ministers decisions No. 46/REL/SGG	General policy document on the development of the cotton sector.	24 December 2008	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Implementation of the Project to improve and boost the cotton sector in Benin since January 2009
	Project to improve and boost the cotton sector in Benin (PARFCB) Summary of Council of Ministers decisions No. 46/REL/SGG	Seeks to improve governance and boost cotton production with a view to poverty reduction and coverage of ginning capacity.	24 December 2008	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Improve governance within producer organizations and boost cotton production
	Framework Agreement between the State and the AIC	Clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the State and the private sector in the management of the cotton sector.	7 January 2009	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Joint management of the sector in the context of a public-private partnership
	Decree No. 2009-099	Amendment to Decree No. 2006-234 defining the institutional framework for the representation of cotton producers within the Cotton Trade Association.	3 April 2009	Conseil National des Producteurs de Coton 02 BP 92 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2361-4190; (+229) 2310-0482 Email: cnpben@yahoo.fr	Limitation of the mandate of council members to a non-renewable two-year term. Effective implementation since April 2009
	Interministerial Order No. 2009-497/ MAEP/MECPDEPP-CAG/MEF/ MIMC/MDCTTTATP/MJLDH/ D-CAB/SGM/DRH/SA	Creation, composition, responsibilities and functioning of the Joint Sector Monitoring Committee and the Interministerial Cotton Unit.	19 December 2009	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Definition of a framework for consultation between the State and private operators for cotton sector monitoring. Definition of a cotton sector State action unit

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	Elaboration and adoption of a new grass-roots organizational framework for producers, following meetings of the sector actors	Reorganization of grass-roots farmer organizations through establishment of village cooperatives of cotton producers (CVPC) and signing of a partnership agreement between the CVPC and the Cotton Trade Association (AIC).	15, 16, 17 February 2010	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Improved management of cotton inputs and boosting of production
	Decree No. 2010-215 of 4 June 2010	Amendment to Decree No. 2006-234 of 18 May 2006 defining the institutional framework for the representation of cotton producers within the Cotton Trade Association.	4 June 2010	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  AIC 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Revision of the mandate and the institutional framework for the representation of producers within the Cotton Trade Association
	Order No. 2010-304/MAEP/D-CAB/SGM/DRH/DAGR/SA	Appointment of the members of the Permanent Secretariat of the National Committee for the Approval and Control of Phytopharmaceuticals (CNAC).	7 October 2010	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  AIC 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Establishment of the CNAC
	Interministerial Order No. 2010-359/MAEP/MISP/DCAB/SGM/DRH/SA	Creation, responsibilities, organization and functioning of the local committee for cotton sector monitoring.	30 November 2010	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton 061 BP 18 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-9716 Email: aic@intnet.bj	Action against the predatory pricing of inputs. Action against the fraudulent export of seed cotton



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	Adoption of the Strategic Plan to Revive the Agricultural Sector (PSRSA)	Reference paper to turn the agricultural sector into one of the essential forces behind Benin's new social and economic development drive.	December 2011	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin	Promotion of agricultural activities: Quantitative objective for cotton production: 600,000 tonnes
	Ministerial Order No. 2012-458/MAEP/DCAB/SGM/DRH/DRFM/SA	Creation, responsibilities, organization and functioning of the standing committee responsible for reflecting on the development of the 2012/2013 cotton season.	5 June 2012	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin	New arrangements for the 2012/2013 cotton season
	Decision taken by the Council of Ministers at its session of 27 June 2012, in the presence of the Head of State and Government	Transitional Institutional Framework for the Management of the Cotton Sector, with two Committees:  (i) Interministerial Orientation Committee;  (ii) National Committee for Monitoring and Control of the Cotton Sector (CNSC).	3 July 2012	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP 302 Cotonou, Benin  Ministère du Développement, de l'Analyse Économique et de la Prospective Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2130-0030  Ministère de l'Industrie, du Commerce et des Petites et Moyennes Entreprises 04 BP 249 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2130-8208	Sound management of the cotton sector

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	Decision taken by the Council of Ministers at its session of 25 October 2012, in the presence of the Head of State and Government	Restitution by the AIC of the Cotton Quality Control and Grading Service to SONAPRA.	25 October 2012	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  Ministère du Développement, de l'Analyse Économique et de la Prospective Cotonou, Benin Tel: (+229) 2130-0030	Classification of lint by the State
	Brainstorming Workshop on Governance of the Cotton Sector in Benin	Performance and dysfunctions of the cotton sector. Government's vision for the new sector architecture.	18 December 2012	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin	Introduction of zoning: Prerequisites and road map
	Performance contract for custom ginning of cotton	Definition of the purpose and conditions of cotton ginning for the 2012/2013 season.	December 2012	Société Nationale pour la Promotion Agricole (SONAPRA) BP 933 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-0820 Fax: (+229) 2133-1948  Société pour le Développement du Coton (SODECO) Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2130-9511 Fax: (+229) 2130-9446	Ginning of cotton produced in 2012/2013
	Ministerial Order No. 2013-082/MAEP/DC/SGM/PRMP/DRH/CCMP/SA	Creation, responsibilities, composition and functioning of the specialized commission in charge of procuring cotton inputs for MAEP for the 2013/2014 season.	31 January 2013	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP 302 Cotonou, Benin	Input supplies for cotton producers

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	Decision taken by the Council of Ministers at its session of 17 April 2013, in the presence of the Head of State and Government	Fixing the transfer price for cotton inputs and purchase of seed cotton.	17 April 2013	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP 302 Cotonou, Benin  Ministère de l'Industrie, du Commerce et des Petites et Moyennes Entreprises 04 BP 249 Cotonou, Benin Tel: (+229) 2130-8208	Reduction in the input transfer price and increase in the seed cotton purchase price
	Official launching of the 2013/2014 cotton production season by the Head of State	Determination of agricultural input supply periods and cotton production projections/forecasts, by commune.	19 May 2013	Société Nationale pour la Promotion Agricole (SONAPRA) BP 933 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-0820 Fax: (+229) 2133-1948	Stimulating and motivating cotton growers, and declaration of commitment by the authorities and local officials to support producers
	Decisions of the Council of Ministers at its special sessions of 20 and 21 January 2014	Authorization to export cotton seed produced during the 2013/2014 season.	21 January 2014	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP 302 Cotonou, Benin  Interministerial Committee	Seed cotton marketing

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	Decisions of the Council of Ministers at its special session of 28 January 2014	Review of tender documents for the supply of agricultural inputs for the 2014/2015 season.	28 January 2014	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP 302 Cotonou, Benin  Ministers on the Interministerial Committee	Provision of agricultural inputs for the 2013/2014 season
	Decisions taken by the Council of Ministers at its session of 14 February 2014, in the presence of the Head of State and Government	Implementation of urgent measures for the successful marketing, transport, storage and ginning of seed cotton during the 2013/2014 cotton season.	14 February 2014	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  Ministère de la Défense Nationale  Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP 302 Cotonou, Benin	Security arrangements for a successful 2013/2014 cotton season
	Decisions taken by the Council of Ministers at its session of 23 April 2014, in the presence of the Head of State and Government	Additional urgent measures for removing seed cotton from warehouses and storage premises and moving it closer to the ginning plants during the 2013/2014 season.	23 April 2014	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  Ministère de la Défense Nationale Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP 302 Cotonou, Benin	Cotton ginning during the 2013/2014 season

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	Decisions taken by the Council of Ministers at its session of 23 April 2014, in the presence of the Head of State and Government	Procurement of additional packaging for cotton fibre and seed for oil extraction during the 2013/2014 season.	23 April 2014	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP 302 Cotonou, Benin	Packaging of downstream products (cotton fibre and seed for oil extraction) during the 2013/2014 season
	Decisions taken by the Council of Ministers at its session of 15 May 2014, in the presence of the Head of State and Government	Downward adjustment of the transfer price of cotton seed for oil extraction during the 2013/2014 season.	15 May 2014	Société Nationale pour la Promotion Agricole (SONAPRA) BP 933 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-0820 Fax: (+229) 2133-1948	Reduction in the transfer price of cotton seed for oil extraction during the 2013/2014 season
	Decisions taken by the Council of Ministers at its session of 15 May 2014, in the presence of the Head of State and Government	Fixing the purchase price of organic seed cotton for the 2013/2014 season.	15 May 2014	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin  Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP 302 Cotonou, Benin  Ministère du Développement, de l'Analyse Économique et de la Prospective Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2130-0030  Ministère de l'Industrie, du Commerce et des Petites et Moyennes Entreprises Tel.: (+229) 2130-8208 04 BP 249 Cotonou, Benin	Increase in the organic cotton purchase price during the 2013/2014 season

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	Decisions taken by the Council of Ministers at its special session of 26 July 2014	Creation of the Agricultural Inputs Purchasing Pool (CAIA).	26 July 2014	Société Nationale pour la Promotion Agricole (SONAPRA) BP 933 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-0820 Fax: (+229) 2133-1948	Low-cost supplies for producers
	Decree No. 2014-533 of 25 August 2014 on the requisitioning of SODECO's plants	Requisitioning of the plants of the Cotton Development Company (SODECO).	25 August 2014	Société Nationale pour la Promotion Agricole (SONAPRA) BP 933 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-0820 Fax: (+229) 2133-1948	
	Decree No. 2014-534 of 25 August 2014 on appointment of the National Coordinator to manage the plants taken over from SODECO	Appointment of the National Coordinator of SODECO's plants.	25 August 2014	Société Nationale pour la Promotion Agricole (SONAPRA) BP 933 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-0820 Fax: (+229) 2133-1948	
		Adoption of a zoning plan under which cotton basins are divided into four cotton-producing areas, with the creation of cotton companies to promote regional development.	2015	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin	
		Creation of a new institutional management framework and the zoning of cotton basins.	2015	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin Ministère du Développement, de l'Analyse Économique et de la Prospective Tel.: (+229) 2130-0030	
	Extract of Summary of Council of Ministers decisions No. 5	Assignment of a pilot zone (Alibori zone) to SONAPRA, within the zoning framework.	4 March 2015	Société Nationale pour la Promotion Agricole (SONAPRA) BP 933 Cotonou, Benin Tel.: (+229) 2133-0820 Fax: (+229) 2133-1948	

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	Creation of various structures and tools	Sector Regulatory Authority, created on a legal and regulatory basis, responsible for, <i>inter alia</i> , monitoring compliance with texts and their implementation.	2015	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin Ministère du Développement, de l'Analyse Économique et de la Prospective Tel.: (+229) 2130-0030	
	Creation of various structures and tools	Sector management support fund	2015	Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP 302 Cotonou, Benin	
	Interministerial Order No. 139/MAEP/MDAEP/DC/SGM/CJ/SA	Creation of a technical steering committee for the zoning of cotton basins into four cotton-producing areas.	28 May 2015	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche 03 BP 2900 Cotonou, Benin	Establishment of four cotton-producing areas within the framework of "zoning" activities
Burkina Faso	Decision No. 98-001/UNPCB of 15 April 1998 establishing the National Union of Cotton Producers of Burkina Faso (UNPCB)	Ratification of the decision of the Founding General Assembly of the National Union of Cotton Producers of Burkina Faso (UNPCB).	15 April 1998	Secrétariat Permanent du Suivi de la Filière Coton Libéralisée 01 BP 6453 Ouagadougou 01 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5040-7755 Email: yamwilfred@yahoo.fr	Transfer of responsibility to, and professionalization of, sector actors
	Order No. 98-00013/AGRI/SG/DPLCLR of 17 June 1998	Recognition of the National Union of Cotton Producers of Burkina Faso (UNPCB) by the administrative authority	17 June 1998	Secrétariat Permanent du Suivi de la Filière Coton Libéralisée 01 BP 6453 Ouagadougou 01 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5040-7755 Email: yamwilfred@yahoo.fr	Transfer of responsibility to, and professionalization of, sector actors
	Decree No. 98-267/PRES/PM/MEF of 24 June 1998 authorizing the partial (30%) opening of the capital of SOFITEX to cotton-producer groups (GPC)	Authorization to transfer 30% of SOFITEX's capital to cotton-producer groups.	24 June 1998	Secrétariat Permanent du Suivi de la Filière Coton Libéralisée 01 BP 6453 Ouagadougou 01 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5040-7755 Email: yamwilfred@yahoo.fr	Introduction of producer shareholding

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	Joint trade agreement signed on 22 February 1999 by SOFITEX and the National Union of Cotton Producers of Burkina Faso (UNPCB)	Creation of a joint committee to manage the cotton sector and definition of the management procedures to be followed.	22 February 1999	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton du Burkina (AICB) 01 BP 8091 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-1533 Email: yamgeorges@sofitex.bf	Transfer of responsibility to, and professionalization of, sector actors
	Order No. 99-021/MCIA/MEF/MAGRI of 26 March 1999 setting forth the procedures for the transfer of State-held shares in SOFITEX to cotton-producer groups	Definition of procedures for the transfer of SOFITEX shares to cotton producers.	26 March 1999	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton du Burkina (AICB) 01 BP 8091 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-1533 Email: yamgeorges@sofitex.bf	Introduction of producer shareholding
	Order No. 99-071/MCIA/MA/MEF of 25 November 1999 approving the joint trade agreement	Recognition by the administrative authority of the joint trade agreement signed by SOFITEX and the National Union of Cotton Producers of Burkina Faso (UNPCB).	25 November 1999	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton du Burkina (AICB) 01 BP 8091 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-1533 Email: yamgeorges@sofitex.bf	Transfer of responsibility to, and professionalization of, sector actors
	Decree No. 2001-763/PRES/PM/MCPEA/MEF/AGRI of 31 December 2001 amending Decree No. 79-248/PRES/DR of 20 June 1979	Abolition of the monopoly held by SOFITEX on the collection and ginning of seed cotton and determination of the company's area of activities.	31 December 2001	Secrétariat Permanent du Suivi de la Filière Coton Libéralisée 01 BP 6453 Ouagadougou 01 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5040-7755 Email: yamwilfred@yahoo.fr	De-monopolization and liberalization of the sector
	Decree No. 2001-764/PRES/PM/MCPEA/MEF/AGRI of 31 December 2001 authorizing operators to set up in the new cotton-growing regions	Definition of two new cotton-growing areas, and authorization and establishment of procedures for private operators to set up in these areas.	31 December 2001	Secrétariat Permanent du Suivi de la Filière Coton Libéralisée 01 BP 6453 Ouagadougou 01 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5040-7755 Email: yamwilfred@yahoo.fr	De-monopolization and liberalization of the sector



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	Adoption of transgenic technology through the introduction of the Monsanto Bollgard (BG) II gene known as "MON 15 995" into local cotton varieties of Burkina Faso	Experimentation in containment from 2003 to 2007 to study the performance of the Monsanto BG II gene "MON 15 995" in local cotton varieties; experimentation in rural areas in 2008 to study the performance of the Monsanto BG II gene "MON 15 995" in local cotton varieties; production in Burkina Faso of seeds of local cotton varieties containing the Monsanto BG II gene "MON 15 995"; gradual extension of local cotton varieties containing the Monsanto BG II gene "MON 15 995".	2003	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton du Burkina (AICB) 01 BP 8091 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-1533 Email: yamgeorges@sofitex.bf  Institut National des Recherches Agricoles 04 BP 4645 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-6343 Email: konategnissa@yahoo.fr	Enhancement of producer and cotton company revenues
	Protocol of agreement of 4 September 2004 setting out the terms and conditions applicable to operators in Burkina Faso's cotton sector	Definition of the structure of Burkina Faso's cotton sector and establishment of the conditions applicable to, and procedures to be followed by, sector operators.	4 September 2004	Secrétariat Permanent du Suivi de la Filière Coton Libéralisée 01 BP 6453 Ouagadougou 01 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5040-7755 Email: yamwilfred@yahoo.fr	Procedures for the liberalization of the cotton sector
	Decision No. 2006-001/APROCOB of 25 January 2006 establishing the Professional Association of Cotton Companies of Burkina Faso (APROCOB)	Ratification of the decision of the Founding General Assembly of the Professional Association of Cotton Companies of Burkina Faso (APROCOB).	25 January 2006	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton du Burkina (AICB) 01 BP 8091 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-1533 Email: yamgeorges@sofitex.bf	Organization and professionalization of the trade grouping of cotton companies
	Decision No. 2006-002/AICB of 10 February 2006 establishing the Cotton Trade Association of Burkina Faso (AICB)	Ratification of the decision of the Founding General Assembly of the Cotton Trade Association of Burkina Faso (AICB).	10 February 2006	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton du Burkina (AICB) 01 BP 8091 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-1533 Email: yamgeorges@sofitex.bf	Establishment of the Cotton Trade Association

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Cotton proponents	Measure <sup>a</sup>	Description	Implementation status/period	Focal point	Reform priorities <sup>b</sup>
	Law No. 2006-005 of 17 March 2006 on biotechnology safety in Burkina Faso	Definition of the conditions for the use in Burkina Faso of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and GMO-derived products.	17 March 2006	Agence Nationale de Biosécurité (ANB) Ouagadougou Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5037-8849	Establishment of the legislative and regulatory framework governing biotechnological manipulation
	Decision No. 2006-003/AICB of 7 April 2006 adopting the seed cotton purchase price-smoothing mechanism	Adoption of a mechanism for establishing the purchase price of seed cotton paid to producers, indexed to price trends on the international market and secured by a producer price-smoothing fund.	7 April 2006	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton du Burkina (AICB) 01 BP 8091 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-1533 Email: yamgeorges@sofitex.bf	Rationalization of the determination of the purchase price paid to producers for seed cotton
	Decision No. 2008-001/AFdL of 4 April 2008 establishing the Price-Smoothing Fund Association (AFdL)	Ratification of the decision of the Founding General Assembly of the Price-Smoothing Fund Association (AFdL).	4 April 2008	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton du Burkina (AICB) 01 BP 8091 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-1533 Email: yamgeorges@sofitex.bf	Rationalization of the management of the purchase price paid to producers for seed cotton
	Decision No. 2008-003/AFdL of 20 September 2008 on the appointment of the Bank of Africa (BOA) as the agent bank for the price-smoothing fund for Burkina Faso's cotton sector	Ratification of the decision on the appointment of the Bank of Africa (BOA).	20 September 2008	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton du Burkina (AICB) 01 BP 8091 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-1533 Email: yamgeorges@sofitex.bf	Transparency in the management of the price-smoothing mechanism
	Price-smoothing fund management contract signed by the Price-Smoothing Fund Association (AFdL) and the Bank of Africa (BOA)	Signature in November 2008 by the AFdL and the BOA of a contract establishing the details of BOA involvement and its relations with the AFdL.	November 2008	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton du Burkina (AICB) 01 BP 8091 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-1533 Email: yamgeorges@sofitex.bf	Transparency in the management of the price-smoothing mechanism

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Cotton proponents	Measure <sup>a</sup>	Description	Implementation status/period	Focal point	Reform priorities <sup>b</sup>
	Decision No. 2012-003/AICB of 16 October 2012 establishing the Cotton Inputs Fund Association of Burkina (AFICB)	Ratification of the decision of the Founding General Assembly of the Cotton Inputs Fund Association of Burkina (AFICB).	16 October 2012	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton du Burkina (AICB) 01 BP 8091 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-1533 Email: yamgeorges@sofitex.bf	Improved conditions for inputs for producers
	Decision No. 2012-004/AICB of 27 December 2012 on the appointment of the agent bank for the management of resources and mechanisms of the Cotton Inputs Fund of Burkina	Ratification of the decision on the appointment of the agent bank.	27 December 2012	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton du Burkina (AICB) 01 BP 8091 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-1533 Email: yamgeorges@sofitex.bf	Transparency in the purchase of inputs for producers
	Framework Memorandum of Understanding on the supply of cotton inputs, using the resources of the Cotton Inputs Fund	Signing on 30 July 2013 by the AICB, APROCOB, UNPCB, the cotton companies, the agent bank and the commercial banks of the practical procedures for using the resources of the Inputs Fund for the purchase of fertilizer.	30 July 2013	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton du Burkina (AICB) 01 BP 8091 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-1533 Email: yamgeorges@sofitex.bf	Improved conditions for inputs for producers
	Bilateral protocols relating to the supply of cotton inputs using the resources of the Cotton Inputs Fund	Signing in August 2013 by each of the cotton companies (SOFITEX, SOCOMA, and FASO COTON) and its commercial banks of the practical procedures for using the resources of the Inputs Fund for the purchase of fertilizer.	August 2013	Association Interprofessionnelle du Coton du Burkina (AICB) 01 BP 8091 Ouagadougou 04 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5034-1533 Email: yamgeorges@sofitex.bf	Improved conditions for inputs for producers
	Renewal of the exclusive concession of zones for the cotton companies present for a period of ten years, as well as the protocol of agreement setting out the conditions applicable to operators in Burkina Faso's cotton sector	Definition of the structure of Burkina Faso's cotton sector and establishment of the conditions applicable to, and procedures to be followed by, sector operators.	12 March 2014	Secrétariat Permanent du Suivi de la Filière Coton Libéralisée 01 BP 6453 Ouagadougou 01 Burkina Faso Tel.: (+226) 5040-7755 Email: yamwilfred@yahoo.fr	Procedures for the liberalization of the cotton sector

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Chad	Decree No. 541/PR/MPEDC/99	Adoption of the strategy document on cotton sector reform in Chad.	31 December 1999	maismail@intnet.td	Definition of the cotton sector reform strategy
	Order No. 001/MPEDC/2000	Creation of a task force responsible for implementing cotton sector reforms.	17 January 2000	ctrc@intnet.td	Delivery and coordination of capacity-building activities for cotton-farmer associations
	Decree No. 720/PR/PM/SGG/CAB/05	Appointment of the technical team responsible for implementing the road map for cotton sector reform	20 September 2005	maismail@intnet.td	Implementation of the road map for cotton sector reform, as adopted by the Government (institutional reform) <sup>c</sup>
	Decree No. 1113/PR/PM/MCI/2012	Appointment of the directors of CotonTchad SN	24 July 2012		
	Decree No. 1132/PR/PM/MCI/2012	State takes over the residual assets and liabilities of CotonTchad.	24 July 2012		
	Decree No. 1137/PR/PM/MCI/2012	State assumes responsibility for financing the strategic liabilities of CotonTchad which have been transferred to CotonTchad SN.	24 July 2012		
Mali	Decree No. 01-042/P-RM of 5 February 2001 creating the Mission for Reorganization of the Cotton Sector (MRSC)	Definition of the MRSC's mandate.	February 2001	Mission de Restructuration du Secteur Coton Tel.: (+223) 2023-8614 (+223) 2023-8615 Email: mrsc@orangemali.net	Implementation of cotton sector reform with a view to privatizing the Mali Textile Development Company (CMDT)
	Adoption by the Council of Ministers of the Policy Letter on Development of the Cotton Sector (LPDSC)	Definition of objectives, strategies and results expected from cotton sector reform.	June 2001	Mission de Restructuration du Secteur Coton Tel.: (+223) 2023-8614 (+223) 2023-8615 Email: mrsc@orangemali.net	Reform of the cotton sector and privatization of the CMDT
	Interministerial Order No. 02-1145 MDRE-MEF-MIC of 2 July 2002 on the seed cotton price-setting mechanism	Adoption of a mechanism for establishing the purchase price of seed cotton paid to producers, indexed to producers' production costs, to the manufacturing costs of the CMDT, to international prices and to prices in the subregion with payment of rebates if the market situation is favourable.	July 2002	Ministère de l'Agriculture BP: 61 Tel.: (+223) 2022-2979 Fax: (+223) 2022-3436	Enhancement of sector revenues
	State-CMDT-Producers Memorandum of Understanding of 13 January 2005 on the price-setting mechanism for seed cotton	Adoption of a mechanism for establishing the purchase price of seed cotton, indexed to international cotton prices and secured by a producer support fund.	January 2005	Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP: 234 Tel./Fax: (+223) 2023-1654	Enhancement of producers' revenues and management of the production costs of producers and the expenses of the CMDT

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	Adoption by the Council of Ministers of the revised timetable for the cotton sector reform process	Determination of the timetable, of the actions and actors involved in implementing the timetable.	January 2005	Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP: 234 Tel./Fax: (+223) 2023-1654	Improvement of sector management
	Decision No. 57 - MEF on the establishment of the Commission for implementation of the price-setting mechanism for seed cotton	Creation, responsibilities, composition and functioning of the Commission for implementation of the price-setting mechanism for seed cotton.	April 2005	Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP: 234 Tel./Fax: (+223) 2023-1654	Implementation of the mechanism
	Adoption by the Council of Ministers of the CMDT Privatization Plan	Definition of procedures and privatization options for the CMDT.	4 October 2006	Ministère de l'Agriculture BP: 61 Tel.: (+223) 2022-2979 Fax: (+223) 2022-3436	Implementation of privatization
	Establishment of four CMDT branches on 24 December 2007 with a minimum capital of CFAF 10,000,000	Preparation for private management.	December 2007	CMDT BP: 487 Tel.: (+223) 2021-9540 Fax: (+223) 2021-0507	Improvement of CMDT management
	Establishment of a Producer Support Fund	Stabilization of seed cotton purchase prices.	July 2007	Mission de Restructuration du Secteur Coton Tel.: (+223) 2023-8614 (+223) 2023-8615 Email: mrsc@orangemali.net	Guarantee producers' income
	Signing on 27 September 2007 of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Management Plan of the Seed-Cotton Price Support Fund between the State of Mali, the CMDT and the National Union of Cotton Producers Cooperatives	Definition of the management procedures of the Support Fund.	September 2007	Mission de Restructuration du Secteur Coton Tel.: (+223) 2023-8614 (+223) 2023-8615 Email: mrsc@orangemali.net	Transparency in the management of the Producer Support Fund
	Establishment of the National Union of Cotton Producers Cooperatives of Mali	Cotton producers' consultation framework.	November 2008	Union Nationale des Sociétés Coopératives des Producteurs de Coton du Mali (UN-SCPC) Tel./Fax: (+223) 4438-3576	Capacity building of cotton-producers' organizations
	Establishment of the Professional Association of Cotton Companies of Mali (APROSCOM)	Framework for consultation between the cotton companies of Mali.	December 2008	CMDT BP: 487 Tel.: (+223) 2021-9540 Fax: (+223) 2021-0507	Organization and professionalization of the trade grouping of cotton companies

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	Establishment of the CMDT and UN-SCPC Economic Interest Group	Creation, responsibilities, composition and functioning of the Commission responsible for organizing the call for tenders for the purchase of cotton inputs and cereals.	February 2008	CMDT BP: 487 Tel.: (+223) 2021-9540 Fax: (+223) 2021-0507  Union Nationale des Sociétés Coopératives des Producteurs de Coton du Mali (UN-SCPC) Tel./Fax: (+223) 4438-3576	Reduction of production costs
	Law No. 08-028 of 11 August 2008 authorizing the transfer of State shares in the capital of the Mali Textile Development Company (CMDT)	Opening up of CMDT capital to private parties.	August 2008	Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP: 234 Tel./Fax: (+223) 2023-1654	Privatization of the CMDT
	Interim State-CMDT-producers Memorandum of Understanding on the seed cotton price-setting mechanism	Adoption of a seed cotton price-setting mechanism indexed to international cotton prices and secured by a Producer Support Fund for the 2008/2009 marketing season.	May 2008	Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP: 234 Tel./Fax: (+223) 2023-1654	Enhancement of producers' revenues and management of producers' production costs and CMDT expenses
	Creation of the Cotton Trade Association of Mali (IPC) by the Founding General Assembly on 3 February 2009	Framework for consultation between cotton sector actors in Mali.	February 2009	Union Nationale des Sociétés Coopératives des Producteurs de Coton du Mali (UN SCPC) Tel./Fax: (+223) 4438-3576	Transfer of responsibility to, and professionalization of, sector actors
	Interim State-CMDT-producers Memorandum of Understanding on the price-setting mechanism for seed cotton	Adoption of a price-setting mechanism for seed cotton indexed to international cotton prices and secured by a Producer Support Fund for the 2009/2010 marketing season.	April 2009	Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP: 234 Tel./Fax: (+223) 2023-1654	Enhancement of producers' revenues and management of their production costs and of CMDT expenses
	Establishment of the Cotton Grading Board (OCC) in January 2010	Definition of seed cotton and cotton fibre grading procedures.	January 2010	CMDT BP: 487 Tel.: (+223) 2021-9540 Fax: (+223) 2021-0507	Improvement of cotton quality
	Invitation to tender for the sale of the shares of CMDT subsidiaries	International invitation to tender for the sale of 61% of the shares of CMDT subsidiaries.	22 February 2010	Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP: 234 Tel./Fax: (+223) 2023-1654	Privatization of the CMDT

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	Adoption of the National Strategic Framework for the Development of the Cotton Sector (CSNDSC)	Definition of objectives and strategies to improve the cotton sector's contribution to economic and social development.		Ministère de l'Agriculture BP: 61 Tel.: (+223) 2022-2979 Fax: (+223) 2022-3436	Improvement of cotton productivity, enhancement of producers' income revenues, etc.
	Interim State-CMDT-producers Memorandum of Understanding on the seed cotton price-setting mechanism	Adoption of a seed cotton price-setting mechanism indexed to international cotton prices and secured by a Producer Support Fund for the 2010/2011 marketing season.	April 2010	Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances BP: 234 Tel./Fax: (+223) 2023-1654	Enhancement of producers' revenues and management of their production costs and of CMDT expenses
	Order No. 10-2401/MA-MIIC-SG of 4 August 2010 on registration of an agricultural trade organization with the title Cotton Trade Association of Mali (IPC)	Legal recognition of the IPC.	August 2010	Union Nationale des Sociétés Coopératives des Producteurs de Coton du Mali (UN-SCPC) Tel./Fax: (+223) 4438-3576	Transfer of responsibility to, and professionalization of, sector actors
	Adoption by the Council of Ministers of the Policy Letter on Support for the Cotton Sector (LPSSC)	Definition of the role of the State and other actors following the privatization of the CMDT.	October 2010	Ministère de l'Agriculture BP: 61 Tel.: (+223) 2022-2979 Fax: (+223) 2022-3436	Improve the contribution of the cotton sector to economic development
	Decree extending the mandate of the Mission for Reorganization of the Cotton Sector (MRSC) to 31 December 2012	Renewal of the MRSC mandate.	January 2011	Mission de Restructuration du Secteur Coton Tel.: (+223) 2023-8614 Tel.: (+223) 2023-8615 Email: mrsc@orangemali.net	Completion of the CMDT privatization process
	Draft law establishing the Cotton Sector Regulatory Authority (ARSC)	Adoption by the Council of Ministers of the Law establishing the Cotton Sector Regulatory Authority (ARSC).	February 2011	Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances Tel./Fax: (+223) 2023-1654	Cotton sector regulation
	2011/2012 season IPC Memorandum of Understanding on the seed cotton price-setting mechanism	Expected production: 445,000 tonnes. Seed cotton price: 255 CFAF/kg first grade.	February 2011	CMDT/UNSCPC BP 487 Tel.: (+223) 2021-9540 Fax: (+223) 2021-0507	Enhancement of producers' revenue
	Privatization of CMDT subsidiaries	Negotiations are currently under way with a provisional successful bidder for the Southern and Western subsidiaries.	March 2011	Mission de Restructuration du Secteur Coton Tel: (+223) 2023-8614 Tel: (+223) 2023-8615	Privatization of CMDT subsidiaries
	2012/2013 season IPC Memorandum of Understanding on the seed cotton price-setting mechanism	Production forecast: 500,000 tonnes. Seed cotton price: 255 CFAF/kg first grade.	March 2012	CMDT/UNSCPC BP 487 Tel.: (+223) 2021-9540 Fax: (+223) 2021-0507	Enhancement of producers' revenue

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	Privatization of CMDT subsidiaries	Following the breakdown in the negotiations with the provisional contractor, the call for tenders for the sale of the CMDT subsidiaries issued on 22 February 2010 was declared unsuccessful on 18 July 2012 by the Chief of the Mission for Reorganization of the Cotton Sector (MRSC), with the agreement of the authorities. Discussions are under way to reactivate the process, taking due account of the shortcomings observed the first time round as well as the experiences of other countries of the subregion in privatizing their cotton sectors.			
	2013/2014 season IPC Memorandum of Understanding on the seed cotton price-setting mechanism	Production forecast: 522,000 tonnes. Seed cotton price: 250 CFAF/kg first grade.	April 2013	CMDT/UNSCPC BP 487 Tel.: (+223) 2021-9540 Fax: (+223) 2021-0507	Enhancement of producers' revenue
	Study relating to the analysis of different reform experiences in the countries of the subregion	Learning from the different privatization experiences.	November 2013	CMDT/UNSCPC BP 487 Tel.: (+223) 2021-9540 Fax: (+223) 2021-0507	Learning from the different privatization experiences
	Extension of the MRSC's mandate to 30 June 2014	Extension of the MRSC's mandate to 30 June 2014.	December 2013	Mission de Restructuration du Secteur Coton Tel.: (+223) 2023-8614 Tel.: (+223) 2023-8615 Email: mrsc@orangemali.net	Implementation of cotton sector reform with a view to privatizing the CMDT
	Extension of the MRSC's mandate to 30 June 2015	Extension of the MRSC's mandate to 30 June 2015	May 2014	Mission de Restructuration du Secteur Coton Tel.: (+223) 2023-8614 Tel.: (+223) 2023-8615	Implementation of cotton sector reform with a view to privatizing the CMDT
	2014/2015 season	Production: 548,695 tonnes Seed cotton price: 235 CFAF/kg first grade.	May 2015	CMDT/UNSCPC BP 487 Tel.: (+223) 2021-9540 Fax: (+223) 2021-0507	Enhancement of producers' revenue



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	Cotton sector experience-sharing mission to Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire	Learning from reciprocal reform experiences, completion of the study conducted in November 2013 and drafting of a new policy letter on the cotton sector in Mali.	May 2015	MRSC/CMDT/IPC/UNSCPC Tel : (+223) 2023-8614 Tel : (+223) 2023-8615 Email: mrsc@orangemali.net	Drafting of a new policy letter on the cotton sector in Mali
	2015/2016 season Signature in April 2015 of the IPC Memorandum of Understanding fixing the seed cotton purchase price for the 2015/2016 season	Production forecast: 650,000 tonnes Seed cotton price: 237.2 CFAF/kg first grade.	May 2016	CMDT/UNSCPC BP 487 Tel.: (+223) 2021-9540 Fax: (+223) 2021-0507	Enhancement of producers' revenue

<sup>a</sup> Title of legislative, executive, administrative act.

<sup>b</sup> Productivity expansion, training and capacity building, regulatory reform, mechanization, warehousing, reform of ginning capacity, value added in downstream product expansion, new agricultural technologies, research, and Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs).

<sup>c</sup> The project in support of the technical team responsible for implementing the road map for cotton sector reform was discontinued after two years, in December 2008.