

Ouagadougou Declaration

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The following declaration presented by Mrs Sahondrasoa Ramarolahy, Head of Department at the office handling support for the professionalisation of producers at the Madagascar Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, was adopted by the workshop participants.

In view of:

- *the issues demonstrated during the workshop, and in particular the capacity strengthening of stakeholders in the rural world and the urgency for the social and occupational integration of ever-increasing populations of young rural people,*
- *the observation that the agricultural sector in the broad sense in numerous countries must recover its economic and social role and respond to its missions,*
- *the priority awarded by governments and their partners to growth and the fight against poverty and inequality,*

The workshop recommends:

1. *that the implementation of mass vocational training facilities should be entered as a fundamental feature of the national agricultural and rural training strategy (NARTS), an essential component of a sector development policy,*
2. *that the NARTS must be the result of a joint project, of a vision shared by different national partners and be established within the framework of decentralisation policies,*
3. *that management should be handled by a national joint system, that is to say management shared by elected officials, the state departments concerned, civil society (professional agricultural organisations, associations) and public and private service providers,*
4. *that a national tripartite bureau (the state / civil society / service providers) entrusted with implementing the procedure should be set up in each country undertaking the definition of a NARTS,*
5. *that the definition of national agricultural and rural strategies should be handled in partnership with the ministries in charge of education, vocational training, employment, integration and finance,*
6. *that mass agricultural vocational training should be provided by sustainable facilities provided with national, international and beneficiary group funding,*
7. *that the work undertaken during this workshop should be followed up, in particular in the form of a discussion, meetings and research network among participants.*