

DAY 3

Meeting of the SWAC Strategy and Policy Group (SPG)

**Austrian Pavilion
Expo Milano**

Seminar with West African and European Civil Society on Resilience in the Sahel and West Africa and the role of AGIR

**Conference Centre
Expo Milano**

19:00 — 20:00

PAVILION VISITS (OPTIONAL)

28 OCTOBER

Meeting of the Strategy and Policy Group (SPG) of the Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC)

The SPG is the governing board of the Sahel and West Africa Club. Members work together to define strategic directions, review the implementation of the programme of work and budget and discuss opportunities for new partnerships.

This meeting is restricted to representatives of SWAC Members, Observers and contributors.

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Based on the priorities identified by African farmers' organisations and regional networks involved in the AGIR process, the seminar will enable civil society organisations to:

- Identify convergences in how the concept of resilience is approached in both reflexion and practice;
- Answer the following questions : How is AGIR - a federating long term framework aiming to ensure the consistency of policies, initiatives and programmes – being implemented? How can its relevance and functioning be improved?

The seminar also aims to provide civil society with a forum for dialogue and expression, as well as the opportunity to put forward a declaration on the implementation of AGIR for discussion with both regional and international political authorities and other stakeholders.

The day will consist of 2 sessions:

- Morning Session : Dialogue around the West African and European civil society declaration on resilience and the implementation of AGIR;
 - Afternoon Session : Three simultaneous panel discussions to enable West African and European civil society to establish a long-term dialogue and constructive vision of resilience and its different dimensions in West Africa, as well as the policies and actions which contribute to strengthening resilience.
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