

## **Food for Life**

### **Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (EAA) / the Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in West Africa (FECCIWA)**

#### **Advocacy capacity strengthening workshop**

**In cooperation with ACT Alliance**

### **Final Communiqué**

#### **Preamble**

We, participants from Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone Nigeria and Togo, of the food for all advocacy capacity strengthening workshop jointly organized by EAA and FECCIWA with the participation of ACT Alliance met at the African Royal Beach Hotel in Teshie Nungua, Greater Accra, from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, 2011 to reflect on the issue of food justice in the region of West Africa.

After our fellowship with the Presbyterian Church, we visited and shared experiences with members of the Ashiaman Farmers Cooperative.

We have been eloquently reminded about the Biblical and Theological principles on which an ecumenical movement for food justice should be premised.

We have listened to case studies of the impact of land grabbing, desertification and the challenges faced by fishery sector.

We have in groups and on video shared our own stories about food change in our different contexts.

We have been fed with information on the major policy instruments and procedures on food security regionally. We have together developed a common vision for food justice in our region.

We have drawn action plans around selected strategic areas based on common vision and self assessment.

Importantly, during this four-day process we have experienced a transformation for which we thank God. As we leave Ghana satiated with information and hungry to transform the West African region, we are committed to:

1. Work together with every voice in our communities to ensure fair access to and distribution of affordable, healthy and adequate food in the sub-region;

2. Use theological principles and paradigms to address issues of food justice and security;
3. Work towards addressing challenges on land grabbing, drought, deforestation that threaten food security;
4. Work together to influence policymakers in the sub-region to ensure that adequate policies are put in place and implemented to ensure food security and justice
5. Increase awareness on the right to food within our communities;
6. Ensure that gender perspective is mainstreamed in all our activities.

The Participants record their thanks and appreciation to the EAA and FECCIWA for hosting this workshop, to the Constellation for facilitating it and to ACT Alliance and the Council of Churches in Ghana for their input

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