

Launch of the CIRAWA Project in Cape Verde

Agroecological Solutions for Resilient Farming in West Africa

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On July 10, 2023, at the Porto Novo Town Hall, the official launch of the CIRAWA project - Agroecological solutions for resilient farming in West Africa - will take place. The CIRAWA project is a continuation of the work developed by ADPM Mértola, of the project Agroforestry Systems of Santo Antão, that ended December 2022.

The CIRAWA project aims to increase climate resilience, agricultural productivity at local and community levels, ensure the viability of small farms, and at the same time protect the environment in West Africa by using more agroecological farming solutions. In this sense, CIRAWA will contribute to improve the resilience of food supply chains in 8 regions of Cape Verde, Ghana, Senegal and The Gambia.

Agroecology is emerging as a compelling response to the challenges that West Africa is facing. It is a scientifically validated alternative to conventional agriculture that has the potential to transform food systems, make them more sustainable, and ensure meeting the growing demand for food; all while contributing to the improvement of the landscape quality, increase biodiversity, and environmental resilience in the face of climate change.

The project is coordinated by the CARTIF Technological Center (Spain) and brings together a total of 14 partners from 9 European and African countries. The project is funded by the European Union under the Horizon Europe program and started January 2023 lasting for 54 months.

In Cape Verde, the project will have activities on the islands of Santo Antão and Maio, being regionally coordinated by ADPM Mértola, in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment of Cape Verde, the Young Farmers Association of Casa do Meio, and the Association of Women of the Plato Leste.

The launching ceremony of the CIRAWA project is graced by the presence of the Minister of Agriculture and Environment, Gilberto Correia Carvalho Silva; the Mayor of Porto Novo, Aníbal Fonseca; the European Union Ambassador to Cape Verde, Carla Grijó; the Deputy Director of CARTIF Technological Center, Sergio Sanz; and the President of ADPM Mértola, Jorge Revez.

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