



Acronym: ARC
Full Name: AGRHYMET Regional Centre
Website: www.agrhymet.ne
Established: 1974
Location: Niamey, Niger
Areas of expertise: Agricultural development, rural development and natural resources management.

Main Partners and collaborations: PIREM, EUMETSAT, GTZ, USAID, PNUD, UNESCO, UNEP, UNITAR and others.

Short Description:

The AGRHYMET Regional Centre was established in 1974 as a specialized institute of the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) composed of nine member States (Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal). It is an interstate public institute with a legal status and financial autonomy. It has an international status and is based in Niamey, Niger.

The mainly objectives of the AGRHYMET Regional Centre are the contribution to achieving food security and increased agricultural production in the CILSS member States, and the improvement natural resources management in the Sahelian region by providing training and information to development stakeholders and partners in agro ecology taken as a whole (agro climatology, hydrology, crop protection). It is also a regional institute specialized in the science and techniques applied to agricultural development, rural development and natural resource management.

Main activities:

The AGRHYMET Regional is a regional Centre of Excellence in: training officers from Sahelian countries and elsewhere; regional agro meteorological and hydrological monitoring; agricultural statistics and crop monitoring; regional databases; management and dissemination of information on natural resource monitoring across the Sahel; documentation on agro meteorology, crop protection, environmental monitoring, desertification, natural resource management, and others; maintenance of meteorological instruments and electronic equipment and -strengthening interstate co-operation by sharing methodologies and technologies.

Accordingly, the expertise of officers of the Centre is increasingly sought-after by bilateral and multilateral organizations (USAID, FAO, WHO, IRD, CIRAD, etc.). The AGRHYMET Regional Centre also takes part , in conjunction with the CILSS system, in international meetings on food security, sustainable development, natural resource management and desertification control.

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