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MITA 2026: Facilitating Access to Innovations to Strengthen the Resilience of Agro-Silvo-Pastoral and Fisheries Systems in West and Central Africa

19 – 21 OCTOBER 2026

DAKAR, 12 OCTOBER 2026 – The West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF), in collaboration with Sierra Leone's Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, will organize the 6th edition of the Market for Agricultural Innovations and Technologies (MITA) from 19 to 21 October 2026 in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

2026 THEME

Facilitating access to technologies and innovations for animal production and integrated agriculture-livestock-aquaculture systems

Held under the High Patronage of His Excellency Dr Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, and chaired by Dr Henry Musa Kpaka, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, the regional event will bring together researchers, innovators, policymakers, producers, private-sector actors, investors, development partners and users of agropastoral and fisheries technologies.

CONNECTING INNOVATIONS WITH USERS

While many research-validated technologies have demonstrated their potential, their dissemination and uptake at scale remain limited. MITA provides a platform that connects technology providers, users, buyers and investors to facilitate technology transfer, acquisition and adoption.

The 2026 edition will showcase proven, adoption-ready technologies in:

ANIMAL FEED	AQUACULTURE	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	INTEGRATED AGRICULTURE-LIVESTOCK-AQUACULTURE SYSTEMS

The program will feature a technology and innovation exhibition, a ministerial panel, presentations of agricultural solutions, and B2B "Trading Rooms", where technology providers will engage directly with potential buyers and explore opportunities for technology acquisition.

> "Our ambition is to bring innovation closer to those who need it and to accelerate the adoption and scaling of agricultural technologies. MITA provides precisely this space where research, producers, the private sector and other key actors come together to help move innovation towards impact."

DR MOUMINI SAVADOGO
Executive Director, CORAF

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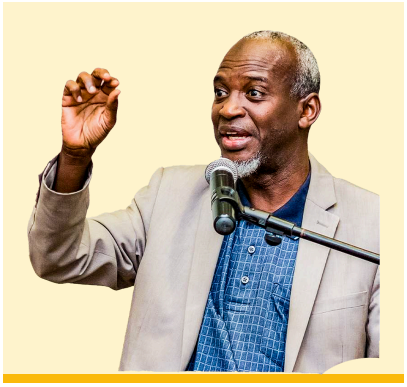

MITA 2026 will also host the 3rd edition of the Abdoulaye Touré Agricultural Innovation Award, recognizing innovations with strong potential to deliver meaningful impact across agricultural and food systems. The winners will be announced on 21 October during the closing ceremony, alongside the recipients of the ICIPE and IFDC Special Awards.

Through MITA, CORAF aims to facilitate the transition from innovation to adoption by strengthening the links between research, the market, and users, and by tracking the impact of the technologies showcased beyond the event.

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ABOUT CORAF

The West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF) is a sub-regional organization comprising the National Agricultural Research Systems of 23 countries in West and Central Africa. Its mandate is to coordinate the implementation of sub-regional agricultural research policies as defined by governments. Established in 1987, with its Executive Secretariat based in Dakar, Senegal, CORAF's main objective is to improve livelihoods in West and Central Africa through sustainable increases in agricultural production and productivity, while promoting competitiveness and market development.

Learn more: www.coraf.org

ABOUT MITA

The Market for Agricultural Innovations and Technologies (MITA) is CORAF's flagship regional platform dedicated to the transfer and scaling of agricultural technologies and innovations. Organized annually in a member country, it brings together research institutions, innovators, producers, businesses, investors, policymakers and development partners.

Learn more: www.mita-coraf.org

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