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## **Press Release**

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### **For a common position of West African climate negotiators at the Conference of the Parties (COP 20) in Lima, Peru.**

The 20th Conference of the Parties at the UN Convention Framework on Climate Change, will take place this year from 1st to 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 in Lima, Peru. This meeting which will bring together over 3,000 guests composed of scientists, policy makers, negotiators, media professionals, etc., will be for 2 weeks, one of the attractions for the world of governance and climate negotiations. It will as well serve as a framework for exchange, discussion and probably important decisions for the future of our planet.

This conference must mark a turning point in international climate negotiations. It must produce tangible outcomes for the COP 21 in Paris where the International community needs to reach a comprehensive agreement to limit the emission of greenhouse gas, responsible for global warming.

**The CILSS in collaboration with ECOWAS, will accompany this dynamic through the organization between 8 to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014, in Bamako, Mali, a workshop whose main objective is to strengthen the skills of the negotiators of the CILSS and ECOWAS member countries on climate International negotiations in order to help them developing a common negotiating position.**

More specifically, this workshop will allow these negotiators to:

- Review the global climate negotiations from Bali to Lima
- Interpret the technical and economic issues in the negotiations and understand the relationship of geopolitical forces,
- And finally organize them better for the Lima Conference to defend the West African positions in the field of climate, building strategic alliances with other countries or group of countries.

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