

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT-NIGER

MCA-NIGER



MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NIAMEY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Account Niger ("MCA-Niger") held its seventeenth Ordinary Session on September 28, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. in Niamey, in accordance with the provisions:

- (i) the Bylaws of MCA-Niger, dated July 4, 2017;
- (ii) Decree N°2016-706/PRN, dated December 23, 2016, on the creation, attributes, composition and functions of MCA-Niger;
- (iii) the Millennium Challenge Compact between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") and the Government of Niger (the «Government»), dated on July 29, 2016 (the "Compact");

and (iv) the Program Implementation Agreement between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") and the Government of Niger (the "Government"), dated on July 29, 2016 ("Program Implementation Agreement").

Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given such terms in the Bylaws, the Compact or the Program Implementation Agreement.

I. ATTENDEES

1. Board Members in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>Voting members Vs Non-Voting members</u>	<u>Board member / Alternate</u>
1. M. SANI ABANI Ibrahim	Chief of Staff of the President of the Republic	Voting member	Board member
2. M. CHAIBOU Laouali	Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister	Voting member	Board Member
3. Mrs. TCHOUSO Rahamatou	Delegate Minister to the Budget	Voting member	Alternate member

4. M. HACHIMOU Abdoukarim	Secretary General of the Ministry of Women Promotion and Child Protection	Voting member	Alternate member
5. M. GARBA Yahaya	Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture	Voting member	Alternate member
6. M. MOUSSA Maman	Secretary General Ministry of hydraulics and Sanitation	Voting member	Alternate member
7. M. GOURO SOUMANA Amadou	National Chamber of Commerce ,Industry and Handicraft , Representative of the Private Sector	Voting member	Board member
8. Mrs FODI Halima,	Training Officer at CONGAFEN, Representative of Women's Civil Society Organizations	Voting member	Board member
9. M. ISSOUFOU Adamou	Deputy Secretary General of the Equipment	Voting member	Alternate member
10. M. DIAMOITOU Boukari	Secretary General Ministry of Livestocks	Voting member	Alternate member
11. M. ABOUBACAR Souley,	Secretary General Ministry of de Environment and Drought Control	Voting member	Alternate member
12. M. BETY Ali	High Commissioner of the 3N Initiatives	voting member	Board member
13. Mrs PENN Kristin	MCC Resident Country Director in Niger	Non-voting member	Board member
14. M. ANNOU Mamane	Director General of MCA Niger, Secretary General of the Board of Directors	Non-voting member	Board member

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT :

Names	Positions	Voting members Vs No Voting members	Board member / Alternate
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M. BAGNA Djibo	President of The Peasant Platform , Representative of the civil society	Voting member	Board member
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GUESTS :

NAMES	POSITIONS
1. M. Souleymane KOUOTOU NGAPOUT	Legal Affairs Director MCA-Niger
2. M. Bachirou IDRISSE MOUSSA	Legal Specialist MCA-Niger
3. Mrs YACOUBA BOULAMA Safietou	Legal Specialist MCA-Niger
4. M. Kamil AGALI	Manager Projects Coordination, MCA-Niger
5. Mrs Aminata SAMAKE	Director of Irrigation and Market Access Facilities MCA-Niger
6. M. Diafarou MOUMOUNI	Irrigation Infrastructure Manager MCA-Niger
7. M. Justinien BACIRONGO	Cross Cutting Affairs Director , MCA-Niger
8. Mrs Hélène OSSE	Administrative and Finance Manager MCA-Niger
9. M. Abdourazakou SANOUSSI ISSOUFOU	Procurement Manager MCA-Niger
10. M. OUMAROU DJIBO Moctar	Manager PRAPS MCA-Niger
11. M. BATIONO Rodrigue Marie Galbert	Land Manager MCA-Niger
12. M. Abdoulaye DIADIE	Audit and Compliance Manager, MCA-Niger
13. M. Daouda SEINI DIAKITE	Road Manager MCA-Niger
14. M. Naji IDE SIDDO	Computer Graphics Specialist and Webmaster, MCA-Niger
15. M. Hanson MASRO	Strategic Communication Manager, MCA-Niger
16. M. Abdel Kader SALISSOU IDI	Security Manager MCA-Niger
17. M. Ika Issia	Finance Manager ,MCA-Niger
18. M. Mamadou Saliou DIALLO	Manager Resettlement MCA-Niger
19. Mrs Hadiza ADA BOUREIMA	Gender and Social Inclusion Manager, MCA Niger
20. M. MAHAMANE KARIMOU Said	Manager Management Services and Market Access Facilities
21. M. AMADOU Issaka	Monitoring and Evaluation Director, MCA Niger
22. M. Kaocen Agalheir	MCC Deputy Resident Country Director in Niger

Chairperson: M. Ibrahim SANI ABANI, Chairperson of the Board of Directors

Secretary: M. ANNOU Mamane, Director General of MCA-Niger.

I. PROCEDURE :

On opening the meeting at 11:00 A.M., the Chairman of the Board verified and confirmed:

- That the notices for the holding of the present meeting were delivered to the members of the Board within the time limits required by the provisions of Section 3.12 (b) (i) of the Internal Regulations of MCA-Niger, i.e. no later than Wednesday, September 21, 2022;

- That a quorum was present due to the presence of a majority of the voting members of the Board, including at least one member who is not a government representative as provided in Section 3.12 (b) (ii) of the MCA-Niger Bylaws.

He therefore called the meeting to order

II. DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS :

1- OPEN SESSION : FOR APPROVAL

A- Reading and approval of the Agenda of the Seventeenth Ordinary Session:

- 1- **The Chairman of the Board** read out the items on the agenda of this session.
- 2- **The Chairman of the Board** asked for the opinion of the Board members on this agenda.
- 3- In the absence of any objection, the Agenda was adopted.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson moved to the next item.

B- Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Council held on June 28, 2022:

- 4- **Summary of discussions:** The Chairman of the Board submitted the Minutes of June 28, 2022 meeting for adoption by the Board members.
- 5- Editorial changes were made and were taken into account by the drafting committee in finalizing the document.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution No. 01

RESOLUTION No. 01: The Board of Directors approves and adopts, by a majority of the voting members present, the minutes of its Sixteenth Ordinary Session held on June 28, 2022

C- Entity Agreements (2) between MCA-Niger and the Communes of Barmou and Kalfou in the framework of the PRAPS activity:

- 6- **Summary of discussions: The General Manager of MCA-Niger** reminds us that the Entity Agreements are concluded with a view to involving the Communal Authorities in the realization of the activity and for a sustainable exploitation of the infrastructures along the corridors.
- 7- **The Communes of Barmou and Kalfou** are located on the Transhumance Corridor of Tahoua region. Within the framework of the rehabilitation of this corridor, the development of these two Entity Agreements appeared necessary.
- 8- No comments were made by the members of the Board.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution No. 02

RESOLUTION No. 02: The Board of Directors approves and adopts, by a majority of its voting members present, the two (2) Entity Agreements between MCA-Niger and the Communes of Barmou and Kalfou within the framework of the PRAPS (Regional Support Project to Pastoralism in the Sahel) activity.

D- Amendment No. 08 to the Contract between MCA-Niger and the Consultant AIC PROGETTI

9- Summary of discussions: The Director of Procurement, MCA-Niger, indicated that Amendment No. 8 concerns the extension of the Contract of the Consultant AIC PROGETTI for the realization of the Detailed Preliminary Design (DPD) and Environmental and Social Impact Studies (ESIA) for the rehabilitation works, (GENIS) of the RN35 and the development and maintenance works of the Sambéra road with an option for the supervision of the rehabilitation and maintenance works of the two axes of the "Irrigation and Market Access" project.

10- The extension is made for a period of four (04) months with a financial impact.

11- No comments were made by the Board members.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution N°03

RESOLUTION N°03: The Board approves and adopts, by the majority of voting members present, the Amendment N°8 to the Contract N° DP/RMD/MCA-NIGER/QCBS/2017/16b concluded between MCA-Niger and the Consultant AIC PROGETTI.

E- Amendment N°3 to the Contract between MCA-Niger and GFA CONSULTING Group (Fiduciary Agent):

12- Summary of discussions: The Procurement Director of MCA-Niger presents this item by specifying that the extension of the Contract is made in order to take into account the extension of the Compact duration.

13- Thus, the Contract will be extended for the sixth year.

14- No comments were made by the Board members.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution No. 04.

RESOLUTION No. 04: The Board approves and adopts, by the majority of voting members present, the Amendment N°3 to the Contract N°02/PP609g1/RFP/UC/NIGER/QCBS/02 concluded between MCA-Niger and the GFA CONSULTING Group.

F- Approval of the modification of the Contracts of the Contractual Staffs/Regional Consultants of the CRC Project:

15- Summary of Discussion: The Director of Legal Affairs at MCA-Niger noted that MCA-Niger has recruited Consultants for the implementation of the Compact Program in the regions. Because of resignations due to the increased workload associated with the end of the Compact and the maintenance of fees that are no longer sufficient, it has become necessary to restate the fees of regional consultants.

16- In conjunction with MCC, MCA-Niger has suggested that the fees of these contractors should be increased. That is the reason why this draft amendment to the regional staff contracts was submitted to the members of the Board of Directors for approval.

17- The General Manager specified that the modifications concern, among others, the increase of 10% of the initial value of the monthly fees and the granting of some days of paid leave. These are essentially retention measures.

18- The Chairman of the Board of Directors raised the question of the sustainability of the proposals made and of obtaining the agreement of MCC.

19- The General Manager assured the Board that MCC had been consulted and that no prior objection had been obtained.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution No. 05.

RESOLUTION No. 05: The Board of Directors approves and adopts, by a majority of its voting members present, the modification of the Contractual Staff Contracts of MCA-Niger Climate Change Resilient Communities (CRC) Project

G- Approval of the Nineteenth Procurement Plan (PP19):

20- Summary of discussions: The Procurement Director of MCA-Niger, in presenting this point, specifies that this is the procurement plan that extends over a period from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 for a total amount of 7,337,176 USD.

21- There are 113 market projects including 77 projects from PP18 and 36 new planned projects.

22- No comments were made by Board members.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution No. 06.

RESOLUTION No. 06: The Board of Directors approves and adopts, by a majority of its voting members present, the nineteenth Procurement Plan (PP19) covering the period from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023

H- Amendment No. 07 to the Contract between MCA-Niger and CARDNO Emerging Markets USA (Supply Agent):

23- Summary of discussions: this Amendment, as noted by the Procurement director of MCA-Niger, concerns not only the recruitment by the Procurement Agent of 2 short-term Consultants given the workload, at the request of MCA-Niger, but also taking into account the integration of CARDNO into the DT GLOBAL group.

24- No comments were made by Board members

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution No. 07.

RESOLUTION No. 07: The Board of Directors approves and adopts, by a majority of its voting members present, Amendment No. 07 to Contract No. ADM/QCBS/2018/12 concluded between MCA-Niger and CARDNO Emerging Markets USA

I- Amendment No. 02 to the Contract concluded between MCA-Niger and BOREALIS:

25- Summary of the discussions: the Procurement Director of MCA-Niger informs the members of the Board that this Amendment specifies the terms of payment and renewal of the license because the prices mentioned in the initial Contract were not quite clear.

26- No comments were made by Board members.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution No. 08.

RESOLUTION No. 08: The Board of Directors approves and adopts, by a majority of its voting members present, Amendment No. 02 to the Contract entered into between MCA-Niger and BOREALIS.

1. OPEN SESSION : For information

J- Update on the resolutions adopted by written consent since the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Board

27- Summary of discussions: The Director of Legal Affairs of MCA-Niger reminded the Board of the various resolutions adopted by home consultation between the last session and the current one. These are the following resolutions:

a. **Special Resolution No. 016/07-2022, bearing the approval** of Amendment No. 06 to Contract No. ADM/QCBS/2018/12 concluded between MCA-Niger and CARDNO Emerging Markets USA for the provision of agent services supply, on July 14, 2022;

b. **Special Resolution No. 017/07-2022, bearing the approval** of Amendment No. 02 to Contract No. CR/PRAPS/3/F.0195/20 concluded between MCA-Niger and the CA 17 / BNIC-SCP group, on July 14, 2022;

c. Special Resolution No. 018/08-2022, bearing the approval of Amendment No. 03 to the Eighteenth Procurement Plan (PP18) covering the period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, from August 19, 2022;

d. Special Resolution No. 019/08-2022 bearing the approval of Amendment No. 03 to Contract No. IR/IPD/3NCS/263/21 concluded between MCA-Niger and the NGO CDR, on August 26, 2022;

e. Special Resolution No. 020/09-2022 bearing the approval of Amendment No. 03 to Contract No. IR/RMA/3/W.0204/20 concluded between MCA-Niger and SOGEA SATOM, on September 15, 2022;

f. Special Resolution No. 021/09-2022 bearing the approval of Amendment No. 05 to Contract No. IR/IPD/1/F.0191/20 concluded between MCA-Niger and AIC PROGETTI, on September 15, 2022;

g. Special Resolution No. 022/09-2022 bearing the approval of Amendment No. 06 to Contract No. CR/2CA/CB/F0217/20, Lot 2 concluded between MCA-Niger and CDR/OSE IL ED YANAHI/ONDERNA Consortium, on September 15, 2022;

h. Special Resolution No. 023/09-2022 bearing the approval of Amendment No. 03 to Contract No. CR/2CA/CB/F0212/20 lot 3 concluded between MCA-Niger and the NGO ADL, on September 15, 2022.

28- The Chairman of the Board proposed this item should be planned at the next Board meeting for a better visibility.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairman moved on to the next item.

K- Communication on the Internal Audit of MCA-Niger:

29- Summary of discussions: The Audit and Compliance Manager MCA-Niger presented a risk map in order of criticality, which will be updated at least once a year. An action plan has been drawn up with all departments, regular monitoring is planned.

30- The priority risks are subdivided into two: project risks and administrative risks.

31- The Project risks, namely: control of the security component, time management, compensation of people affected by the Projects and consideration of gender and social inclusion aspects.

32- The administrative and tax risks, namely: carrying out a regular physical inventory, the effective application of exemptions, the establishment of an effective retention plan for key MCA-Niger personnel, the consideration of significant risks of fraud and corruption.

33- The Managing Director specifies, however, that all measures are taken to ensure that these aspects are mastered. The risks of slippage in the implementation are minimal.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairman moved on to the next item.

L- Activity at risk of non-completion before the Compact closure period.

34- Summary of discussions: The Director General noted the likelihood of application of the clause of the Compact which stipulates that the "government of Niger undertakes to complete all uncompleted projects".

35- All the ongoing projects will be completed. The concerns regarding the risks of non-completion relate to activities for which the studies have been completed, but for which the award of works contracts and the execution of the said works have yet to be carried out. These are the following three (03) projects:

- Rehabilitation of the Tahoua and Maradi Corridors: Borehole works for an amount of USD 1,878,060;
- Construction of 17 Livestock Markets for an amount of 14,270,682 USD;
- Sia-Kouanza irrigated perimeter (SK2.1) for a total amount of USD 6,000,000.

36- He recalls that this represents 100% of the activities that present a risk of non-completion to date. By the end of the Compact, many of these activities will be completed or substantially completed.

37- The Chairman of the Board of Directors asked the following question: what can compromise the achievement of the three (03) projects presented by the General Management of MCA-Niger?

38- The Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister intervenes to raise the issue of time management by the stakeholders in carrying out the activities of the Compact. He thus proposes that all the activities be detailed point by point in order to situate the responsibilities of each other.

39- The Procurement Director of MCA-Niger specified that the contracts are being launched and ensures that the entire process is under control. MCA-Niger ensures that the Contracts are signed with successful Companies and that constant monitoring of the works is ensured by the projects.

40- The Chairman of the Board of Directors, thanking the General Management for this edifying presentation, noted the need to take all the necessary measures both in the selection of the Companies and in the monitoring of their activities so that before the end of the Compact a completion rate of at least 95% can be recorded.

41- The 17th session of the Board of Directors strongly urged MCA-Niger and the public administrations concerned to do everything possible to ensure that these three (03) activities are completed on time

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairman moved on to the next item

M-1 Level of progress of the Irrigation and Market Access Project

a. Irrigation activity:

- Rehabilitation works of the Konni Irrigated Perimeter

42- Summary of discussions: The Irrigation Manager of MCA-Niger presented this point by specifying that in terms of physical works, there is to date an overall completion rate of more than 80% and recalled that the date contractual completion of all the works are scheduled for December 19, 2022.

- 43- The leakage and functionality** tests have been started. The adequate partial provisional acceptance procedure is being designed so that the completed parts of the perimeter (Zone 3: 912 ha out of 2452 ha) can be accepted by the Contracting Authority.
- 44- The Chairman of the Board** proposed that at the 18th session, a video of 5 to 10 minutes should be shown to present the scope.
- 45- The High Commissioner** for the 3N Initiative noted for the needs of the exploitation of the 2400 ha, the need to seek an alternative source of water.
- 46- The Irrigation Infrastructure Manager of MCA-Niger** specified the studies were being carried out in this level by the MCA-Niger management services, taking into account the quality of the water and the feasibility in terms of budget.
- 47- The Secretary General of the Ministry** for the Advancement of Women and Child Protection expressed the wish that an evolutionary presentation of the perimeter be made from the start of the rehabilitation works to date, in order to allow better visibility of the project to the members of the Board.
- 48- In the same context, the Chairman of the Board of Directors** proposed that an extraordinary session should be organized on the site after the acceptance of the irrigated perimeter of Konni.
- 49- The Representative of Women's Civil Society Organizations** asked that the data in terms of beneficiaries should be presented in such a way as to distinguish the gender aspect and social inclusion, because women face many obstacles with regard to employment access to land.
- 50- The Gender and Social Inclusion Manager of MCA-Niger** took good note and will present this point at the next session of the Board of Directors.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairman moved on to the next item

- Irrigation in the Lower Terrace of Sia-Kouanza:

- 51- Summary of discussions:** As previously noted with regard to the Sia-Kouanza 2 activity, the General Management of MCA-Niger recalls that we are at the recruitment phase of the company which will be responsible for the execution of the works.
- 52- The Chairman of the Board** again requested that all means should be used to complete these new activities within the timeframe of the Compact.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the President moved on to the next item.

b. Roads activity: Rehabilitation of the RN7 (Dosso-Bella 2) and the RN35 (Margou-Gaya) and the RRS (Guitodo-Sambéra);

- 53- Summary of discussions:** After presentation of a video of the visit to the road rehabilitation site by MCA-Niger, it was specified to the members of the Council that the works will be

completed within the time allowed and that the roads will be functional as soon as the first quarter of 2023.

54- The Chairman of the Board, following this presentation, did not fail to show his satisfaction and congratulated the General Management of MCA-Niger for the work done.

55- The Road Manager of MCA-Niger nevertheless noted the risk of non-execution of the rest of the work by the Contractor SOGEA-SATOM due to his complaints relating to the effects of Covid19.

56- The Chairman of the Board urges all the actors to find a favorable outcome under the best conditions so that the work can be completed.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the President moved on to the next item.

c. Reforms (Fertilizer Sector; Water Authority): :

- Fertilizer Sector

57- Summary of discussions: access for producers to subsidized fertilizer through the second phase of the targeted subsidy program concerns 22,480 registered producers, including 11,801 beneficiaries who have paid their contribution. Each of its 11,801 beneficiaries received 4 bags of fertilizer from distributors for an amount of 40,000 FCFA (i.e. 10,000 FCFA/50 kg bag).

58- The Resident Country Director of MCC in Niger expresses her great satisfaction as well as that of MCC on the question of Reform of the Fertilizer sector and at the same time thanks the government for the support in the negotiations for the effective implementation of the Reform

59- The Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture also notes that the reform has become a reality and that all the links enabling the effective implementation of this reform have been put in place. Thanks to these subsidies, fertilizers sold at 35,000 FCFA are now sold to the vulnerable populations at 10,000 FCFA.

60- He further specifies that the Government is in the process of implementing a targeted subsidy for rainfed and irrigated production, the price of fertilizers has been revised downwards. About 7,000 tons of fertilizer will be subsidized, not to mention the 24,000 liters of liquid fertilizer that have been acquired from the national budget. Added to this is the support in terms of the acquisition of fertilizers from the AfDB project to help the populations affected by the Ukrainian crisis.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the President moved on to the next item.

- Niger Groundwater Resources Management Authority (ARSENI):

61- Summary of discussions: The Resident Country Director of MCC in Niger again expressed her satisfaction for the support of the Government in the implementation of the Reform of the Water Authority in order to manage this precious resource of Niger.

- 62- The Chairman of the Board** specified that the Water Authority was formally established by decree and the Office of the Prime Minister piloted the establishment of this high Authority. Thus, he suggested a meeting should be organized by the Director General to analyze the aspects of the effective establishment of this Authority to make the structure operational in the following months.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the President moved on to the next item.

M-2. Level of progress of the Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) Project:

a. PRAPS (Regional Support Project for Pastoralism in the Sahel)

- 63- Summary of discussions:** With regard to the Animal Health Components, we note the establishment of a Livestock Security Fund (FOSEL) by the adoption of the Decree of January 29, 2021 amending and supplementing the 2010 Ordinance -034 of June 04, 2010. On September 14, 2022, the Council of Ministers adopted the draft decree adopting the manual of procedures determining the general conditions of intervention as well as the organization and operation of the Livestock Security Fund (FOSEL). MCA-Niger will thus proceed with the recruitment of a Consultant for the completion of the remaining deliverables consisting in carrying out a campaign to popularize this reform.
- 64- Concerning the Animal Resources Management component,** we note the preparation of pastoral development plans along the transhumance corridors in the 4 regions of intervention of the Compact (Tillabéry, Dosso, Tahoua and Maradi).
- 65- For its degraded pastoral land recovery** activities, the project records particularly satisfactory rates, around 80%, more than the recovery target set.
- 66- Provision is made for the Market Access Facilitation Component (Cattle Markets):** Construction and/or rehabilitation of 17 cattle markets in the regions of Dosso, Maradi, Tahoua and Tillabéry. On this date, the studies for the design of the said markets are completed. The Tender Documents prepared and sent to MCC for approval. It should however be noted that for security reasons, the Tender Document will not take into account the market of Torodi
- 67-** No comments were made by Board members.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the President moved on to the next item.

b. CRA (Climate Resilient Agriculture):

- 68- Summary of discussions:** For the Natural Resources Management and Small Irrigation component, we note the development of 16 Investment Plans in 16 Communes of the 4 regions of the Compact. The Compact has retained the activity of recovering degraded land. The objective is to recover more than 70,000 hectares of degraded land in order to improve agricultural and pastoral productivity. Activities started in March 2021. At the current stage, around 64,000 ha of degraded land have been recovered and/or developed, i.e. 91% completion.

- 69- Still within the framework of the small irrigation CRA activity**, the process of recruiting contractors for the works of the 9 irrigated perimeters is being finalized.
- 70- The Grant Facility component managed** by USADF endowed with \$7.5 million and provided capital and more management capacity to small agribusinesses in 16 Communes.
- 71- With regard to achievements, 86** files were financed for a total amount of 7,410,473 USD (+5 billion FCFA) of which 5,394,766 USD (+3.6 billion FCFA) were disbursed, i.e. a rate of 72.8%.
- 72-** These 86 files financed break down as follows: 11 companies, 5 youth groups, 36 women's groups, and 34 cooperatives.
- 73- The Chairman of the Board** took due note of this presentation.

i. Closing :

- 74- The Chairman of the Board** closed the session by thanking the Managing Director of MCA-Niger and his collaborators for the good organization of this session.

The chairperson terminates the meeting at 1: 00 PM

SIGNED :

FOR MCA-Niger	
M. Mamane M. ANNOU Secretary	M. Ibrahim SANI ABANI Chairperson