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## Regional West Africa Wildland Fire Network Regional Fire Management Resource Center – West Africa (RWAFCMRC)



### The West Africa Regional Network

The Regional West Africa Wildland Fire Network and Regional Western Africa Fire Management Resource Center (RWAFCMRC) are part of the Global Wildland Fire Network (GWFN). RWAFCMRC was set up in 2021 to contribute to the objectives of GWFN.



Fire use in farming



Wildfire in savanna of Ghana

#### Major Landscape Fire Issues in West Africa

- Lack of systems for forecasting fire occurrence in most countries in the sub region.
- Weak preparedness for wildfire suppression towards annual fire season in most countries in the subregion.
- Low interest in cross boundary cooperation in fire management..
- Lack of mechanism for sustaining incentives for community fire management.

#### Activities implemented

- Development of fire prevention materials for raising awareness
- Training of local communities in prescribed burning



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#### Regional Network Activities

- Regional Western Africa Fire Management Resource Center was established and is being hosted by the Forestry Research Institute of Ghana of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR-FORIG)

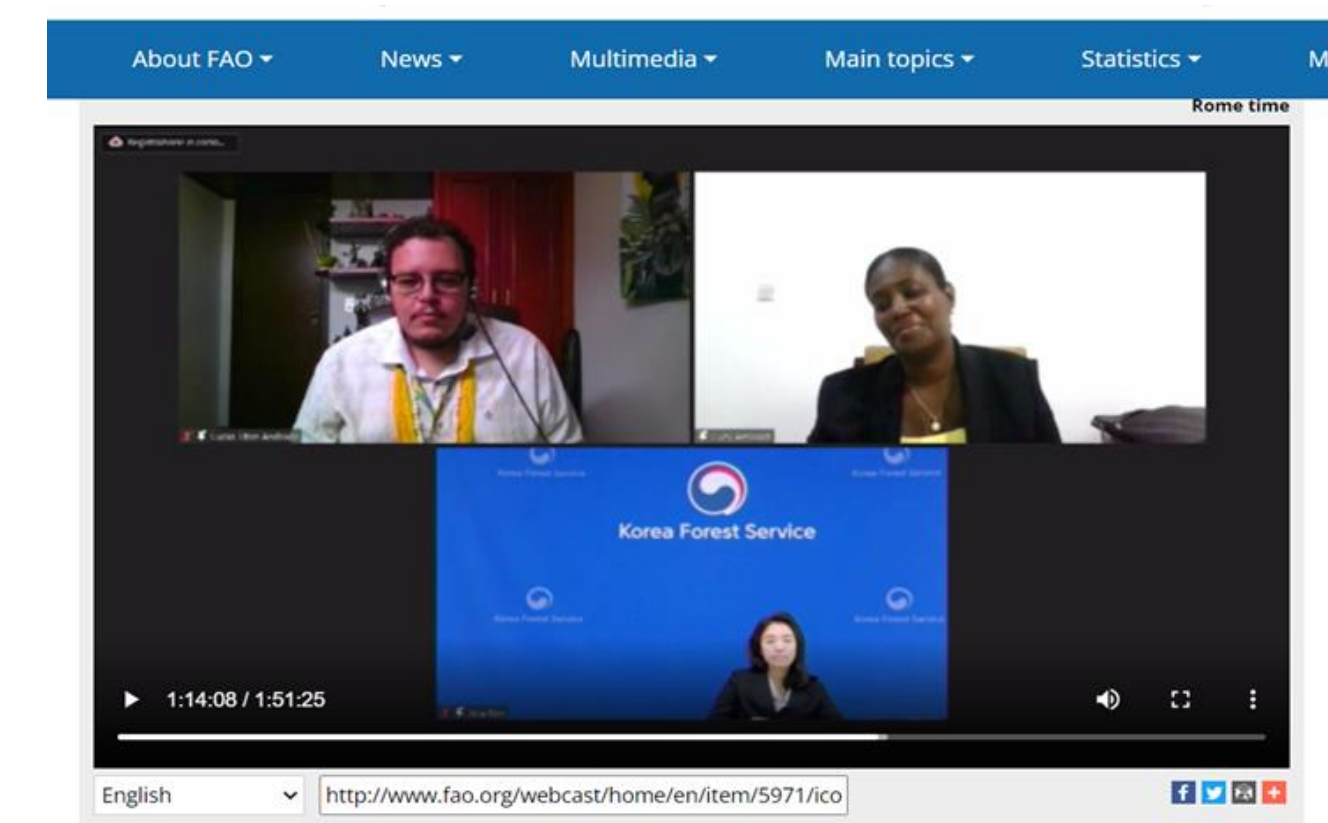
- Consultation with expert in different sectors aimed at generating awareness and fostering cooperation among decision-makers of some agencies regarding the importance of fire management at landscape level was organized.



- Collaboration with East Africa Regional Fire Management Resource Center (RFMRC-EA) to review the wildfire geoportal [www.rfmrc-ea.org](http://www.rfmrc-ea.org)

#### Special events

- Participation in panel discussion of FAO side event on the topic “Working Together to Manage Fires for Climate and People” at the Fire Ecology Across Boundaries: Connecting Science and Management conference held at Florence, Italy.



Multi-stakeholder corporation for fire prevention education in Ghana

#### Future steps

- Formation and Inauguration of steering committee for the newly established Regional Fire Management Resource Centre
- Regional meeting on policy dialogue on integrated fire management.