Members of the project to strengthen resilience against food insecurity and in the agricultural productivity improvement program of small farmers in Sub Saharan Africa were at Bamako International Conference Centre on 07/05. A ceremony was chaired by the Commissioner for Food Security M.Nango Dembélé.

This ceremony was attended by the representative of the Minister for Rural Development, Economy and Finance, and the representative of the Islamic Development Bank.

Agricultural productivity of family farms in the heart of rural development is an opportunity for improvement of agricultural productivity of vulnerable family farms.

Both these projects help sustain livelihoods of rural people, develop the capacity to adapt to climate change in vulnerable rural populations, to help national and regional policy makers to have information needed to prevent and manage food crises.

The IDB representative in his speech stressed that this event falls within the framework of the implementation of the decision taken by the Government of Mali to revitalize the agricultural sector by a second generation of agriculture with particular attention to small agricultural operator and that of strengthening the resilience of vulnerable populations should adapt their activities and production systems to guard against damage caused by the adverse effects of climate change.

The overall objective is the substantial increase in incomes of the small peasant contributing significantly to increasing the productivity of production systems in rainfed and irrigated conditions, operated by small farmers.

Furthermore he emphasized that we can better respond to economic and social crisis by putting in place the conditions for sustainable and structural development, which involves strengthening the agricultural sector by a new type of agriculture within reach the rural world.

Nango Dembélé say that PFIC PRIA AND MALI are programs created at the initiative of the IDB for the support to all member countries affected by the global food crisis in 2008 and 2009 to help them cope with both the needs immediate pressing, but in the long term. The specific objective of these programs is to make them less vulnerable farmers and herders.