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Preface

The West Africa Animal Traction Network aims to foster the use of animal power for agricultural development in the region and endeavours to ensure efficient exchange of information between its members in West Africa and also with related organizations elsewhere in the world. It is therefore important to acquaint interested individuals, organizations and countries with relevant and up-to-date information on animal traction. One of the ways in which information on animal traction can be gathered and exchanged is through conferences, seminars and workshops. To date, two regional workshops have been held under the auspices of the West Africa Animal Traction Network, and this present volume relates to the second of these.

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