"*Today we are proud, for we have managed to sit in front of a computer. We have braved our fears and we have succeeded. We have demystified this tool, which we thought was mainly reserved for intellectuals* ." There was a feeling of overwhelming pride at the close of the training workshop held from 27 April to 8 May 2009 in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso). Attending the sessions were 26 rural women who gathered from Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali and Niger to master the main tools offered by Web 2.0.

The workshop, funded by CTA, was aimed at members of the Union of Rural Women of West Africa and Chad (or *Union des Femmes Rurales Ouest Africaines et du Tchad* (UFROAT)). As well as basic handling of text and photos, participants learned how to send emails, create and maintain a blog, chat online and use Skype and discussion groups. One lady taking part, from Togo, said she was happy that she would now be able to "communicate with my female colleagues (ed note: from UFROAT) without having to travel, no matter how great the distance." Another advantage was that "thanks to ICTs, we are going to improve our image in our countries and communities - no one will be more surprised than our husbands and children."

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