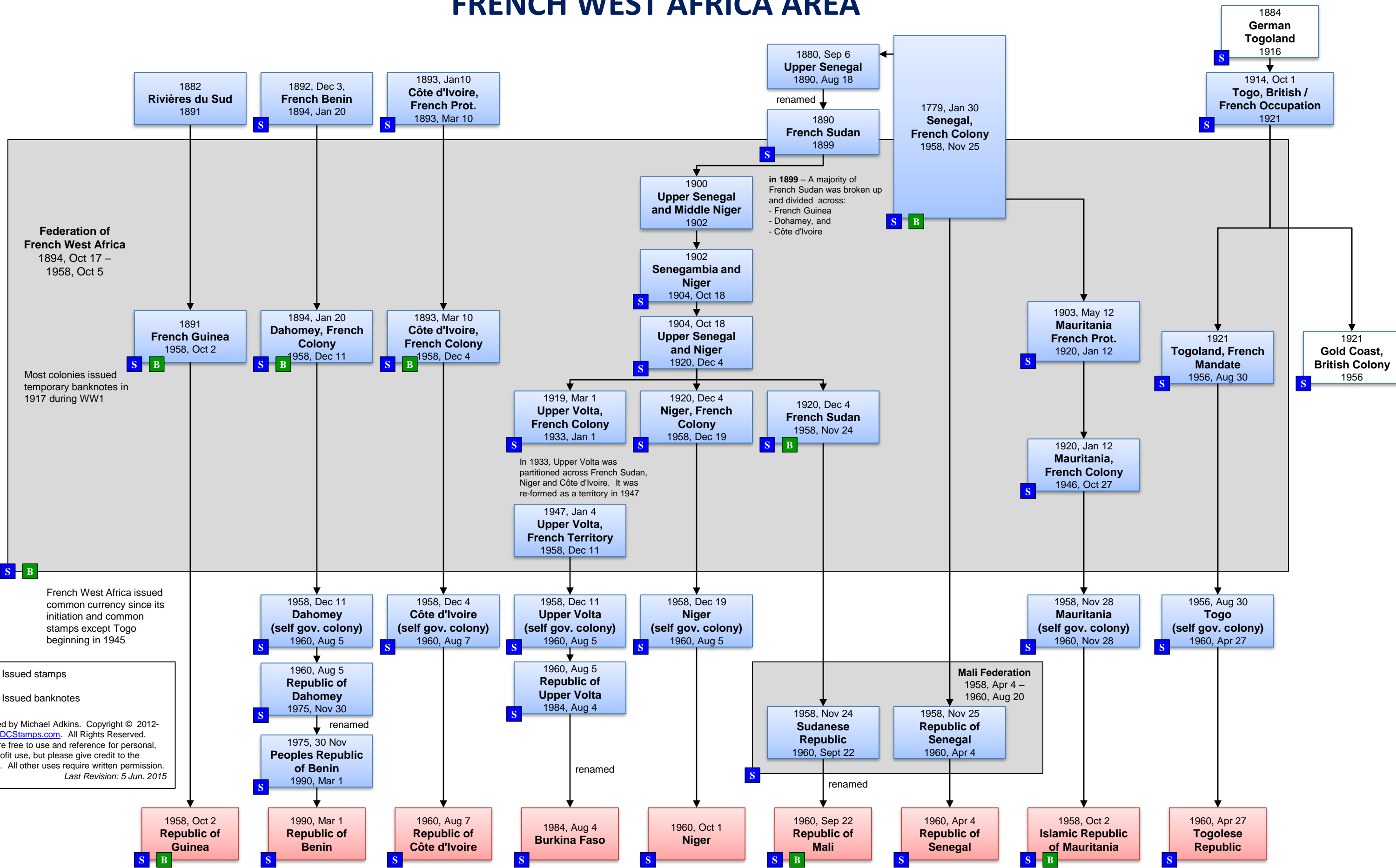


REGIONAL TRANSITIONS

FRENCH WEST AFRICA AREA



Most colonies issued temporary banknotes in 1917 during WW1

French West Africa issued common currency since its initiation and common stamps except Togo beginning in 1945

S Issued stamps
B Issued banknotes

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B All states except Guinea belong to the West African *Communauté Financière d'Afrique* (CFA) and use West African CFA francs:

- Mali left the CFA between 1962-1984 and issued its own notes
- Mauritania left the CFA in 1972 and currently issues its own notes
- Guinea-Bissau joined the CFA in 1997