

An African response to Desertification,  
Land Degradation, drought, Climate  
Change and loss of biodiversity and  
**Livelihoods**

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# The Great Green Wall supported by EU and FAO

## Main characteristics and features:

- Landscape approach
- Multi-stakeholder participation in its planning and implementation

**In need:** Well-thought strategies + Implementation plans  
With relevant stakeholders



# African Union Commission programme

- Two AUC projects are complementary and implemented in synergy by FAO:
  1. Funded under the FAO Technical Cooperation Program (TCP)– with 5 partner countries (**Chad, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Mali, Niger**) – (Nov 2010-Dec 2012)
  2. Co-funded by the EU, GM-UNCCD and FAO– with 8 partner countries (**Algeria, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Gambia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan**) – (March 2011-August 2013)
- Partners include, among others: Pan-African Agency of the GGW, the African RECs and their technical arms (CILSS & OSS), International and African organizations and UN bodies



# Overview of the expected results from the 2 projects

- A harmonized regional strategy for the GGWSSI
- Detailed implementation plans for 13 countries and Project portfolios at country level & at least 3 cross-border projects
- A Partnership and resource mobilization platform
- A capacity development strategy and action plan
- A learning & Networking platform for enhancing knowledge sharing, technology transfer, best practices
- A communication strategy and action plan



# **III. Where do we stand now: in achieving the expected results**

# 1. Harmonized regional strategy

## Why needed?

- Many scattered initiatives from different institutions (not well coordinated)
- Need to look at the same direction
- Agree on a set of common principles and objectives – enhance collaboration and synergies

## Process

- Strategy finalized and validated with partner countries and institutions (expert validation workshop, April 2012, Gambia);
- Strategy adopted by AMCEN in Arusha Tanzania at its 14<sup>th</sup> session.

## 2. Countries' action/ implementation plans

### Ten countries have their action plans finalized

- Senegal and Eritrea have developed their plans on their own resources
- Burkina Faso, Chad, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gambia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria (validated)

### Four countries are in the process of formulation of their plans

- Sudan, Algeria, Egypt, Mauritania



### 3. Trans-boundary and country projects

- **Burkina Faso-Niger:** Municipalities of Dori and Tillabery  
“Support to trans-boundary local authorities of the LIPTAKO-GOURMA for the implementation of the GGW »;
- **Nigeria-Niger:** Integrated trans-boundary and shared Ecosystem management between Niger and Nigeria
- **Gambia -Senegal:** Participation of local authorities in integrated watershed management (restoration of socio-economic and environmental functions)
- **Senegal:** Ecotourism and management of communal protected areas
- **Algeria-Mauritania-Mali-Niger :** Camels transhumance
- **Sudan-Ethiopia:** Sustainable Watershed Management for Improvement of Livelihoods in Sudan & Ethiopia
- **Egypt-Sudan:** Integrated ecosystem rehabilitation of trans-boundary area between Egypt and Sudan (Darb El Arba'ine).



# 4. Capacity development

## Capacity development priority actions

- Under identification by an international consultant.

## Development of Resources mobilization strategies (led by GM-UNCCD):

- One training workshop for francophone : Algeria, March 2012
- One training workshop for anglophone: Gambia, July 2012

## Monitoring and evaluation (led by FAO with CILSS/Aghrymet)

- Training on the use of GIS monitoring and evaluation tools (LADA, Land Use land cover, etc) in Niger, May 2012

## **5. Great Green Wall partnership platform**

A concept note for one single platform that serves for resources mobilization, knowledge management and best practices sharing and GGWSSI visibility was recently discussed. Different stakeholders are ready to support such a platform to be hosted by the AUC or the PAGGW or by other African institutions. Participating agencies and institutions include: CILSS, OSS, IUCN, FAO, EU, the GM/UNCCD, WB/GEF, MDG Center

# **III. The Way forward**

# The way ahead: in a nutshell

- Finalizing the preparation of the **GGWSSI action plans**
- GGWSSI national action plans which provide **basis for all stakeholders and financial and technical partners** to support the GGWSSI implementation at national level
- Preparation of **a project portfolios** (at national , trans-boundary levels) and resource mobilization for their implementation
- The formulation of the **Capacity development strategy and 5-year action plan** in support to the GGWSSI implementation
- The development of an **umbrella GGWSSI platform:** partnerships, knowledge /best practices sharing, monitoring and evaluation, resources mobilization, communication and visibility
- Improving the coordination and the institutional governance of the Initiative.



**Thank You**