



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GREAT GREEN WALL FOR
THE SAHARA AND THE SAHEL INITIATIVE



Capacity development

Why?

Prevalence of a sectorial approach in Great Green Wall countries versus the need for an integrated and global one in order to eliminate constraints to sustainable development.

Challenges facing stakeholders of the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative in this area are:

- Coordination on different levels: local, national and intersectoral
- Communication and access to information
- Governments' commitment
- Institutional continuity
- Depoliticization of decision-making

These challenges call for crucial changes in the culture of public institutions as well as local organizations (enabling environment), in the behavior of stakeholders (individual and organizational capacities).

Goals

- Strengthen the technical and scientific expertise of stakeholders involved in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Great Green Wall action plans and projects
- Enhance cross-sector and multi-stakeholder coordination at the local, national and regional levels
- Improve the policy and legal framework as well as resource mobilization at all levels

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Expected Results

- Actions of the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative are integrated into local development plans and relevant local authorities' budgets
- Cross-border connections and cooperation fostered between local governments in Great Green Wall countries, for the management of shared ecosystems and natural resources
- Support structures for end-users help harmonize their intervention patterns, sharing resources and speaking with a unified voice in terms of sustainable management, restoration and optimization of agroforestry and pastoral landscapes in intervention areas
- Capitalization and adoption of sustainable land management practices and technologies at the national level and use by local communities and stakeholders (particularly producers groups and natural resources users, women, youth and civil society organizations), as part of local/national development plans implementation
- Better knowledge of biophysical and socio-economic factors and their interactions in affected zones, which helps improve the decision-making process
- Scientific and technological networks and institutions in the field of desertification, land degradation and drought provide their support to the implementation of the Great Green Wall Initiative
- Great Green Wall Initiative coordination structures are strengthened, thus maximizing regional and multisectoral coordination efforts
- An enabling policy and legal environment as well as financial resources mobilized at the national, bilateral and multilateral levels, in order to increase their impact and efficiency in support to the implementation of the Initiative