

Some elements and key messages

Wrap-up

Communities with Technical staff work hand in hand

- Communities at the heart of the action and decision
- Ownership and accountability of local communities
- Create awareness of farmers and local authorities
- Right specie in the right place at the right time:
Community consultation first!
- Supply quality material / seeds for restoration : role of
tree seed centres to train communities in seed
collecting and handling
- Participation of local communities in the monitoring
and evaluation from the start

Techniques

- Global guidelines for the restoration of degraded forests and landscapes in drylands
- Water Harvesting & mobilization of water resources for the GGW (i.e half moon techniques)
- Protection (fencing, not fencing, community management, etc)
- Quality seed/ certified Seeds – Seed Centers
- Careful in the use of exotics (*Prosopis Juliflora*, etc)
- Diversity of multi-purpose native species
- Management of restored area
- Assisted natural regeneration as cost-effective strategy when possible
- Address causes of degradation
- From seed to end product!
- Market analysis and development approach

Capacity development

- Villages nurseries and village network of seed collectors
- Sand dune fixation
- Non wood forest products community based enterprises
- Exchange visits among GGW communities
- Monitoring (baseline and tracking changes)
- NGARA – ECOWAS-GGW/AAD

Monitoring and evaluation

- Data collection and research
- M&E at every step
- GGW restoration/ species database
- Mapping (biophysical and socioeconomic)
- Collect Earth
- FAO restoration monitoring and reporting tool
- Harmonized monitoring (with Aghrymet)

Resource mobilization

- More resources are needed ...opportunities exist
- Africa Special Hub for the Great Green Wall at the AUC and supported by FAO and GM-UNCCD
- The ECOWAS Forestry convergence plan
- NGARA / GGW /FAO : project concept with ECOWAS (EDF 11)
- MSB/ KEW