

Support to the implementation of the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative (GGWSSI)

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The Great Green Wall of the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative: An initiative of the African Union

- ❖ **High level endorsement** by the African Heads of States and Governments in 2007
- ❖ Involves 20 countries from the circum-Saharan region
- ❖ **African partnership** supported by the international community to:
 - **mitigate and reverse** the trends of land degradation (water, soil and vegetation); and
 - **improve the resilience** of local communities and their natural habitat to climate change.
- ❖ Concept evolved from a physical barrier of trees to a **programming tool for Sustainable Land Management** in arid zones taking into account the social, economic and environmental aspects in a coherent fashion.



AU Projects on the GGWSSI

- ❖ AU has 2 on-going projects covering 13 countries of the GGWSSI
 - FAO-TCP (Technical Cooperation Programme)
 - European Union, FAO and the Global Mechanism of the UNCCD

❖ **Steering Committee** established in September 2011 in Ethiopia

Chair: African Union Commission

Co-chair: PanAfrican Agency of the GGW

Members: 13 countries, ECOWAS, IGAD, AMU, PAFO

Observers: EU, FAO, GM, WB

Technical Partners: CILSS, OSS, WOCAT, MDG Center, ICRAF, AFF.



Main Activities of the GGWSSI AU Projects

National level

- ❖ Detailed implementation plans for 13 countries in circum-Saharan Africa and a project portfolio;

(Sub)regional level

- ❖ Cross-border projects (3);

Cross-cutting/horizontal

- ❖ Harmonized regional strategy for the GGWSSI;
- ❖ An African Union GGWSSI Platform that includes:
 - A Partnership and resource mobilization platform;
 - A learning & Networking platform for enhancing knowledge sharing, technology transfer and best practices on SLM;
- ❖ Capacity development strategy and programme;
- ❖ A communication & outreach strategy with action plan.

Regional Harmonized strategy for the GGWSSI

- ❖ Draft discussed in Banjul, The Gambia during the Expert Meeting to validate the Regional Harmonized Strategy for the implementation of the GGWSSI, 19-21 April 2012
- ❖ **Main Strategic thrusts of the Strategy:**
 - Strengthen, complement, coordinate, harmonize, focus**
 - The GGWSSI is aligned with the **UNCCD Ten-Year Strategic Plan and Framework**
 - The GGWSSI is an opportunity to **boost the synergistic implementation** of the Rio Conventions in arid zones;
 - The GGWSSI is a **mosaic of integrated interventions tackling multi-sectoral issues** affecting the livelihoods of local communities in the Sahelo-Saharan region in Africa, targeting:
 - Sustainable management and restoration of ecosystems and related natural resources (forests, rangelands, water, etc..)
 - Sustainability of rural production systems (agriculture, forestry, etc.)
 - Rural production infrastructure development and market access;
 - Diversification of income- generating activities ;
 - Promotion of youth and women's participation.

Regional Harmonized strategy for the GGWSSI

- The GGWSSI implementation approach needs to be both **participative and integrated** (involvement of local communities, CSOs, technical and financial partners, etc..) from project identification to implementation to monitoring and evaluation;
- Requires continued interaction and dialogue between Rio Convention Focal Points and GGWSSI Focal Points;
- The priorities of the GGWSSI need to derive from national priorities identified under the different plans and programmes such as: CAADP (Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme), UNCCD NAPs , SLM CSIFs (Country Strategic Investment Frameworks for Sustainable Land Management), National development plans, PRSPs (Poverty-Reduction Strategy Papers), etc...

Achievements so far...

National Strategies and Action Plans

- Prepared and validated:
 - Djibouti (with UNEP support),
 - Senegal (based on national resources),
 - Niger
 - Chad
 - Ethiopia
 - Gambia
- Prepared:
 - Mali
 - Burkina Faso
- 5 Action Plans under development (Algeria, Sudan, Egypt, Nigeria, Mauritania)



Capacity development for the implementation of the GGWSSI

Capacity Development Strategy and Action Plan :

- Contacts between FAO with APEFE (Association for the Promotion of Education and Training abroad of the Walloon region of Belgium), and the MDG Center for WCA for capacity need assessment and formulation of the capacity development strategy and programme

Capacity development on resource mobilization :

- One capacity-enhancement workshop already organized by the GM of the UNCCD in M'sila - Algeria, April 2012 (French-speaking countries)
- A second one planned in The Gambia, 9-13 July 2012 (English-speaking countries)

Capacity development for monitoring and evaluation (M&E):

- Training held with FAO, CILSS/Aghrymet on identification of priority areas of intervention for the GGWSSI using GIS tools (LADA, Land Use land cover, etc) in Niger, May 2012

Identified Multi-Country Project Ideas

Cross-border or common interest projects

- **Niger- Nigeria** by ECOWAS and CILSS (NRM)
- **Niger-Mali- Burkina Faso** by CILSS and local authorities of the 3 countries (decentralized cooperation on restoration of degraded lands)
- **Algeria-Niger-Mali-Mauritania** by Algeria (pastoralism)
- **Egypt-Sudan- Ethiopia** by Egypt on Nile Basin (combating desertification and land degradation on the Nile fringes)

The AU GGWSSI Platform: a unique platform specifically dedicated to the GGWSSI

❖ A community of partners all committed to the successful implementation of the GGWSSI meeting on a regular basis to discuss different topics of interest;

❖ A specific web-based tool to support the community of partners in their work-

Platform with two main components:

1. To support the development of innovative approaches to resource mobilisation : ***The SLM –Finance tool : a partnership and resource mobilization platform*** (led by the GM of the UNCCD)
2. To support the use of adequate scientific and technical approaches when implementing the GGWSSI: ***a knowledge management platform*** (under development and led by OSS, CILSS and FAO)

Why a partnership and resource mobilisation Platform for the GGWSSI?

Observations

- Available resources are limited: develop efficient strategies that increase resources but also optimize existing ones
- Innovative approaches to financing to be coupled with internal sources of financing

Pre-requisites

- Capacity-building, knowledge of the different mechanisms and partners, advocacy (making the case), etc.
- Studies: an opportunity to raise awareness amongst actors and build partnerships
- Knowledge sharing on existing opportunities and best practices is necessary
- Harmonization of the different partner's activities to optimize success

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A Participative and Dynamic Platform

A collaborative tool for all GGWSSI stakeholders to conceptualize, discuss, exchange and engage partners to facilitate the successful implementation of the GGWSSI

- **Knowledge management.** Generation & sharing of knowledge and methodological tools to identify and access innovative financing sources and mechanisms for SLM (knowledge sharing workshops, publications and GM websites/portals)
- **Networking and partnership building.** promotion of an enabling environment for the mobilization of innovative resources by strengthening the establishment of a network of international and regional institutions and facilitating partnerships.



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Bienvenue sur la plateforme sur le financement de la Gestion Durable des Terres.

Cette plateforme est un outil d'échange de connaissances et de formation participatif et dynamique pour les acteurs du développement durable et de l'environnement. Cet outil soutient le montage de partenariat pour la mobilisation de ressources pour les projets liés à la Gestion Durable des Terres. Rejoignez la communauté pour partager votre expérience, faire circuler l'information, communiquer avec d'autres acteurs et monter des partenariats efficaces pour la mise en œuvre de la Convention des Nations Unies pour la Lutte Contre la Désertification.



PUBLICATIONS

AFRIQUE & GMV

- Grande Muraille Verte & Transfert de technologies : Potentiel et pré-requis 31/03 [MORE](#) →
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Actualités

- Grande Muraille Verte** 31/03
Echanger sur les stratégies de mobilisation de ressources, M'Sila (Algérie)
- Conférence** 31/03
13ème Conférence Annuelle Caribéenne du Tourisme Durable
- Briefing** 31/03
Petites Economies Insulaires, Vulnérabilités et Opportunités
- Atelier** 31/03
Valoriser le patrimoine rural Algérien

Groupes de travail actifs en ce moment

- **One UN** → in support of the GGW
- **Coopération Sud-Sud** : Ligue Arabe et pays africains
- **Mécanisme de marché pour soutenir la GDT** : Partageons nos expériences !
- **Créer un groupe de travail** ?

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Objectives of the GGWSSI Partnership and Resource Mobilisation Platform

Objectives:

- **Increase** available resources
- **Diversify** financing resources
- **Complement** traditional sources of financing
- **Optimise** impact of ODA

What is an innovative approach to financing?

- Innovative sources and mechanisms of funding are **non-traditional** modes of financing (i.e. beyond ODA and Government budget)
- Innovative funding includes resources from **internal, external, private** or **public** sources
- Innovative funding can be mobilized through a set of **financial mechanisms and instruments**

Sources et mécanismes Sources and Mechanisms	Descriptions	Exemples/ Examples	
Acteurs et institutions Actors and Institutions	Sources de financement novatrices potentielles. Celles-ci peuvent fournir des financements ou des investissements pour les activités de la GDT. <i>Potential innovative sources of funding. These can provide finance for, or investments into, SLM activities.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fondations philanthropiques - Secteur privé - Organisations de la société civile - Donateurs émergents - Gouvernements locaux (coopération décentralisée) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Philanthropic foundations - Private sector - Civil society organisations - Emerging donors - Local governments (decentralised cooperation)
2. Points d'entrée thématique Thematic entry points	Processus et secteurs importants liés à l'UNCCD/GDT qui peuvent mobiliser des financements pour la mise en œuvre de l'UNCCD en synergie avec d'autres instruments. <i>Important processes and sectors with links to UNCCD/ SLM that can provide synergistic financing and implementation of UNCCD.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changement climatique - Commerce - Développement rural et réduction de la pauvreté - Sécurité alimentaire et agriculture - Conservation de la biodiversité - Eau et forêt - Coopération sud-sud - Autonomisation des femmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate change - Trade - Rural development & poverty reduction - Food security and agriculture - Biodiversity conservation - Water & forest - South-South cooperation - Gender & women's empowerment

<p>3. Mécanismes incitatifs basés sur les lois du marché</p> <p>Incentive and market based mechanisms</p>	<p>Ces mécanismes fournissent des incitations économiques pour des activités de GDT ; ils consistent à transférer des ressources financières de ceux qui veulent payer pour un service environnemental (par exemple secteur privé ou public) vers ceux qui veulent le fournir (par exemple les exploitants agricoles).</p> <p>These mechanisms are providing economic incentives for SLM practices by transferring financial resources from those willing to pay for the environmental service (e.g. public or private sector), to those willing to provide it (e.g. land users).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outils fiscaux (exemple : taxes et subventions) - Commercialisation des réductions des émissions - Achat de droits d'aménagement - Paiement pour des services environnementaux - Certification et labellisation écologique 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fiscal instruments (e.g. taxes and subsidies) - Trading of emission reductions - Purchase of development rights - Payment for environmental services) - Certification & eco-labelling
<p>4. Mécanismes basés sur l'investissement</p> <p>Investment based mechanisms</p>	<p>Mécanismes fournissant un financement pour la mise en œuvre de l'UNCCD et des activités de GDT à travers des crédits ou de l'épargne.</p> <p>Mechanisms providing funding for UNCCD implementation and SLM activities through credit or savings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Micro financement - Fonds environnementaux - Bons en performances environnementales - Fonds pour capital-risque écologique 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Microfinance - Environmental funds - Environmental performance bonds - Green venture capital funds

SLM-Finance

- An up-to-date inventory of **partners** for the GGWSSI (institutions, funds, foundations, etc..)
- **Best practices**, lessons learned from innovative financing schemes from other countries
- Opportunities to share your experience: case studies, virtual working spaces to engage partners and design your projects
- Relevant information and e-learning to develop your own **integrated financing strategy** to mobilise resources for your projects
- All you need to know about the **GGWSSI** (implementation status on project implementation, lessons learned from past green belts, etc...)



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Thank you

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