



## Action Against Desertification

in support of the implementation of the Great Green Wall for the  
Sahara and the Sahel Initiative, UNCCD  
&  
south-south cooperation in ACP countries

## Overview and Update

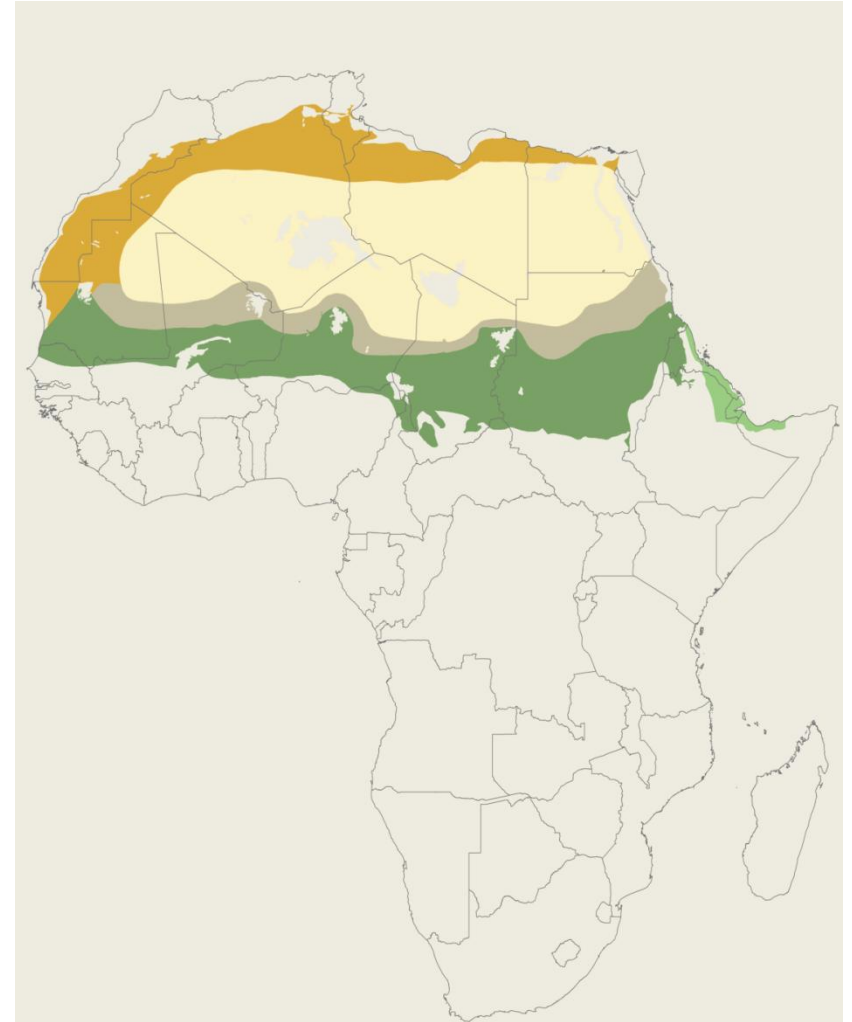
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# The Africa Great Green Wall (GGW)

- Country ownership and leadership
- African Union Commission endorsement (AUC) in 2007
- Drylands' development issues
- Resilience of human & natural systems
- Long-term solutions to desertification, land degradation, drought, climate change & biodiversity loss



# The Africa Great Green Wall (GGW)

- A people-centred approach to land management that seeks to capitalize on the dynamic linkages in the landscape between human and natural systems – ***Mosaic of Sustainable Land Management***



## ACP, EU and FAO expand the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative



**Origin:** AUC-FAO projects funded by EU and FAO in 13 countries for putting in place an enabling environment for GGWSSI implementation (2011-2013)

- Regional harmonized Strategy
- Communication Strategy & Action Plan
- Capacity Development Strategy & Action Plan
- **GGWSSI National Action Plans** and projects (National and sub-regional levels)







## Overall Objective of AAD

Contribute to (i) Poverty alleviation; (ii) ending hunger; (iii) improving resilience to Climate change using Landscape approach







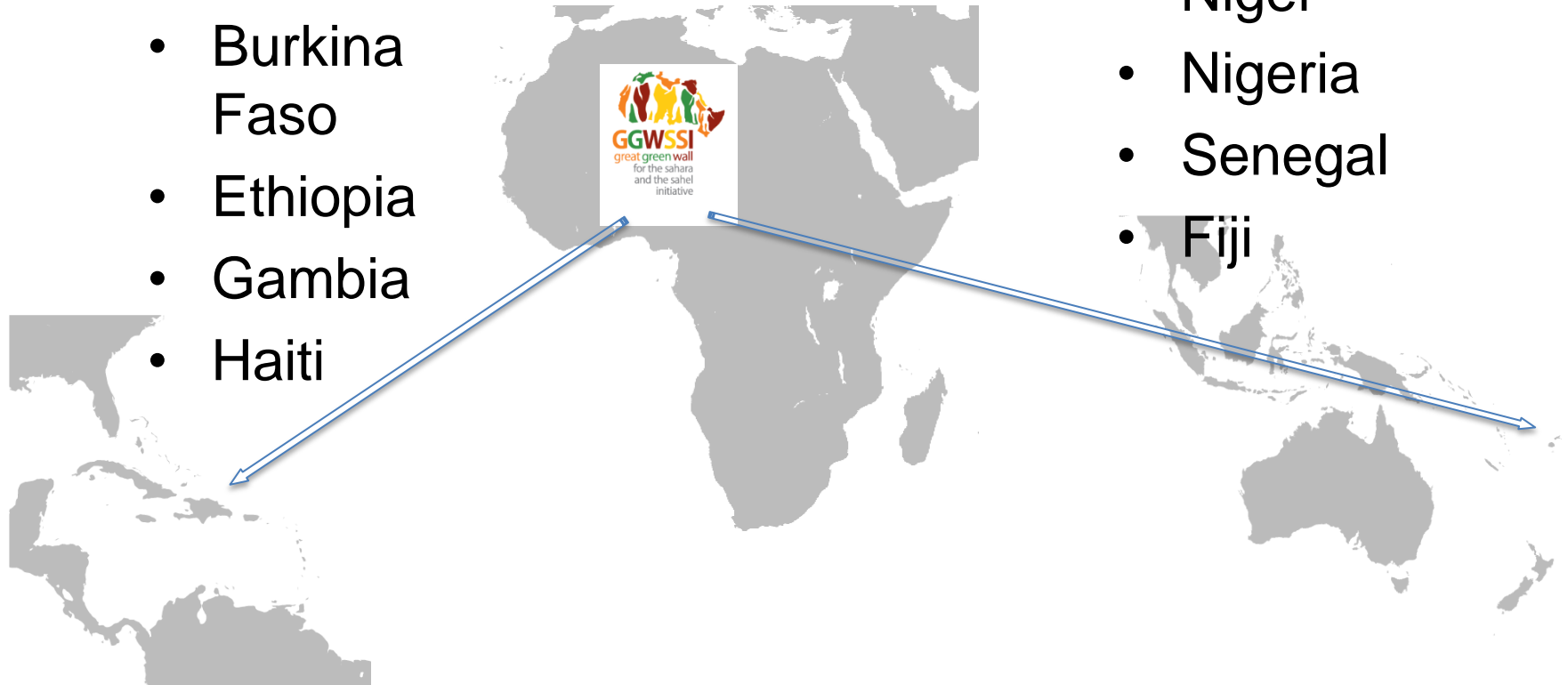
## Specific Objective

**Improve the condition and productivity of landscapes including forests, agriculture, agroforestry and pastoral systems**



# Scope of AAD

- Burkina Faso
- Ethiopia
- Gambia
- Haiti



- Niger
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- Fiji



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## 3 main components

1. **Capacity Development** : better coordination across sectors
2. **Field action** : adoption and scaling-up of good practices across value chain
3. **Knowledge management, Communication & Visibility**





## South-South Cooperation at the heart of AAD

- **Across Africa, Caribbean and Pacific**
- **Within Africa** : the GGWSSI Community /  
Community of Practice and Africa Hub for the GGW
- **Inter/Cross sectoral** approaches at landscape level



*Where we are with AAD ?*



# Formulation of National Components

- Action fiches/ first year workplan & budget
- Implementation arrangements
- Establishment of project teams
- Baseline assessments (biophysical and socio-economic)
- Capacity assessments and planning
- Letters of agreement with partners





## Capacity Development

- 1. Support AUC in its coordination and reporting efforts on GGWSSI**
- 2. Monitoring and Evaluation**
  - Training on “Collect Earth tool ” : FAO/ Agrhymet (2015)
  - Training on socio-economic assessments FAO/Agrhymet (2016)
- 3. Support to the implementation of restoration good practices**
  - Regional Technical GGW/drylands restoration workshops
  - Project’s national teams in planning, implementing and monitoring
- 4. Support to the promotion of SFM and Value Chains of GGW flagship products and Services**
  - Regional workshop Gum Arabic : AUC / NGARA /FAO (2015)
- 5. Resources mobilization**



## Communication & visibility

- Detailed communication plans
- Production of knowledge products, advocacy and awareness materials
- Production and dissemination of multimedia and information products
- [www.fao.org/in-action/action-against-desertification](http://www.fao.org/in-action/action-against-desertification)
- Side events in international events : WFC, UNCCD & UNFCCC COPs