INAUGURAL SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY

WORKING GROUP ON DRYLAND FORESTS AND AGROSILVOPASTORAL SYSTEMS

Rome, 16-17 July 2019
Action Against Desertification - Supporting Africa’s Great Green Wall and South-South cooperation in Africa, Caribbean & Pacific countries
Overall objectives: Contribute to (i) poverty alleviation; (ii) ending hunger; (iii) improving resilience to climate change using a landscape approach.

Specific objective: Restoration of degraded landscapes including forests, agriculture, agroforestry and pastoral systems and support to income generating activities.
Approach

1. Rural communities at the center
2. Research and mobilisation of seeds of native species
3. Restoration operations
4. Improvement of communities livelihoods (NTFP)
5. Monitoring and evaluation (data collection)
Communities at the heart of restoration

• **Consult** with communities and assess their commitment, motivation and needs

• **Understand** local needs and requirements for restoration

• **Gather** detailed information on species, their uses and preferences, objective(s) and site(s) for restoration
• Combat desertification through **sustainable land management** and **restoration** of degraded lands

• **6 global partners**: African Union Commission, ACP Secretariat, European Union, UNCCD, Pan-African Agency for the Great Green Wall, Pacific Community

• **BRIDGES** launched in 2018 to expand Africa’s GGW

Large-scale restoration through mechanized land preparation
1. 11 COUNTRIES: **1100 million ha**
2. DRYLANDS ONLY: **341 million ha (31%)**
3. PRESUMED DRYLANDS: **338 million ha**
4. **GGW core: 228 millions ha (67% of drylands)**
5. 400 mm Rainfall: **145 million ha**
A wall of Opportunities

221 million hectares for restoration opportunities in Africa’s drylands

FAO’s model for large scale planting for degraded lands restoration – to be scaled up!

UN Decade on Ecosystems Restoration 2021-2030