Action Against Desertification

in support of the implementation of the Great Green Wall for the sahara and the sahel Initiative and south-south cooperation in ACP countries

Overview and Update

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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

THE GLOBAL MECHANISM
UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION

MILLENNIUM SEED BANK PARTNERSHIP
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Wallonie

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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**

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
- Letter of agreements 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 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
- Side events in international events : WFC, UNCCD & UNFCCC COPs