

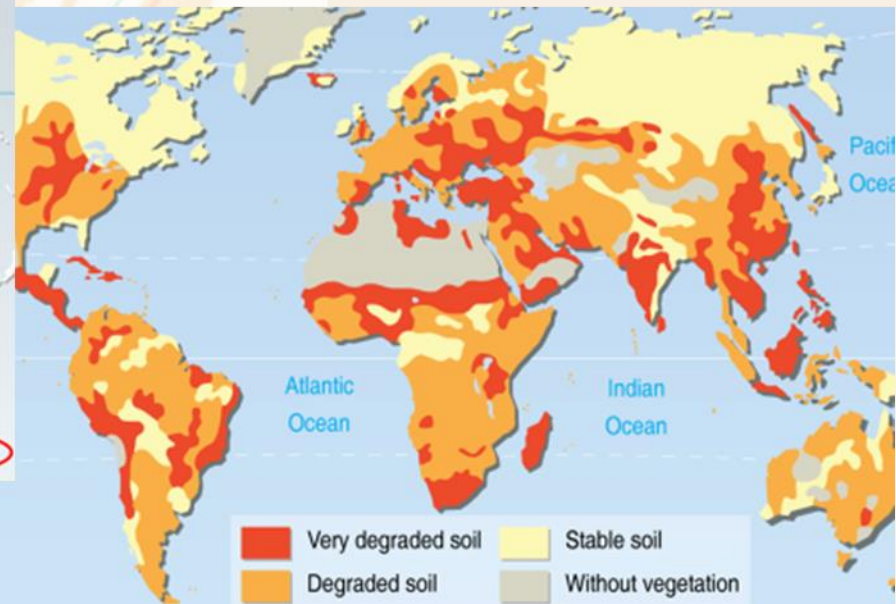
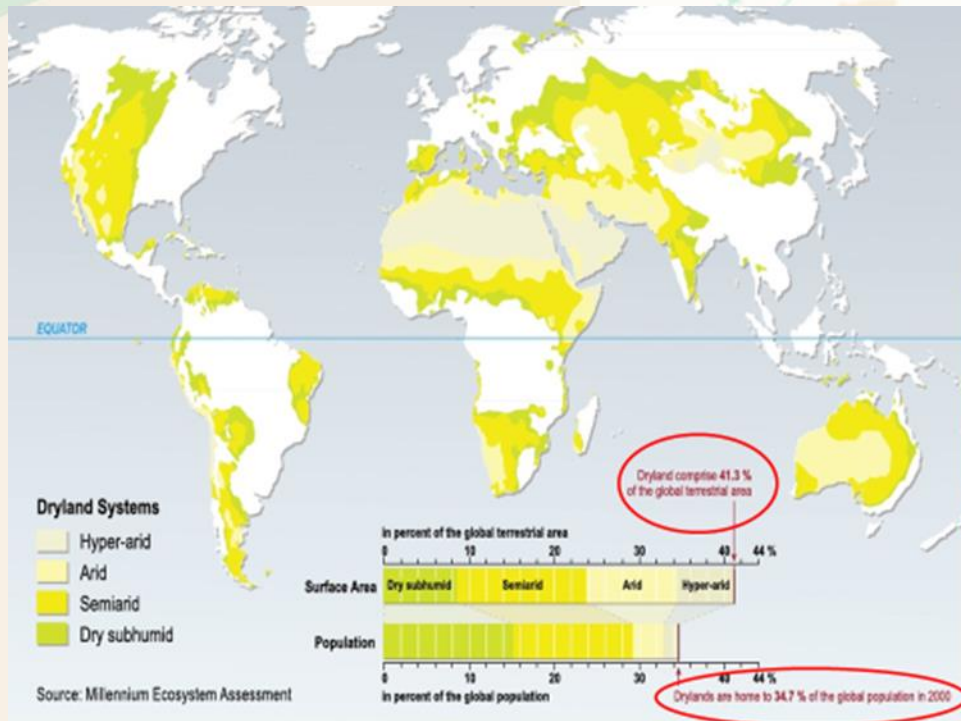
The Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative

**The Africa Union vision of the GGWSSI:
Place of the Southern Africa Countries**

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Dry lands and Estimated Soil Degradation



Estimated soil degradation (UNEP/GRID-Arendal)

Similar Stories in the Southern Africa Region



Justification for a GG Initiative in SA



- Increasing Land Degradation in Southern Africa
- The Need for a Strong Regional Political and Technical Platform in SnA
- Africa Union AGENDA 2063
- AU Regional integration drive
- The SRAP to combat Desertification
- Bigger is Better : More funding for GGWI
- Promote closer Collaboration in Dry lands

A Great Green Initiative for Southern Africa ??

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- **Achievement & Call for up scaling of the initiative**
 - **Multiple initiatives in the Southern Africa Region**
 - **The need for an ‘Umbrella policy ‘for land degradation and Desertification in the region**
 - **Call for more to be done on land degradation**
 - **International conventions and engagements**

The Process Undertaken for GGLSA

1. Policy Level



- Invitation at the Beat Famine Southern Africa Conference
- Discussions with Ministers at UNCCD COP 12, Ankara
- Meeting with Development Partners, WB, IUCN, WRI, OXFAM
- Invitation and Presentation at the SADC Environment Ministers Conference in Gaborone – Botswana
- Specialized Technical Committee: Resolution calling for a SIMILAR framework for SA

Added Value of a GGWI in Southern Africa



- **The GGWI Comes with wide experience and Partners in Land Degradation, Desertification, Green Economy and general Sustainable development.**
- **Enhance streamlining, coordination, harmonization and reduced 'Doubling, costs,**
- **Political Momentum**
- **Raise interest of Impact investors**
- **Share experience**

Added value of GGWSSI

The Rio triplets and synergy



- Harmony in Supporting Rio Sisters
- Global focus
- National focus
- Capacity building/ sharing
- Research
- Legitimate sharing of best practices
- Learning from our difference (SLM in Sahel, Business in SA

Added Value



- Increasing land degradation in the region and impacts
- The regional /International momentum in support of GGWSSI
- The Regional political momentum of the GGWSSI
- Encourage National investment and political support to Land Degradation and Desertification

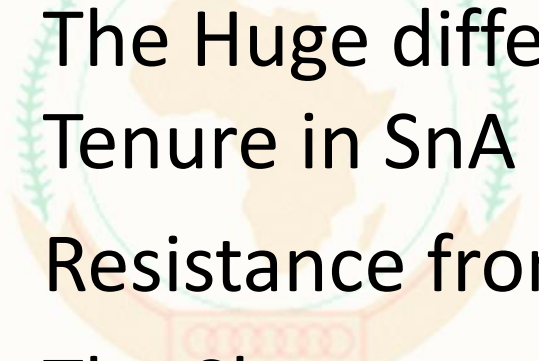
Entry Points

- **The SA SRAP to Combat Desertification**
- **Partners Programmes**
- **AUC's supported Programmes in SA**
- **Build on National Projects and Programmes**
- **Development of new Projects?**
- **Work with impact investors**

Potential Financing Mechanism

- Huge potential for Impact investors in SnA region
- Mining Corp.
- National budgets: Learn from GGW
- SnA focused Development Partners
- Sell of our Results and Impacts
- Business Opportunities in the SnA

Some Challenges OR Opportunities

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- The Huge difference in land Tenure in SnA and Sahel
 - Resistance from some quarters
 - The Sharp contrast between Countries in SnA region
 - the challenge of bringing the diversity on a common Platform

Becoming Part of the Great Green Wall

- **Official expression of Interest from Member states of SADC region**
- **Consultation exercises at regional and country level with Africa Region Commission and development Partners**
- **Development of an Inception phase**
- **Official expansion of the Scope Initiative in SADC region (AU Executive Council resolution)**
- **Development of Regional and national strategies**
- **Set up of a structure / Mechanism**

For more information

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Conclusions

Land degradation, Desertification, Climate Change know no boundaries and impacts are increasing and fast.

Balkanised approaches are inefficient in solving Global Issues, we have no choice but to work together.

For the impact of the GGWSSI to be supported, it have to be BIG, BOLD and Innovative

The GGWI is gaining ground and being recognized as one of the main land degradation and desertification programme, this is the time to come on BOARD.

Furthermore, Analyses have shown that an EXTENSION of the Programme will be good for GGWSSI at All levels

Partners

The Africanwall



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