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**GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION OF
FORESTS FOR PEOPLE AND CLIMATE**

OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

2023

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PROJECT

OVERVIEW

Title

Global Transformation of Forests for People and Climate: a focus on West Africa

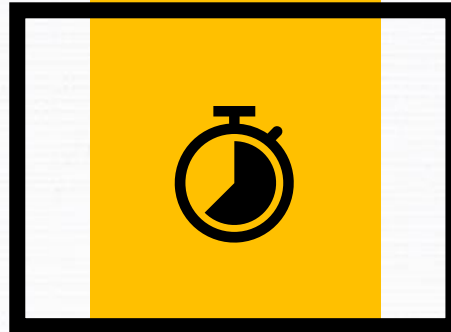
Scope

- Strengthen data-driven decision-making on forests;
- Strengthen subregional capacity through ECOWAS and other partners to manage forest resources and to implement elements of the Convergence Plan



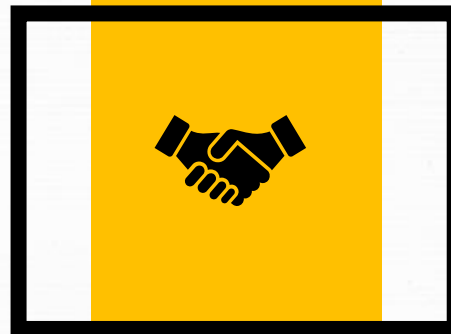
Budget

USD 7 838 144*



Time frame

02/2019 – 12/2024



Partners

Funding partner: SIDA

Delivery partner: FAO

Implementing partners: ECOWAS, countries, research institutions, IPLC

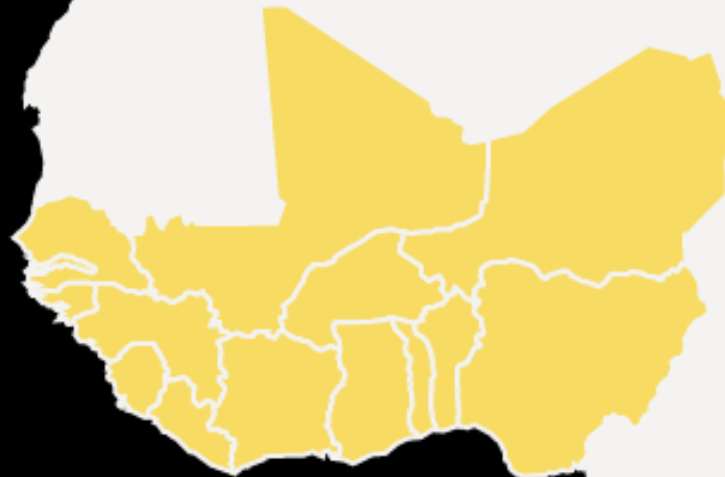
* provisional figure pending final disbursement

WHERE

15 ECOWAS MEMBER STATES:

1. Benin
2. Burkina Faso
3. Cabo Verde
4. Côte D'ivoire
5. The Gambia
6. Ghana
7. Guinea
8. Guinea Bissau
9. Liberia
10. Mali
11. Niger
12. Nigeria
13. Senegal
14. Sierra Leone
15. Togo

**+
GLOBAL
PARTNERS**



FOCUS AREA 1

ENHANCEMENT OF SUBREGIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FOREST STATUS AND DYNAMICS (I.E. FOREST DATA, FOREST KNOWLEDGE WEBPORTAL, DRIVERS OF FOREST LOSS)

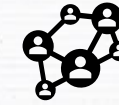
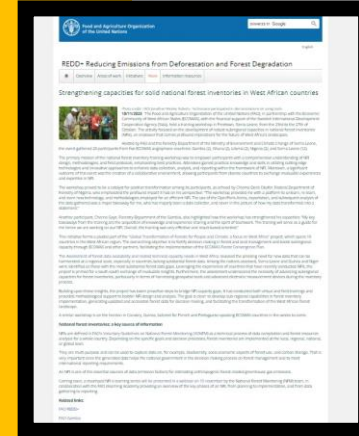


LAUNCH OF THE PUBLICATION

“Assessment of forest data availability and related technical capacity needs in West Africa”

English: published
French: upcoming

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PROMOTION OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES

National forest inventory workshops for anglophone (in Sierra Leone) and francophone (in Guinée) countries

Article “Strengthening capacities for solid national forest inventories”

[LINK](#)



RAISING FORESTRY WOMEN'S VOICES

National forest inventory mission to Ghana

Article: “Guarding Ghana's green legacy: Lizzie Bekoe's stewardship of Apedwa Forest Reserve”

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FOCUS AREA 2

FOREST AND LAND RELATED LAWS, POLICIES AND STRATEGIES AT THE SUBREGIONAL LEVEL



PROMOTION OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES

National workshop in Côte d'Ivoire Assessment of legal framework

Article "Restauration et Protection du couvert forestier: vers l'amélioration du cadre juridique des forêts en Côte d'Ivoire"

[LINK](#)



PROMOTION OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Training activities in Ghana - Assessment of legal framework

Article "Strengthening the forestry legal framework in Ghana"

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LAUNCH OF THE PUBLICATION

National assessments of forestry legal frameworks reports in 7 countries in West Africa

September – ongoing in 2024



GUINEE



LIBERIA



SIERRA LEONE



CÔTE D'IVOIRE



GHANA

FOCUS AREA 3

DEMONSTRATION AND DISSEMINATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED SUSTAINABLE FOREST AND LAND USE PRACTICES



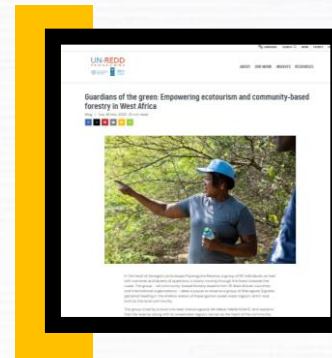
PROMOTION OF AND SUPPORT TO CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Practitioners workshop on community-based forestry in West Africa



Multimedia story "West African countries chart a sustainable path forward with community-based forestry"

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Article: "Guarding Ghana's green legacy: Lizzie Bekoe's stewardship of Apedwa Forest Reserve"

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"Voices from West Africa": 23 video interviews with West Africa community-based forestry practitioners



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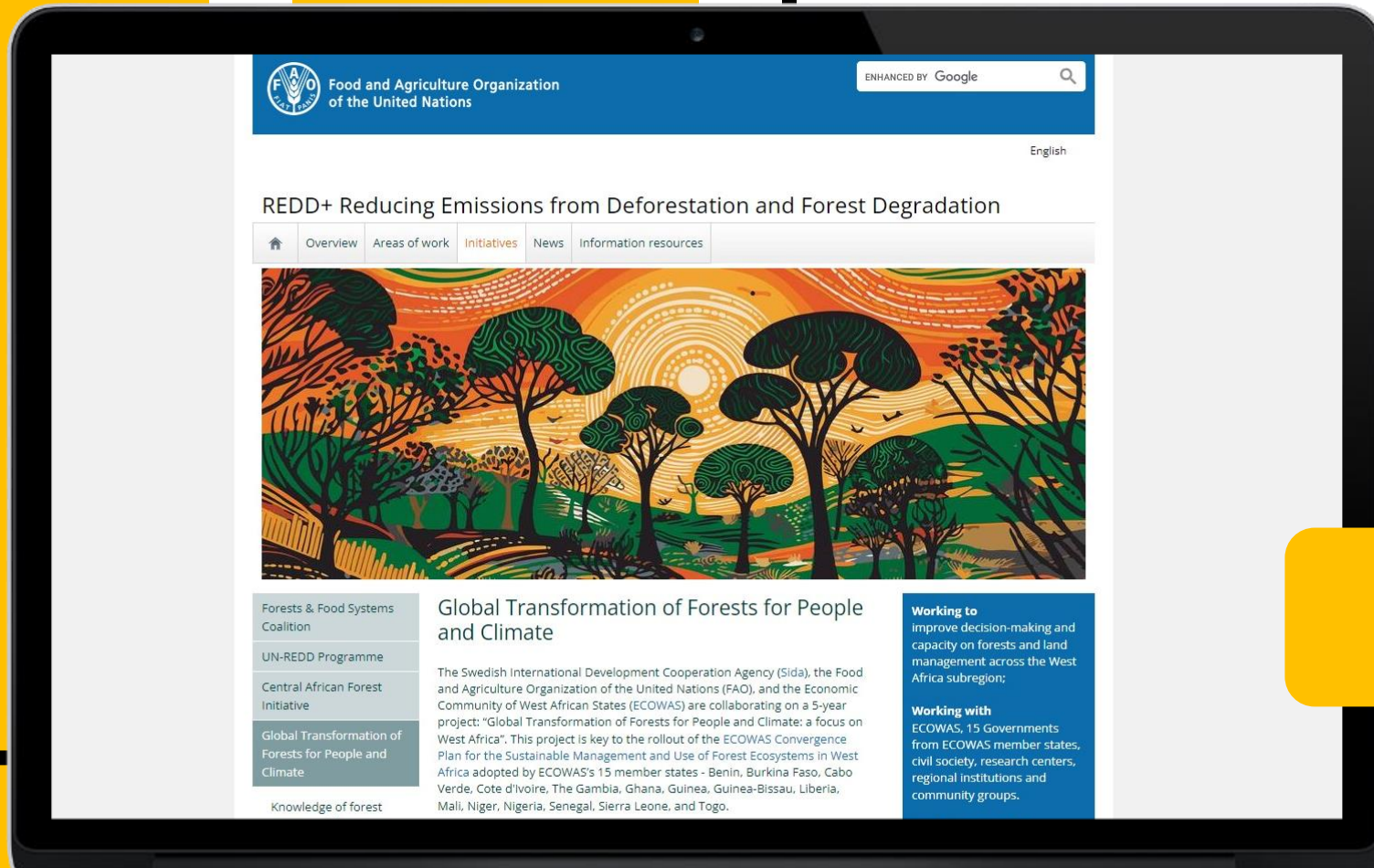
Selection of photos from the workshop



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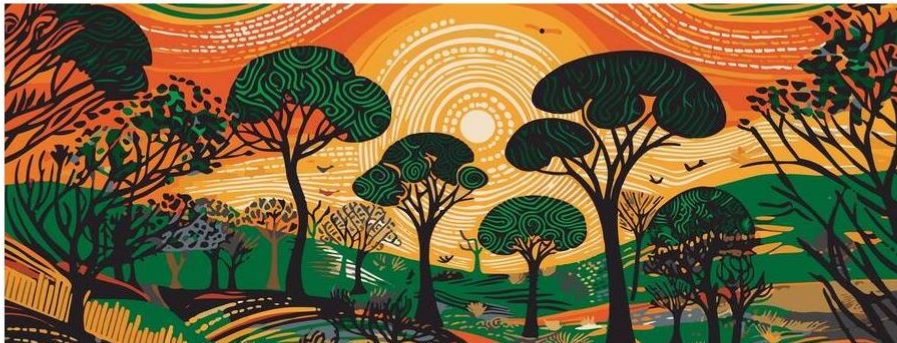
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REDD+ Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation

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Forests & Food Systems
Coalition

UN-REDD Programme

Central African Forest
Initiative

Global Transformation of
Forests for People and
Climate

Knowledge of forest

Global Transformation of Forests for People and Climate

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) are collaborating on a 5-year project: "Global Transformation of Forests for People and Climate: a focus on West Africa". This project is key to the rollout of the ECOWAS Convergence Plan for the Sustainable Management and Use of Forest Ecosystems in West Africa adopted by ECOWAS's 15 member states - Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo.

Working to
improve decision-making and
capacity on forests and land
management across the West
Africa subregion;

Working with
ECOWAS, 15 Governments
from ECOWAS member states,
civil society, research centers,
regional institutions and
community groups.

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