



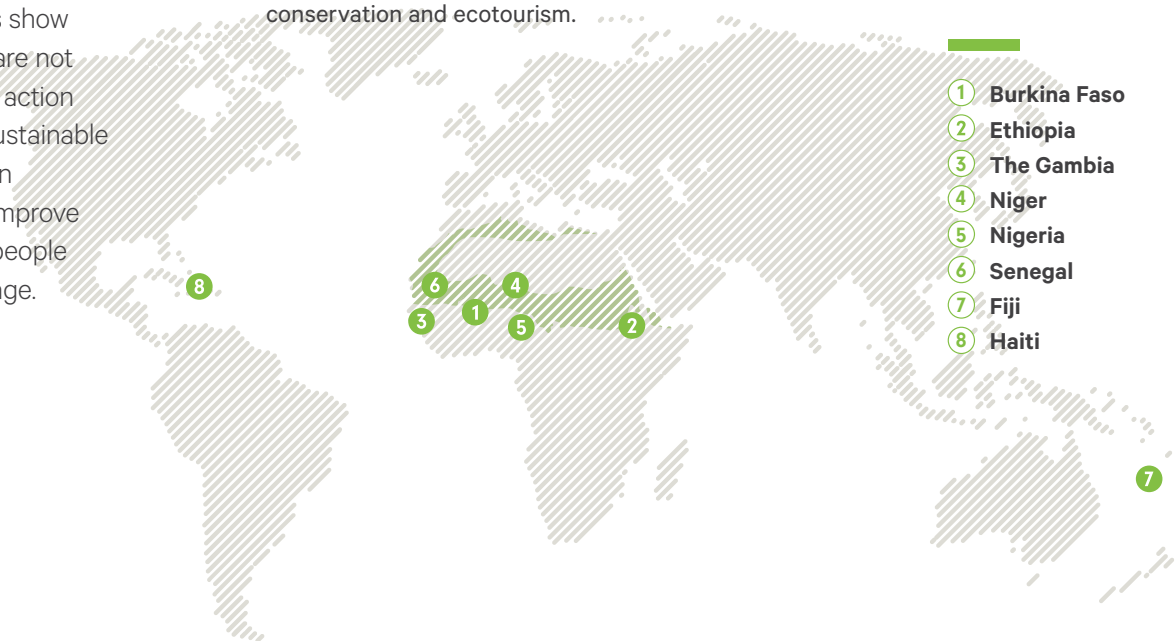
## ACTION AGAINST DESERTIFICATION

# EXPANDING AFRICA'S GREAT GREEN WALL

Desertification and land degradation are very serious challenges. They lead to hunger and poverty, driving unemployment, forced migration and conflict, while amplifying climate risks as drought and floods. But recent successes show that these problems are not insurmountable. Bold action and investments in sustainable land management can boost food security, improve livelihoods and help people adapt to climate change.

**Action Against Desertification** supports local communities, government and civil society of six African countries - Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal – as well as Fiji and Haiti in the sustainable management and restoration of their drylands and fragile ecosystems affected by desertification, land degradation and drought through:

- **SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT** of natural resources, including soils, water, forests and rangelands.
- **SUSTAINABLE RURAL** production systems in agriculture, pastoralism and forestry.
- **SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION** processing and marketing of agricultural products and forest goods, such as non-wood forest products and services, including biodiversity conservation and ecotourism.
- **DIVERSIFICATION OF ECONOMIC** activities, for example through rural production centres, to stimulate job creation and offer income generation activities, in particular for youth and women.
- **KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE** and awareness raising about the causes of desertification and the best ways to combat and prevent it.



- 1 Burkina Faso
- 2 Ethiopia
- 3 The Gambia
- 4 Niger
- 5 Nigeria
- 6 Senegal
- 7 Fiji
- 8 Haiti



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Action Against Desertification supports the implementation of the **Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative**, in which more than 20 African countries, international organizations, research institutes, civil society and grassroots organizations have come together to improve the state and productivity of landscapes affected by desertification and land degradation.

Action Against Desertification strongly promotes **South-South cooperation**. Lessons learned from the Great Green Wall experience help partners across Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific tackle the detrimental social, economic and environmental impact of land degradation.

#### In close collaboration with:

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- European Union
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- National Agency for the GGW, Senegal
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