

Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel initiative

Action Against Desertification

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TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION



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The Great Green wall

- Country ownership and leadership
- African Union Commission endorsement (AUC) in 2007
- Drylands development issues
- Resilience of human and natural systems
- Long-term solutions to desertification, land degradation, drought, climate change and biodiversity loss



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A people-centered approach to land management that seeks to capitalize on the dynamic linkages in the landscape between human and natural systems



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Origin of the Action Against Desertification project

- **EU and FAO funded projects**

“support to the implementation of the GGWSSI in 15 Countries” - Formulation and adoption of GGW NAPs

- **Enabling environment for the implementation of the GGWSSI**

Regional harmonized strategy

Communication strategy

Capacity development strategy and Action Plan

Formulation of projects to address shared and/or

Cross borders resources management



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Overall objectives and scope

- Poverty alleviation
- Ending hunger
- Improving drylands and fragile ecosystems resilience to climate change

South-South cooperation Africa -
Caribbean -Pacific :

Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Gambia,
Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Haiti, Fiji



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Specific objective

- Contribute through micro and medium investments to the effective implementation of the GGWSSI/ Action against desertification
- Promote technology transfer, Knowledge management and experience sharing between ACP countries
- Awareness raising on DLDD in ACP countries



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Project Components

- 1. Capacity development for effective cross-sectoral work by all stakeholders involved in Sustainable land and forest management and restoration at landscape units level:**
planning, financing, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation
- 2. Implementation of selected activities the Great Green Wall NAPs (Africa) and Action Against desertification plans (Haiti, Fiji)**
- 3. Knowledge management/sharing awareness raising, Communication**



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Budget & Duration

Total budget: EUR 34 million

- EU Contribution : EUR 15 763 479
- C Co financing : EUR 2 650 000 (FAO)
- Parallel Co financing : EUR 15 800 000 (CUA, GOV, RBG de Kew, APEFE/Région wallonne)

Duration: 55 months

- 7 months: Inception Phase (from August 2014)
- 4 Years: Implementation phase



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What we've done so far

- Supporting countries in preparing national components of AAD
- Identifying and planning regional and cross cutting activities
- Biophysical and socio economic baseline assessment
- Training of national monitoring and evaluation experts on the use and application of “Collect Earth” to establish biophysical baselines in project sites and to facilitate tracking changes and measuring project impacts
 - Training of trainers, January 2015 (Rome)
 - 2 workshops led by Aghrymet, April 2015 (Niamey)
 - Workshop for West Africa led by Aghrymet, June 2015
 - Workshop for the Horn of Africa led by WRI, July 2015 (Addis Abeba)
- Capacity assessments in three countries (Senegal, Niger, Ethiopia)

