

FIRST GREAT GREEN WALL CONFERENCE

RESTORING AFRICA'S LANDSCAPES: THE WAY FORWARD

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Since its inception in 2007 the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and Sahel Initiative has evolved into a pan-African sustainable landscape program to address land degradation and desertification, boost food, environmental and economic security, and support communities to adapt to climate change.

It is time to scale up implementation of the initiative to follow through on world leaders' commitment at the Paris Climate Change Conference to strengthen climate resilience.

The **First Conference on the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative** is a global event that will gather more than 20 African countries North and South of the Sahara and all partners of the GGWSSI initiative.

Objectives:

- Deepen commitment of participating countries and organizations to transformational actions
- Communicate results achieved
- Share experiences and knowledge across implementing partners

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Conference highlights:

- ✓ One-day High Level segment bringing together African Ministers and development partners
- ✓ Three-days of technical sessions to exchange and share knowledge about programs and projects in support of the Great Green Wall such as:
 - The \$ 1.1 billion WB/GEF Sahel and West Africa Program (SAWAP)
www.sawap.net
 - The restoration approach of FAO's Action Against Desertification
www.fao.org/in-action/action-against-desertification
 - The Local Environmental Coalition for a Green Union (FLEUVE) Project
www.global-mechanism.org/content/great-green-wall-sahara-and-sahel-initiative
- ✓ Practical interactive seminars on innovation, communication and knowledge services
- ✓ Optional field visit to Kaniak and Lac Rose, Senegal (TBC)

Expected outputs:

- Confirmation of political commitment
- Road map for transformational action on the ground
- Strengthened GGWSSI Community of Practice
- Adoption of the Great Green Wall results framework
- New strategic directions for GGWSSI communication and knowledge management



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