

CAN NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS CREATE THE NECESSARY RESILIENCE FOR ECOSYSTEMS AND COMMUNITIES IN THE SAHEL'S GREAT GREEN WALL?



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Complementary action at multiple levels is needed to achieve ecosystem and community resilience across the Sahel. **Join us for a lively discussion** highlighting the potential for nature-based solutions to increase resilience and harness finance for the Great Green Wall. The session will showcase applications of nature-based solutions to restore the Sahel and address food insecurity, climate change and biodiversity loss.

Session Description

Across the Sahel and Great Green Wall, many local communities and entrepreneurs are tackling climate and land use challenges through locally led, market-driven green businesses that protect and restore farmland and forests. For example, restoration businesses balance profitability with social and environmental impact by sequestering carbon, combating desertification, and helping communities adapt to the effects of climate change, while securing local food systems and creating jobs in rural landscapes. Investing in them is key to creating a more sustainable future.

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Agroforestry and the World Economic Forum's Trillion Trees initiative (1t.org) are pleased to host this session on nature-based solutions for enhancing resilience of ecosystems and communities in the Sahel and Great Green Wall.

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Open Session (in person)

Wednesday,
16 November 2022

Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

Location: Food and Agriculture Pavilion (P65), COP27, Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt

Session programme:

10:00-10:10

Welcome and introduction

Welcome participants, set out context for the session and highlight objectives.

Moderator: Louise Baker, Managing Director, Global Mechanism, UNCCD

- **Regional perspective:** Elvis Paul Tangem, Coordinator of the Great Green Wall Initiative, African Union Commission

10:10-10:25

Panel discussion on harnessing nature-based solutions for the Great Green Wall

- **Local perspective:** Rokatou Trarore, Founder, HerouAlliance
- **National perspective:** Oumar Abdoulaye Ba, General Director, Senegal, Pan African Agency for the Great Green Wall Initiative for the Sahara and Sahel
- **International perspective:** Daniel Zimmer, Director Sustainable Land Use, Climate-KIC

10:25-10:50

Q&A/Discussion

The moderator will open the discussion up to the audience and invite questions and comments on the topic.

10:50-10:56

Closing remarks: Minister for Environment, Somalia – speaking about some of the challenges Somalia is facing due to the loss of ecosystem services and Somalia's plan to join the GGW to harness NbS to address some of these challenges.

10:56-10:59

1t.org Sahel UpLink video showcasing GGW ecopreneurs, selected for the innovative solutions they are bringing to restoration and value chain development across the Sahel.