



Comité Scientifique Français de la Désertification
French Scientific Committee on Desertification



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On-site and Visio conference

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Strategic knowledges alliances for actions and innovations for the Great Green Wall success by 2030

Longtime considered only as a tree-planting program, the Great Green Wall (GGW) Initiative is now perceived as a comprehensive integrated ecosystem management and rural development programme to combat land degradation and desertification, climate change, biodiversity loss, and poverty and food insecurity.

The last GGW assessment report (September 2020) underlined insufficient coordination and exchange of information, knowledge and good practices at regional and national levels between GGW partners and countries, and gaps in monitoring, reporting and verification of GGW

At the same time, coupled with the development of new scientific tools and data harvesting, in situ and ex situ, the scientific approach has evolved towards more demand driven approaches and co-construction of research to create and apply knowledge in support of decision making to face environmental and societal challenges. In the context of the GGW Accelerator, this side event will gather a large diversity of expertise to imagine and then propose strategic knowledge alliances to frame the next decades of GGW actions at the local, national and regional scales, in a coordinated manner. A better engagement of the scientific community in the GGW implementation is the over whole objective. In a very interactive format, the debate will be organized into 4 interlinked themes:

- Scientific alliances to foster interdisciplinary, systemic and participatory research for actions and innovations. For example, agroecological transitions may be an integrated way of facing the major challenges mobilizing specific scientific knowledge on each of them: positive interaction with Climate (mitigation/adaptation) – soil fertility and health management, Biodiversity preservation (post 2020 agenda)- LDN - Sustainable food systems)
- Multi-stakeholders' alliances to hybridize (academic, traditional) and co-produce additional knowledge through action and to share it towards "knowledge hubs" anchored in the territories
- South-North coalition to design and to implement Ex-post, Ex-Ante and in-itinere approaches to assess and to monitor the impacts of sustainable land management: the clue to make GGW a lever for SDGs
- Interface these alliances and their products with policy makers and the private actors: unity in the diversity of actors toward the success of GGW actions

List of speakers

- **Nichole Barger**, co-chair of the Science Policy Interface UNCCD
- **Jyotsna Puri**, Associate Vice-President - Strategy and Knowledge Department (SKD) at IFAD, Italy (tbc)
- **Cheikh Mbow**, Directeur Général du Centre de Suivi Écologique, Sénégal
- **Sawadogo Compaoré Eveline**, Institut de l'Environnement et de Recherches Agricoles, Burkina Faso
- **Mélanie Requier-Desjardins**, Institut Agronomique Méditerranéen de Montpellier, France
- **Sarah Toumi**, UNCCD/GGW accelerator, Bonn, Germany

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A female cowherd and two young Fulani Cowherds tending a small herd of Bororo cows, Niger. © P. Hiernaux
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