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High Level Event at COFO 23
Great Green Wall
Africa's Response to Climate Change and Zero Hunger
FAO Rome, 18 July, 18.00-19.30, Sheikh Zayed Centre

Languages: English, French and Arabic

Draft agenda

Facilitator: Nora Berrahmouni, Forestry officer (Drylands), FAO

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| 18.00-18.05 | Video “ Expanding Africa’s Great Green Wall ” | To be introduced by Facilitator |
| 18.05-18.10 | Welcome and opening remarks | Mr José Graziano Da Silva, Director-General, FAO |
| 18.05-18.10 | Statement by the Representative of the African Union | His Excellency Ahmat Mahamat Bachir, Minister for Environment, Water, & Fisheries, Chad, on behalf of the Chair of the African Union |
| 18.10-18.20 | FAO for Africa’s Great Green Wall | Mr René Castro, Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department, FAO |
| Panel discussion | | |
| Panellists will be invited to respond to one of the following questions | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great Green Wall achievements in their countries, and key challenges that need to be addressed so that the GGW initiative can contribute to climate change adaptation and zero hunger• Their vision for the Great Green Wall, expected developments and the way forward to bring about transformative change and scaling up investments and impacts | | |

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| 18.25-18.30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>His Excellency Batio Bassière, Minister for Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change, Burkina Faso</i> | |
| 18.30-18.35 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>His Excellency H.E Kebede Yimam, State Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Federal Republic of Ethiopia</i> | |
| 18.35-18.40 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Her Excellency Amina Mohammed, Honorable Minister, Federal Ministry of Environment, Nigeria</i> | |
| 18.40-18.45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>His Excellency Hassan Abdel Qader Hilal, Minister of Environment, Natural Resources and Physical Development, Sudan</i> | |
| 18.45-18.50 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr Mady M'Heidy Taleb, Secretary General, Ministry for Environment and Sustainable Development, Mauritania</i> | |
| 18.50-19.00 | Results of the First International Great Green Wall Conference (Dakar, May 2016): Ministerial Declaration and Road Map to Marrakech | Mr Papa Waly Gueye, Director General, National Agency of the Great Green Wall, on behalf of the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development in Senegal |
| 19.00-19.25 | Questions and answers | |
| 19.25-19.30 | Wrap-up, Way Forward and Closing remarks | Ms Maria-Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, Coordinator Natural Resources, FAO |