

Dryland Forestry

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Workshops

[Dakar \[Feb. 2013\]](#)

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Dakar second international workshop: “Guidelines for building resilient forest landscapes in drylands”

With the financial support of the Turkish International Cooperation Agency (TIKA), FAO joined forces with the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Senegal and its technical Institutions (Directorate of Forests, Water, Hunting and of Soil Conservation of Senegal and the National Agency of the Great Green Wall of Senegal), the Turkish Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, and the African Union Commission for organizing an international workshop “Guidelines for building resilient forest landscapes in drylands”, a second of its kind, in Dakar, Senegal from the 25-28 February 2013.

This event is a follow-up to the recommendations and actions identified during the first international workshop, organized in Konya, Turkey, on 28-31 May 2012.

Objectives

- Contribute to the formulation of the “guidelines for building resilient forest landscapes in drylands” based on the expertise and experience of participating experts;
- Identification of gaps and challenges that need to be addressed and appropriate actions for building resilient forest landscapes in Great Green Wall countries.

Participants included over 80 international experts on drylands restoration from forestry departments, research institutions, the private sector, NGOs and international development agencies, representing 13 countries, mainly from Africa (the Great Green Wall countries) and Europe.

The workshop involved 2 full days on the field. Participants had the opportunity to review the drafted guidelines and provided their inputs and contributed with recommendations for their finalization. They have also learned from the past and ongoing forest restoration efforts in Senegal and Turkey as well as from the experience of Burkina Faso in the provision of high quality seeds for building resilient forest landscapes in drylands.

Participants appreciated the opportunity to establish and extend their professional networks through this event and to visit and analyze restoration activities implemented on the ground by the Great Green National Agency and the Directorate of Water, Forests, Hunting, and Soil conservation.

Outcomes

Meeting materials

- [Agenda](#)
- [Concept note](#)
- [Report of the meeting](#)

Presentations

- [Opening speech of Hanifi Avci, General Director of the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs General Directorate of Combating Desertification and Erosion Control](#)
- [Forests and water in drylands: a delicate balance](#)
- [Building forest landscapes resilient to global changes in drylands: The Guidelines \(Concept note\)](#)
- [Pour des paysages forestiers résilients aux changements globaux en zones arides : des lignes directrices \(Note conceptuelle\)](#)
- [Building forest landscapes resilient to global changes in drylands: the](#)



The field visit and working discussions of the three groups included the assessment of two of the restored sites of Widou Thiengoly; the natural regeneration initiative promoted in Koyli/ Alpha by the local communities of Mboula; a local farmer orchard (jardins polyvalents) managed by a local organization of 240 women in Widou; the soil and conservation operations in the watershed basin of Thiès; the National programme of forest seeds (PRONASEF), a local community tree nursery in Widou and the regional tree Nursery of Dakar. The analysis was undertaken according to the drafted guidelines. During the last day, a tour de table enabled countries’ representatives to report on key issues and challenges they face in their countries for building resilient forest landscapes. At the end joint actions for addressing the issues and challenges were identified and a road map was defined for follow-up.

[guidelines - Second International Workshop \(Tentative agenda\)](#)

- [Pour des paysages forestiers résilients aux changements globaux en zones arides : Des lignes directrices - Deuxième Atelier International \(Programme préliminaire\)](#)
- [Second International workshop – Guidelines for building resilient forest landscapes to global changes in drylands, Dakar, 25-28 February 2013 \(outcomes summary\)](#)
- [Status of the collaborative drylands restoration initiative - Guidelines for resilient forest landscapes in drylands. Introduction to the workshop.](#)
- [Presentation of Turkey experience on drylands restoration](#)
- [Group 2. Recommendations for the guidelines](#)
- [The challenge of providing high quality seeds for drylands' restoration](#)

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