

Workshop on Forests, Rangelands and Climate Change in the Nile Basin

**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
9-11 December 2013**

**Presentation of the results of the discussions of
9-10 December; summarized on 11 December**



Background

April 2010: 19th session of the NEFRC (Tunisia) requested FAO to help develop the concept of regional or sub-regional networks or support mechanisms for climate change

Dec 2010: “**Forests and Climate Change in the Near East**” published



Sept 2011: **Regional Workshop on Forests, Rangelands and Climate Change** (Cairo): id of 4 sub-regional programmes

Jan 2012: 20th session of NEFRC (Turkey) – presentation and discussion of concept notes/logframes; NEFRC requested FAO and Commission members to further develop the proposals for **sub-regional cooperation programmes and to seek financial support**

Project rationale

- UNFCCC (2010) invites countries to strengthen or establish regional centres and networks to facilitate & enhance
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national and regional adaptation actions

- The Nile Basin system is a crucial water resource already

under immense pressure which will worsen due to CC



Objective, scope, beneficiaries

Objective: To increase resilience and adaptive capacity of vulnerable rural populations through management of forest, trees and rangeland resources in the Nile Basin

Four countries: Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan

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: To increase resilience and adaptive



Target beneficiaries

- 1. Primary beneficiaries: Local communities (esp. most vulnerable, including women and youth)**
- 2. National institutions: decision makers and**
 - 1.**



Outcome 1: Supportive national level strategies, policies and institutions to increase resilience and adaptive capacity to climate change through forest and rangeland management in place

- Assess national policies, plans and programmes to facilitate climate change adaptation through management of forest, tree and range resources
- Identify gaps in policy and institutional frameworks to deal with climate change adaptation in forest and range sectors
- Develop specific national actions related to policies and
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2. Adaptation measures in the forest and range sectors implemented in 12 pilot sites (3 per country)

- Hold one national workshop per country to define: i) priority adaptation options in forests, tree and rangeland management, ii) specific national criteria for selection of pilot sites,
 - Use the criteria to select areas for implementation of field activities
 - Hold consultations at sub-national administrative levels to select 3 specific pilot sites for implementation of adaptation measures
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Outcome 3 : Awareness raised and capacity strengthened of stakeholders in the 4 countries at all levels related to the contribution of actions in forest, trees and rangeland to climate change adaptation

- Develop awareness raising activities at different levels (national policy makers, public, rural people/farmers)
- Produce communications materials targeting specific audiences (e.g. brochures, hold awareness days, radio and TV programmes etc.)
- Strengthen institutional capacity (e.g. to develop appropriate policy and legal frameworks..)
- ~~Strengthen the capacity of forest managers (at all different levels);~~ (national policy makers, public, rural people/farmers)
 - Produce communications materials targeting specific audiences (e.g. brochures, hold awareness days, radio and TV programmes etc.)
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Outcome 4: Lessons learnt shared and disseminated through regional collaboration

- Establish a regional network of practitioners to share experiences and enhance collaboration
 - Organise field visits and study tours
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 - Share experiences related to indigenous knowledge on climate change adaptation
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Thank you!

