

Side Event

Improving policy dialogue, knowledge management, information dissemination and stakeholder management in the GGW

Lessons from the ongoing regional programs

 **04** DEC 2024 |  **14.00 - 15.30**
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How do we, together, enhance impact in the Great Green Wall through improved planning and implementation of activities?

Important challenges and barriers for Great Green Wall implementation remain. Highlighted in the World Bank's "Independent Evaluation Group on the World Bank Sahel and West African Program (SAWAP)" and the "2020 Great Green Wall State of Progress Report", key challenges include:

- Lack of mainstreaming of environmental issues into the respective sector strategies, policies, and action plans.
- Insufficient coordination and exchange of information, knowledge, and good practices at regional and national levels between GGW partners and countries.
- Gaps in monitoring, reporting and verification of GGW progress.

In response to a call by Ministries of Environment of the GGW member countries and under the umbrella of the GGW Accelerator, several financial and technical partners of the GWW initiative have developed **regional support initiatives** to **increase the collective impact** of individual GGW projects and programs. They seek to coordinate efforts of multiple stakeholders, including governments, private investors, public and private banks, insurance companies, project developers, cooperatives, producers' organizations, technical institutions, and international and regional organizations.

The side event will be the opportunity to **(i) showcase several regional and transboundary GGW support programs and their activities;** and **(ii) elaborate on challenges, but also opportunities and levers, to increase synergies between programs.**