

# African Initiative for Combating Desertification to Strengthen Resilience to Climate Change in the Sahel and Horn of Africa

- Cross-Regional Progress and Achievements-
- Progrès et réalisation cross-régional -

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**AI-CD**

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# AI-CD Key Milestones / High-level Events

Kick-Off

- Oct. 2015 **UNCCD-COP12 Side Event** (Ankara-Turkey)

Preparation

- Jul. 2016 **TICAD 6 Preparatory Meeting** (Nairobi)

Official Launch

- Aug. 2016 **TICAD 6 High-Level Side Event** (Nairobi)  
- AI-CD *Official Launch* / *“Statement” adopted*

COP13

- Sep. 2017 **UNCCD-COP13 Side Event** (Ordos-China)  
- *“Ordos Roadmap” adopted*

TICAD7

- Aug. 2017 **TICAD 7 Side Event** (Yokohama)

COP14

- Sep. 2019 **UNCCD-COP14 Side Event** (New Delhi, India)

COP15

- May 2022 **UNCCD-COP15 Side Event** (Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire)

TICAD8

- Aug. 2022 **TICAD 8 Side Event** (Online)



# Networking / Partnership

## ● AI-CD Partners



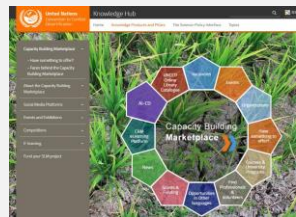
## ● Development Partners Discussed /participated in AI-CD Forums

- Great Green Wall/AUC
- AfDB
- CNCR
- CSE
- EU
- ICRAF
- IFAD
- SoS Sahel
- UNDP
- UNEP
- Wetland International
- WFP
- World Bank
- Private Companies
- Other organizations ...



# Knowledge-Sharing

- AI-CD Website / SNSs as KS Platform



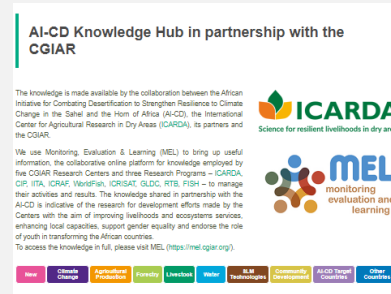
UNCCD CB Marketplace



- Project profiles/guidelines
- Voice from the Field



- Science & Research Info. Database



## HoA Guidelines and Case studies

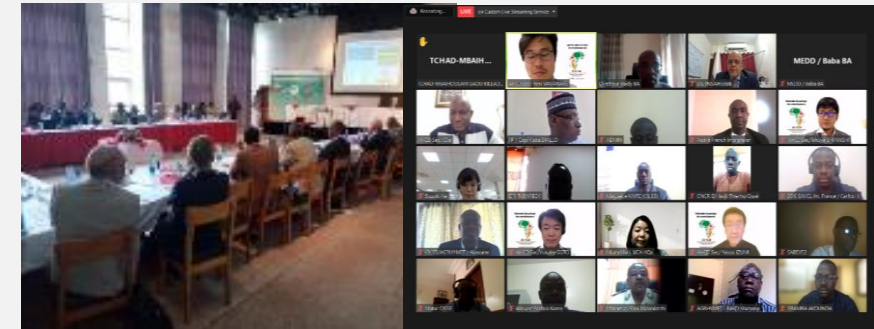


## Sahel Knowledge and Policy Brief



- KS through Regional Forums & KS Seminar, etc.

- Good practices
- Sharing countries initiatives, achievements, challenges
- Knowledge co-creation through discussions







# AF: Matching with Private Sector

## Case 1: Biodegradable PLA fibre -Roll Planter-

- ✓ Japanese companies *Tromso/Toray* interested in contributing to fight against land degradation in Sub-Saharan Africa
- ✓ Greening & **Dryland Agriculture** -> Possible collaboration with Great Green Wall Initiative
- ✓ A small-scale experiment on-going in Senegal



## Case 2: Soil Conditioner made from used glass -Porous Alpha-

- ✓ Staff of AI-CD FP participated in on-line AI-CD training program
- ✓ AI-CD Sec organised a matching meeting with the concerned Japanese company *TRRI*.
- ✓ Discussion on-going for the integration of the technology in the existing national projects

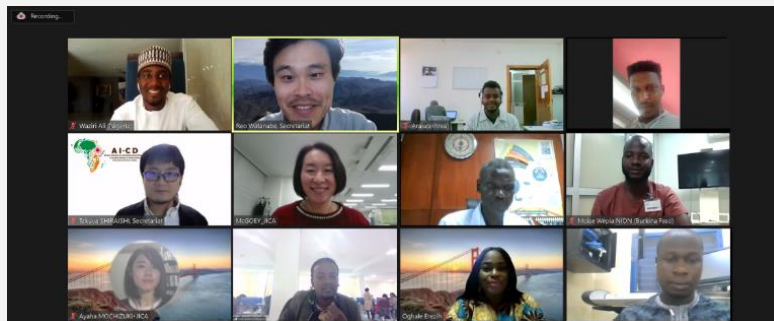




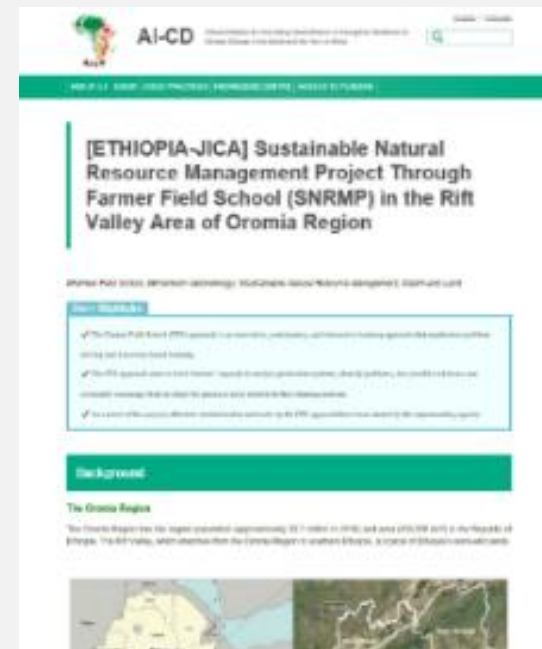
# JICA's Contribution to AI-CD

## ● Training Course in Japan: Combating Desertification to Strengthen Resilience to Climate Change in Sub-Saharan Africa (2017-2022)

- Around 40 participants from 15 countries
- Sharing training materials to FP organizations
- Follow-up supports to Action Plan implementation: South Sudan and Niger



## ● Africa-Japan Projects Co-created knowledge /Manuals on AI-CD Web



Products (compost) from improved composting



Measurements of soil erosion

# OUTCOMES

## Networking

- Fostered **ownership and commitment** of regional hubs and member countries
- Partner's engagement and promotion of **harmonization among several initiatives**

## Knowledge-sharing

- **Documentation and visualization** of countries' and co-created valuable knowledge
- Use of shared knowledge / good practices in other countries for promoting policy-planning and on-the ground implementation

## Project Formulation/Access to finance

- Strengthened **process to develop fundable projects and access to possible finance** in countries (incl. enhanced in-country coordination & project proposal development)
- Enhanced **dialogues between countries and partners** based on project concept notes (country needs).
- Materialized **south-south/triangular cooperation** (e.g. Kenya-South Sudan-Japan in agriculture/forestry).



## CHALLENGES/LIMITATION

- Matching project concept notes of the AI-CD countries and possible finance were challenging due to **diversified modalities of financial mechanisms**.
- Further actions are needed to **bring knowledge shared at regional level to the field level** with each country's context.

## WAY FORWARD

- Countries: Enhance **country's initiatives** to develop and implement projects based on networks, capacity, and opportunities developed through AI-CD and other initiatives
- Partners:
  - Enhance **global/regional initiatives' harmonization** to support countries effectively
  - Maintain and enhance **partnerships and dialogues** between countries and partners, and among domestic key stakeholders in each country
  - Strengthen **in-county coordination** for promoting measures to combat desertification effectively (considering desertification is a cross-cutting issue)
  - Transfer technology / knowledge to **local stakeholders** through WSs, developing guidelines in local languages etc.)

THANK YOU / MERCI



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