

Role of Partners JICA's Contribution

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Background on JICA's Support to AICD

- **Desertification in Sahel and Horn of Africa;**
 - Poverty, food insecurity, climate change, water shortage ...
 - Instability: Extreme violence, refugees ...
- **Combating Desertification is important and urgent issue for sustainable development of the countries and peace and stability of the region and the world**

However...

- Insufficient international attention and finance for combating desertification in the region
- Knowledge for combating desertification is not well accumulated in the countries



**Launch a new initiative for combating desertification
with African ownership**

DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICAN INITIATIVE

Kick-Off

- Oct. 2015 **UNCCD-COP12 Side event**
- Ankara, Turkey, Co-hosted by Kenya, Senegal & JICA

Preparation

- July 2016 **TICAD VI Preparatory Meeting**
- Nairobi, Kenya, by Kenya & JICA

Official Launch

- August 2016 **TICAD VI High-Level Side Event**
- Nairobi, Kenya, by Kenya, Senegal, JICA, & UNCCD

Actual Impl.

- January 2017 **Regional Seminar for Horn of Africa**
- March 2017 **Regional Seminar for Sahel Region**

We are Here!

- June 2017 **Ministerial Forum for Horn of Africa**

Future

- September 2017 **UNCCD-COP 13 side event**
- September 2017 **Technical Workshop for Horn of Africa**

JICA's SUPPORT TO AFRICAN INITIATIVE AT THE GROUND

In Horn of Africa...

- ✓ Emergency planning support at rural areas
- ✓ Refugee host community water and sanitation
- ✓ Agriculture revitalization
- ✓ Semi-arid small scale irrigation

In Sahel Region...

- ✓ Integrated rural forestry planning
- ✓ Productivity improvement through Irrigation
- ✓ Combat desertification in rural area
- ✓ Water and community support

Rural Resilience Enhancement Project in Ethiopia (2012-2016)



Capacity-building Project for the control of land degradation and the promotion of land recovery in degraded soil areas in Senegal (2011-2016)



JICA support to AICD in Kenya as Hub of Horn of Africa

Japan's Assistance Strategy to Kenya:

Environment / Water and Sanitation as one of five pillars



Climate Change Programme Under which...

- **CD for Sustainable Forest Management (CADEP-SFM)**

Component 5: Regional Cooperation as core support of AICD through

- ✓ HoA meetings
- ✓ HoA good practice collection
- ✓ Establishment of database at Kenya Forestry Research Institute

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Co-organizers

- Government of Kenya: Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (Horn of Africa)
- Government of Senegal: National Food Security Council, JICA and UNCCD (Sahel)
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)*
- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) *

Partner Organizations

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- Permanent Interstates Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS)
- Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) (TBC)
- African Union (TBC) * As of August, 2016. Any organization that wish to contribute to the Initiative are welcomed.

Secretariat

- Global Environment Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)*

TOWARDS AICD's SUCCESS

- Strong ownership and political back up on moving forward the AICD through collective voice and collective action
- Linking agreed decisions and discussion results in conferences, seminars and meetings, towards actual impact at the ground
- JICA's commitment to support this initiative especially in partnering stakeholders

Thank you very much for your partnership and
commitment to AICD!