



Building Resilience through Innovation, Communication and Knowledge Services Project (BRICKS)

Sahel and West Africa Programme in support of the Great Green Wall Initiative (SAWAP)



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Guidance note for the analysis and validation of the "Compendium of best practices in sustainable land management for dissemination SAWAP/ GGWSSI"

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I. BACKGROUND

Financed by the World Bank, the **Building Resilience through Innovation, Communication and Knowledge Services (BRICKS)** Project is implemented by a consortium of three regional centres of excellence that are: the Permanent interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) and the Central and West Africa Programme of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN-PACO). Its aim is to improve access to best practices and tracking information in the SAWAP portfolio on integrated natural resources management, climate change and natural disasters. It will provide support for monitoring and evaluation and opportunities for sharing knowledge and best practices amongst the twelve projects supported by the Bank, while increasing the capacity of the regional centres of excellence (CILSS, OSS, and IUCN) to act in partnership with countries.

Thus CILSS, OSS and IUCN-PACO are providing operational services to 12 national projects in the portfolio of the World Bank /GEF Sahel and West Africa Programme (SAWAP) for the Great Green Wall (GGW) that prioritizes South-South learning as a principle. SAWAP is a portfolio of multi-sector investment projects implemented in 12 countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, Chad and Togo.

As part of the conduct of activities of the “Knowledge Management” component, CILSS has hired, in collaboration with partner institutions on that issue, the services of a consulting firm (CEFCODE) to document and capitalize proven best practices in sustainable management of land and natural resources and adaptation to climate change in the 12 SAWAP Programme countries.

The results of the best practices collection effort show a variety of situations depending on the scientific and development fields and depending on countries. The data analysis distinguishes eight major areas in which nearly 350 best practices have been generated (Table 1). These are practices relative to: (i) water and soil conservation (82), (ii) farming techniques (22), (iii) soil fertilization techniques (37), (iv) forestry and agro-forestry techniques (44), (v) natural resource management techniques (34), (vi) water management techniques (23), (vii) land use planning techniques (64), (viii) organizational techniques for sustainable land management (44).

This guidance note is intended to clarify the practical analysis modalities of the CEFCODE-led study outputs for BRICKS.

Indeed, according to the study ToRs, the sub-regional synthesis document produced in English and French, when completed, should be improved and validated during a regional workshop with participants from SAWAP projects, members of the OSS-CILSS-IUCN consortium and representatives of the World Bank or associated institutions such as WOCAT. IGOs and CGIAR institutions operating in the region and focusing on the area of the study will also be invited to this validation workshop. The third Sahel and West Africa Programme (SAWAP) Conference scheduled for 2 to 7 May, 2016 in Dakar, Senegal, bringing together about 200 participants, is a preferred forum to find this diversity of participants for analysis and amendment with a view to improving and validating the report on the collection of best practices identified and documented in the 12 SAWAP countries.

II. OBJECTIVES

The ultimate goal of this session is to validate the report on the “Compendium of best practices in sustainable land management for dissemination”.

The specific objectives are essentially to:

- Put participants at the same level of information relative to expectations listed in the ToRs, the approach, results achieved and the prospects / recommendations contained in the study report.
- Allow participants to amend the form and the substance of the reports submitted for their consideration.
- Finally, validate the outputs submitted for the participants’ appreciation.

III. PROCEEDINGS

The workshop will be held on 5 May 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. under session 11. It will take place both in plenary and in group work.

In plenary:

- **Make a technical and analytical presentation of the study** in order to place all participants at the same level of understanding of the approach, analysis of information, organisation of the report and its exploitation, salient findings and overall recommendations for dissemination. This presentation will be followed by comprehension questions.
- **Set up 3 working groups and ToRs for the work.** These groups will analyse the thematic categorization, structuring of the catalogue, format and content of the produced technical datasheets and the relevance of the sheets and particularly the recommendations for dissemination.
- **Report on results from the group work and** synthesize the evaluation.

The group work will focus on the analysis of the relevance (see BP criteria elements) and completeness of the produced sheets in the report produced by CEFICODE, the structuring of the document and the relevance of the recommendations for promotion or dissemination of these SLM/NRM/CC best practices available in SAWAP countries.

Participants will break out in working groups, taking into account the expectation:

- The eight major categories of BP, to be addressed by 2 working groups: (i) water and soil conservation, farming techniques, soil fertilization techniques and water management techniques, (ii) forestry and agro-forestry techniques, natural resource management techniques, land use planning techniques and organizational techniques for sustainable land management.
- The analysis of the institutional grounding of best practices and relevance of the recommendations for dissemination throughout the SAWAP area, to be taken over by a third group.

IV. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Session title	Presentation	Responsible
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13 :00 – 14 :00	Technical and analytical presentation of the study report	Presentation by the firm followed by questions Break out in working groups (ToR)	CEFCODE CILSS
14 :00 – 15 :00	Group work	Animation	Group chairpersons
15 :00 – 16 :00	Presentation of group work results – Evaluation synthesis	Group work report	Group rapporteurs CEFCODE

V. PARTICIPANTS

This workshop will bring together participants from SAWAP Projects, members of the Consortium (CILSS-OSS-IUCN), representatives of the World Bank, WOCAT, IGOs and other CGIAR institutions operating in the region and focusing on the areas of the study.

X. WORKING DOCUMENT

CILSS will provide the participants with the study report, at least one week before the workshop.