

# Working Groups

March 13-14

# 4 working groups

- 1. Rehabilitation of degraded lands and fighting sand encroachment in arid zones (Chair El Hadji Mabara Sène; Facilitator: Nora Berrahmouni) – C5
  2. The Science and Practice of Regreening the Sahel: Integrated Systems in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) (Chair Dennis Garrity; Facilitator: Constance Neely) BC12
  3. Small and medium enterprises: Market access of dryland products (local, national, international) (Chair Samba Harouna, Facilitator Ben Chikamai) C6
  4. Initiatives and Processes for Sustainable Land Management (contributing to all 3 conventions: UNFCCC, UNCBD, UNCCD) (Chair: Serigne Kandji; Facilitator: Sally Bunning) A01

# Timing and Inputs

**Timing.** Because of a schedule change (the Official Opening Session will be carried out on Tuesday 14 June), the working groups will begin late Monday (17.00-18.00) and resume after the morning coffee break on Tuesday for an additional 3.5 hours until the group reports will take place at 16.30.

**Inputs.** In addition to the information shared earlier in the day's plenary and the field trip, and the vast experience of participants who will be in the room, there are a number of presentations (8 minutes) slated upon which to build the outcomes of the working groups session.

Each presentation will emphasize the state of research and data, impacts, and/or lessons in implementation related to the working group topic along with recommendations and take home messages.

# Organization

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The group should identify a rapporteur. It is likely that there will be as many as 25-30 persons within each working group.

The Chair and Facilitator can determine how to best organize the session (e.g. whether to break up the presentations with discussions, to have smaller in-room discussions, etc.) to ensure that everyone participates, shares experiences and the desired outcome is reached. It may be useful to divide into subgroups to focus on specific dimensions within the topic. Each group will have one room with a friendly seating style of tables of that seat approximately 8 person each.

Each group will be provided with interpretation as well as materials such as markers, flipchart paper and cards as necessary.

It may be useful to establish some ground rules within the working group as you get started. The tasks below are suggested but it is understood that each working group Chair and Facilitator will work within the context of their theme – changing or adding questions as appropriate.

# Tasks

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**Tasks.** The outcome for each of the working groups is an action plan articulated as specifically as possible, and addressing, as relevant:

§ What is the best-case scenario outcome for the proposed action plan associated in the context of this component? What happens if no action is taken?

§ What are the proposed priority strategies and actions (e.g. mix of practices, processes and policies that are most valuable)?

§ What is the timeline of actions and who are the stakeholders and networks leading or involved?

§ What must be in place at different levels to underpin long-term sustainability of the strategy and expected impacts?

§ What additional trends and tools might be brought to bear to mobilize greater impact?

§ What will make this action plan 'stick' long beyond this week?

# Reporting

The group's report should be presented in Word or Powerpoint format and provided on a memory stick prior to the report back time. Each group will have 10 minutes to report back to the group which will be followed by a short discussion.