



THE PARIS AGREEMENT IN ACTION: UPSCALING FOREST AND LANDSCAPE RESTORATION TO ACHIEVE NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS

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Forest and landscape restoration (FLR) can make a decisive contribution to the achievement of nationally determined contributions (NDCs), since FLR measures often combine mitigation and adaptation approaches. The project focuses on three regions with considerable potential for expanding forest stocks and improving their ecosystem services. The aim is to support partner countries in honouring their commitments made under the Paris Agreement. To achieve this, the project is funding regional platforms for knowledge transfer, capacity-building, mobilising innovative financing and FLR monitoring. The project is also supporting the implementation of existing national FLR action plans and their monitoring.

State of implementation/results

- The article “Making green and climate finance accessible in the Mediterranean region” on the regional capacity building workshop held with BMU/IKI support in Barcelona (Spain) in November 2019 is available on the IKI website (www.international-climate-initiative.com/...).
- During the event “Tackling the climate emergency through nature-based solution: the role urban/periurban forests, restoration and REDD+”, held at UNFCCC COP 25 in Madrid (Spain), the Mediterranean outputs of the project and key results so far were presented.
- The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism (FLRM) country websites were updated to provide information on the project actions in Fiji, Morocco, Niger, Lebanon and the Philippines (www.fao.org/in-action/forest-landscape-restoration-mechanism/our-work/countries/en/).
- The project team has been very active in supporting BMU/IKI partners to propose side events, articles and posters for the upcoming XV

PROJECT DATA

Country/Countries:

Äthiopien, Fidschi, Libanon, Marokko, Niger, Philippinen

Implementing organisation:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Political partner(s):

- Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission of the FAO
- Carood Watershed Model Forest (Bohol Island) - Phillipines
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) - Philippines
- Environment, Forest and Climate Change Commission (EFCCC) - Ethiopia
- High Commissary for Water, Forest and the Fight Against Desertification (HCEFLD) - Morocco
- Ministry of Agriculture - Lebanon
- Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment (MEMEE) - Morocco
- Ministry of Fisheries and Forests (MFF) - Fiji
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)
- The African Union Commission through its Africa Special Hub for the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and Sahel Initiative (GGWSSI)
- The Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-Silva Mediterranea - Lebanon
- Water and Forest Department of the Ministry of Environment, Urban Sanitation and Sustainable Development (DGEF-MESUDD) - Niger

Implementing partner(s):

- High Commissary for Water, Forest and the Fight Against Desertification (HCEFLD) - Morocco
- Jouzour Loubnan - Lebanon
- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MEFCC) - Ethiopia*
- Niger National Agency for the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative
- Regional Community Forestry Training





World Forestry Congress (now scheduled in South Korea in May 2022), a key global event for all forestry practitioners. All proposed abstracts have been approved by reviewers for the Pacific region in November 2020. Three abstracts for articles have been approved by reviewers for the Mediterranean in November 2020. Two abstracts for articles related to the Moringa Value chain study and the implementation of Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR) plans through the communal level in Niger have been approved by reviewers in November 2020. All these full articles/posters should be officially submitted for final review during the period April to September 2021.

- A French version of the FLRM website was officially launched in May 2020. This French website allows francophone partners (particularly partners in Niger, Morocco and Lebanon) to easily access the work plans funded by BMU/IKI.
- A communications network was established with the communications officers of Fiji, Morocco, Niger, Lebanon and the Philippines to strengthen the communications efforts.
- An interactive map was created and is now available on the FLRM website (www.fao.org/in-action/forest-landscape-restoration-mechanism/our-work/countries/en/). It displays specific project information with links to online project pages.
- Multiple articles on national work packages/regional achievements were prepared and published both in French and in English within the FLRM Newsletters ([www.fao.org/...](http://www.fao.org/)).
- The workshop on green/climate finance in the Pacific (7 to 11 December 2020) was organized as a hybrid capacity-building workshop with both face-to-face sessions at national level and online/virtual sessions.
- Four national policy frameworks and work plans ongoing in Fiji, Lebanon, Morocco and Niger.
- Three communal FLR plans ongoing in Niger in Illéla, Soukoukoutane and Kollo communes with currently 500 hectares restored in 2020 and 500 hectares planned in the Communal Development Plan for the year 2021.
- Two communal FLR plans ongoing in Lebanon in two communes of the Shouf Biosphere Reserve (Municipality of Tannourine) and Bekaa Valley.
- Two FLR plans in preparation in Fiji on the Islands

- Center for Asia and the Pacific (RECOFTC)
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

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Website(s):

<http://www.fao.org/forestry/flrm/en/>





of Yasawa and Mamanuca.

- Five inception workshops (Fiji, Niger, Lebanon, Morocco and Philippines) and four national capacity building events or technical days (Fiji, Niger, Morocco and Lebanon) were organised.

