

Strategic knowledges alliances for actions and innovations for the Great Green Wall success by 2030

In the context of the GGW Accelerator, a better engagement of the scientific community in the GGW implementation was at the heart of this side-event.

The main points raised during the debate were:

- The paradigm shift from a green "wall" to a territorial development project in response to the challenges of SDGs for the benefit of the population and their environment was welcomed,
- This change requires a review of governance in order to better connect the GGW initiative to the territorial actors
- Although the identification of the targets (e.g. restoring the land, achieving SDGs) is essential, the path that leads to these targets is just as important: who leads? what paths? who is part of the "journey"? what funding? at what scales of actions? how is progress assessed and monitored?
- Research is an essential element in this change: research should be able to i) guide action priorities that respond to the diversity of the territories, ii) propose solutions to respond to emergencies but also work on fundamental issues (e.g. land, indicator on the implementation processes of GGW projects, in addition to indicators for evaluating the impacts of actions)
- The creation of national coalitions is an interesting response to both this paradigm shift and territorial anchoring. They should allow for the inclusion of national research structures and the dissemination of scientific advances to decision-makers,
- These coalitions must be a functional link between the States, the APGMV and all the stakeholders.

In conclusion, these changes in vision and governance must not be missed if the GGW is to be a success by 2030. Research must be on board! But it remains to be built...

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