

Global Landscapes Forum 8
Bonn – World Conference Center
HIGH LEVEL SIDE EVENT on AFR100 –

Second Anniversary - “From commitments to implementation”

20th December 2017, 11:00-12:30

CONTEXT

AFR100 is an Africa-wide, country-driven initiative to reverse degradation of forests and tree rich landscapes by means of Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR). By 2030, African countries target to bring 100 M hectares under restoration.

FLR is a true necessity in times of ongoing deforestation and forest degradation in many tropical and subtropical regions. It offers possibilities in contributing to sustainable development, livelihood, food security and the fight against hunger. The approach also caters to a broad range of international and national policy regimes, conventions and processes (SDG's, UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD/ LDN). In the medium term, FLR will help countries to kick-off transformative change of degraded landscapes and underlying dynamics and to achieve their development goals.

Two years into implementation, AFR100 has gained impressive momentum:

- 26 African countries have pledged more than 84 M hectares or almost 85 % of the target
- 19 Technical partners have joined the initiative
- 12+ countries are in the process to defining target landscapes for restoration and establishing national strategies and coordination processes
- A wide array of technical and financial partners, processes and programs stand by partner countries to make pledges a reality on the ground
- AFR100” is prominently supported by BMZ, and contributes to the results of “Bonn Challenge” (2011) and the New York Declaration on Forests (2014), and their global FLR goals.

AFR100 builds a strong partnership of political, financial and technical partners and civil society: a key to achieving the ambitious goals. The Global Landscapes Forum offers the opportunity to share successes to date and challenges at hand with a broad range of professionals, scientists and policy makers and practitioners interested in the overarching topic of landscapes and FLR. AFR100 on the other hand provides a clear concept of how to translate the abstract landscape-approach into real life and tangible results.

FROM PLEDGES TO IMPLEMENTATION

While country pledges represent a very important step towards restoring forests and tree-rich, productive landscapes, challenges become apparent with the move towards implementing FLR at scale. The topics addressed are, among others:

- Spatially explicit land use planning and the respective cartographic fundamentals
- Monitoring of FLR in partner countries and strengthening capacity of partners to take on responsibility in managing national FLR-Portfolio
- Land and resource tenure
- Institutional capacities in technical, planning, implementing and monitoring aspects
- Financial resources, national and international

While still at an early stage, the AFR100 Initiative has a wealth of experiences to offer. The side event will share, discuss and draw conclusions for the way forward.

THE SPEAKERS:

BMZ: Dr. Stefan Schmitz, Deputy Director General Commissioner for the “One World - No Hunger” Initiative and Ms. Birgit Gerhardus, Head of Division Rural development, Land Rights and Forests (confirmed);

NEPAD: Mamadou Diakhité (confirmed)

WRI: Sean De Witt, Director Global Restoration Initiative (confirmed)

World Bank: Ms. Karin Kemper, Senior Director (confirmed)

IUCN: Mr. Steward Maginnis (confirmed)

Ministers from two AFR100 countries (t.b.c.)

You will find more Information about the AFR100 and the second AFR100 Annual Partner Meeting in September 2017 in Niamey, Niger, here:

afr100.org

<http://www.landscapes.org/afr100/>

<https://news.globallandscapesforum.org/24277/niger-hosts-afr100-paves-way-forward-implementing-forest-landscape-restoration-ground/>