

The **SAHEL ZONE**, crossing all Africa from east to west, is highly affected by **CLIMATE CHANGE**. The region, encompassing eleven countries, is dominated by economic and subsistence **AGRICULTURE**, including farming, herding, gathering and foresting. Low rainfall and rising temperatures during the past years lead and increasingly lead to **DROUGHT** and **DESERTIFICATION** of wide parts of the semi-arid area, causing **FAMINE** and **POVERTY**.

Unlike initially presumed, scientific insights revealed, that the desert wasn't simply 'growing southwards'. Instead, **POPULATION GROWTH & LAND OVERUSE**, along with **CLIMATE CHANGE**, were identified as main drivers of **LAND DEGRADATION**.

To **COMBAT** the concomitant **LOSS OF LIVABILITY** by 2030, the **AFRICAN UNION** in 2007

# INITIATED THE GREAT GREEN WALL

**CONTRIBUTING TO**  
 **ALL SDGS,**  
mainly no. 15,  
the all **AFRICAN-LED**  
program is globally  
renowned.

**INTERNATIONALLY FUNDED** since 2010 by the UN, the EU and various NGOs, the main work of the program is to **RECREATE FUNCTIONAL, VERSATILE ECOSYSTEMS**.

Therefore the program offers **TRAINING & FUNDING** for **NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS & NGOs**.

These pass on **INFORMATION & FUNDING** to **REGIONAL PROJECTS**.

Its main **THREATS** are corruption, insufficient interlinking and scepticism by communities.

With funds and knowledge, national organizations provide **TOOLS, SEEDLINGS** and **TRAINING** for **REGIONAL PROJECTS**.

**LOCAL COMMUNITIES** provide the necessary **LAND, LABOR** (planting trees, tilling land) and **LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT**.

In this way, the program aims to create 10 millions of jobs & **ENABLES LOCAL COMMUNITIES** to autonomously restore their living environment.

The program focuses on community driven **SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT**, implementing **AGROFORESTRY & SILVOPASTORAL SYSTEMS**.

These integrative approaches entail an increase of **BIODIVERSITY** which improves **NATURAL RESILIENCE, GROUND FERTILITY & WATER STORAGE ABILITY**.

By combining **NATURE CONSERVATION** and **SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT**, local communities can long-term improve **LIVABILITY** of their region, ensure **FOOD SECURITY** and fuel **ECONOMIC GROWTH**.

If (inter)national governments, NGOs and local communities recognize its strength and consequently collaborate on integrated projects, the program

**CAN SUSTAINABLY COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE, DROUGHT, FAMINE, MIGRATION & CONFLICT** by empowering **COMMUNITY-LEAD, NEAR-NATURAL ACTION**.