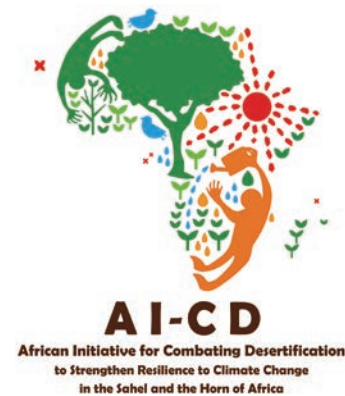




African Initiative for Combating Desertification



African Initiative for Combating Desertification to Strengthen Resilience to Climate Change in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa



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- Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Republic of Kenya
- Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Republic of Senegal
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

Partner Organization

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)
- Permanent Interstates Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS)

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Desertification Problem in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa

The Sahel and the Horn of Africa regions face mounting development challenges. The major part of the region is desert or dry lands and most of it is estimated to be degraded. The region has also been affected by frequent and severe droughts in recent years. The recent climate change is likely to make desertification even worse.

As people on a low income in the region heavily depend on natural resources, persistent drought has further worsened their livelihood condition. The poverty in the region could further exacerbate insecurity and the increase of refugees and terrorism risk.



The Launch of the African Initiative for Combating Desertification to Strengthen Resilience to Climate Change in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa

Addressing desertification properly and strengthening resilience to climate change are keys to helping nations of the region achieve sustainable development while contributing to peace and stability in the region and globally. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development pledge that no one will be left behind cannot be achieved without the sustainable growth of the region.

Despite of its importance and urgency, the issues of droughts and desertification have not been given sufficient international attention in spite of their importance and urgency, and adequate finance for addressing those issues has not been mobilised.

Against this backdrop, the Government of Kenya, the Government of Senegal, JICA, and the UNCCD with partner African countries and development partners officially announced the launch of the African Initiative for Combating Desertification to Strengthen Resilience to Climate Change in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa (AI-CD) at TICAD VI in Nairobi in August 2016.

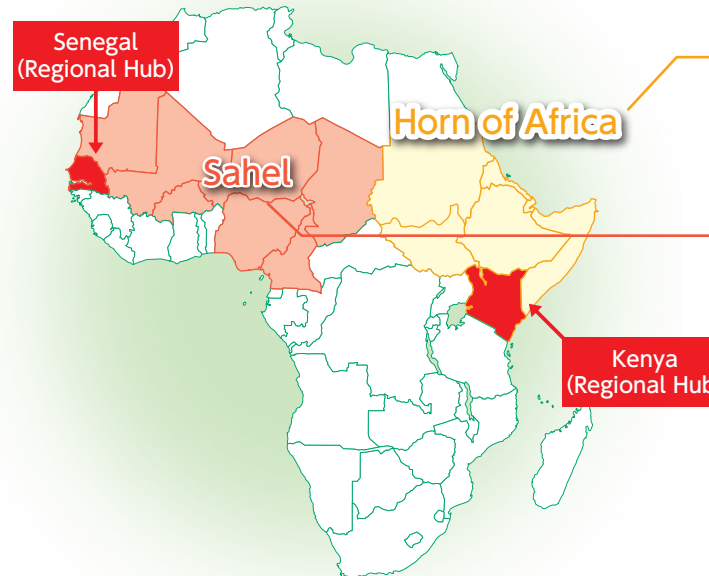
Objective

To contribute to make nations and communities resilient to climate change by promoting measures for combating desertification in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa

※ JICA: Japan International Cooperation Agency ※ UNCCD: United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
 ※ TICAD: Tokyo International Conference on African Development

Period August 2016 (TICAD VI) to 2022 (until the expected TICAD VIII)

Participating Countries



Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, **Kenya***,
 Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan

(* indicates the regional hub of each region)

Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Mali,
 Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, **Senegal***

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Main Activities

Annual workshops and seminars in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa



High-level events / meetings on the occasion of international conferences such as TICAD, UNCCD/COPs



Development of tools to support networking, knowledge-sharing, and access to finance



Expected Outputs

1. Building a network

Raise awareness of the international community to desertification by building a robust network among stakeholders in the region

2. Knowledge-sharing

Improve development effectiveness in the region by sharing knowledge and experience on combating desertification among partner countries

3. Improving access to finance

Promote measures for combating desertification in the region by improving access to available international development finance



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