

# International Colloquium Great Green Wall ICGGW



February 11-12, 2009. Hôtel Méridien Président /Dakar SENEGAL



In front of environmental challenges widely connected to climate change and to recurring effects of the desertification, Africa and in particular Africa in the South of Sahara is condemned to make front. The **Green Great Wall (GGW)** initiative, transcontinental project, under the umbrella of Community of the Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) and African Union is an answer of Africa. It is based on a joint, multi-sector-based approach putting in synergy of the actions of fighting against desertification, poverty and climate change. The advanced degraded state of ecosystems and natural resources in the Sahelian band justifies the priority and the urgency of the implementation of the GGW major project in this part of Sahel going from Dakar to Djibouti (*Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Niger, Chad, Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti*).

GGW is in particular about the installation and the integrated development from economic value vegetal species adapted to the drought, retention ponds, agricultural production systems and other revenue generating activities, also basic infrastructures and social services in a band on average wide of 15 km included within isohyets < 400 mm. The choice of the vegetal species and the systems of development in the line is a constraint in the success of the GGW.

H.E. Maitre Abdoulaye WADE President of the Republic of Senegal, Coordinator of the Environment component of NEPAD (New Partnership for the Development of Africa), in connection with the CEN-SAD and the African Union, is pleased to invite the Scientific Community in the international colloquium "Researchers Without Borders" on the Green Great Wall to be held in Dakar **February 11-12, 2009** at **Meridien Président Hotel**. The colloquium will provide a platform for interdisciplinary advanced research discussions focusing on the choice of vegetal species and the techniques of implementation and valorization more adapted to the arid conditions existing in the GGW line from Dakar to Djibouti.

The representatives of institutions of research, higher education and development of countries crossed by the GGW, in Africa, Europe, North America, South America, Asia and Australia, Sub-regional Organizations, Centres of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, of institutions of advanced research and traditional researchers are waited in particular.

## **CALL FOR PAPERS** *An integrated approach is deeply encouraged.*

*Interested scientists are invited to contribute to the International Colloquium and submit paper and give oral power point presentation. An International Committee of reviewers will evaluate the submitted communications. Notification of the acceptance of the paper will be sent to authors.*

### Topics

**T.01. Choice of vegetal species: Identification, characterization, valuation** (Biology, ecophysiology, phytopathology, ethnobotanique, productivity, economic utility, soil factors etc...),

**T.02. Systems of Development and monitoring and their complexity in drylands:** integrated management experiences (development systems, realisations, constraints, results and social and economic impacts on populations

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<http://www.cse.sn/gmv.html>

### Communication submission /English or French

✓ **Draft paper** (10 pages maximum + References + 1 one page abstract and 5 to 10 key words) Electronic version (Times New Roman, point 12, 1.5 interline),

✓ **Oral Power Point presentation** (10 mn) or posters to comment

#### ✓ **Deadlines**

Draft paper + one page abstract : **january 31, 2009**

Paper final version for Colloquium GGW proceedings: **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009,**