Scaling up forest and landscape restoration in order to restore biodiversity and promote joint mitigation and adaptation approaches in the Mediterranean

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# What is IKI?

- International Climate Initiative or IKI is an initiative of the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)
- Topics : Mitigation of greenhouse gas emission, conservation of carbon stocks, Biodiversity, Adaptation to Climate Change and Sustainable Urban Development
- One of the priority 2016 for the call of proposals 2017 : "Conservation and sustainable utilization of natural carbon sinks and REDD+ "with specific window clearly focused on Forest and Landscape Restoration => FLR projects !
- Signature of Agreement: December 2018 and first transfer of funds: March 2019
- National launching events: January to June 2019
- Implementation: April 2019 to December 2022
- For further information : <u>https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/</u>



### The project "The Paris Agreement in Action"

- Full IKI title: "The Paris Agreement in action: upscaling forest and landscape restoration to achieve nationally determined contributions"
- Objective: National/regional capacities and "political will" are enhanced to successfully plan, implement and monitor large-scale programmes mainstreaming FLR as a key option to achieve Countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in the context of the Paris Agreement.
  - Three targeted regions : Mediterranean, Asia-Pacific with a focus on Pacific Islands and Africa with a focus on the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative (GGWSSI)
  - Two selected beneficiary countries in each region for actions at national level: Lebanon, Morocco, Fiji, Philippines, Ethiopia and Niger



# The UfM labelled project "Scaling up Forest and Landscape Restoration"

- Output I: Regional platforms/ networks / initiatives are strengthened to promote more efficiently both preparation and implementation of large scale FLR programmes to achieve the Paris Agreement and the Bonn Challenge
- Output II: Large scale national FLR plans / programmes are effectively implemented in the two pilot countries in order to maximize the contribution of Forest and Landscape Restoration options to achieve the Paris Agreement and the Bonn Challenge



# Overview of the regional level (Output I)

Output I: Regional platforms/ networks / initiatives are strengthened to promote more efficiently both preparation and implementation of large scale FLR programmes to achieve the Paris Agreement and the Bonn Challenge and the Aichi targets

Work package (WP I): Organization in the Mediterranean region of one high level event on the integration of FLR options within the NDCs in the context of the Paris Agreement

➢ Work package (WP II): Provision of a specialized technical assistance to integrate FLR/LULUCF in investment frameworks of the NDCs and to build capacity on the preparation of concept notes/projects proposals for dedicated land degradation and climate financing instruments (e.g. GCF, LDN Fund etc.)

➤ Work package (WP III): Organization of three capacity building workshops in each region to capitalize and share knowledge on key FLR / NDCs related issues such as (a) promotion of ANR to scale up FLR in the context of the Paris Agreement, (b) costs- benefits analysis of FLR initiatives or (c) monitoring/ reporting on FLR goals and targets at all levels (NDCs, Aichi Target 15, Bonn Challenge and SDG 15).



# Work Package I in the Mediterranean

Organization of a high level event on the integration of FLR / LULUCF options within the NDCs in the Mediterranean region on the occasion of the sixth edition of the Mediterranean Forest Week

#### Expected outputs:

- Lebanon Declaration: concrete FLR actions to contribute to the achievement of the Paris Agreement and national NDCs
  - 1. Continue to reinforce with the support of the scientific community the knowledge and experience sharing on Forest and Landscape Restoration approaches
  - 2. Mobilize with the support of stakeholders and relevant agencies climate finance including from the Green Climate Fund
  - 3. Synergize forest monitoring and reporting systems with a view to converge, as far as relevant, towards a set of indicators and reporting system for Forest and Land Restoration



### Work Package II in the Mediterranean

Activity I.2.1: Support to the preparation of concept notes for a better integration of FLR options in investment frameworks of the NDCs (Call to be launched in each region in 2018 to select up to four beneficiary countries of this Technical Assistance Facility)

Activity I.2.2: Organization of one capacity building workshop in each region on the preparation of concept notes/projects proposals on FLR for submission to relevant land degradation and climate financing instruments (e.g. GCF, LDN Fund etc.)

Activity I 2.3: On demand continuous support in each targeted region for the preparation of concept notes on FLR for submission to relevant land degradation and climate financing instruments (e.g. GCF, LDN Fund etc.)



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#### \* Goal:

> specialized assistance to integrate FLR / LULUCF in investment frameworks of the NDCs

> build capacity on preparation of project proposals for financing instruments (GCF, LDN, ...)

#### Eligibility:

Forestry Administration and/or GCF/FLR focal points within the Ministries of Agriculture/Environment

#### **Support:**

- ➤ services available equivalent to up to 35 000 €
- provided through technical expertise

#### Submissions:

- ➢ Filling template provided
- ≻Deadline: 28 June 2019



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#### Priority activities to be supported:



- Study on the potential of FLR to contribute to the current NDCs and potential donors to support this effort
- Study (including a validation workshop) for a revision of the NDC with a better integration of FLR options
- Preparation of a FLR investment framework to be "mainstreamed/integrated" in the national GCF investment framework
- Training workshop on climate and LDN financing instruments (including GCF/LDN) and/or on preparation of bankable projects for submission to the GCF/LDNF – If FLR is already part of the NDC
- Preparation of a submission to the GCF/LDNF for a readiness support or for the preparation of a project concept note (assuming that for a full proposal to be submitted to GCF the needs are higher and the GCF is providing preparation grants)

# Work Package III in the Mediterranean

Activity I.3.1 : Organization of a capacity building workshop on Assisted Natural Regeneration as a cost effective option to scale up FLR in the context of the Paris Agreement (in the Algerian Atlas)



Subcontractor: Mediterranean Model Forest Network and AIFM for the Mediterranean region

Activity I.3.2 : Organization of a capacity building workshop on costs- benefits analysis of FLR investments to demonstrate their high interest to achieve the NDCs (in Barcelona). CBA are key to convince investors (both public and private) to invest in Forest and Landscape Restoration initiatives.

Subcontractor: EFIMED for the Mediterranean region (Spain - Barcelona)

Activity I.3.3: Organization of capacity building workshops (Niamey for GGWSSI, Rome (FAO-HQ) for Mediterranean and Bangkok for Pacific Islands) and online community of practices on monitoring of FLR impacts in the context of NDCs, Aichi Target 15, Bonn Challenge and SDG 15.

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