

*Dear members of CSOs accredited to the UNCCD,*

*It is a pleasure to share with you this Eco-newsletter that provides daily news of the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties ([COP15](#)) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification ([UNCCD](#)) taking place in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.*

*At COP15, we urge you all to seize the opportunity to contribute to the framing process and deliberations of the conference in order to strengthen the political impact of civil society. Our ambition is to help CSOs, indigenous peoples and local communities make their voices heard on all land issues, so continue to share your experiences and call for action from the front lines of the desertification crisis.*

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## COP15 – Jour 10 (May 19)

### From words to deeds: the Ivorian government proceeds to a tree planting

A symbolic tree-planting event was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 near the ice rink of the Sofitel Hotel Ivoire on the sidelines of COP15. Several members of the government, including the Ivorian Prime Minister **Patrick ACHI**, the Minister of Youth Promotion, Professional Integration and Civic Service **Mamadou TOURE**, the Minister of Water and Forests **Laurent TCHAGBA** and the Secretary General to the Convention **Ibrahim THIAW** joined the event, organized in collaboration with UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) in Côte d'Ivoire represented by Carol Flore-Smrecznik, Resident Representative.

After a brief speech, Patrick ACHI proceeded to the opening of the ceremony by symbolically planting a tree, while inviting others to do the same.

To follow in the footsteps of the Ivorian Prime Minister, Charles BAIMEY, representative of civil society organizations, took part in the game by planting a tree. Minister Mamadou TOURE urged young people to follow this example and encouraged the volunteers who are already working on this task in these terms "I ask the youth to do as we do, do as the Prime Minister and the

members of the government".this ceremony was attended by Ruth Gbagbi African Taekwondo champion and Olympic vice-champion. It is a question for the government through this action to encourage an Eco-citizen behavior among Ivorians in general and young people in particular, strongly that more actors are involved.



## Great Green Wall (GMV) CSOs consolidate their position

On Wednesday, May 18, 2022, the Day of the Great Green Wall was held on the sidelines of COP 15. Several representatives of organizations were present at the table (**From the representative of the convention, the GMV, the Pan-African Agency of the GMV, the representative of the NGO CARI, the SPONG platform and SOS SAHEL**)

The objective is to discuss: **How to overcome obstacles to make gmV a success in 2022.**

For **Dr. Birguy Lamizana** of the UNCCD, the GMV plays an accelerator role. The induced effect is the establishment of a sustainability framework.

**Pierre Ouédraogo** in charge of programs at SPONG during his intervention returned to the need to strengthen the capacities of actors for an effective implementation of field actions.

### Tools for decision-making on the Great Green Wall

This session provided an opportunity to share experiences on the Monitoring of vegetation cover and diet.

For Mamane Amie Tidjani of CRS NIGER, the strategies adopted by the project highlight two approaches to data collection, namely:

- remote sensing for images;
- the use of the KOBO application for data collection in the field;

Good to know, the data collected are used to:

- Approval of tools;
- Capacity and technical strengthening;

- Harmonization of the collection approach;
- Dissemination of regreening monitoring tools.

The second intervention highlighted the system and tools for monitoring the progress of sustainable land management in Niger. Mr. Zougrana also highlighted the success factors of:

- Financial and technical resources
- Participatory approaches
- Will and commitment
- Actions

### COP 15: Young volunteers present their action

It was during a meeting held at MET 14 that the various country representatives attending COP 15 presented their initiatives and actions as part of a contribution approach for the fight against land degradation and regeneration actions in Africa.

Oumou Modibo Keita returned to the action of JVE Mali in the Baoulé reserve, she insists on the fact that it is time to take concrete actions and show that it is possible to make a turnaround in the situation.

For Djibril Niang, Director JVE-Senegal in addition to education and awareness actions in schools and universities stated that necessary actions are carried out at

the community level around agroecology. These actions earned JVE Senegal a nomination this year at the Green Awards as the most influential youth organization in Senegal and the Director to be ranked on the list of the 5 most influential young people in Africa by the Journal Le Monde during the UNFCCC COP26.

It is recalled that JVE is present in nearly 30 countries in Africa.

