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Marrakesh



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Palmeraie Golf Palace,  
Marrakech

## **HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE INITIATIVE FOR THE ADAPTATION OF AFRICAN AGRICULTURE TO CLIMATE CHANGE "AAA"**

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## **RENCONTRE DE HAUT NIVEAU SUR L'INITIATIVE POUR L'ADAPTATION DE L'AGRICULTURE AFRICAINE AUX CHANGEMENTS CLIMATIQUES "AAA"**

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MARRAKECH  
COP22|2016|CMP12  
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

**INITIATIVE FOR THE ADAPTATION OF THE AFRICAN  
AGRICULTURE TO CLIMATE CHANGE ("AAA")**

**PRESENTATION OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE  
AND FISHERIES OF MOROCCO**

**HIGH LEVEL SUMMIT, 30 SEPTEMBER 2016**



AFTER COP21  
SUCCESS IN PARIS,  
HIGH EXPECTATIONS  
FOR MARRAKESH  
COP22, ESPECIALLY  
FOR AFRICA



## After COP21 success in Paris, high expectations for Marrakesh COP22, especially for Africa



**COP21 :**  
a historic milestone in the  
fight against climate  
change

Target to limit global warming to **2°C**  
officially adopted with aim for **1.5°C**

**At least \$100 B/year** to support  
developing countries



**COP22 :**  
strong expectations to  
make it a "COP for action"  
but also a "COP for  
Africa"



Translate the progress achieved in Paris into  
reality



Place the most vulnerable regions, especially  
Africa, at the core of the negotiations



SO FAR,  
AGRICULTURE AND  
AFRICA HAVE NOT  
BEEN ENOUGH TAKEN  
INTO ACCOUNT IN  
CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS



So far, agriculture and Africa have not been enough taken into account in climate negotiations

## AGRICULTURE IS A VITAL SECTOR FOR AFRICA

**60%**  
of uncultivated  
arable lands  
globally

Agriculture is  
the main  
sector in

**95%**  
of African  
countries

Generation of  
revenues for  
**~70%**  
of African population

## AFRICA IS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

**6/10**  
Most vulnerable  
countries are  
situated  
in Africa

**>65 %**  
of African population is  
affected by the negative  
impact of climate  
change

There are more than  
**10 MILLION**  
climate refugees in  
Africa



**AGRICULTURE IN  
AFRICA IS A CRITICAL  
PART OF THE SOLUTION  
TO THE GLOBAL  
CHALLENGES RAISED BY  
CLIMATE CHANGE AND  
FOOD SECURITY**



## Agriculture in Africa is a critical part of the solution to the global challenges raised by climate change and food security

### Reduction of GHG emissions

~20%  
of African GHG  
emissions come from  
agriculture...

... accounting to less  
than ~1%  
of global GHG emissions  
today

AFRICAN  
AGRICULTURE IS A  
MAJOR ASSET  
AGAINST CLIMATE  
CHANGE,  
WHICH WE NEED TO  
PRESERVE

### Carbon sequestration in soils and forests

~ 30%  
of global mitigation  
potential of forests


~ 20%  
of global mitigation  
potential of soils

### Development of a productive and resilient agriculture

60%  
of uncultivated arable  
lands globally

> x5  
potential agricultural  
productivity gains

AFRICAN AGRICULTURE  
COULD BECOME AN  
ASSET FOR GLOBAL  
FOOD SECURITY, WHICH  
WE NEED TO DEVELOP



**THE "AAA"  
INITIATIVE IS OUR  
ANSWER TO PUT  
AGRICULTURE AT THE  
CENTER OF CLIMATE  
NEGOTIATIONS**



## The "AAA" initiative is our answer to put agriculture at the center of climate negotiations

### NEGOTIATIONS AND ADVOCACY

I Be the mouthpiece of the adaptation of African agriculture to climate change

Increased funding

Climate funds monitoring

Simplified access to climate funds

### SOLUTIONS AND PROJECTS

II Contribute to the Global Climate Action Agenda and support "AAA" projects

Soils management

Agricultural Water management

Climate risk management

Financing solutions



Leverage the Instruments recommended by the UNFCCC

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS

CAPACITY BUILDING

SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

THE "AAA" INITIATIVE IS AT THE NEXUS OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SPHERES



**THE "AAA"  
INITIATIVE FITS IN  
AN EXISTING  
ENVIRONMENT OF  
AFRICAN INITIATIVES  
AND POLITICAL  
STATEMENTS**



## The "AAA" initiative fits in an existing environment of African initiatives and political statements

### AFRICAN INITIATIVES FOR AGRICULTURE AND ADAPTATION



The Comprehensive  
Africa Agricultural  
Development Programme

The Adaptation  
in Africa Initiative

Putting **agriculture** at the  
center of African **public**  
**policies**

Ensuring **resilient**  
**economic development**  
for Africa, notably in the  
agricultural sector

**2003**  
(Maputo Declaration)

Announced  
in Dec. **2015**

### POLITICAL STATEMENTS FOR AGRICULTURE AND ADAPTATION



The Dakar Conference

The Abidjan  
Declaration

Defining a **roadmap** for  
the transformation of  
**agriculture** in Africa

Ensuring **resilient**  
**agricultural**  
**development** in Africa

October **2015**

April **2016**



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ACROSS THE  
CONTINENT**



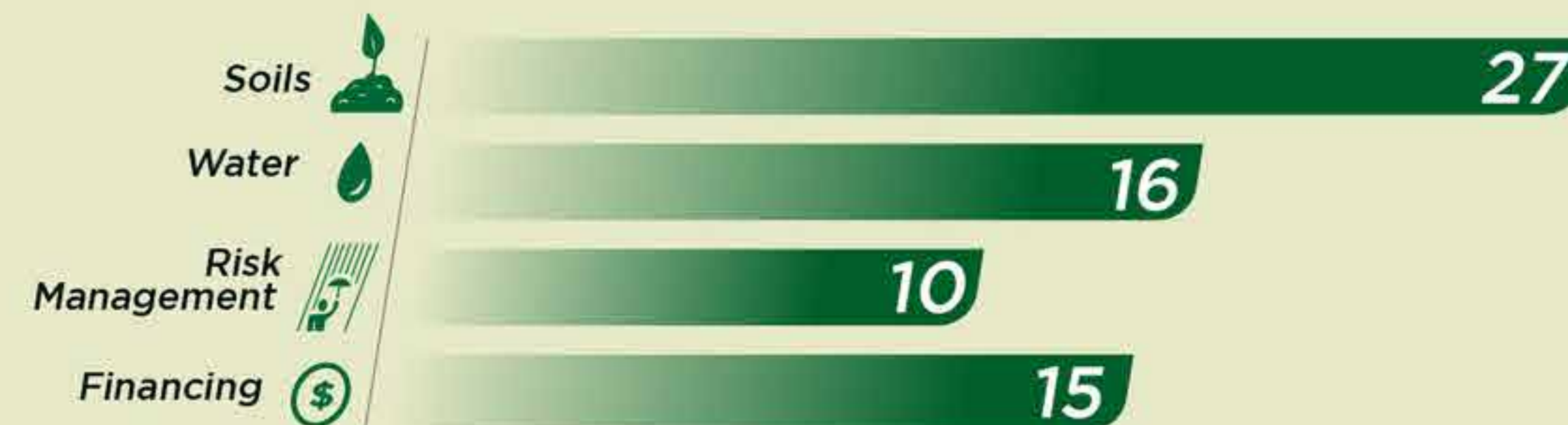
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## PROJECTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED ACROSS AFRICA...



## ...AND ACROSS THE LEVERS OF THE "AAA" INITIATIVE

Number of projects per lever



## "AAA" PARTNERS HAVE HELPED IDENTIFY PROJECTS

### NGOs



### Corporate



### Governments



### International org.





**THE "AAA"  
INITIATIVE WILL BE  
FOSTERED BY A  
GLOBAL ALLIANCE AT  
COP22**



# The "AAA" initiative will be fostered by a global alliance at COP22

## African Governments



## Development Finance Institutions



## Scientific Community



## NGOs & Corporate (projects holders)



The syndication process is ongoing – additional supports are still being rallied



**"AAA"**  
**SUSTAINABLE**  
**IMPACT WILL BE**  
**ACHIEVED THROUGH**  
**A LEAN, AGILE AND**  
**EFFICIENT STRUCTURE**



## "AAA" sustainable impact will be achieved through a lean, agile and efficient structure



**Simplicity  
& flexibility**

Act as a task force for the adaptation of African agriculture



**Role of  
facilitator**

Be the facilitator of agricultural adaptation projects



**Targeted  
catalyst role**

Be an orchestrator able to accelerate project funding, by targeting available funds, notably Climate funds, and by improving the packaging of projects to be funded



**Center of  
excellence**

Ensure best practice promotion and sharing



**#WE AAAARE**

ADAPTATION DE L'AGRICULTURE AFRICAINE

*the technology*

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*part of the solution*

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*the potential*