Annex 9

Sustainable Land Management Program –TerraAfrica

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Financial Arrangements for FY08 (Amount in US $ Million)

| Total Budget:                          | 10.06 |
| DGF Funding Request:                  | 1.70  |
| DGF Percentage:                       | 17%   |

Objectives and Expected Outcomes

TerrAfrica’s fundamental objective is to scale up the mainstreaming & financing of effective and efficient country-driven sustainable land management. Internal and external assessments supported by a broad combination of stakeholders have identified critical bottlenecks to Sustainable Land Management (SLM) including knowledge & technology dissemination, institutional and sectoral, policy, implementation, & financing barriers as presented under the TerrAfrica analytical framework. TerrAfrica activities work to achieve the objective of shifting the current business model to one focused on unlocking the bottlenecks and efficiently and effectively generate & guide the financing & analytical support needed to catalyze well-targeted, results-oriented domestic & international investments on the ground. Taken together, the TerrAfrica platform will result in progress toward achieving MDGs 1 and 7 via increased & sustained rural land-use productivity, income, & secured ecosystem services.

Main Components

TerrAfrica activities are organized into three main activity lines (AL) (components). AL 1.) **Coalition Building** – with actions focused on building upon and consolidating existing and complementary diverse, isolated efforts into a regional network of strategic coalitions and advocacy. AL 2) **Knowledge Generation and Management** – with actions focused on cost effectively identifying, generating, organizing, and disseminating high quality, customized knowledge that will drive decision-making, guide investments, and strengthen ownership at all levels. Emphasis is placed on coordinating the analysis of practices on the ground, showcasing successes and their impacts, improving methodological support, harmonizing policy dialogues, benchmarking, public expenditure reviews (PER), and strategic approaches. AL 3) **Investment** – The third activity line will pursue two interconnected themes of action i) the mainstreaming of SLM into policy, harmonization of investment dialogue and improved integrated SLM governance, and ii) the leveraging of investments based on the TerrAfrica analytical approach.

Performance Indicators

**Activity Line 1 – Coalition Building:** 1) African owned collations and strategic partnerships for SLM established at regional and global levels; 2) Inclusive regional dialogue and advocacy on SLM strategic priorities, enabling conditions and delivery mechanisms established and ongoing. **Activity line 2 – Knowledge Management:** 1) High Quality regional knowledge based mechanism being supported and scaled up; 2) New and targeted knowledge products to build stronger analytical underpinnings of SLM identified and developed; 3) Partners SLM monitoring and evaluation systems harmonized. **Activity Line 3 – Investments:** 1) SLM mainstreamed into development strategies and policy dialogues at sub-regional, country and local levels in identified TerrAfrica priority areas; 2) Investments developed, mobilized and harmonized at sub-regional, country and local levels in identified TerrAfrica priority areas.
Progress and Achievements

During the period under review, strong progress has been achieved by the TerrAfrica partnership. DGF funds allocated in 2007 have been fully disbursed to NEPAD, FAO and Eco-agriculture International. An agreement has also been signed with the UNCCD Global Mechanism and funds are expected to be disbursed shortly. These DGF funds are supporting a wide range of activities on the 2007 Work Program including under Activity Line 1: 1) Development of a NEPAD/AU TerrAfrica operational framework to implement the SLM priorities of the CAADP and EAP strategies; 2) support for a range of regional learning networks for farmers and resource managers in SSA; under Activity Line 2, 3) Finalization and publication of an SLM Vision Paper; 4) the development of a Country Support Tool to assist countries in formulating and operationalizing national SLM programs; 5) the expansion of a TerrAfrica Knowledge Base, including development of SLM policy guidelines, guidelines for SLM financing, and market assessment tools; 5) FIELD database enhancement, including refinement of SLM reporting methodology and SLM portfolio reviews. The TerrAfrica Work Program however goes significantly beyond activities supported by DGF, and a sample of other key activities is below:

1) The Strategic Investment Program for SLM in SSA (SIP) has been prepared with the support of all GEF implementing and executing agencies. The Program Brief was submitted to GEFSEC in March following an extensive consultation process with SSA stakeholders. The SIP will provide an umbrella investment vehicle to support Sub-Saharan countries in their efforts to scale up SLM on the ground. The Program Brief is due for submission to the GEF Council in June, and implementation is anticipated to begin in July. 2) Technical and strategic support is being provided to NEPAD to enhance their capacity to drive development of country dialogue on SLM, significantly leveraging the DGF financing for the NEPAD/AU operational framework. 3) A draft TerrAfrica communications strategy for FY07 is being developed and is expected to be finalized shortly. 4) The TerrAfrica Leveraging Fund has been established with contributions from Norway and the European Commission, and a dialogue is underway with a number of other donors on this front (these funds will be used to support further targeted activities under Activity Line 1 and 2). 5) A TerrAfrica Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for SLM is being developed, building upon the substantial SLM M&E progress made as part of SIP preparations. 6) A comprehensive strategy for civil society engagement is to be elaborated based on an initial stocktaking analysis of current engagement, opportunities and gaps. 6) Country programming approaches to SLM are being actively supported in Uganda, Ethiopia, Ghana and Burkina Faso. In Ethiopia, TerrAfrica partners are supporting the SLM platform set-up at federal level by the Government to engage and align the contributions of all stakeholders in the country, and are providing targeted support at regional and local levels for on the ground SLM investments, to implement priorities set under the national framework. In Ghana, partners are working with the Government to develop a programmatic approach, beginning with the development of a Country SLM Investment Framework. In Uganda, several ministries are coordinating their activities with support from TerrAfrica partners to elaborate a harmonized Country Program on SLM that supports and is well aligned with the agriculture and environment sector priorities. In Burkina Faso, a Steering Committee has been set up by TerrAfrica partners and the government of Burkina Faso to enable the development of a participatory dialogue on how to better align SLM activities and approaches in order to support more effectively the country’s SLM agenda and Country Program.

Partners

Executive Committee members include: Ghana, Uganda, Chad, South Africa, NEPAD, FAO, GM of UNCCD, UNCCD Sec, IFAD, UNEP, UNDP, World Bank, Norway, European Commission, NGO representatives Pelum-Lesotho and CONGAD Senegal.

Governance and Management

The basic TerrAfrica governance structure consists of: A small Executive Committee, consisting of partners listed above. A Secretariat (housed at the WB), which provides technical and administrative support to the Executive Committee and assists in program implementation. An independent evaluation is due November 2009.

Exit Strategy

The Bank is only one partner among many and its leadership role is time bound. The vision continues to be that the Bank will assist African countries and partners to catalyze the shift in the SLM business model. As this takes place the Bank will incrementally disengage as key African partners capacity to take on Secretariat responsibilities is programmatically enhanced. Capacity building activities within the NEPAD Secretariat are being developed and will continue to be developed over the course of the next 2 years of TerrAfrica. Once sufficient capacity has been built, responsibilities for the TerrAfrica Secretariat will be progressively shared with the Bank (expected by end of 2008). World Bank leadership will be gradually phased out following FY08 DGF funding. An independent evaluation will be done in 2008.