



**African Initiative for Combating Desertification (AI-CD)**

# **Progress and Achievements of AI-CD in Horn of Africa Region from 2016 to 2022**

## **Towards Achieving Resilient Africa**

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# Objectives and Outputs for AI-CD

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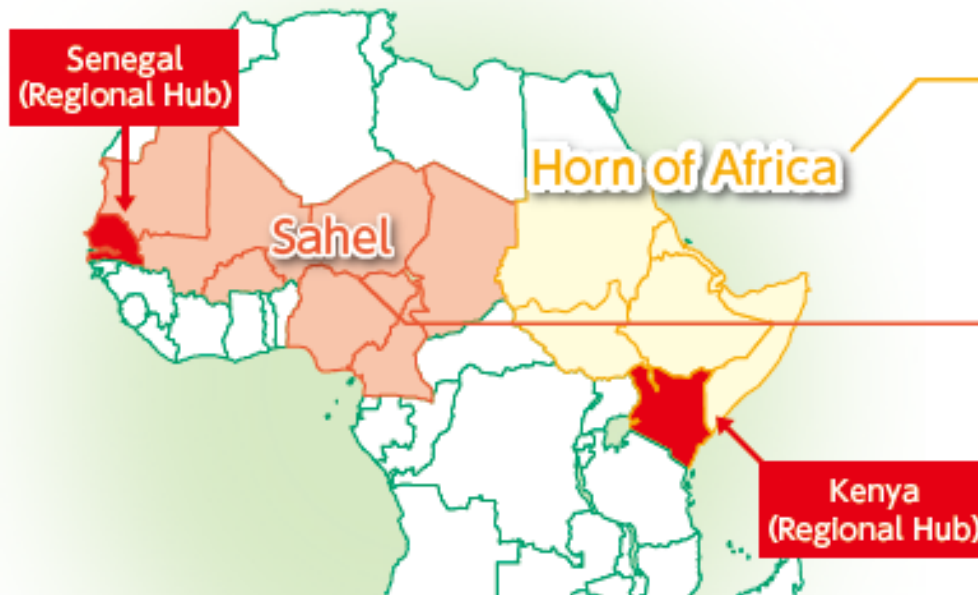
**Objectives:** To contribute to:

- 1) Making nations and communities resilient to climate change by promoting measures for combating desertification
- 2) Raising awareness of the international community to desertification

**Output 1:  
Networking**

**Output 2:  
Knowledge-sharing**

**Output 3:  
Access to Finance**



Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, **Kenya\***,  
Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan

(\* indicates the regional hub of each region)

Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Mali,  
Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, **Senegal\***

**Duration: 2016 – 2022**  
(TICAD 6) (TICAD 8)

# Implementation Structure for AI-CD

## Co-organizers

- Kenya



- Senegal



- JICA



- Secretariat  
Global Env. Dept., JICA  
Support Team  
(OCG/EHC)



- UNCCD



## Participating Countries

7 countries in the  
Horn of Africa

- Regional Hub: Kenya  
(Core Project: CADEP-SFM)

8 Countries in the  
Sahel

- Regional Hub: Senegal

## Partner Organizations

-FAO



-GEF



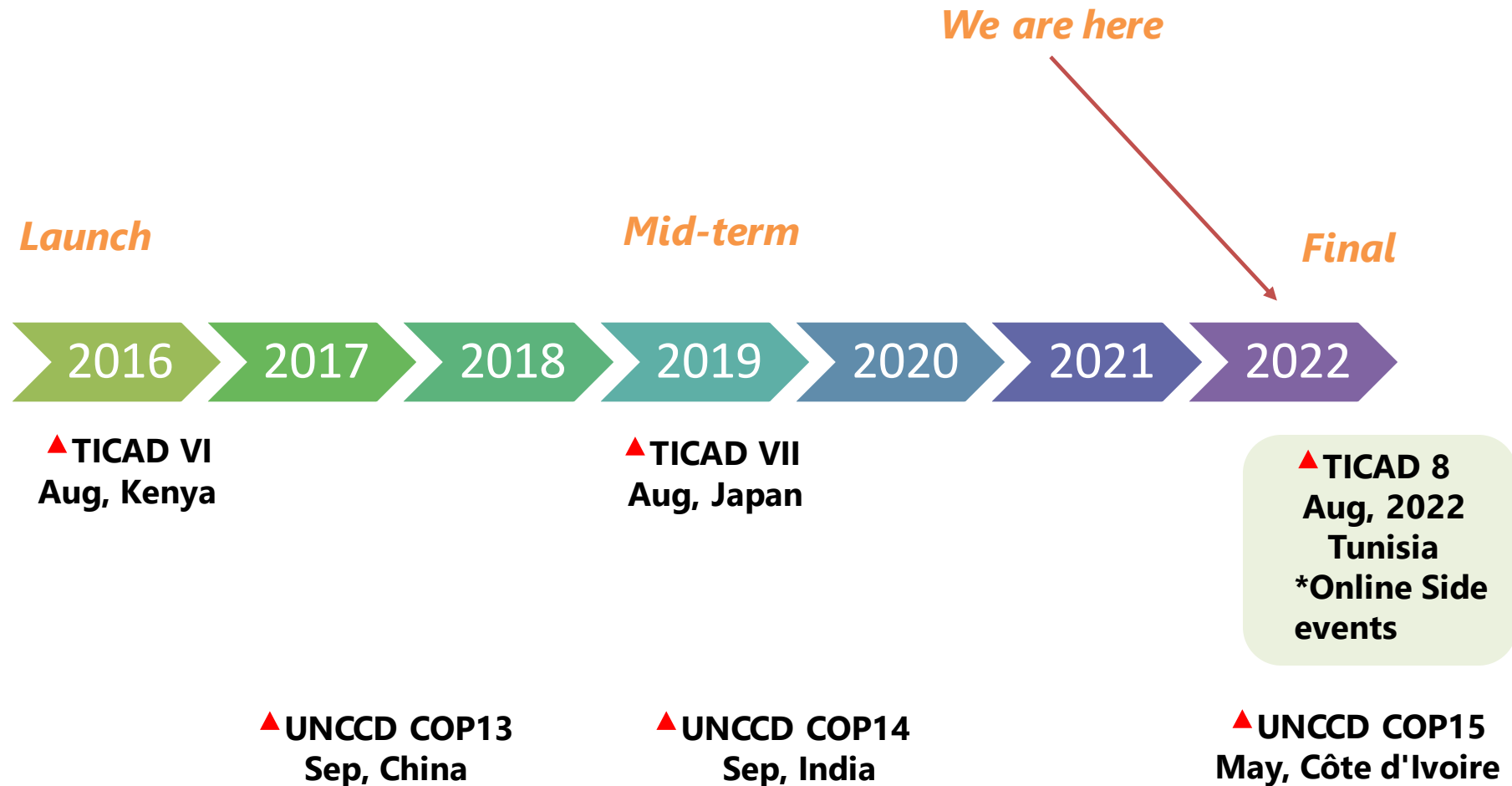
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# AI-CD Timeframe








**TICAD:** Tokyo International Conference on African Development

**Progress, Achievement and  
Way forward for  
Horn of Africa**



# 1. Building Network in Horn of Africa

## Regional Forum for Horn of Africa (HoA):5 events held

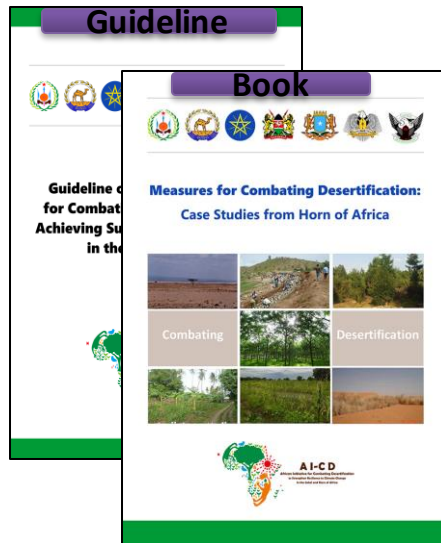
Event	Aim	Pictorial
1 <sup>st</sup> Regional Forum (February 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creating awareness of AI-CD</li><li>• Developing TORs including responsibilities and activities of HoA countries</li></ul>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Forum: Ministerial Forum (June 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promotion of AI-CD at political level and mainstreaming of AI-CD into countries policies and plans</li></ul>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Regional Forum (May 2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resource mobilization through Project Concept Note (PCN) development</li><li>• Facilitate discussion with Development Partners</li></ul>	
4 <sup>th</sup> Regional Forum (Virtual meeting) (December 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appraise progress of AI-CD in Horn of Africa</li></ul>	
5 <sup>th</sup> Regional Forum (Virtual meeting) (August 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appraise gains of the Initiative from 2016 to 2021 (Final Regional Forum for HoA)</li></ul>	

# 1. Building Network in Horn of Africa- cont'd

## Regional Technical Workshop for Horn of Africa (2 workshops held)

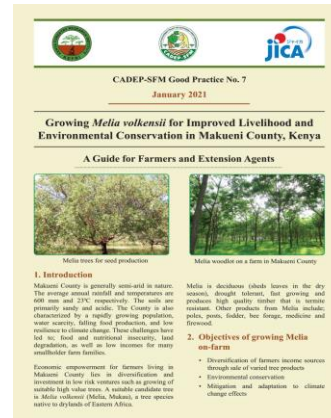
Event	Aim	Pictorial
1 <sup>st</sup> Regional Technical Training Workshop (September 2017)	Build capacity on collection, documentation and sharing Good Practices	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Regional Technical Training Workshop (October 2018)	Build capacity on repackaging information for end users eg. Farmers, Extension workers	

## 2. Knowledge Sharing



### Book and Guideline

**All seven Horn of Africa countries contributed information on combating desertification**



**Developed brochures on good practices**



**Developed a portal on KEFRI website for sharing Good Practices and Case Studies from Africa**

<https://www.kefri.org/cadep>



### 3. Access to Finance

- Developed project concept notes which were expected to transit to proposals for submission to targeted development partners.
- Facilitated to identify opportunities for funding from development partners



## 4. Major Achievements

- Build networks among Horn of Africa countries through Regional Forums
- Capacity built for partners in Horn of Africa through Regional Forums and Technical Training Workshops
- Developed tools for identifying, collecting and documenting good practices
- Shared lessons, knowledge and experience from Horn of Africa countries on combating desertification
- Produced various knowledge materials e.g. books, brochures, case studies/good practices

## 5. Causal Effect of AI-CD

Held Technical Study Tour for South Sudan government in 2019



The study tour was organized as triangular cooperation in the Horn of Africa under AI-CD to build and strengthen the regional network and share knowledge.

## 6. Way forward

- How do we continue the collaboration within the HoA and Sahel region?
- **Proposals:**
  1. Establish issue-based networks for knowledge sharing
  2. Undertake needs assessment
  3. Build capacity based on the needs assessment

### Scope:

AI-CD Horn of Africa and Sahel regions  
as well as other Sub-Sahara African countries

# Thank you



Photos from Horn of Africa

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