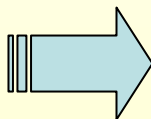


Oasis

Challenge Programme (candidate) to Combat
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Oasis Side Event

- 21 FARA member participants, from Africa Rice Center, AU/SAFGRAD, Bioversity, CIRAD, European Commission, ICRISAT, ICARDA, INRAN-Niger, International Centre for Underutilized Crops, University of Nairobi, TSBF-CIAT, and World Agroforestry Centre
- Short presentations by Oasis, Desert Margins Program, TSBF-CIAT, CIRAD, ICARDA, followed by discussion; 90 minutes total

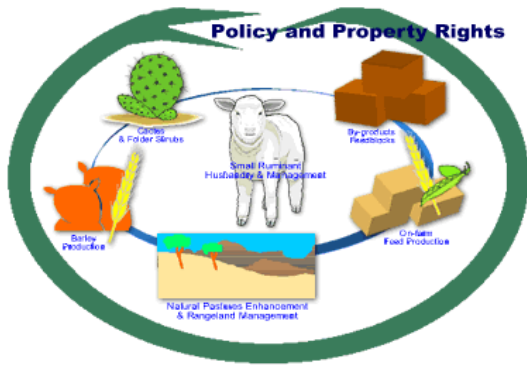
WHAT IS DESERTIFICATION?

- **Loss of vegetative cover and nutrients > wind, soil and water erosion**
- **20-70% of drylands already degraded**
- **Decline in productivity**
- **Breakdown of ecosystems, and biodiversity loss**
- **Downward spiral of poverty**



BUILDING ON MOMENTUM

The Mashreq/Maghreb Project



The Desert Margins Program





Land Cover: The Key to Arresting Desertification

*****But how do we
achieve sustainable
land cover?******

The Oasis Approach

Interventions will only succeed if they:

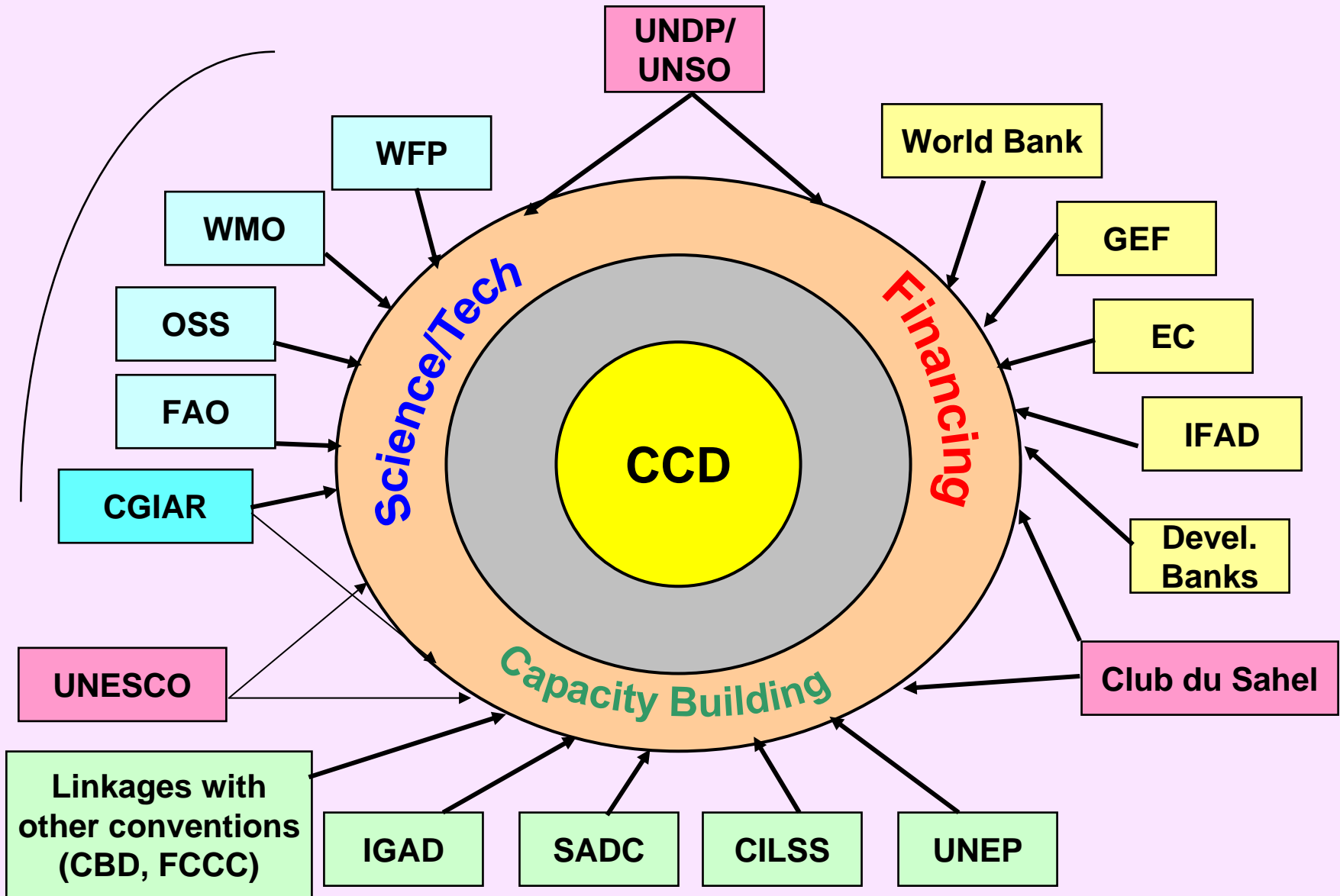


Partnerships

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- UNCCD and its TPNs, NAPs
- GFAR, FARA, NEPAD
- CORAF, SADC, ASARECA, APAARI, AARINENA
- CILSS, OSS, TerrAfrica
- CGIAR Programs: 12 Centers, SSA-CP, WF-CP, SLP
- Regional Programs: DMP, CACILM, CWANA+
- ARIs: CIRAD, IRD, CEH, Desert*Net, Columbia U., more
- NGOs: IUCN, WWF, WorldVision, CRS, UNDP, more
- Investors: GEF, IFAD, IsDB, EC, France, USA, UK, EU, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, India, Gates

The International system of institutions addressing desertification



Summary of Side Event Outcomes

- There was collective support for the Oasis concept
- Partnerships were refreshed, and ideas were exchanged
- New entities for partnership such as FEZA and AIDA were identified
- A holistic, systems approach including broad and deep partnerships was recommended, represented by five thematic “knowledge streams”
- The need for capacity-building was emphasized
- Attention to environmental impacts was emphasized

Next Steps

- Pre-proposal workshop 20-24 August
- Pre-proposal due to CGIAR Sept. 8
- CGIAR decides probably in December
- If Oasis approved, a full proposal development process in 2008 – more in depth consultations, workplans etc.

Thank You



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