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BIODIVERSITY FINANCING FUND IN NIGER



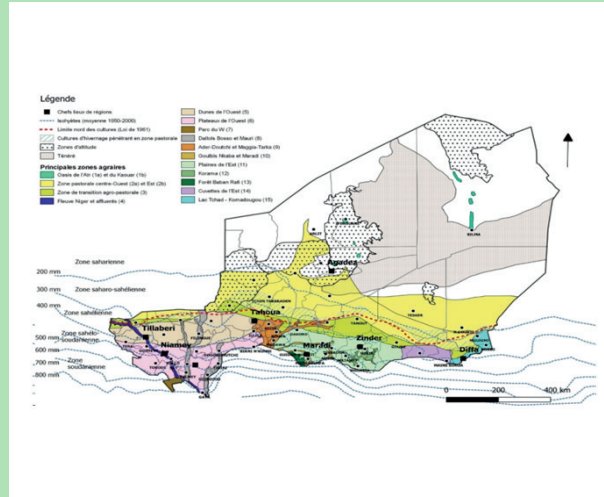
According to the Convention on Biological Diversity established in June 1992 at Rio Conference, biodiversity is defined as "the variability among living organisms from all sources, including, among other, terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems, and ecological complexes which are part of it; this includes diversity within species, between species, and of ecosystems. (Art.2). The Biodiversity Financing Fund in Niger will be set up as a public financing institution (EPF) responsible for federating and co-integrating "funds" in favor of biodiversity in Niger, and promoting effective investments for the enhancement of national natural assets.

Its responsibilities are:

From a political and strategic point of view: Support the Government of Niger in the definition and application of strategic orientations in terms of biodiversity financing.

In terms of resource mobilization: support the Ministries of Finance and Planning to effectively ensure the mobilization of internal and external resources for the implementation, by the Ministry of the Environment and the Combat against Desertification, the national biodiversity strategy and action plan and all other national strategies and action plans in this sector directly or indirectly in accordance with the international conventions ratified by Niger;

In terms of management of funds set up by development partners: Manage all external funds intended for the financing of biodiversity in Niger, including existing funds (global



Objectives

The global objective of the biodiversity financing fund in Niger relates to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 3, 6, 13, 14, and 15 on which the economic and Social Development Plan (PDES) 2022-2026 and the Sustainable Development and Inclusive Growth Strategy (SDDCI) 2035 are aligned. Also to operationalize the financing plan resulting from the national strategy and action plan for biological diversity drawn up by Niger, Three specific objectives are defined:

Specific objective 1: sustainable capacity building for mobilization of internal and external financial resources of the Government of Niger in favor of biodiversity in accordance with the national strategy and action plan for biological diversity;

Specific objective 2: support the Ministry of the Environment and the Combat against Desertification to establish a sustainable dynamic of effective and efficient management, and optimal allocation of financial resources intended for investments in the biodiversity sector;

Specific objective 3: support the Ministries of Finance and Planning to implement financial and budgetary reforms with a view to realigning expenditure in the biodiversity sector and significantly reducing future expenditure in this sector.

Stakeholders

- The Niger government ;
- Local authorities ;
- Chambers of Commerce and Industry;
- Chambers of Agriculture;
- National and international private companies;
- Financial and banking institutions;
- Technical and Financial Partners;
- Populations;
- CSOs;
- National and international scientific research structures.



Fund financial Resources

The fund is supplemented by three categories of financial resources:

1. Internal resources mobilized through the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of the Environment and the Combat against desertification
2. Regional external resources mobilized by the Ministry of Planning
3. International external resources mobilized by the Ministry of Planning

The fund manages all the resources intended for the financing of biodiversity.

Implementation stage

- Step 1: Development of the financing plan as part of the BIOFIN process
- Step 2: feasibility study, preparation and adoption of the project document for the creation of the fund, always in agreement with BIOFIN Niger
- Step 3: drafting and signing of the decree creating the fund
- Step 4: elaboration of operations and disbursement procedures manual
- Step 5: installation of the operating structures of the fund during the year 2024.

