

FP268: Scaling-Up Resilience in Africa's Great Green Wall (SURAGGWA)

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We appreciate the willingness of the AE to engage with us and their openness to respond to our questions.

We want to highlight the importance, at a time when there is a strong push for carbon markets to become a substitute for climate finance for many vulnerable countries, that entities like FAO, which have the expertise and access to governments and communities, engage in these discussions in ways that protect developing countries and communities.

Supporting communities and countries with data and information to help them determine whether and how to engage in carbon markets in a way that safeguards their rights and ensures a fair distribution of benefits is important. However, we emphasise that this engagement should continue to respond to specific requests by these countries and communities, and maintain neutrality in its recommendations, to avoid pushing local actors into engaging in carbon markets in ways that do not benefit them and continue to entrench existing extractive and neocolonial practices.