PLATFORMS FOR CONCERTED TERRITORIAL PLANNING

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PROGRAMME FOR VULNERABLE RURAL TERRITORIES (PACTE) OF TUNISIA

Expert Meeting on “Promoting Sustainable Agriculture Development in Drylands” - Riyadh, 10 August 2020
THE TUNISIAN CONTEXT

STAKES/ISSUES

Participation Integration

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRALISATION
Limited commitment of local actors / Inappropriate interventions / No local uptake

SECTORIAL APPROACH
Difficulties for implementing integrated development interventions

VULNERABILITY TO CLIMATE CHANGE
Major risks of resource depletion and conflicts between users

Actors from local to central levels

Different sectors concerned
THE PACTE PROGRAMME

A 6-YEAR INITIATIVE (2018-2023) to

- Break-up with established top-down, sectorial approaches in regional planning and NRM
- Strengthen the capacity of local actors to adapt to climate change

AFD/FFEM loan & subsidy + State Budget ≈ 56M€ of investments towards

- Sustainable management of natural resources
- Economic development of marginal rural territories
- Improvement of local governance

Six intervention sites
THE PACTE PLATFORMS

OBJECTIVES

- To support a **concerted territorial planning approach** towards rural development and natural resource management
- To create enabling conditions for a **social learning process** involving on the long term a diversity of actors, at multiple scales and from different sectors

A NETWORK OF ACTORS involved with:

- Production and exchange of knowledge
- Citizen debate on issues and priorities
- Co-design, concerted planning, implementation
- Monitoring & evaluation
TWO KEY ACTORS / INSTITUTIONS

Territorial facilitators

Territorial committees

Election of local community representatives in Kef
ROLE OF RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

FACILITATION OF A CO-DESIGN PROCESS
• Knowledge capitalization (W&SC, territorial observatories…)
• Process design (territorial diagnosis, strategic planning sequence…)
• Institutional design (territorial planning bodies, information systems…)

SUPPORT TO INNOVATION PROCESSES
• Building capacity of platform actors
• Facilitation of individual and social learning
• Monitoring & evaluation (implementation, performance, impacts)
• Thematic research and expertise
SOME ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

2519 participants
41 events

Gender distribution:

- Women: 815 (32%)
- Men: 1705 (68%)

3600 people voted to select priority issues for their communities

3000 proposals of actions to address local issues
BY WAY OF A CONCLUSION

AN AMBITIOUS PROPOSAL
• A change of paradigm and practices for the public administration and new forms of collaboration between research and development in Tunisia
• Ultimately, a contribution to the decentralisation objectives established in the 2014 National Constitution

BUT SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES AHEAD
• Engaging actors beyond the agricultural sector, at the central and local levels
• Finding avenues to institutionalize the governance model
• Keeping the momentum, and the right balance between need for actual investments and need for giving sufficient time for social learning
• Ensuring that the “PACTE model” is efficient and sustainable
• But also making sure that some of it can effectively be transposed/generalized without specific support from donors
THANK YOU

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