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Status and readiness of mainstreaming EBA into policies, plans, programs and activities in Sudan

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Background:

- Capital City : Khartoum
- Government: Federal Presidential Republic
- Total Area: (1,882,000 km2)
- Population : Approx. 23,419,525.
- Population Growth Rate: 2 1/2
- Calling code: 248



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• Sudan's most vulnerable to climate change, it is severely impacted by the climate change induced droughts and floods.

Climate change lead to:

- declining crop productivity,
- loss of grazing resources and rangeland valuable species.
- land degradation,.
- increased frequency of diseases crops, livestock and population.
- loss of livelihoods and human migration in search for jobs and alternative livelihoods.

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- The EBA is an emerging approach that recognizes the ecosystem services play an important role in reducing people vulnerability to climate change.
- The EBA are currently poorly understood and recognized at national and community level in Sudan.
- All activities of sectors plan relate indirectly to maintenance of ecosystem services such as sufficient water for agriculture, productive rangelands for livestock etc.
- The critical role of ecosystems, have yet to be comprehensively and consistently considered in national and state level planning.

- Sudan is in the process of mainstreaming adaptation into its general planning and policy making at both the national and state level through initiatives such as those implemented through the NAPA project and the NAP process.
- a number of non-climate focused planning frameworks and policies for environmental protection are currently active in Sudan including: Forest Act (2000), forest policy and the five years plans of the forest, rangeland, agriculture and water sectors.
- Sudan is implementing policies/frameworks for sustainable rural development through its 25 years strategic plan, which is being implemented through the five year sector plans.
- More technical, political and financial support is needed to foster the role of ecosystem services in planning

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- a proposed project titled Enhancing the resilience of communities living in climate change vulnerable areas of Sudan using (EBA) approved by GEF, will be implement in *White Nile State*.
- The project aims to increase the climate change resilience of livelihoods and integrated productive agricultural systems in the White Nile State through EBA.

• The project will be implemented at multiple levels aiming to mainstream EBA at both national, regional (state) and local (community) levels.

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- The project will strengthen government awareness and capacity for implementation of EBA at the national, State and individual levels. This will be achieved through the following components:
- Component 1: Capacity Development for Ecosystems based Adaptation (EBA) and policy mainstreaming.
- Component 2: Implementation of EBA measures to build adaptive capacities of vulnerable communities.
- Component 3: Knowledge management for appropriate EbA design.