Coordinated by OSS, the MENA-DELP project is a part of the MENA-DELP support program to five investment projects in five MENA countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia.

Funded by GEF through the World Bank to the tune of 1000 K$ for a duration of 4 years (2013-2017) the project has contributed to strengthening cooperation in the field of sustainable desert ecosystems management among a number of selected national institutions and organizations.

Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

- 90% arid, semi-arid, sub-humid and dry areas
- Water shortage, Degrading natural resources and Changing climate
- Threatened desert livelihoods.
KNOWLEDGE AND GOOD PRACTICES SHARING

For a better understanding of linkages between ecosystem services and populations’ livelihoods in desert areas

Elaboration of guidances for decision-makers

→ Land use thematic Atlas

→ Guidance notes and syntheses (Water resources, Oasis, Carbon sequestration, Ecosystem natural capital accounting, Sectors development)

→ Thematic studies on the potentialities and development prospects of desert areas (Pastoral ecosystems, Tourism, Sericulture and geothermal waters, Medicinal and aromatic plants)

→ Strategic regional studies for sustainable management of forest and wooded lands

Promotion of good desert ecosystems management practices

→ Regional thematic workshops for studies sharing

→ Study trips to the MENA-DELP national pilot projects

→ Discussion forum and online questionnaires on various themes of interest related to the Sahara-Sahel region (Post-Paris challenges, Access to climate finance, Sustainable Oasis in the Circum-Sahara, Land Degradation Neutrality)

→ Presentation of the programme during international events (CoP 22 and 23 to the UNFCCC, CoP 12 and 13 to the UNCCD...)

Study Trip - Morocco

Study Trip - Tunisia

Study Trip - Jordan
INFORMATION SYSTEM

To promote local know-how in sustainable desert ecosystems management

→ **Development of a Geoportal** comprising thematic maps on the MENA region’s natural resources. Several training workshops on the IS utilization to strengthen Experts technical capacities

→ **Development of a “spatio-temporal” profile tool** integrated into the project internet portal and allowing near-real-time monitoring of climate and ecological variables (vegetation, rainfall...).

MONITORING & EVALUATION SYSTEM

To monitor and assess projects results

→ Development of an online indicators monitoring-evaluation database

→ Elaboration of syntheses on the MENA-DELP program indicators

→ Elaboration and publication of a monitoring-evaluation guide for better decision-making in terms of natural resources management

→ Strengthening partners’ capacities through the development of modules and the organization of training sessions.

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STRENGTHENING EXPERTS CAPACITIES

Organization of training workshops on different operational tools and themes:

- Monitoring-evaluation and geo-spatial tools and services (GIS, REMOTE SENSING - GEOPORTAL - COLLECT EARTH)
- Climate finance
- Land Degradation Neutrality and Climate Smart Agriculture.

Thematic studies on the potentialities and development prospects of desert areas

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