



Press Release

The Sahel Alliance Presents its Preliminary Roadmap to Sahelian Heads of State

Niamey, February 6, 2018 – The members of the Sahel Alliance, a platform to scale up international cooperation for the Sahel, met the leaders of Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, and Chad at the G5 Sahel summit to present them with the progress achieved thus far on their roadmap.

After several months of work, the members of the Sahel Alliance presented a preliminary set of actions to be rolled out through projects in six priority sectors: youth employment, rural development and food security, climate and energy, governance, access to basic services, and security. Their goal is to catalyze development outcomes in each of these sectors and improve the coordination of their actions to have an immediate and measurable impact.

Their innovative approach reflects the urgent need to take action in the Sahel and their determination to improve people's lives through agile operations that boast the ability to take action quickly, intervene in vulnerable areas, and work across borders.

The meeting marks a milestone in the operationalization of the Sahel Alliance, whose objectives and projects will be endorsed at the next International Conference on the Sahel in Brussels on February 23, 2018.

The Sahel Alliance is mandated to coordinate, expedite, and improve the effectiveness of development operations and strategies already in place in the Sahel, an insecurity-stricken region where poverty remains high.

About the Sahel Alliance

At a Franco-German Council of Ministers meeting on July 13, 2017, France, Germany, and the European Union together with the World Bank, the African Development Bank (AfDB), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), proposed an international cooperation platform for the Sahel to do more and better in the region. The Sahel Alliance will make for more effective aid coordination and is set to improve development partners' support to the region to do more to help stabilize the security situation and eradicate poverty by developing solutions for rural areas, creating jobs for youth, improving energy infrastructures and climate change mitigation, and strengthening governance. The Sahel Alliance will be officially launched at a Sahel summit set to take place between now and this summer.

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