



Launch of the Atlas and workshop on Land Use Land Cover

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 11 – 13 July 2017

The formal opening ceremony of the meeting took place on Tuesday 11 July 2017 and was chaired by Mrs. Fanta C. Kafando, Director of Environmental Preservation representing the Minister of the Environment of Burkina Faso in presence of Dr. Djimé Adoum, Executive Secretary of CILSS, HE Mr. Andrew Young, Ambassador of the United States of America in Burkina Faso, Mr. Robert Buzzard, Representative of USAID West Africa and Mr. Gray Tappan, Representative of the USGS.

Over 100 participants composed of Directors General of Ministries, CONACILSS, parliamentarians, the Faso Farmers' Confederation, Technical and Financial Partners (EU, Canada, USAID, FAO, UNCCD, World Bank, ECOWAS, AU, and UEMOA) Experts from CILSS, USGS and USAID WA attended the workshop.



High table of the ceremony, from right to left: Dr Gray, Dr Djimé, Mrs Fanta, HE Mr Andrew and Mr Robert

The overall objective of this workshop is to inform West African decision-makers and technical and financial partners about the environmental monitoring tools / products developed by CILSS /ARC for decision support.

Specifically, the workshop aims to promote:

- Actions to improve the capacity of CILSS and ECOWAS to formulate and implement action plans that build on previous national and regional validation workshops, learning events and stakeholder workshops;
- Strategies for effective use of project data and products to meet spatial analysis needs for national and local planning in countries. Essentially, get participants to focus and identify their product demands (eg, spatial dynamics of forest ecosystems, supporting carbon mapping);
- National programs, obligations and compliance with multilateral agreements on environment (eg national communications required under the UNFCCC) and how data and products can meet those needs;
- Establishing functional linkages between USGS, CILSS / ARC and the SERVIR project by determining which services, data, analytical approaches and project outputs could be used / supported by SERVIR West Africa at the AGRHYMET Regional Centre.

... Speeches at the Opening Ceremony



An excerpt from Dr. Djimé's speech «...this atlas, beyond its scientific value, aims to encourage not only action and mobilization for the protection of natural resources of West Africa and the Sahel, but also to the globalization of production systems to create wealth and employment. I therefore invite scientists, teachers, planners, development project managers, national, regional and local decision-makers, PTFs, civil society organizations and students to make the most use of this book ...»



An excerpt from Mr Robert's speech «...My point is that during the next two days we want to use our time together to get beyond producing a laundry list of potential uses of land use land cover data to an exploration of real problems to be solved and to which we can commit limited resources...»



An excerpt from Dr Gray's speech «...Land use Land cover maps in each West African country give us a much clearer picture of the changes (their types, patterns, magnitudes and driving factors). Knowledge of land use is essential to understanding and potentially addressing environmental sustainability issues such as climate change, increasing food demand, accelerated urbanization and changes in the functioning of ecosystems... »



An excerpt from Mr Andrew's speech «...the LULC program has gathered an impressive amount of data and the atlas « a window on a changing world » we are launching today, contains mapping products of exceptional quality and accuracy. These data will support detailed analyzes at national and regional levels that affect land use, food security and natural resource management... »



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An excerpt from Mrs. Fanta's opening address « ...This book, which will be, in a few moment launched formally, is not only a reference document, but a real advocate for more investment in natural resource management. I take this opportunity to invite our partners to follow USAID in supporting our regional institutions such as the CILSS, which work tirelessly to improve the living conditions of the Sahelian and West African populations... »



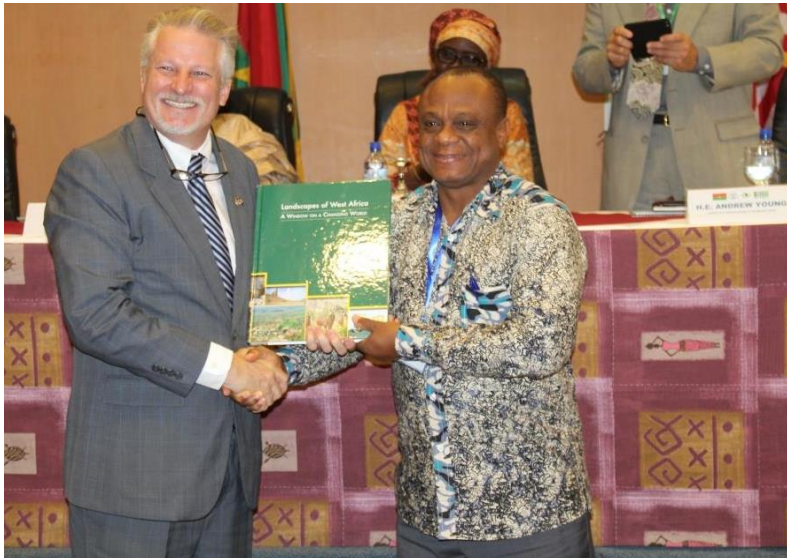
... Formal delivery of the atlases to countries



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The representative of Ghana

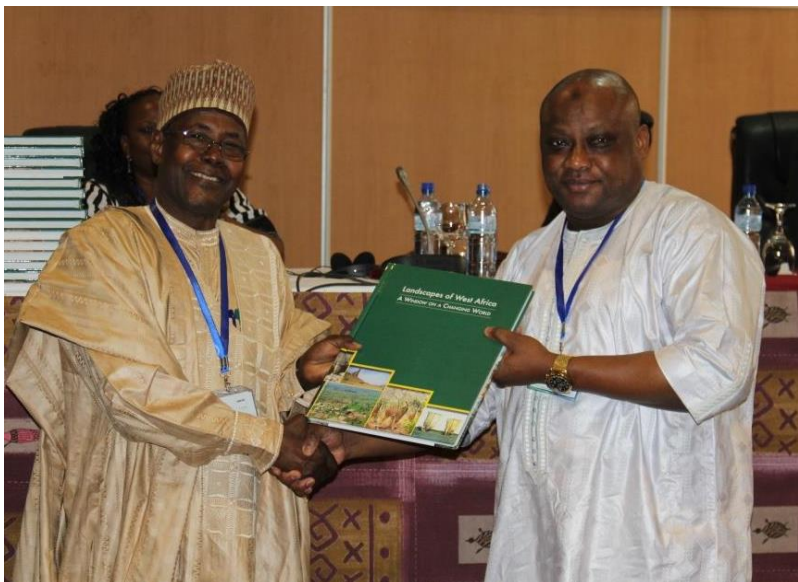


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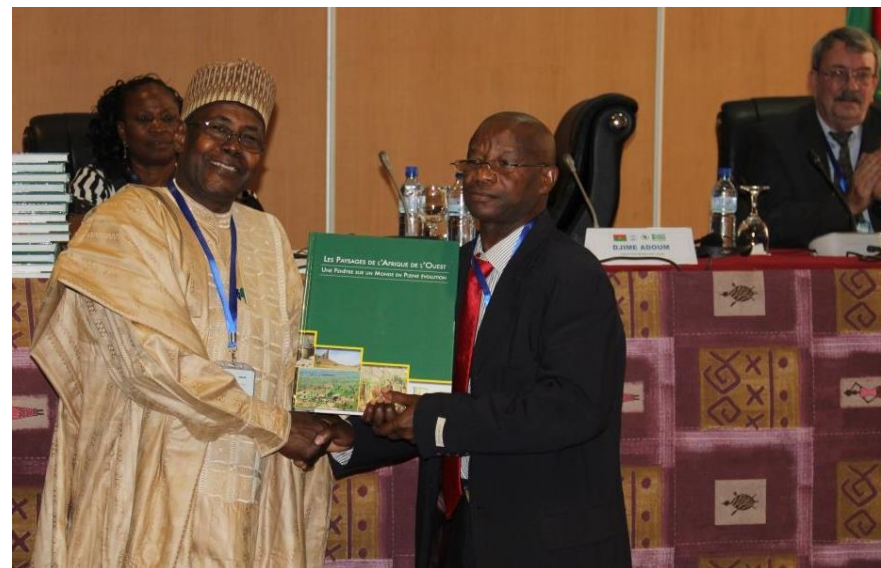


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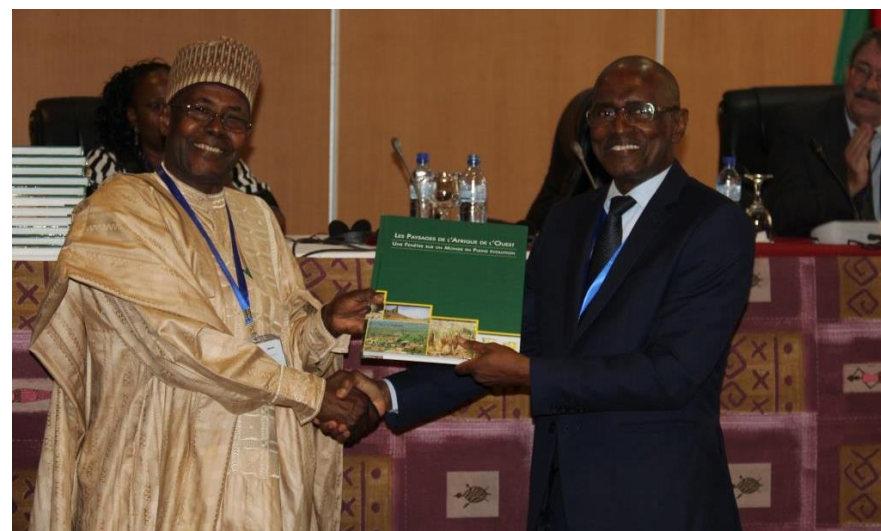
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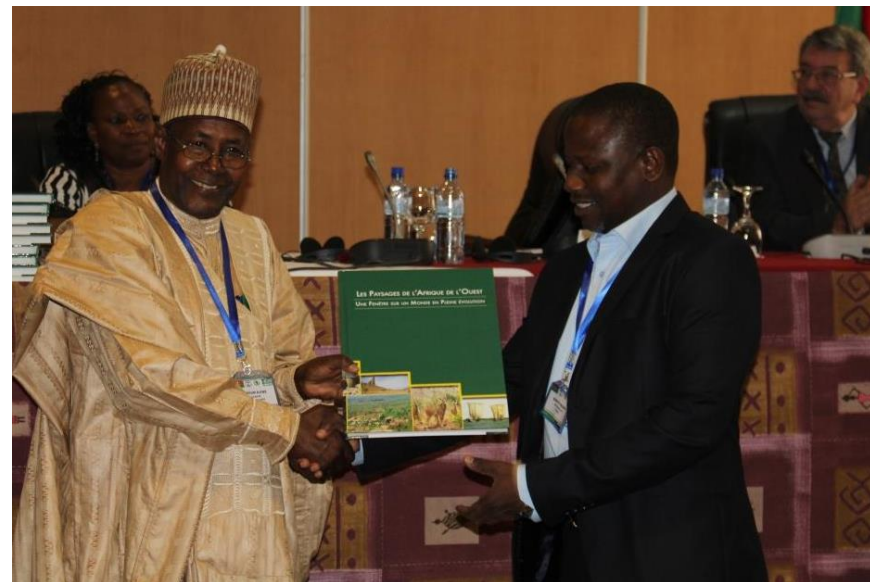
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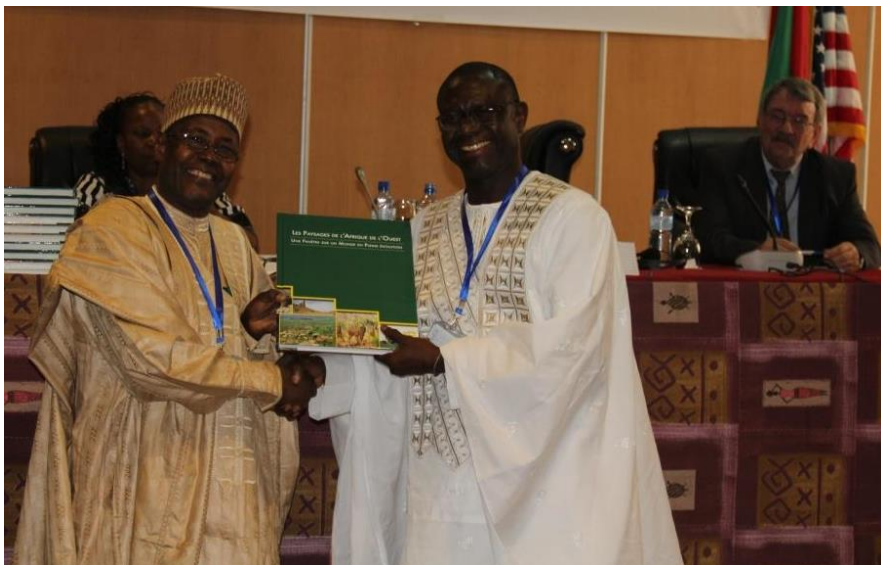
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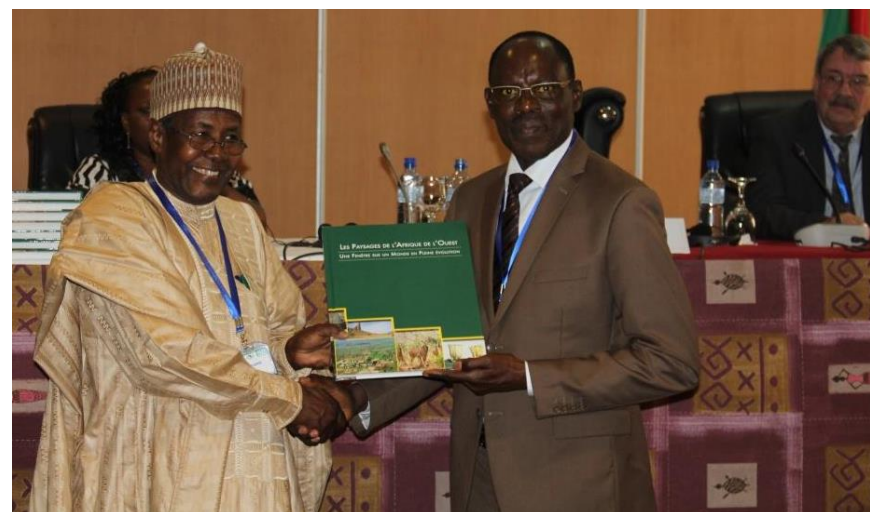
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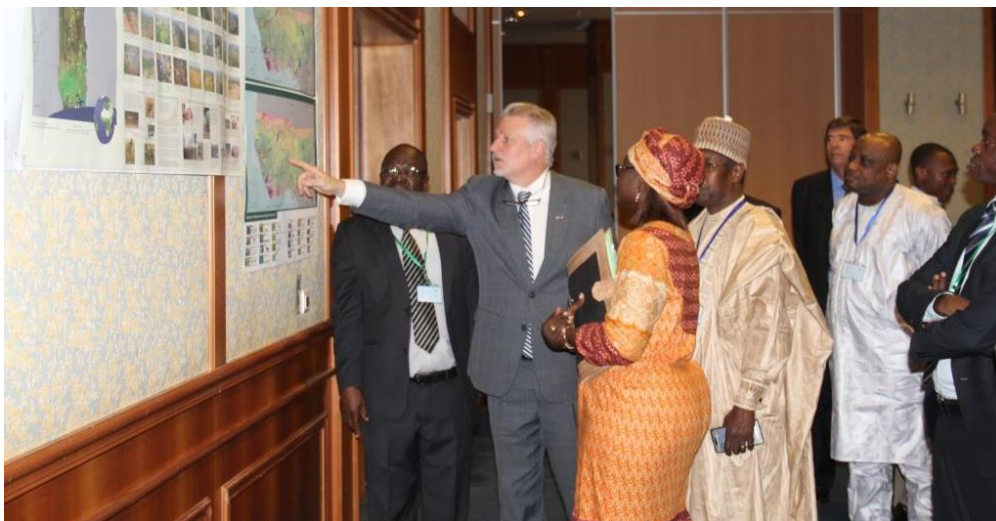


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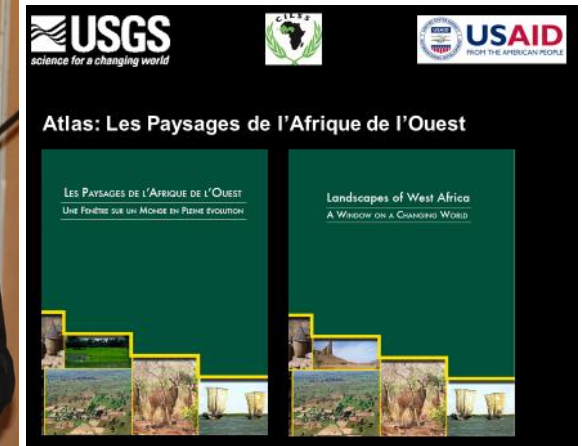


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... guided tour of the posters by Mr. Alfari Issifou



... Presentation of the Atlas by Mr Gray



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... introduction to the decision support tool to assist countries in their national commitments to the implementation of international environmental conventions by Dr Djimé Adoum



High table of the ceremony, from left to right: Mme Belém, Dr Djimé et M. Marc

... presentation of the history of the LULC program by Mr. Alfari



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... presentation of the LULC mapping: methodological approach by M. Gray



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... presentation of mapping results and case studies: Burkina Faso by Mr. Sidibé



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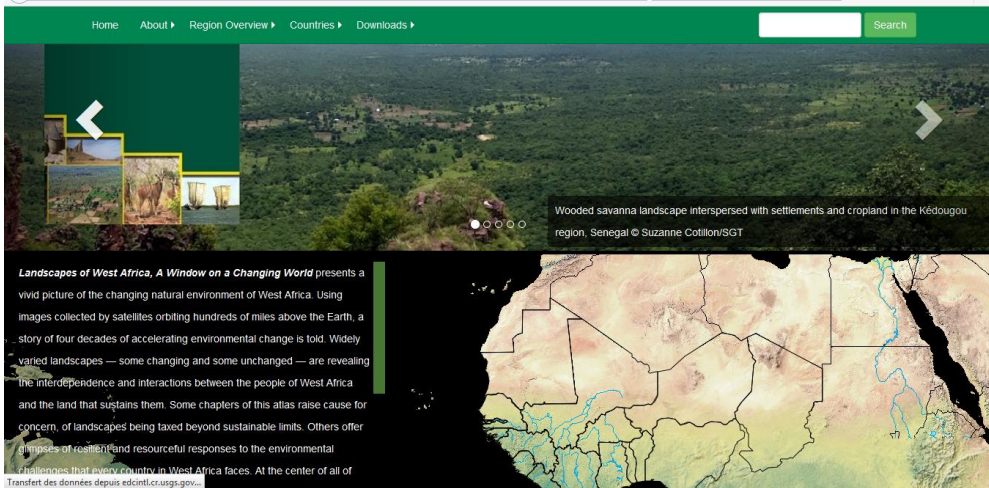
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... presentation of analyzes and results on good practices, USAID / Sahel Regional Office program by Mr. Gray



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... presentation on the database (metadata) web site (archiving) or downloading of data by Mr. Alfari



... what contribution of the LULC tool to support the MEA implementation program? Presented by Dr. Kairé



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... case study of the use of the atlas in Niger by Mrs. Zalia



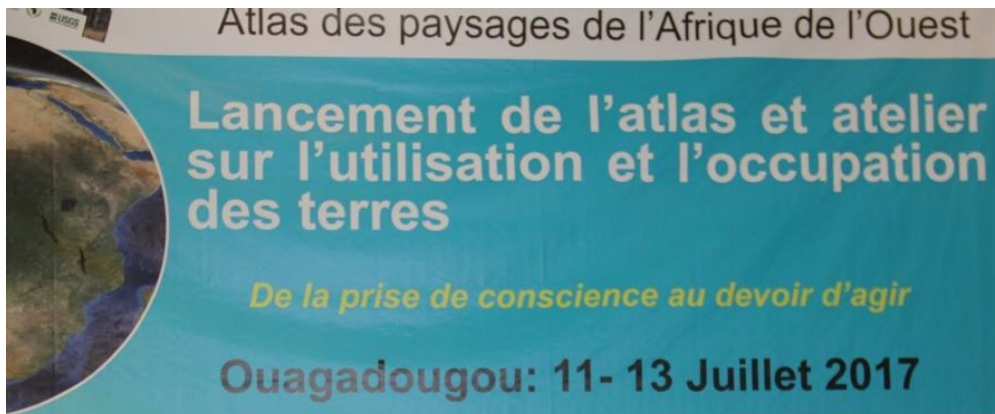
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... State of implementation of the SERVIR West Africa program by Mr. Bako



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... closing ceremony chaired by Dr. Djimé Adoum in presence of Mr. Robert



High table of the closing ceremony, from left to right : M. Robert, Dr Djimé

... facilitators of the workshop : Mr Atouga and Mr MBallo



intervention of Mr Atouga



View of the room during the closing ceremony



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