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Senegal on behalf of Africa and

Nigeria fully supports the statements of the representative of the Sudan on behalf of the G-77 and China. We appreciate the comprehensive and presentations of the Panelists, including <sup>video</sup> package on the continent.

Africa is facing daunting challenges to address land degradation, agricultural desertification, rural development. In context, ~~it is~~ the continent is losing the battle to the conservation of its natural eco-systems, deepening poverty and malnourishment, food security; and overall economic and social well being and sustainable development. It is not due to lack of efforts by African governments which having been undergoing an unending reforms in good governance, democratization, free structural adjustments. The African Union at the continental level has initiated NEPA as a framework for development for African countries. They have gone further at Windhoek to adopt a multi-pronged Green <sup>Wall</sup> ~~revolution~~ <sup>programme</sup> to address land degradation, and desertification, <sup>poverty</sup> <sup>and</sup> overall well-being of people of the continent.

What is needed most urgently is the support of the international community to enhance the efforts of African governments on policy implementation. Emphasis on policy implementation <sup>focus on capacity building, technology transfer and</sup> ~~focus on~~ <sup>resources</sup> ~~resources~~ <sup>which necessitates that</sup> the level of financial ~~resources~~ <sup>resources</sup> developed countries should fulfil their commitment to provide 0.07% of their GDP for official development assistance, despite the global financial crisis. The CDB should give serious consideration to the proposal of the President of the World Bank to the effect that a special fund should be established to support developing countries to address the impact of the global financial crisis which falls within all the issues



While appreciating the proposed initiative of the EU to provide One US dollar  
to Africa, <sup>the multi-donor fund for NEPAD etc</sup> to address the impact of the global financial crisis, we  
believe that a lot more need to be done to increase the capacity  
of African governments, <sup>cancel unsustainable debts of African countries, particularly LDCs,</sup> for access to adaptation funding and other  
inter-linking financial mechanisms available in the GEF, regional  
and privately funded outlets. The Green Wall initiative by Africa is  
quite ambitious and should receive sustained attention of  
the CSB and the international community to enable them  
confident to address ~~more~~ towards the targets of the millennium development  
Goals. I thank you.

