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Jordan

INTEGRATED INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT

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The Integrated Investment Framework (IIF) for Sustainable Land Management (SLM) was prepared for the Ministry of Environment with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The IIF was intended to update the situation in Jordan with regards to desertification and SLM. It would provide a firm basis for work on the next National Action Plan for Desertification as part of the country's obligations to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).



Mike Sharrocks was commissioned by UNDP to prepare the IIF. The focus of the document was on SLM approaches to tackling desertification, which was seen as the main problem affecting natural resources in the country. This was particularly so in arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid climatic zones with the interaction of climate and human induced factors seen as the main cause of the land degradation process.



The IIF provided a national framework for project investment, which would help to counter land degradation and desertification and to promote SLM in Jordan. The document also incorporated some of the country's obligations to the UNFCCC (on climate change) and to the UNCBD (on biodiversity conservation) that comprise two of the other Rio declarations. Water shortages, overuse of agricultural land and rapid population growth all contributed to land degradation. The refugee crisis that was affecting the country, especially from Syria, exacerbated this situation.



A ten-year programme was set out that included a range of potential projects that could be implemented. The IIF outlined the issues, constraints and prospects for public and private sector project funding. It formed a foundation for mainstreaming SLM into national policies and strategies. A workshop was organised to discuss the Draft IIF and the document was finalised following a review of comments received from stakeholders.

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