## The Green Corridor of Africa



**The Green Corridor of Africa** is a vision thought out by the Danish company DanSense for creating a green corridor in the Northern parts of Africa based on sustainable development with respects for the UN global goals. The countries invited to the project are Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia.

**Besides combating national climate changes and environmental challenges**, the aim of the project is, based on circular economy and industrial symbiosis to:

- Increase health and prosperity in the region.
- Stop desertification and create 1,4 million km<sup>2</sup> permanent forest and agricultural areas, capturing billions of tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Produce sustainable energy, water and food nationally for all and for exports.
- Construct a new infrastructure cross countries for increasing logistics and in general prosperity.
- Create hundreds of thousands of permanent jobs all over the region.

And to do this in an environmentally and sustainable way based on renewable energy and as much use of existing resources as possible like the sun, seawater and wastewater in a circular context.





Why this project? The future belongs to our children, and we have a responsibility to ensure at least as good future for our children as was provided for us.



#### Sustainable development

All countries invited to **The Green Corridor of Africa** project are also member states in the UN and have provided their own policies for sustainable development nationally.\*

What we do is simply assisting in making national ambitions come true, and a bit more, with an initial help from investment banks.

It is all about sound investments in projects in the country for ensuring social progress and environmental and climate sustainable solutions. When pilot projects are documented and proven financially sound they will contribute to future investments nationally.

**Why this project?** Africa is key for a swift climate recovery. Africa may also be the continent most affected by climate change if nothing is done.

<sup>\*</sup> https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/memberstates



THE GLOBAL GOALS

### Things are happening now

On February 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 first steps with a joint kick-off of the project in Denmark with Governmental representatives from most of the countries invited to the project participating. Since then first initiatives are taken:

### First letter of Interest came from Algeria

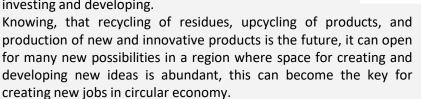
On June 3rd 2020 DanSense received the first letter of interest from the Algerian Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energies. Several ministries are to be involved, and now the talks may commence on where and how to start nationally first.

# Second letter of Interest came from Tunisia with request for platform and first pilot on biomass production

With the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Investment support as lead, the Government of Tunisia offer to become the overall platform for the project on The Green Corridor of Africa. First plenary sessions and concluding meetings including decisions on the first pilot project is planned to be held in June 2021.

## Circular economy is basis for the project.

In general there is a lack of new basic resources in the region which traditionally would scare companies from investing and developing.



As an example, the first project to be documented is to create a new resource in form of biomass based on wastewater, hence significantly reducing climate effects from wastewater treatment and developing new products based on the biomass.

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| this project to ensure sustainable          | ¦ p  |
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| Starting with national pilot project is     | Т    |
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| Documented projects will be made available  |      |
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## Basic approach and next step

Industrial symbiosis and making it profitable to ensure that one company's residue is another company's resource is good circular economy thinking. This can put the Region in forefront globally on new sustainable solutions.

It can also speed up the investments in future sustainable solutions.

### Next steps

Joint International conference. A second step after the plenary sessions in Tunis is inviting all countries invited to the project to a conference for future cross country collaboration ensuring the project as a joint venture for creating sustainable development based on renewable resources and creating new and innovative development in the region.