The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has been providing environmental support to Sudan since the 1990s. Following completing a major post-conflict environmental assessment of Sudan in 2007, UNEP has established an active country presence and developed an integrated environment programme for Sudan.

UNEP is working with federal and state governments, the international community, civil society, academia, the private sector and communities to encourage the sustainable development of the country’s natural resources with the aim of assisting the people of Sudan to achieve peace, recovery and development in an environmentally sustainable manner. UNEP is engaged in:

- Climate Change and Adaptation
- Gender and the Environment
- Environmental Governance
- Environmental Mainstreaming
- Integrated Water Resources Management
- Natural Resource Management
- Environment in Review

PROMOTING SUCCESSFUL ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES IN SUDAN

The “Adapt for Environment and Climate Resilience in Sudan” (ADAPT!) project aims to promote evidence-based policy and decision-making and scale up successful environmental practices in development and humanitarian programming.

ADAPT! wants to effect positive change by supporting policy and institutional reform in natural resources management and help Sudan formulate project proposals to mobilize resources. The initiative is designed to help government ministries, civil society groups, and local communities develop innovative solutions and establish lasting mechanisms to better coordinate climate action.

UNEP, through the ADAPT! project, is supporting the Government of Sudan in developing its first State of the Environment and Outlook Report. It is the first of its kind in Sudan and is led by a team of distinguished national experts. The report will be published in 2020.

ADAPT! is funded by the United Kingdom’s Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and implemented by UNEP in partnership with the Government of Sudan.
ADAPTING TO AN ENCROACHING DESERT IN NORTH DARFUR

As climate change drives desertification in much of the Sahel and zones on other continents, one strategy for the national authorities and the international community is to help local communities build more resilience at ground level.

UNEP and the state government of North Darfur are implementing the second phase of the Wadi El Ku Catchment Management project. This project aims to expand and promote scientific and technical information for improved integrated water resources management (IWRM) and inclusive natural resource management and early warning systems. It will also demonstrate and promote improved agricultural and natural resource management approaches and cooperation mechanisms.

It will continue to serve as a demonstration project for uptake and replication in the wider Wadi El Ku, as well as in Darfur and Sudan in the future. It will also contribute to the overall objective of establishing climate-resilient livelihoods and reducing natural resource conflicts and displacement due to the loss of livelihoods in North Darfur.

The Wadi El Ku Catchment Management project is funded by the European Union and implemented by UNEP in partnership with State Government, Practical Action, and local communities.

PROMOTING GENDER-RESPONSIVE APPROACHES TO NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FOR PEACE

In 2016, four UN agencies – UNEP, UN Women, the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) – formed the Joint Programme on Women, Natural Resources and Peace, a collaboration designed to strengthen women’s participation in issues of natural resources, environment and climate change.

In late 2018, the Joint Programme completed its first pilot project in Sudan and published its findings in a report titled “Promoting Gender-Responsive Approaches to Natural Resource Management for Peace”. The pilot project was aimed at promoting natural resources-based interventions as a tool for women’s political and economic empowerment in peacebuilding contexts.

The project was instrumental in strengthening women’s participation in conflict mediation and expanding their sphere of influence within the community. The number of women affiliated to the local Conflict Mitigation and Peacebuilding Centre now lead the Dialogue Forums, which bring the pastoralist, farming and internally displaced communities together in each of the target villages to discuss issues of tension, including access to land and water.

The Joint Programme is funded by the Government of Finland, the Government of Germany, and the Government of Norway and jointly implemented by UNEP in partnership with UNDP, PBSO, and UN Women.

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