The Kingdom of Morocco is acutely vulnerable to climate change and is prone to environmental constraints (water scarcity, land degradation, energy dependence, pollution, natural resource depletion). These increasing pressures are a catalyst for rural migration, as the rural economy largely depends on subsistence farming, further straining urban areas and their limited capacities and resources. The Government of Morocco has been cultivating an inclusive green economy for a number of years in collaboration with international development partners. Additionally, in the NSDS, urban development issues are emphasized, with a focus on conceptualizing territories as sustainable ecosystems, and improving design, coordination and implementation of urban interventions and rural-urban linkages. Such examples provide a strong foundation for GGGI’s Morocco country program, which encompasses green territorial development, the circular and social solidarity economy, and implementing the NSDS on a sub-national level.

### OVERVIEW

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### RELEVANT SDGs

- 11.3. By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participator, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries.
- 11.6. By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management.
- 13.2. Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning.

### OVERALL OBJECTIVES

- Support Morocco to adopt the methodologies, action plans and tools to implement green city and territorial development projects, develop two green city and territory project proposals to leverage financing.
- Provide technical support to Morocco to implement its NSDS and its NDC nº9 commitment to develop a model framework for low-carbon green territories including optimized energy, transport and waste management, in alignment with its ongoing advanced regionalization transition.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Capacity building workshop focusing on the green growth concept, green territories development, and the social solidarity economy aligned with Morocco’s National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS).
- Selection of pilot territories through a mapping that identifies marginalized territories, and territories facing particular resource pressures.
ADDITIONAL RESULTS

- In October, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and GGGI in order to strengthen cooperation between the two institutions and accelerate Morocco’s transition to a green growth and inclusive economy.

- In November, GGGI and the Secretary of State for Sustainable Development Morocco (SEDD) co-organized the side event on “Implementing National Sustainable Development Strategies: act locally for global impact” at the Morocco Pavilion at the COP23 Bonn Zone. During the event, government representatives from Jordan, Senegal and Morocco as well as GGGI Morocco presented their national green growth programs and sustainable development strategies, and on GGGI support for these programs and strategies in these three countries.

- GGGI Morocco participated in the Kingdom of Morocco’s first National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS). Steering Committee meeting in November.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2017

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<td>Government of Morocco (GoM) or relevant financier leverage finance for green city territorial projects.</td>
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GGGI worked during the first half of 2017 to better align its program in Morocco to government priorities. Program operations have resumed at an accelerated pace since the new GGGI Morocco Country Representative came on board in Q3. GGGI also developed its relationship with the new Secretary of State for sustainable development, which is facilitating GGGI’s work to mobilize finance in 2018.

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- To initiate the Green Growth Capacity Development Program in Morocco, the first Capacity Building workshop focused on the green growth concept, green territories development, and the social solidarity economy aligned with the NSDS and GGGI’s expertise.

- The workshop raised awareness on the green growth concept and GGGI’s activities, enhanced understanding of the NSDS and its relation to green growth local actions, presented GGGI’s value proposition for Morocco, enhanced understanding on green territories concept and GGGI’s thematic strategy, and collected participant recommendations on implementing the NSDS to support green territory development for GGGI’s 2018 Work Plan and Budget (WPB) activities.

OUTPUT 1.2

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<td>Two green city and territory implementation projects designed.</td>
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- Through consultation and data analysis, the Morocco program has selected pilot territories through a mapping that identifies priority regions based on socio-economic and environmental data. The territories that have been identified are the Draa – Tafilalet region, which contains a vulnerable oasis ecosystem. A total of 40% of the national territory is considered part of the oasis ecosystem. The second region identified is the Beni Mellal – Khenifra region, which contains a fragile mountain ecosystem.

- Consultations have continued with the key institutional partners and international finance institutions to conduct scoping and identification of priority projects to develop proposals to leverage financing.
PARTNERS

LOCAL
- Presidency of the Government
- Secretary of State in charge of Sustainable Development (Program focal point)
- Ministry of Interior
- Ministry of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development
- Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Rural Development, Forestry and Water
- Ministry of Urbanism and Land Use Planning
- AMEE - Moroccan Agency for Energy Efficiency
- CESE-Economic, Social & Environmental Council

INTERNATIONAL
- The Government of the United Arab Emirates
- NDC Partnership

LESSONS LEARNED
- Identify impediments and engage with decision makers early in the process to generate coordinated solutions. This allowed GGGI to realign its work program to government priorities, and move forward with project implementation in collaboration.