

## News: January-February 2010

Dr Chris Reij (VU Amsterdam), Leslie Hill of FINHUMF and José Molina (a tourism expert) visited Sahel ECO from 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January. They met with the Sahel Eco team in Mopti and with farmers and local partners involved in the Re-greening the Sahel Initiative. Read Dr Reij's report <http://africa-regreening.blogspot.com/>

A workshop on Mobile Web for Rural Development from February 3-4 at Hotel Ricardo in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso organized the Web alliance for Re-Greening in Africa (W4RA). Mary Allen represented the partners from Mali and was workshop moderator on the final day.

Read the agenda and presentations in English

<http://public.webfoundation.org/2010/01/W4RA/Overview.en.html>

Lire le programme et présentations en français

<http://public.webfoundation.org/2010/01/W4RA/Overview.fr.html>

Mary Allen made a presentation on Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration at 1-day workshop in Bamako on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> on climate change, carbon sequestration and conservation agriculture organised by ICRAF, WWF and Rockefeller Foundation

Mamadou Diakité, Head of Programmes together with Jean Martin Coulibaly and Adama Dena represented Sahel Eco at a workshop in Ouagadougou organised by Tree Aid UK and the FAO from 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February. The workshop brought together Government representatives, NGOs and entrepreneurs from Mali, Burkina Faso and Ghana, to draw lessons from their experiences of using the Market Analysis and Development Approach to support village tree enterprises in West Africa since 2005.

Mary Allen took part in a panel discussion on the theme “Natural Resource Management in Sub-Saharan Africa: successes, challenges and future directions” , organised on the occasion of the 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the Governing Council of the International Fund for Agricultural and Development (IFAD), 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> February in Rome. The background document in English and French can be downloaded here <http://www.ifad.org/events/gc/33/roundtables/africa/index.htm>