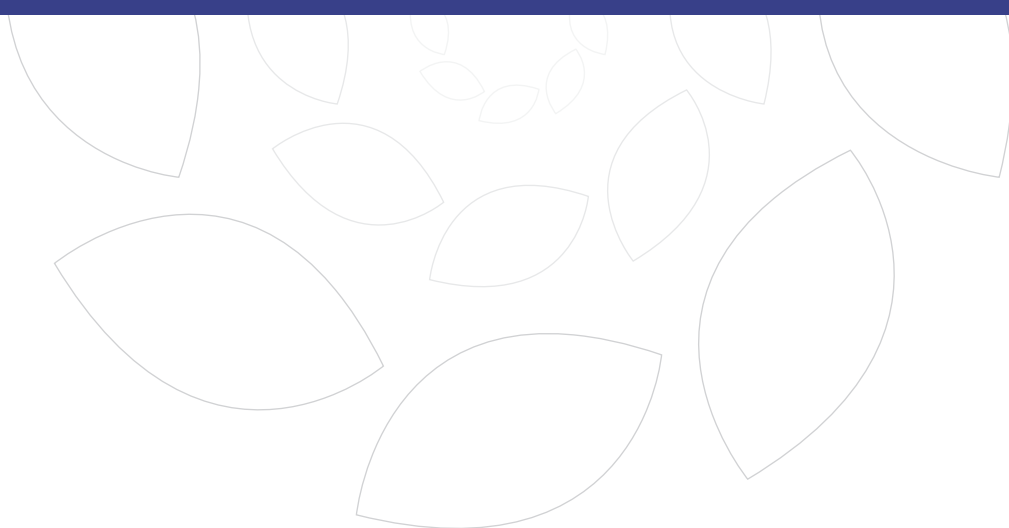




# ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Arab Gulf Programme for  
Development - AGFUND





**We believe that stimulating and encouraging innovation is what makes sustainable development possible without wasting money, time and effort, as these elements are precious and depleting.**

**HRH Prince  
Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud**  
Chairman of AGFUND's Board of Directors



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This report provides a comprehensive overview of AGFUND's activities throughout 2024.

By identifying the funded projects, it indicates the scale and diversity of the beneficiaries, which reflect the extensive reach of AGFUND's financing efforts and its geographical coverage across countries and regions around the globe.

The report also highlights AGFUND's active role in contributing to the 16th Conference of the Parties in (COP 16) at the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, and it shows its participation in the Conference which was hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Moreover, the report subtly insinuates the collaborative partners sides with AGFUND. Where these relationships span beginning with the UN agencies, international and regional organizations, government bodies, ending with AGFUND's own specialized institutions that implement its strategy and the guiding principles.

The various range of the listed institution illustrates the diversity of AGFUND's partnerships—diversity that naturally extends to the development sectors and the communities benefitting from its funding.

As for the projects approved by the esteemed Board of Directors, they demonstrate the precision and rigor of AGFUND's project selection policies. Each proposal is screened and evaluated, before submission by the executive management to the Board for final approval.

The statements of His Royal Highness the Chairman of the Board and the Executive Director open the report, shedding light on AGFUND's efforts, initiatives, and strategic partnerships during the year.





**A Message from His Royal Highness Prince [Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud](#)  
Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Arab Gulf Programme  
for Development “AGFUND”**

The year 2024 witnessed a wide range of activities of the Arab Gulf Programme for Development (AGFUND), which stems from our strategy based on promoting sustainable human development, poverty alleviation, and empowering the most vulnerable groups socially and economically, while providing education, health care and employment opportunities.

These efforts reflect AGFUND’s unwavering commitment to the principle of leaving no one behind, a principle from which we started since AGFUND was founded in the 1980s, which is fully in line with the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as we seek to eradicate poverty in all its forms, and to end discrimination and exclusion, and reduce inequalities that hinder the potential of individuals and communities.



Throughout the year, the work of the AGFUND team was characterized by a collaborative spirit aimed at preserving human dignity and expanding the beneficiaries' options towards a better life, and improving their quality of life. This vision was reflected in the results of our five programs: women's empowerment, financial inclusion, civil society support, early childhood development, and blended higher education, where innovation and creativity were a common pillar among them.

During 2024, "AGFUND" achieved remarkable progress in investment indicators and resource development, reflecting the sound guidance of the Board of Directors and the close follow-up of the Investment Committee, which led to the expansion of the scope and diversity of our activities to target the needy groups and sectors.

The year featured two prominent events: the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the the Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development, and the active participation in the 16th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (COP16) in December 2024 in Saudi Arabia. AGFUND played a leading role in the conference by launching the Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security, which brought together 40 governments, international organizations, the private sector, and research centers, with the aim of reducing the effects of drought and desertification and facing the challenges of climate change on agriculture.

These two events are closely related to the "AGFUND" strategy of linking the objectives of the Prize to the priorities of the 2030 Agenda; the last three themes of the Prize focussed on environmental protection issues, starting with "Life on Land" (Goal 15), through "Life Underwater" (Goal 14) and "Climate Action" (Goal 13).

As a member of the Arab Coordination Group, AGFUND also contributed to the announcement of the pledge of \$10 billion by 2030 to support land restoration, enhance resilience to climate change, and promote nature-positive development in vulnerable areas.

As part of our future efforts, we will continue to leverage innovative financing tools, mobilize resources and strengthen partnerships to support sustainable land management, biodiversity conservation and enhance food security in the Middle East, North Africa, the Sahel and the IGAD countries.

Hence, most of AGFUND's development-supporting activities during 2024 focused on offering proposals for climate action and environmental protection in general, it stems from an awareness that sustainable development faces numerous economic, social, and environmental challenges, most notably those that will contribute to strengthening natural resources and the environment, thus increasing the difficulties to achieve the sustainable development.

Therefore, AGFUND, in coordination with partners, will continue to strengthen its interest in remedying the risks posed by climate change, and its negative effects on those targeted in development work.



## Executive Director Statement **Dr. Nasser Alkahtani**

I am pleased to present to you the 2024 report of the Arab Gulf Programme for Development (AGFUND), which reviews the most prominent achievements we have accomplished during this year. Since the establishment of AGFUND in 1980, we have been firmly committed to support the development goals of the United Nations, and the year 2024 has witnessed outstanding successes that embody this commitment and consolidate its impact.

**We continued to focus on our five major programs, and made a remarkable progress in each of them:**

### **1. Early childhood development:**

We supported institution-building, curriculum development, and protection of children's rights. Among our most prominent achievements are the support of the Arab Council for Childhood and Development, the launch of the "Media Observatory for the Rights of the Arab Child" project, focussing on children's rights and climate change during the Conference of the Parties (COP 16). We also reviewed and developed educational curricula in Tunisia, built capacity to protect children with cancer in Lebanon, and trained cadres at the National Autism Centre in the Sultanate of Oman.



## **2. Women's Empowerment:**

We continued to support the the Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR) and promote the empowerment of women in vulnerable situations to improve their socio-economic conditions, especially in the areas of agriculture and food security in Tunisia, Jordan and Senegal. We also contributed to the development of the infrastructure of schools and the promotion of social justice and quality in Niger.



## **3. Supporting civil society:**

We supported the Arab Network of NGOs, organised the Arab Forum for Land and Climate, and contributed to highlight the issue of land and drought at the global level. We also supported the youth-led land conservation initiative in Saudi Arabia, implemented the youth digital skills development project in South Africa, contributed to the preparation of the Arab Human Development Report, and implemented the “Darbi” program to empower trainees in Kuwait.



## **4. Blended Higher Education:**

We continued to support the Arab Open University, which has so far enrolled more than 400,000 students from 147 nationalities, and has 20 branches and centres in 9 countries, reflecting our commitment in providing quality, accessible, and affordable education for all.



## **5. Financial inclusion:**

We continued to support AGFUND's 9 Banks for Financial Inclusion, which provided loans worth more than \$1.2 billion, and benefitted more than 7.5 million people, contributing to providing financial services to disadvantaged groups and supporting micro and small enterprises (MSEs) .

In addition to these programs, we launched the “Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security” in collaboration with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the University of Chicago's Innovation Committee for Climate Change, Food Security and Agriculture, and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA). This initiative aims to empower small farmers, enhance food security, combat desertification and drought, and expand innovation in sustainable agriculture. The initiative was launched on Agri-Food Systems Day at the conference, where AGFUND had a good presence at the conference, during which we participated in panel discussions and launched unique initiatives to support small farmers affected by desertification.

We also successfully hosted the Ceremony of the Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development , which coincided with COP 16. During which the winning projects in the field of “Life on Land” were honoured.

These achievements reflect AGFUND's commitment to achieving inclusive and sustainable development, and promoting fruitful partnerships to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. I sincerely thank and appreciate all our partners and staff for their determined efforts and continuous dedication to achieving these noble ends. With firm faith and unwavering confidence, we move forward to continue this ambitious march, in pursuit of greater achievements that contribute to building a more prosperous and sustainable world.





## AGFUND at A Glance

The Arab Gulf Programme for Development (AGFUND) is a regional development institution committed to advancing sustainable development, established in 1980 by the initiative of His Royal Highness the late Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz and the support of the leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). AGFUND aims to contribute to development efforts at both regional and international levels. It supports early childhood projects, empowering women, civil society development, open education, and financial inclusion. Since its inception, AGFUND has consistently funded projects that align with the United Nations declared development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals and the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

During its early stages, AGFUND primarily supported projects that dedicated to empowering women and children, who were often neglected and most marginalized groups at the time. Today, AGFUND remains committed to the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, placing them at the forefront of its priorities in alignment with the five programs, all of which continue to support the needs of women and children.

From its inception until the end of 2024, AGFUND has financed a total of

**1,748** across **133**  
Projects countries

in cooperation with international and regional organizations, governmental institutions, civil society organizations, and sister institutions.



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Project





### Vision

To reduce poverty and empower vulnerable groups particularly women, children, and youth , to live with dignity and equal opportunity, within the framework of national legislation and international conventions. Improving their living conditions, access to quality education, healthcare, and decent work, in an environment of peace and security that supports sustainable human development.



### Mission

Taking initiative and supporting innovation in human development, with a focus on poverty alleviation, by building effective partnerships with UN agencies, international and regional organizations, national institutions, civil society, the private sector, and governments.





## AGFUND Strategy 2030

In 2024, AGFUND's strategy focused on achieving sustainable human development through The five programs: Early Childhood Development, Women's Empowerment, Open Higher Education, Civil Society Support, and Financial Inclusion. These five areas reflect AGFUND's commitment to alleviating poverty, empowering vulnerable groups to exercise their rights to a dignified life, and providing access to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities.



### Early Childhood Development

As part of the five programs, AGFUND continued its support in 2024 for the institutional development of the Arab Council for Childhood and Development (ACCD). This support aims to advance the implementation of "The education of Hope" model across Arab countries, in partnership with organizations working in the field of childhood. The initiative aligns with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and focuses on raising children's awareness, unlocking their potential, protecting their rights and empowering them to engage fully in society. It also works to strengthen their lives, enhance their ability to participate meaningfully, and create opportunities for positive, active citizenship for all children in the Arab world.

The ACCD was established in 1987 with the support of AGFUND.. Since its founding, it has served as a pioneering Arab institution and a key reference for both organizations and individuals dedicated to child development, child rights, and early education in the Arab region.



### Early Childhood Development Projects for 2024

#### ► The "Media Observatory for the Arab Child Rights Child Friendly Media", in the arab region

Aims to support the technical, human, and technological infrastructure of the Media Observatory for the Arab Child Rights. The project includes preparing analytical and field studies, as well as general and specialized reports on the performance of Arab media concerning child rights across multiple Arab countries. It involves monitoring, analysis, and follow-up of various Arab media outlets, studying the digital media environment for children, and promoting a culture of child rights by disseminating the scientific and practical tools provided by the observatory.

### › The "Sawt Vocational Training Program", in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Empowers children with Down syndrome by offering specialized vocational training that helps them unlock their potential and build their capabilities. The program creates a supportive environment that promotes their growth and development, often exceeding expectations.

### › The "Training the staff at the National Autism Center ", in the Sultanate of Oman

Is designed to train and certify international autism supervisors. This program prepares specialists with bachelor's degrees to meet the requirements for obtaining international certification from the Behavior Analysis Certification Board. It includes 188 hours of training and over 1,000 hours of fieldwork under the supervision of academic experts.



## Women's Empowerment

In line with its commitment to empowering women, AGFUND continued its support for the institutional development of the Center of Arab Woman for Training and Research (CAWTAR) in 2024. This support helps the Center sustain its mission and enhance its capacity to respond effectively to the evolving needs of the Arab region. With new challenges emerging from the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing economic pressures in several countries, this support is especially vital to improving the conditions of vulnerable communities particularly women whose lives have been significantly affected.

The Center of Arab Woman for Training and Research (CAWTAR) was established in 1993 with the support of AGFUND, with the aim of strengthening the role of Arab women in advancing their societies. As a regional center, CAWTAR operates across all Arab countries and parts of Africa. In 2024, the Center supported women's entrepreneurship through more than five economic initiatives and provided training for over 700 women.



Members of the Economic Interest Grouping (EIG) with the project's general coordinator from CAWTAR.





## Education



Speech of the ceremony sponsor ,Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Arab Open University, HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud



Graduation ceremony for the 19th class of the Arab Open University students in Kuwait

AGFUND supports education at every level, from early childhood development and literacy programs to higher education. Through its investment in scientific research and its provision of an environment that fosters innovation, AGFUND is helping to build a knowledge-driven society and contribute to sustainable development across the Arab world.

The Arab Open University is AGFUND's arm in training and educating youth in leadership and empowerment. It collaborates with specialized organizations such as the International Youth Organization and AGFUND's Microfinance Banks and also offers teacher training in partnership with leading global universities.

The Arab Open University, established in 2002 with AGFUND support , and it is the academic arm dedicated to providing high-quality education.



The Arab Open University operates in **09** Arab countries



With **20** branches.



From **147** nationalities



Since its founding, it has **75,000** alumni



The total number of enrolled students has reached **400,000** since its founding.





## Civil Society Development

AGFUND continues to support the institutional development of the Arab Network for NGOs, which is an integral part of AGFUND. This support strengthens the Network's ability to fulfill its mission and enhance its capacity in community development. The Network, established with AGFUND support, is a non-governmental, non-profit Arab development organization with over 1,000 active member organizations. Through this effort, AGFUND aims to promote civil society organizations in the Arab region, developing their institutional and training capacities.

### Civil Society Development Projects Supported and Funded by AGFUND in 2024

#### › "Improving the Digital Skills for Youth", in south africa

Aims to bridge the education gap by equipping young people with the skills to access technology and the digital workforce, fostering inclusive economic growth. The project focuses on developing both individual and professional skills, with an emphasis on learning and training to create job opportunities in the local market.

#### › Support for the Arab Climate Forum

"Third Edition" Civil society confronting the social and economic impacts of desertification in the Arab region)." The forum was held in Saudi Arabia, and aimed to raise awareness among Arab citizens about climate change, and to promote strategies for mitigation and adaptation. It focused on building the capacity of development professionals and activating the role of Arab civil society in addressing climate challenges. The forum also assessed the impact of climate change on vulnerable economic groups—especially small farmers—and explored financial mechanisms to help them face the damage affecting their livelihoods.

#### › Road to Riyadh

Elevating land and drought issues on the global agenda in the lead up to UNCCD COP16", this project aims to bring land and drought issues to the forefront of the global agenda by engaging key stakeholders and target groups, including governments, civil society, the private sector, women, youth, local communities, and the media.

#### › Development Leaders Program

This initiative focuses on delivering specialized programs designed to cultivate strong developmental leadership and support the growth of emerging leaders by enhancing their negotiation and influence skills.



HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal Al Saud, Chairman of AGFUND's Board of Directors, at the Arab Climate Forum "Third Edition" Civil society confronting the social and economic impacts of desertification in the Arab region."



## Financial Inclusion

AGFUND has established (9) Financial Inclusion Banks across














These banks play a key role in advancing 12 of the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) for 2030, emphasizing AGFUND's strategic focus on Financial Inclusion Banks as a fundamental priority.

**Through collaboration and coordination between AGFUND and strategic partners, several projects were implemented in 2024 focusing on integrating financial inclusion into sustainable development:**

- **Promoting Nutrition-Sensitive and Climate Smart Agriculture Practices and empowering farmers as entrepreneurs ", in Sierra Leone**, this project aims to increase the production and processing of orange-fleshed sweet potatoes to improve food security.
- **Transforming Small-Scale Agriculture "**, this project aims to provide technical training and guidance to 850 small farmers (500 in Egypt and 350 in Sudan) to address the pressing challenges they face in their agricultural communities.
- **Improving Food Security and Incomes and reducing chronic malnutrition in Rhino Refugee Settlement and Host Communities in West Nile", in Uganda** ,this project aims to strengthen food security and increase household income by enhancing the production of safe, high-quality agricultural products. It also focuses on reducing chronic malnutrition among refugees and host communities, while fostering an environment that promotes long-term financial inclusion.
- **Trade Enhancement in the Arab Region: Development of Strategic Crops Agribusiness and Value Chain"**in **Sudan, Yemen, Syria, Lebanon, and Mauritania** ,this project aims to contribute to the efficiency of regional food security in the Arab world by improving the production capacities of small farmers, enhancing food trade integration, and linking rural small farmers with financial, insurance, and marketing institutions.
- **Accelerating the Clean Cooking Initiative"**, in **Sierra Leone** , this project aims to enhance access to clean cooking solutions as an alternative to traditional, environmentally harmful methods, improving the living standards of marginalized households.

## Here are some key indicators for AGFUND's Financial Inclusion Banks until the end of 2024:

	Total loans disbursed	1,364,616
	Total number of savers	709,568
	Outstanding loan portfolio (USD)	130,401,533
	Total loans disbursed since inception (USD)	1,236,357,987
	Total number of clients since inception	1,548,535
	Total beneficiaries	7,742,676
	Percentage of female borrowers	%65
	Repayment rate	%96
	Number of branches	113
	Number of employees	1,477
	Total remittance amounts (USD)	1,123,001,128







## › United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

The UNCCD is the international agreement focused on addressing desertification in countries affected by severe drought and desertification. It aims to alleviate the impact of drought through national action plans that include long-term strategies, supported by international cooperation and partnerships. This is the only legally binding international treaty to address desertification. The convention is based on partnership, participation, and decentralization. There are 197 countries that are parties to the convention. In 2006, the United Nations declared it the International Year of Deserts and Desertification.

The Conference of the Parties includes the governments that have ratified the implementation of the Convention. As the Convention's highest decision-making body, the Conference oversees its implementation. The first five sessions were held annually from 1997 to 2001, after which the Conference adopted a biennial schedule. The Conference was held in: Rome (Italy), 1997; Dakar (Senegal), 1998; Recife (Brazil), 1999; Bonn (Germany), 2000; and Geneva (Switzerland), 2001. Following the biennial schedule, the Conference of the Parties was hosted in: Havana (Cuba), Nairobi (Kenya), Madrid (Spain), Buenos Aires (Argentina), Changwon (South Korea), Windhoek (Namibia), Ordos (China), and Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire).





## For the First Time in the Region

Saudi Arabia hosted the 16th Conference of the Parties (COP 16) in Riyadh from December 2 to 12, 2024. In the lead-up to the conference, extensive efforts were made to coordinate and collaborate. Saudi Arabia did not host the conference simply because it is a signatory to the international Convention, but rather due to significant national, regional, and international efforts to achieve the objectives of the Convention. Hosting the conference, therefore, was not merely a signing, but a commitment to achieving tangible results in policies, systems, and well-considered decisions.

COP 16 reflected a strong international movement to confront the risks of climate change leading to desertification and land degradation, by seeking practical solutions and interventions. Saudi Arabia took the step of hosting the conference, drawing on its substantial record of initiatives, including the “Arab Land Initiative”, established in 2016 under the leadership of the United Nations, the World Bank, and a group of partners. Additionally, the Global Land Initiative of the G20, launched in Riyadh in 2020, works to create a global map identifying the countries most affected by desertification, with the goal of focusing efforts on these nations. It aims to reduce land degradation by %50 by 2040. Furthermore, the “Middle East Green Initiative”, which Saudi Arabia spearheaded and was announced by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister in 2020, aims to plant 50 billion trees in the region. The “Saudi Green Initiative”, stemming from Saudi Vision 2030, focuses on restoring natural environments, protecting biodiversity and livelihoods, combating desertification, planting 10 billion trees in the Kingdom, and other efforts to reduce carbon emissions and transition to clean energy.





## AGFUND's Preparations for COP 16:

AGFUND began planning early for its participation in COP 16, guided by two key factors. The first is the significance of the conference being held, for the first time, in the Middle East and North Africa—a milestone event hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which also hosts AGFUND's headquarters and offers an enabling environment for its development mission. The second is the strong alignment between the conference's goals and AGFUND's strategic priorities, particularly its commitment to finding practical responses to climate change and its impact on agriculture and food security. These challenges weigh heavily on small farmers—the most important group that contributes significantly to global food security, and even more so in the region- that suffer from desertification and its complications, which deprive them of the sustainable element of their contribution to food security.

AGFUND's preparations were reflected in several key steps and measures taken since Saudi Arabia announced its intention to host the conference in 2022.

The focus was on coordination with partners, building new collaborations to exchange best practices, and strengthening regional capacities to localize expertise and adapt to changes.

### Some of the main steps taken in this regard included:

- **A delegation from AGFUND visited the UNCCD (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification) headquarters** in April 2023 to discuss arrangements for hosting COP-16 in the Kingdom and to exchange consultations and expertise on the SDGs, with a focus on Goal 15: "Life on Land."
- **The UNCCD also provided AGFUND with a comprehensive study on the importance of Goal 15: "Life on Land,"** which led the Prince Talal International Prize Committee to adopt the study's findings and choose SDG 15 as the theme for the prize in 2023.
- **Signing of an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the UNCCD (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification)** on effective partnership approaches.
- **Allocating an office at AGFUND for the UNCCD representative** to carry out their coordination tasks with the relevant authorities in the Kingdom, along with seconding an AGFUND employee to this office.
- **Hosting a high-level international workshop at AGFUND's headquarters**, where partner insights were brought together to enhance collaboration, advance efforts to reduce the harmful effects of desertification and climate change on food security, and explore joint project financing opportunities.



➤ **Collaborating with the** Innovation Commission on Climate Change, Food Security, and Agriculture at the University of Chicago to enhance and scale innovations in addressing climate change, food security, and agriculture, including support for the "Agricultural Adaptation: Expand Adopting Rainwater Harvesting " project in Niger.



➤ **The Prince Talal International Prize Committee selected "Life on Land"** as the theme for the prize, in line with AGFUND's efforts and the objectives of COP16. This decision also aligns with the prize's focus on addressing desertification, land degradation, drought, and their related challenges.



➤ **AGFUND hosted a meeting for the ACG (Arab Coordination Group)** to discuss the ACG's views on COP16 and the way to jointly support the Conference to achieve its development targets.

➤ **Dr. Nasser Alkahtani, Executive Director of AGFUND**, was appointed as a member of the High-Level Advisory Council for the Desertification Conference, alongside former states presidents from Finland, Senegal, Colombia, and Costa Rica.

➤ **Conducting the first high-level meeting of the Advisory Council** in New York on the margin of the UNGA meetings.

➤ **AGFUND participated in the Concordia Summit**



which discussed ways of cooperation to address the world's most urgent challenges. The summit was held in New York and coincided with the UN General Assembly's "Summit of the Future." On the sidelines, AGFUND engaged in several engagements to support the coalition in facing climate change and its effects. Among the activities related to the threats of this serious issue, AGFUND contributed to three important events, which are:

- **AGFUND participated in a dialogue hosted by the Business Council for International Understanding (BCIU) and the U.S. State Department's High-Level Team, centered on the vision for climate-resilient crops and soils:** "Advancing food security through the interlinkages of climate, land degradation, and biodiversity .
- **AGFUND organized the Science Summit under the theme "Collaborative Solutions: Financing the UNCCD COP16 Flagship Initiative on Food Security, Sustainable Development, and Its Impacts,"** in a collaborative partnership with the Innovation Commission at the University of Chicago, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA).



- **AGFUND hosted a dialogue session titled "Life on Land: Sustainable Solutions for Small Farmers and Food Systems. "** In his opening speech, HRH, Chairman of AGFUND's Board of Directors, emphasized that the discussions during this session would enrich the COP16 conference in Riyadh with valuable insights, which they truly did.



- **The Road to Riyadh COP 16"** — A coordination meeting held at the United Nations in New York, with the participation of the Saudi Ministry of Environment, Water, and Agriculture and UNCCD.
- **A meeting was held at the United Nations headquarters in New York** regarding the three Rio Conventions (UNCCD, UNFCCC, CBD)



- During the annual meetings of the Islamic Development Bank, a meeting was held with Arab Coordination Group (ACG), the Saudi Ministry of Environment, Water, and Agriculture, and the UNCCD to coordinate efforts regarding the conference.
- The Saudi Ministry of Environment, Water, and Agriculture was invited to participate in the ACG's Directors of Operations' meeting in Riyadh.
- Participation in the World Food Day in Rome, hosted by the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP), and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and coordination with partners on the COP16 activities.
- Participation in Geneva, Beijing, and Kigali to promote the idea of the global leading initiative on food security.
- Conducting The Arab Climate Forum: Third Edition, titled "Civil Society Confronting the Social and Economic Impacts of Desertification in the Arab Region," under the theme "The Road to COP16: Towards Strengthening the Resilience and Adaptability of Land in the Arab Region .



- Funding a project to train youth groups to engage in the conference, including UNICEF's "Youth-Led Land Restoration" project and the UNCCD's "The Road to Riyadh: Elevating Land and Drought Issues on the Global Agenda ."





## AGFUND's Participation at COP 16

AGFUND's early preparations and dedicated efforts paved the way for a rich and impactful presence at COP 16. The opening session, held in the main hall, was attended by His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz, Chairman of the AGFUND Board of Directors, along with Dr. Nasser Alkahtani, Executive Director; Mr. Muhammad Alsalim, Director of Projects Department and Mrs. Munirah Al-Otaibi, Director of Finance and Administration Department.



Participation of HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of AGFUND Board of Directors, in the opening session of the COP 16 in the main hall

His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud highlighted the Kingdom's remarkable efforts to protect the land and combat desertification and drought. HRH also extended warm congratulations to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz, and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for Saudi Arabia's election as President of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16) for the next two years. This leadership role will drive global efforts to restore and protect the land, improve soil health, and address desertification and drought. HRH expressed full confidence that Saudi Arabia's presidency of COP 16 would serve as a powerful impetus for achieving the conference's goals and leaving behind a legacy of significant progress.

**After this, AGFUND's participations continued throughout the main hall and the pavilions, adding further depth to the event.**





## ➤ ACG's Billion Initiative Announcement



The Arab Coordination Group (ACG), consisting of Arab development funds and institutions, with AGFUND as one of its members, has announced an pledge of \$10 billion by 2030 to support and enhance efforts to protect the land, combat drought and desertification, address the impacts of climate change, and achieve the goals of COP16.

The ACG also supported the Riyadh Global Drought Resilience Partnership, launched by Saudi Arabia as the host country of COP16. The partnership aims to mobilize both public and private financing to assist 80 of the world's most vulnerable countries affected by drought.

The Arab Coordination Group Initiative was announced on December 3rd in the main conference hall, with the presence of the Executive Secretary of UNCCD, the headsof Institutions of the Arab Coordination Group, and the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture representatives.

The ACG called on the international community to strengthen collaboration and increase support, particularly in regions most affected by these challenges. The group also commended Saudi Arabia's strong commitment and proactive approach to tackling desertification and land degradation issues.

The initiative showcased the strong sense of collaboration within the group, emphasizing the deep partnership among its members in working together to achieve their shared, ambitious goals. It builds on a legacy of impactful commitments—most notably the Group's landmark announcement at COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, where it pledged up to \$24 billion in cumulative financing to help confront the world's most urgent challenges.



## ➤ Launch of the Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security



AGFUND launched the Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security as a key step in its preparations for COP16. The idea was born during a high-level international workshop hosted by AGFUND in June 2024, which brought together partners from governments, international and regional organizations, and the private sector. The initiative focuses on the challenges and opportunities facing small farmers, as well as the growing threats of desertification and drought to food security. Although small farmers manage only %11 of the world's agricultural land, they produce %30 of the global food supply and feed two-thirds of the world's population. However, they continue to face the impacts of climate change with insufficient support to match their significant role.

From this collaborative foundation, the Global Flagship Initiative led by AGFUND, aimed at enhancing and scaling up innovations in addressing climate change, food security, agriculture, combating desertification, and protecting small farmers while ensuring the sustainability of their contributions.

The Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security was announced and launched from the "Action Dome" during COP16 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on December 5th, 2024, coinciding with Agri-food Systems Day. The announcement was warmly welcomed by development professionals, many of whom considered it as a model to be followed, potentially leading to a network of interconnected initiatives. In its first phase, the initiative's partners pledged \$100 million.

Dr. Nasser Alkahtani, the Executive Director of AGFUND, described small farmers as the "weak yet strong segment," emphasizing that this is not a confusing definition but the truth. They are strong in their output, yet weak due to the inadequate inputs available to them. We need to address both aspects of weakness and strength. To help them move beyond poverty and become more innovative, active, and productive, we must protect them, provide the necessary insurance, and offer education to enhance their skills.

The founding partners of the initiative, alongside AGFUND, include the Innovation Commission for Climate Change, Food Security, and Agriculture at the University of Chicago, and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA).

At that time, 30 partners had joined the initiative, and more members are expected to join in the future.

The initiative is currently hosted by Crop Trust, an international organization based in Bonn, Germany, with a mission to preserve the diversity of global agricultural crops to ensure future food security.



# ACG/ AGFUND Pavilion in the Blue Zone:



**BLUE ZONE** المنطقة الزرقاء

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## The Arab Coordination Group Pavilion in the Blue Zone:



The Arab Coordination Group (ACG ) shared a pavilion in the conference's Blue Zone, led by AGFUND. The pavilion was equipped with screens and media tools, and it attracted a significant number of visitors. It hosted numerous sessions, including those organized by AGFUND, such as:

### ● The Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security and Its Impact , December 4



### ● The Global Flagship Initiative and Sciences , December 4

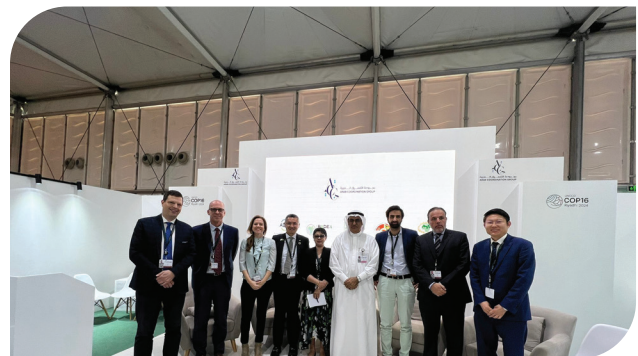




● **Concordia Session: On December 5, AGFUND participated in a session titled "Ensuring the Future of Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture."** The session emphasized the growing importance of sustainable land management, especially in the wake of global disruptions and their aftermath. Achieving food security requires balancing the protection of land, water, and ecosystems. To ensure this balance, food systems must evolve by incorporating innovative technologies and practices. The private sector plays a crucial role in transforming these systems to ease the strain on land.



● **The Role of the Private Sector in the Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security , December 6**



● **Arab Organization for Agricultural Development Session:** Held on December 6, the session explored how to maximize the benefits of carbon credits and leverage them as a source of income for farmers.

● **Arab Council for Childhood and Development Session:** On December 7, the Council hosted a dialogue session with a group of children who had received relevant education and training on climate issues, environmental protection, and the risks of climate change and desertification. Before the session, an animated film was shown, highlighting the impact of pollution on both human health and the environment.







- **UNICEF Session :** Held on December 7, this youth-led dialogue focused on empowering young voices, outlining the youth engagement strategy within the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), addressing key challenges, and guiding implementation efforts. The session brought together young leaders and stakeholders from around the world to discuss sustainable land management.





● **"Partners of the Americas" Session:** On December 10, AGFUND participated in a session that explored how to expand access to financing in order to promote the adoption of climate-smart policies and technologies that improve resilience and combat desertification. The discussion pointed out that the lack of access to these technologies is a key obstacle to increasing farm productivity, boosting resilience, and reducing both production costs and desertification. To address this, farmers must adopt affordable, climate-smart solutions like remote sensing irrigation, drip irrigation systems, and solar-powered pumps, which can increase productivity, improve resilience, and lower costs. However, limited working capital and insufficient collateral are major barriers to accessing these technologies. Building stronger partnerships to create blended finance solutions is essential for improving farmers' access to the funding they need to implement these climate-smart technologies.





# AGFUND Pavilion in the Green Zone:





## AGFUND Pavilion in the Green Zone:



AGFUND set up its own pavilion in the Green Zone, which attracted visitors from various sectors throughout the conference, including the private sector, civil society organizations, and university students. They learned about AGFUND, its activities, and the Prince Talal International Prize. During the conference, the nomination link for the Prince Talal International Prize was distributed across pavilions in both the Blue and Green Zones.

### Partner Pavilion Sessions:

**AGFUND participated in a number of diverse sessions at partner pavilions:**

- **Moroccan Pavilion:** A discussion on compensating small farmers for carbon damages.
- **UNDP Pavilion:** A session on sustainable coffee farming as a link to the Rio environmental agreements, December 5.

### Side Events:

- **Business 4 Land Pavilion:** A consultation session with land experts in business, December 4.
- **Discussion Panel for Prince Talal International Prize Winners, December 4**



- Main Session: "Action Agenda for People Day ", December 7

- "The Role of Arab Civil Society Organizations", December 7



- High-Level Dialogue Session on the Role of Research in Combating Desertification and Land Degradation, December 9



- High-Level Technical Session on Utilizing the Outcomes of COP16, featuring the Ministry, UNDP, and the Italian Government (G7 Presidency), December 11





## AGFUND's Perspective on COP16 Outcomes

COP16 brought forward a significant number of practical initiatives and ideas that can greatly support the achievement of its main goals. AGFUND believes that the open discussions throughout the sessions created excellent opportunities for exchanging diverse perspectives. The conference also offered a valuable chance to discover many small initiatives with potential for expansion and further development.

One of the most notable observations was that the Riyadh conference, with its impressive turnout and wide participation across various sectors, succeeded in making the fight against desertification a shared, widespread concern. Many of the participants are united in a strong desire to see the innovative ideas discussed in Riyadh evolve into real-world projects, with their success being showcased at COP17 in Mongolia.





# The Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development 2023





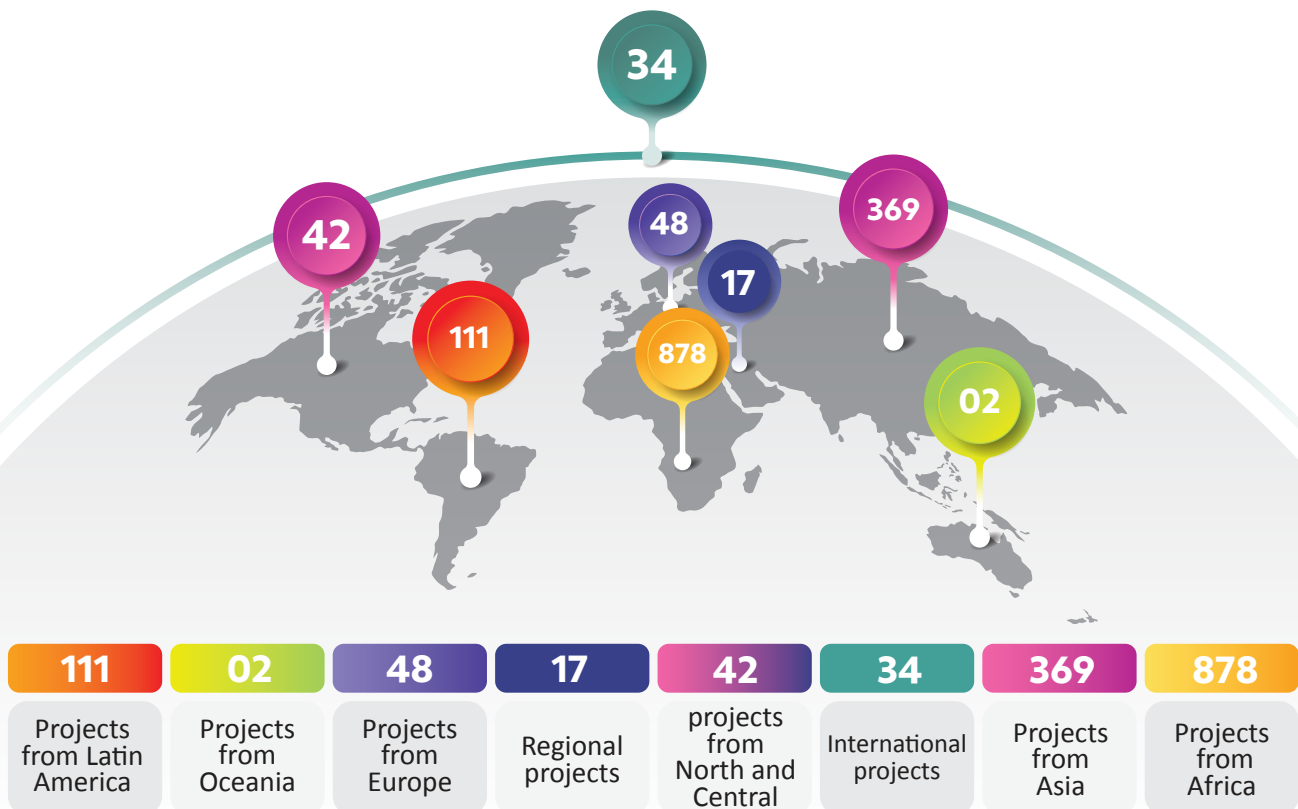
## The Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development 2023



The Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development is an annual prize valued at 1,000,000 US dollars, distributed among four pioneering human development projects worldwide. It was launched in 1999 with the aim of recognizing the best projects contributing to sustainable development in least-developed countries, honoring them, and disseminating their experiences. The prize serves as an incubator for the projects targeted by AGFUND.

Since its inception until 2023 ,87 projects have won the prize.

**The number of projects nominated for the prize from its establishment up to 2023 is 2,077 projects.**

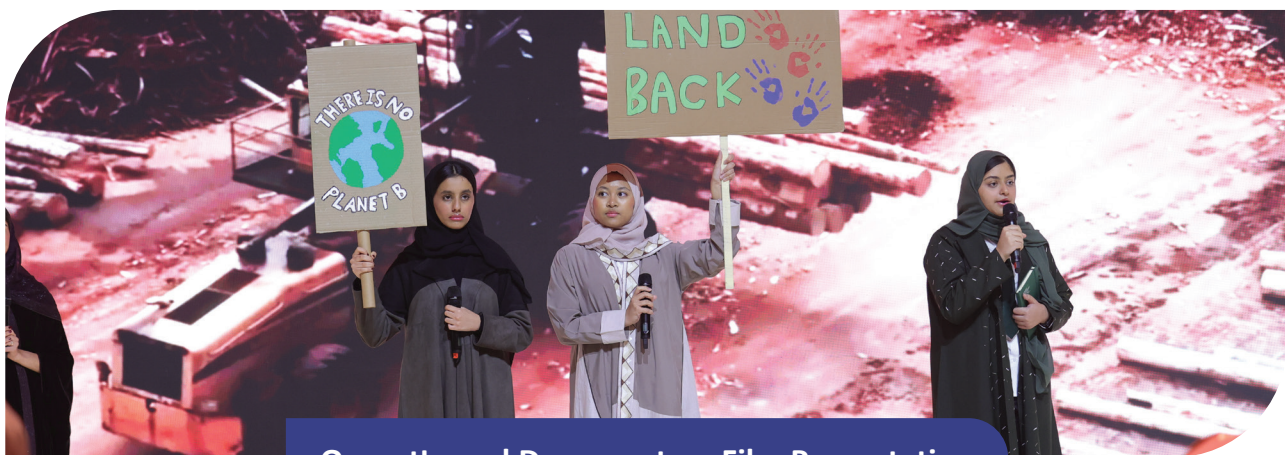


## The Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development 2023

AGFUND held the ceremony for the 24th edition of the Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development on Thursday, December 2024 ,5, at Four Seasons Hotel in the Kingdom Tower, Riyadh. The event coincided with the 16th Conference of the Parties (COP16) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

Hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia — the headquarters of AGFUND — the ceremony also marked the silver jubilee of the prize, celebrating 25 years since its launch in 1999.

These special milestones gave the celebration a unique significance, as noted by His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of AGFUND's Board of Directors and of the Prize Committee: "We are delighted that tonight's celebration coincides with the 25th anniversary of the Prince Talal International Prize. Each year, the prize continues to grow, enriching the field of sustainable development with projects rooted in creativity and innovation. We are grateful to all those who have contributed their time and efforts to building and shaping this prize, which we hope will remain a key driver in



Operetta and Documentary Film Presentation



The ceremony was held in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Bandar bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Governor of the Riyadh Region. As part of the celebration, a group of children performed a development-themed operetta, followed by the screening of a documentary highlighting the journey and impact of the prize over the years.

During the event, AGFUND awarded \$1,000,000 to the winning projects of the 2023 prize year, which focused on "Life on Land," the 15th goal of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Project leaders were also honored during the ceremony.

The event was attended by members of the Saudi royal family, senior officials, members of AGFUND's Board of Directors and the Prize Committee, as well as representatives from UN agencies, international organizations, diplomatic missions, civil society, development experts, and media professionals.



## ► Prize Exhibition

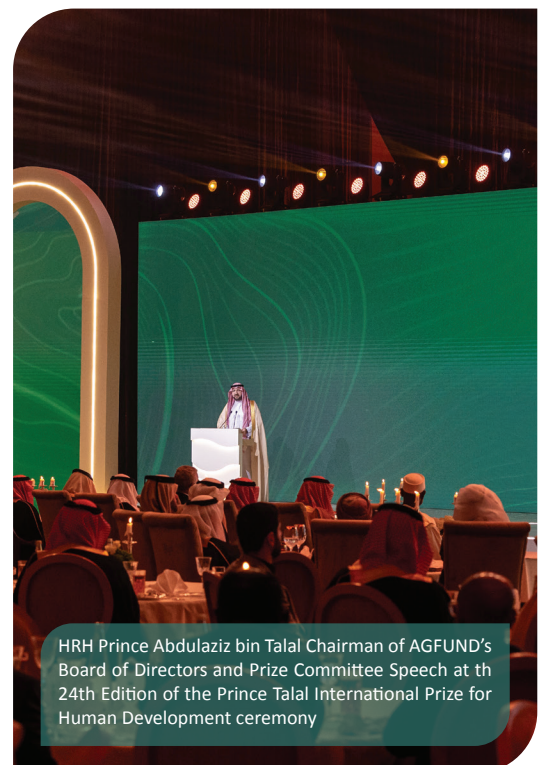
As part of the celebration, AGFUND organized a special development exhibition titled "The Prince Talal International Prize in 25 Years." The exhibition featured details of the life and legacy of Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the developmental efforts of AGFUND, and statistics about the prize since its launch in 1999. It also presented the prize's criteria, nomination requirements, and emphasized how its themes are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



## ► Optimism and Praise

In his opening speech, Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud stated: "At the Arab Gulf Programme for Development (AGFUND) and the Prince Talal International Prize, we are encouraged by the fact that the focus of this 24th edition of the prize coincides with a major development event currently taking place in Riyadh — the 16th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (COP 16)."

His Royal Highness also expressed his gratitude to the members of the AGFUND Board of Directors and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states for their continuous support. This ongoing support has enabled AGFUND to continue its vital development work around the world. Since the early 1980s, the esteemed leaders of the GCC countries have supported AGFUND's mission, leaving a lasting impact through its projects, which have reached nearly 133 countries across all continents.



HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal Chairman of AGFUND's Board of Directors and Prize Committee Speech at th 24th Edition of the Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development ceremony

### › Unique Contribution and Innovation

His Royal Highness, the Chairman of AGFUND's Board of Directors, stated that the themes chosen by the prize in the field of the environment and sustainable development, alongside AGFUND's efforts in funding projects that address issues of desertification, climate change, and the partnerships it forms to tackle these challenges, are of quality contributions that strengthen the goals of COP 16.

Prince Abdulaziz also expressed his delight at the alignment of the celebration with the 25th anniversary of the launch of the Prince Talal International Prize, which continues to grow each year, enriching the field of sustainable development with projects driven by creativity and innovation.

### › The Alignment

Dr. Nasser Alkahtani, Executive Director of AGFUND, emphasized that hosting this celebration in Riyadh holds great significance. Saudi Arabia, along with the GCC countries, supported the late Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz's initiative to establish AGFUND, backed it, and has continued to provide essential support. The Kingdom also hosts AGFUND's headquarters and offers extensive facilities to carry out its mission and activities. Additionally, the timing of our celebration aligns with the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (COP 16), hosted by Saudi Arabia, giving us the opportunity to

celebrate in the midst of a broader international presence.

Dr. Nasser Alkahtani highlighted that this event is especially meaningful as it marks the 25th anniversary of the launch of the Prince Talal International Prize. He also noted that the prize's theme, which honors this year's winners, focuses on a critical global issue: desertification, a serious consequence of climate change. This issue, which has become a growing threat to humanity, is well understood by development experts in terms of its challenges and risks. He concluded by stressing that COP 16 serves as a powerful symbol of the global effort to tackle the dangers of desertification caused by climate change in its most urgent form.



Dr. Nasser Al-kahtani, Executive Director of AGFUND Speech at the 24th Edition of the Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development ceremony



## Partnership Agreements

During the ceremony, AGFUND signed several partnership agreements to support the pioneering global food security initiative with the University of Chicago, BADEA, the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID), and the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD). At the conclusion of the ceremony, it was announced that the theme for the upcoming Prince Talal International Prize will be "Life Below Water," corresponding to Goal 14 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This announcement aims to encourage partners to apply for the prize.







## Winners

The four projects winning the Prince Talal International Prize for 2023 are:



## 01 | PRO Amazonia GEF 9055

**Sustainable Development of the Ecuadorian Amazon:** Integrated Management of Landscapes of Multiple Use and High-Value Conservation Forests" project, implemented by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Ecuador, winning the first category award, allocated to projects by UN agencies or international and regional organizations, worth **\$400,000**.



## 02 | Valle Sagrado Verde" project

Implemented by the Ecosystem Services Association SEPERU in the Republic of Peru, winning the second category award, allocated to projects by national NGOs, worth **\$300,000**.





### 03 | "Oasis Development" project

Implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, winning the third category award, allocated to projects by governmental bodies (ministries and public institutions) and social business enterprises focused on supporting the social sector, worth **\$200,000**.



**\$200,000**

Third  
category

### 04 | "Blue Filter" project

Implemented by Mr. Salah Al-Sadi in Palestine, winning the fourth category award, allocated to projects initiated, funded, or implemented by individuals, worth **\$100,000**.



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Fourth  
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## Geographical presence

- 📍 AGFUND's sister institutions
- 📍 The Arab Open University

- 📍 AGFUND Banks for Financial Inclusion
- 📍 Prize Projects

## Projects Approved by the Board in 2024:

In 2024, AGFUND approved 25 projects received from, UN agencies, international and regional institutions, sister entities, and Arab NGOs. Following a thorough evaluation, 25 projects were selected for funding.

The Institution's Logo	Project name	The organization	Beneficiary country	Project Contribution to Achieving Sustainable Development Goals
	Building a Digital Ecosystem to Foster Financial Inclusion and Economic	United Nations Development Programme		 
	Enhancing agricultural productivity for small farmers: effective management and use of irrigation water	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations		   
	Youth-led land restoration	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)		   
	Accelerating e-commerce for macro, small, and medium enterprises	U.N. Economic & Social Commission for Western Asia		   
	Expanding innovation in farmers' adaptation to land degradation and climate change	The University of Chicago		   
 مجموعة التنسيق العربية ARAB COORDINATION GROUP	Developing school infrastructure and enhancing equity and quality in schools	Arab Coordination Group		   



The Institution's Logo	Project name	The organization	Beneficiary country	Project Contribution to Achieving Sustainable Development Goals
	Empowering women in vulnerable situations to improve their social and economic status, enhance agricultural contributions, and tackle climate change impacts	Center of Arab Women for Training and Research		
	Children's rights, climate change, and desertification	Arab Council for Childhood & Development		
	Rehabilitation and support for small farmers and craft artisans	IDBDAA Microfinance S.A.L		
	Codifying national standards for diagnosing and evaluating persons with disabilities	Ministry of Social Development - Oman		
	Review and develop the curriculum for early childhood development (5-3 years), producing accompanying guides and training	Ministry of Family, Woman, Children and the Elderly People - Tunisia		
	The "Darb" program for empowering trainees	LOYAC Training Center		
	Building and developing capacities for better outcomes and safeguarding the lives of children with cancer	Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon		
	Improved Inclusion and Support for Children with Disabilities in the Early Years  Improving Early Childhood Services for Children (Phase II)	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	 	 

The Institution's Logo	Project name	The organization	Beneficiary country	Project Contribution to Achieving Sustainable Development Goals
	Women's Education Development Program	United Nations Population Fund		 
	Economic inclusion of persons with disabilities in the Arab region	U.N. Economic & Social Commission for Western Asia		 
	Institutional building support for The Arab Women Center for Training and Research "CAWTAR" for 2025	Center of Arab Women for Training and Research		 
	Support of Institutional Capacity Building for the Arab Council for Childhood and Development	Arab Council for Childhood & Development		 
	Supporting the institutional building of the Arab Network for NGOs Year - 2025	Arab Network for NGOs		 
	Enhancing the contribution of Arab civil society to the implementation of Goal 14 of the 2030 Agenda Arab Land			 
	Supporting Food Security and Small-farmers.	Ibdaa Microfinance Bank		 
	Enhancing Food Security and livelihoods for sustainable agriculture	Al-Amal Foundation for Training and Entrepreneurship (Reyadah)		 
	National Program 'Lamea'	Lamea Association		 
	Methodology for Measurement and Programming for Early Intervention for Children with Disabilities	Children with Disability Association		 



## Participations and events

**17 January 2024**

Participating in the 44th Session of the Executive Council of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) and signing a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)



**23, January 2024** Meeting with the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Yemen

**31, January 2024** High-level meeting between the Arab Coordination Group and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)





**1, February 2024**

Signing of a cooperation framework between AGFUND and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



**5, February 2024**

AGFUND's meeting with the UN Resident Coordinator in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and representatives of the UN Country Team in the Kingdom.



**7, February 2024**

Participation in the Arab Forum on Multidimensional Social Development, upon invitation from the League of Arab States and the Ministry of Social Development and Family in the State of Qatar





### 13, February 2024

Participation in the event “Empowering the Arab Child – The Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution,” upon invitation from the Arab Council for Childhood and Development in partnership with the Bibliotheca Alexandrina – Alexandria, Arab Republic of Egypt



### 28, February 2024

Visit of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States to AGFUND Headquarters



### 29-28, February 2024

Participation in the Human Capability Initiative at King Abdulaziz International Conference Center in Riyadh



**18, March 2024** AGFUND's meeting with representatives of the Central Africa Alliance





**30-27, April 2024**

Participation in the Annual Meetings of the Islamic Development Bank Group in Riyadh and its accompanying events

The participation of His Royal highness the Chairman of AGFUND's Board of Directors in the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Islamic Development Bank Group

Participation in the panel discussion on the role of the small and medium enterprises sector in Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 – Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC)





**29, April 2024** Participation in the Saudi Water Forum 2024

**30, April 2024** The 24th meeting of CAWTAR's Board of Trustees at AGFUND



**1, May 2024**

A workshop on digital financial literacy organized in partnership with the Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR) at AGFUND Headquarters





**2, May 2024** Attendance at the General Assembly of the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development - League of Arab States.



**6, May 2024** Participation in the high-level meeting of the Development Assistance Committee of the OECD and the Arab Coordination Group – Kuwait





**14, May 2024** Participation in the fifth edition of the 2024 Global Entrepreneurs Investment Forum- Kingdom of Bahrain.



**15, May 2024** Participation in the 5th edition of the World Entrepreneurs Investment Forum 2024, with the League of Arab States, in the Kingdom of Bahrain. 2024



**19, May 2024** The participation of His Royal Highness the Chairman of AGFUND's Board of Directors in the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)





**22, May 2024**

Participation in the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) - Meeting No. 48 – Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt 2024



**4-3, June 2024**

High-level meeting on challenges and opportunities for smallholder farmers, chaired by His Royal Highness the Chairman of AGFUND's Board of Directors, in collaboration with the University of Chicago and BADEA



**5, June 2024**

Meeting of the Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development Committee





**10, June 2024** AGFUND and UNDP workshop titled “Financial Resilience in Agriculture”



**25-24, June 2024** Meeting of the Heads of Institutions of the Arab Coordination Group and participation in the OPEC Fund Development Forum





**9, July 2024** Workshop on the Impact of Current Economic Conditions on Child Labor in the Arab Countries

**25-23, September 2024**

The participation of the AGFUND delegation in the Science Summit of the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly, and the panel session “Life on Land: Sustainable Solutions for Small Farmers and Food Systems,” during the Concordia Summit in New York





**9-8, September 2024** Third Edition of the Arab Climate Forum on Land and Climate - The Arab Network





6-4, November 2024

The participation of the AGFUND delegation, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz, in the “A Path to Social Justice: Decent Work” international conference, held in Yerevan, the capital of the Republic of Armenia.





**19-17, November 2024**

Arab SMEs Summit and Rowad Conference 2024 in Doha, State of Qatar





## 5, December 2024 The Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development Award Ceremony 2023





**20-13, December 2024**

The participation of the AGFUND delegation, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz, in the 16th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).





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