

# ***TF-ESSD Semi-Annual reporting format***

(October 2003)

Window: Environment

TF Number and Activity Name: TF051328-MAU- TFT

Technology Fosters Tradition (Mauritania)

Task Manager and Unit:

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Report Period: March 2003 to October 2003

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*This form is for TMs to report semi-annually. It is based on the logframe or project design summary you submitted when your project was approved. If the logframe needs updating please include the revised one with this form. You should be reporting on the objectives and outputs as well as the changing context of your Project. Rate each of the section using the following rating system:*

## **NTS-ESSD Supervision Rating Scale**

Highly Satisfactory (HS)	Implementation exceeds or is fully in accordance with the original implementation plan or the formally revised plan.
Satisfactory (S)	Implementation is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised implementation plan.
Unsatisfactory (U)	Implementation is not in compliance with the original/formally revised implementation plan. Remedial action has been agreed.
Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)	As in "U", but remedial action has not been agreed.

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## **Summary of Activity and Progress.**

*A short paragraph of no more than 10 lines summarizing the activity and the progress of your project. This summary will go to the donor, therefore it should give a short snapshot of your project and its progress to someone not familiar with it.*

The "Technology Fosters Tradition" (TFT) Initiative in the east of Mauritania aims at the ecologically and economically sustainable natural resource management in an area used by herders and farmers, characterized by semi-arid land with interspersed wetlands. The objective is to reduce conflicts among the population using the area.

The preparation phase was supposed to have drawn to a close six months ago. However, substantial administrative hurdles to overcome in the recruitment of the chief consultant bureau retarded the implementation start-up for six months. The extraordinary case load of the task-manager with negotiations (outside the scope of this activity) did not allow him to mitigate this delay.

The consultant – Supras Consult, represented by Lars Soeftestad, Norway, has now been recruited (contract signature on his side mid-october, on Bank side imminent) and first payments for work already performed (initial and constantly updated reporting on the web-page at: <http://www.cbnrm.net/web/tft/documents.html>)

Actual field work has not yet started.

Changes to the activities reported last semester are outlined below, and new activities have been added:

*(1) A “Concept Note” of nine pages (in English, French and Arabic) has been circulated among peer reviewers and will be updated in accordance with suggestions received;*

The Concept Note has been updated by a consultant hired over the summer in DC, incorporating the suggestions, questions and proposals of the feed-back from the first electronic publication of said Concept Note. This final note will be re-circulated before mid-November 2003 and posted on the website (above). This note serves a guideline and action plan to the implementation effort.

*(2) The TM has traveled the target area in November 2002 to (a) familiarize the partners – GTZ and World Bank projects – on site with the Initiative and gain first-hand impression of the terrain;*

During a short operational travel to Nouakchott in October 2003 these contacts have been refreshed, and the commitments with GTZ (Nouakchott and Aiuon Al Atrouss, the responsible manager for the GIRNEM Project, T. Sommerhalter was in the capital) and the Bank have been reconfirmed. Written understandings still need to be signed, though.

*(3) The TM has agreed in March 2003 with the partners in Nouakchott (capital of Mauritania) on criteria for site selection and administrative logistics;*

No further advances.

*(4) Consultant contracts are being written with*

*(a) one international consultant in charge of coordination;*

Supras Consult (Lars Soeftestad) approval and clearance process now completed (belatedly) and consultant’s signature affixed; first payment made.

*(b) one local consultant in Aioun Al Atrouss (regional capital in the target area) for local coordination and follow-up;*

Required, but not done – Supras Consult involvement required on site.

*(c) one Bank summer intern to review literature and summarize the scientific issues involved in the Initiative.*

Done and concluded: Christian Contardo reviewed about 60 publications (some 3000 pages) and internet information and classified subjects relevant for TFT. He also used this insight to update and edit the final version of the Concept Note.

N/A

## 1. Development Objective Outcomes

*Have you achieved your development objective outcomes (or leading indicators) as predicted?.*

- What were they and what did you achieve

In view of the achievement of the end of the preparation phase no field interventions occurred yet, therefore no development objectives to be measured yet. (same as last report).

N/A

## 2. Outputs

*Have you produced the Activity Outputs as described in the performance indicators or re-designed the Outputs.*

- What were they and what did you achieve  
No activities undertaken yet in the field

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## 3. Activities

*Have you implemented the Activities on schedule or restructured?*

- If you are behind schedule, what actions have you taken to get back on track or reschedule?  
Recruitment of consultant is finalized
- Is the design of your project still valid or are you making any changes?  
Design still considered valid
- Are your partners and stakeholders still committed and is the collaboration going as planned?  
Commitment yes; collaboration in the field not yet tested
- What are the main risks for the coming six months?
  - (a) dispute over selection of target area;
  - (b) delay of recruitment of local consultant;
  - (c) acceptance of project idea by villagers;
  - (d) timely availability of international consultant needed to initiate the local use-rights mapping event (Gregory Lazarev).

## 4. Budget & Disbursement

*Have you disbursed the budget as planned, on time and solved problems?*

- Is you budget still realistic? If not, in what way?  
Have you kept disbursement on schedule? If not, what is your new schedule?  
Planned Disbursement up to now? \_\_\_\_\_  
Actual Disbursement up to now? \_\_\_\_\_
- What are your planned disbursements for the rest of this current FY?
- If activities are planned to continue into the next FY, what are your planned expenditures (commitments and disbursements) for the coming FY?

(Please fill out the attached table)

N/A

## 5. Assumptions & Risks

*Has the economic/political/social environment changed? If so, is it feasible to continue, and if so, under what conditions?*

No practical experience yet

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## 6. Overall Self--Assessment Rating for this period

Undue and overextended administrative delays. It is expected that these can be partly recovered now.

**Financial Information**

As of: October 30, 2003

Approved Grant Amount		Total Amount transferred to TF account to date	Commitments		Disbursement			Closing Date	
Orig.	New		To Date	Expected additional for rest of FY04	To Date	FY04 Now to Dec	FY04 Jan to June	Original	New
184,500		115,000	93,125,87	30,000	17,308,81	5,000	25,000	04/30/05	

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