

## Comment Sheet 【FR2】

February 27, 2014

<b>Title of the Project</b>	<b>Desertification and Livelihood in Semi-Arid Afro-Eurasia</b>		
<b>Research Term</b>	<b>FR2</b>	<b>Project Leader</b>	<b>TANAKA Ueru</b>
<b>General advice and comments of the PEC:</b>			
1. With detailed fieldwork going on in several places across Africa and Asia, the question arises how this diverse set of cases will be synthesized. The PEC suggests strongly that a comparative conceptual framework is formulated soon to show how the cases will be made sense of collectively (this would presumably include a theory of the causes of desertification and perhaps take a complex systems approach).			
2. While the research is engaging and seems to produce successes in the field, it is hard to see what is novel or unique about the project. Explicitly placing the project research in the context of international research on this issue will help bringing such special aspects out. Writing up a literature review will also be useful in establishing a conceptual framework.			
3. The PEC is somewhat concerned about the continuation of project innovations once the research is completed and would like to see a concrete strategy for sustainability of the results.			
4. Finally, it is necessary to share the research and its results internationally and a dissemination and international publication strategy should be formulated.			