

Interactive comment on “Desertification, Resilience and Re-greening in the African Sahel — A matter of the observation period?” by Hannelore Kusserow

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Dear Referee,

thank you very much for reviewing my paper and your helpful comments. To my understanding your comments refer to:

- (i) a more clearer structure accentuation key messages
- (ii) underline new aspects
- (iii) clearer indicate what are the own contributions and results in the paper

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(iv) more condensed version

Further recommendations include more recent and relevant references and some language corrections (abstract and beginning).

Regarding your comments, I will work on the following:

- (i) key messages/synthesis will be clearer and better structured (by using table/fig.)
- (ii) new aspects in the paper will be better presented
- (iii) own contributions will be presented more clearly
- (iv) I believe that the historical aspect is an important part in the paper, however I will try to work on a more condensed version.

New relevant references will be included. English language will be rechecked (abstract and beginning).

Kind regards Hannelore Kusserow

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