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
(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