

~ FILM SCREENING ~

The Man Who Stopped the Desert

Monday November 29, 2010

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Capitol Visitor's Center, Orientation Theater North

1080 Films, in conjunction with the House Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, invites you to a special screening and panel discussion of the new documentary film *The Man Who Stopped the Desert*. The film tells the story of how Yacouba Sawadogo, an illiterate peasant farmer from Burkina Faso, single-handedly reclaimed the desert, transforming the lives of thousands of people living in one of the poorest countries of the world. Yacouba shows us how his 20-year struggle has resulted in incredible agricultural changes, with the potential to benefit thousands of people, in an area synonymous with poverty. His story is not only a personal triumph, but a lesson for dealing with poverty, desertification, and food scarcity issues in the future.

LOCATION: The Capitol Visitor Center, Orientation Theater North (U.S. Capitol Building, Washington, DC)

PANELIST: Dr. Chris Reij, Centre for International Cooperation, VU University, Amsterdam -- Expert on desertification and food scarcity issues
Mark Dodd -- Producer of the film

[Link to documentary trailers](#)

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