



## The forest-maker

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IMAGE: TONY RINAUDO EARNED HIS NICKNAME "THE FOREST-MAKER" AFTER DEVOTING 35 YEARS OF HIS LIFE TO REGREENING BARREN LAND ACROSS AFRICA. (SILAS KOCH/WORLD VISION)

Australian agronomist Tony Rinaudo earned his nickname, "the forest-maker", from 35 years of groundbreaking work in Africa.

When he first arrived in Niger in 1981, Tony found himself surrounded by arid terrain which proved hostile to his initial attempts at tree-planting.

But a couple of years later, he hit upon an innovative solution to re-greening the local landscape - and it did not involve any kind of planting at all.

Tony pioneered 'Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration' (FMNR), a sustainable system of land management that has revolutionised reforestation across Africa and beyond.

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