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Successful agroecological practices by
farmers and SMEs in Africa



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AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION (INCLUSION AND POLICY)

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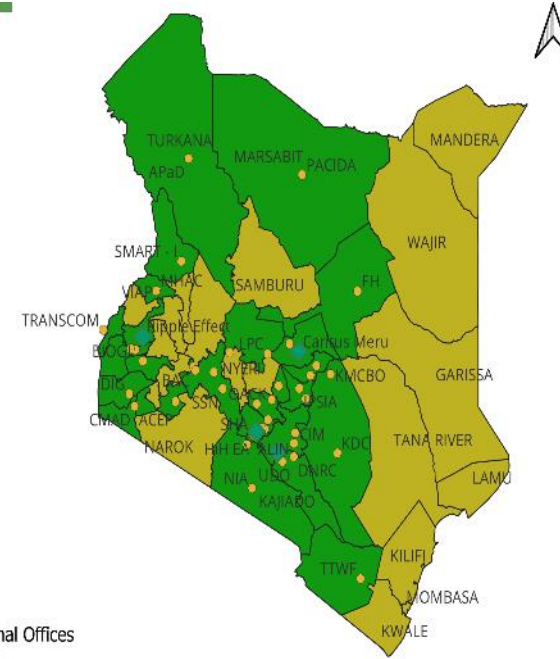
ABOUT PELUM KENYA



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Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Kenya is a national network which currently comprises of **63 member organizations** operating in 47 Counties.

Mission: To promote agroecological principles and management practices for improved livelihoods among small-scale farmers and pastoralists in Kenya.



- Keys**
- ◆ PELUM Kenya Zonal Offices
 - PELUM Kenya MOs
 - MOs - Head Offices
 - Counties covered by MOs
 - Name of Counties

1. Sustainable Natural Resources Management
2. Climate Resilience
3. Agro-enterprise & Market Development
4. Youth and Women in Agroecology

Country Secretariat

Capacity Enhancement & Networking

Policy & Advocacy

Knowledge Management



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ABOUT

AWOLA is a women leadership development initiative whose aim is to inspire, mentor, nurture, and fast-track the leadership development of African women in Agroecology.

Desired Outputs

1. Critical mass of women mentored and coached on agroecology leadership at all levels
2. Women agroecological business initiatives & innovations enhanced /developed
3. Improved capacity for women in AE Principles, practice and enterprise development
4. Women actively participating in AE policy influencing



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SCOPE

1. Eastern Africa: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania
2. Southern Africa: Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia
3. Western Africa: Nigeria, Senegal
4. Northern Africa: Tunisia and Morocco

AWOLA Initiative 1st Cohort



Africa Women Leaders in Agroecology (AWOLA) Mentorship Program Cohort 1

"What a rewarding experience it has been for me to hold another woman's hand, showing them that their agroecology dream can be a reality!"
Mentor; Stella Lutalo (On the Left)



- ❑ Demand driven
- ❑ Mentor to mentee matching
- ❑ Mentorship and coaching training
- ❑ Reporting plan in place
- ❑ Personal development plan
- ❑ 6 mentors, 6 mentees per cohort per Country
- ❑ Graduated 18 mentees- cohort one



AFRICA WOMEN LEADERS IN AGROECOLOGY (AWOLA) MENTORSHIP TALK

TOPIC: EMPOWERING AFRICAN YOUTH THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - AGENDA 2063: AFRICA WE WANT.

Speaker: Morakane Madiba (South Africa)

DATE: JUNE 25, 2024
11:00 AM EAT
10:00 AM HARARE TIME

Partners: the Tudor trust, Both ENDS

MEETING ID: 921 3594 4496
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AFRICA WOMEN LEADERS IN AGROECOLOGY (AWOLA) MENTORSHIP TALK

TOPIC: SAVING FOR YOUR RETIREMENT

Speaker: Monica Kapiriri (Development Facilitator, Mentor and Coach, AWOLA Steering Committee Member)

DATE: APRIL 23, 2024
10:00 AM EAT
9:00 AM HARARE TIME

Partners: the Tudor trust, Both ENDS

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Africa Women Leaders in Agroecology (AWOLA) Mentorship Program Cohort 1

"Thanks to AWOLA and my Mentor Bridget Mugambe, I've embraced multiple leadership programs like Emerging Leaders & Global Crusaders, earned certificates through these programs. Procrastination is no longer an issue for me. My knowledge of Agroecology has been deepened by visiting fellow mentees' farms, preparing me to start my own. Grateful to PELUM Uganda for connecting me with Bridget, who has inspired my growth. I encourage passionate youth & women in Leadership & Agroecology to join the next cohort"

Mentee: Erina Irene Tuhirwe (On the left)

Partners: PELUM ASSOCIATION, the Tudor trust



INFLUENCING



Left: Irene Mumo, an AWOLA mentee exhibiting in the 1st Eastern Africa Agroecology Conference



Right: Group photo for AWOLA Team from Kenya and Uganda who participated in the 1st Eastern Africa Agroecology Conference



Cohort 1 graduation



Women in Agroecology Expo held in Uganda, 2023



Leah Mwaura- Program Manager SNV Kenya, Attending Africa Fertilizer & Soil summit conference supported by AWOLA



Lillian Mutheu- M&E Officer at Slow Food Kenya, Participating in the seed policies and legislation sensitization forum, presenting on the action points to be undertaken by our organization after the workshop.

Fatma Zahra- Founder Almuld Exporters

- She is in the export business for organic vegetables and fruits.
- She was facilitating women leaders in a business workshop at Aga Khan University
- Recently speaking at a women entrepreneurs forum in Westlands, she was invited by a mentor Terry



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AWOLA STORIES OF CHANGE

<https://www.pelumkenya.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Stories-of-Change-Web1.pdf>

Mentored to mentor- case study

I have realized that the destiny of a person lies within one's change of attitude, perception and personal commitment, my song has changed! Pamela- a widow



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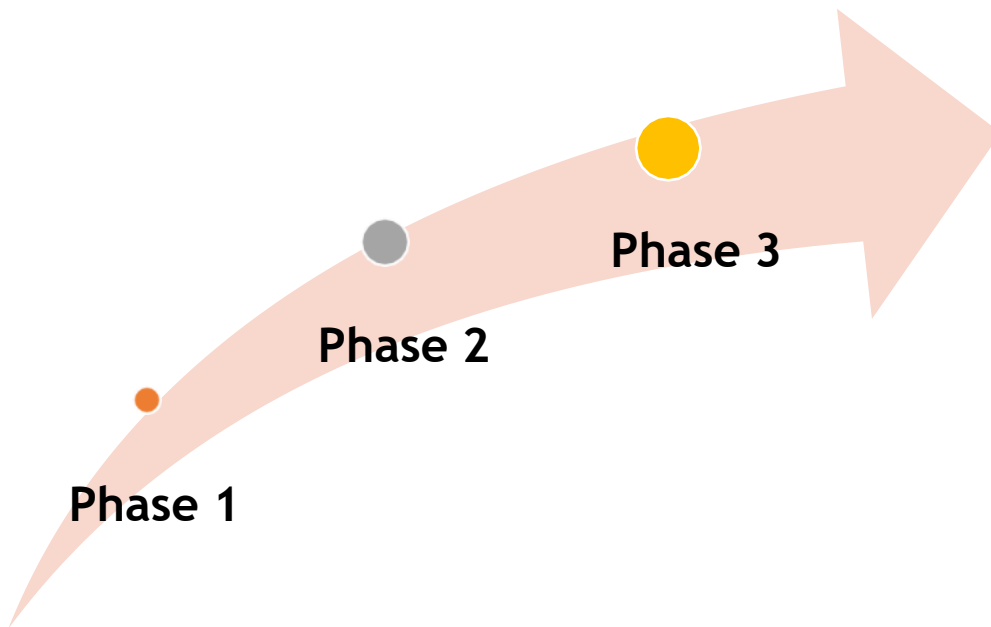
NATIONAL AGROECOLOGY STRATEGY FOR FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION- KENYA

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Process of developing strategy



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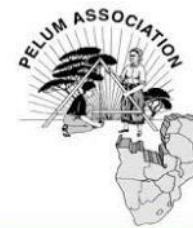


Phase 1: Preparation of Draft Agroecology Strategy

Phase 2: Public participation

Phase 3: Validation of the strategy

Summary of strategic issues



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Fragile agri-food systems characterized by: declining productivity in both crop and livestock; degradation of land, water, soils and climate change

Limited integration of agroecological approaches in research, curriculum, and practice

Limited access to and consumption of safe, diversified, and healthy diets leads to food insecurity and malnutrition: change in consumer preferences & food safety issues

Gender and social inequalities driven by the uneven distribution of resources and power leading to the marginalization of smallholder farmers, indigenous communities, women, and youth

Weak policy and institutional environment / and incentives for supporting agroecology transitioning and scaling up: includes limited budgets to support sustainable food systems

Transition to resilient and sustainable food systems through agroecology

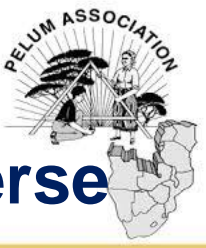
Strategic area 1: Increase resource use efficiency and productivity in agricultural production landscapes

Strategic area 2: Strengthen mechanisms for production, distribution and use of locally produced agroecological/organic inputs

Strategic area 3: Facilitate integrated ecosystem restoration in landscapes

Strategic area 4: Promote conservation of indigenous/locally managed seed and livestock breeds

Sustainable consumption and transition towards healthy, diverse and sustainable diets for all



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Strategic area 1: Facilitate the transition towards healthy, safe and sustainable diets for all.

Strategic area 2: Promote transition to a circular food system

Strategic area 3: Promote consumption of indigenous foods and protection of traditional food culture



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Enabling environment and incentives for scaling up agroecology

Strategic area 1: Strengthen the policy, legal and institutional framework for agroecology

Strategic area 2: Develop and promote sustainable financing models for scaling up of agroecology

Strategic area 3: Develop and create incentives for scaling up agroecology

Strategic area 4: Strengthen markets and trade for agroecology products and services

Research, innovation, training, and co-learning on agroecological approaches

Strategic area 1: Prioritize research on agroecology in the country's National Agriculture Research System (NARS)

Strategic area 2: Strengthen extension and centres of excellence to promote agroecology

Strategic area 3: Revitalization of traditional food ways and associated Indigenous technical knowledge

Social equity, inclusion and participatory governance in the agri-food system

Strategic area 1: Facilitate access and control to productive resources by women, youth, vulnerable groups, marginalized groups and indigenous communities

Strategic area 2: Enhance equitable participation and meaningful engagement in food systems transformation



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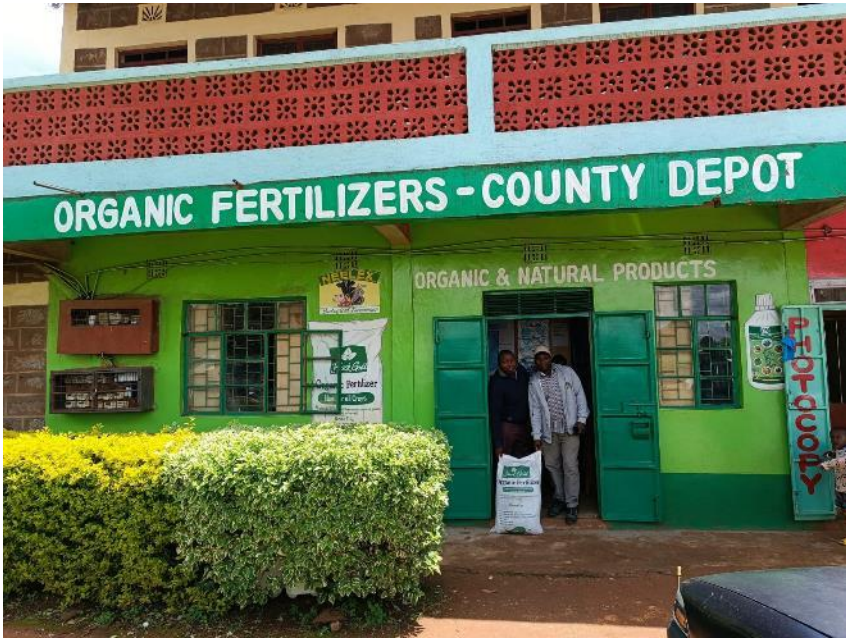
WHAT NEXT AFTER THE LAUNCH

- ✓ Advocacy for the implementation of the National agroecology symposium (NAS) at national and county levels
- ✓ Massive awareness and campaigns - NAS
- ✓ Metrixes for measuring impact and change
- ✓ Strengthened governance and reporting mechanisms on the NAS
- ✓ A strong focus on bio-inputs as a key driver for food systems transformation

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