



# **The African Forest Forum Activities and some achievements**

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# Core activity areas for AFF

## 1. Networking

To build and strengthen networking amongst forestry stakeholders in Africa.

## 2. Programmes

To develop, solicit funding for, and implement programs, projects and activities that address priority issues and opportunities in African forestry.

## 3. Advocacy

To raise the profile of forestry, highlight threats to forest resources and the environment, and champion better management of African forests.

# AFF guiding principles

## AFF activities should:

- ▶ Benefit humanity and the environment
- ▶ Enhance equitable access to and use of forest and tree resources
- ▶ Apply the best available knowledge in the management of tree and forest resources
- ▶ Lead towards increasing overall forest cover
- ▶ Promote inter-sectoral integration and synergies
- ▶ Incorporate working in partnership with all relevant stakeholders
- ▶ Respect the rights and privileges of people residing in and around forests





# AFF areas of work

## 1. Forest Ecosystem Services

- climate change
- forest–water relations
- payment for environmental services

## 2. Sustainable Forest Management

- tree seed germplasm,
- trans–boundary resources,
- forest law enforcement, good forest governance and fair trade in forest products and services (FLEGT)
- certification



# AFF areas of work

## 3. Forest Policy Formulation and Implementation

- Support to international dialogue
- Provision of information for policy support

## 4. Marketing and Trade in Forest Products and Services

- Fair practices in marketing and trade in the context of FLEGT

## 5. Capacity Building and Skills Development

- Development of knowledge and skills for all forest stakeholders

## 6. Communication

- Information management and sharing, and networking



## Some accomplishments/impacts by AFF

- 1. Stakeholders and the international community are:**
  - more aware of the importance of improved and sustainable management of African forest and tree resources
  - more aware of the importance of good forest governance and law enforcement.
  
- 2. Stakeholders and the international community are:**
  - more aware of the importance of forest ecosystem services
  - more aware of AFF's role in addressing climate change challenges and opportunities that are relevant to African forests and trees



# Some accomplishments/impacts by AFF

## 3. African delegates to international forestry negotiations are:

- more technically knowledgeable about the issues in these negotiations
- capable of developing a common approach and speak with one voice to represent African interests and concerns

*Through its support to these activities AFF has increased its collaboration with many African countries*



# Some accomplishments/impacts by AFF

## 4. AFF plays a prominent role in :

- generating and sharing high quality and up-to-date information
- providing collaborative opportunities for stakeholder to work together on issues related to African forests and trees.

## 5. Key regional and global actors consider the AFF an active partner.

- AFF is accredited to sessions of UNFF and UNFCCC
- AFF works closely with regional processes and institutions like AUC; AMCEN; PAA-GGWSSI; RECs-EAC, SADC, ECOWAS.
- AFF also participates in some specialized committees and expert panels established by these international, regional and sub-regional organisations.



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