



# AFRIEVOLVE

Capacity development for green NGOs in Africa



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## South – South cooperation: strengthening capacity of green actors in Africa

*“AfriEvolve gave access to trainings and materials to generate business from the sale of honey which improved the living and schooling status of my family.”*

Adama Woni,  
Burkina Faso



*“Theoretical training followed with practical sessions have proved that organic farming is possible. From now on, I prepare my own organic booster at home.”*

Mama Nkya,  
Tanzania



### Context

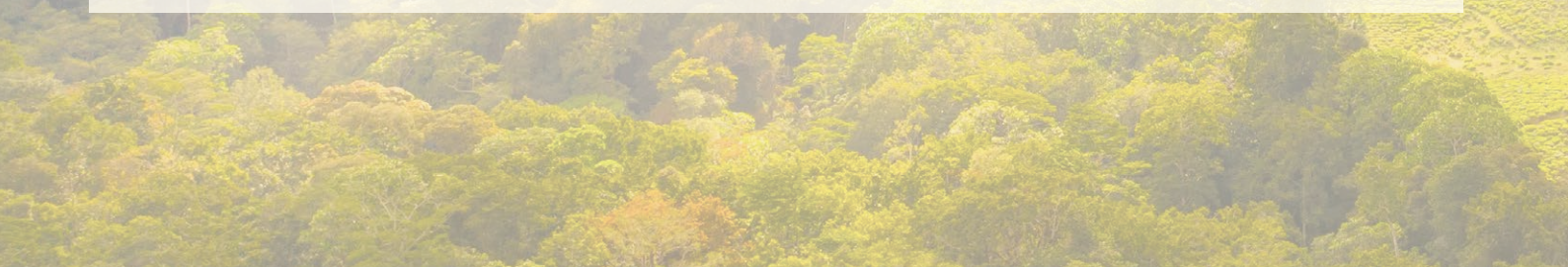
Green NGOs play a critical role in advocating for the interests of local communities and in securing livelihoods. Nevertheless, local organisations in Africa are confronted with numerous structural challenges to secure long-term funding, to retain expertise and to increase their influence beyond the environmental sphere at national and regional level.

All involved six African NGOs work at the focal point between conservation in and around protected areas and the needs of local people’s livelihoods. Rural communities suffer increasingly from the effects of climate change such as heavy rain falls, unexpected frost, extreme dry spells, and erosion are exacerbating poor harvests and crop failures. This in turn results in poverty and increased dependency of people on the natural resources of their environment.

### Objectives and methods

NABU and it’s six African BirdLife partners work together on their organisational development through mutual learning, to intensify their regional collaboration including transboundary and interregional governance and to enhance their expertise with innovative agricultural methods.

AfriEvolve is conceived as a pan-African co-support platform facilitating peer-to-peer learning exchanges and aiming to emulate south-south mentoring and capacity building among its members. The activities of the project contribute to newly gained organisational development skills for improving civil society cooperation. Furthermore, the partners increase their expertise in Climate-Smart Agriculture and local farmers at the six pilot sites are benefitting directly.







*"AfriEvo has supported us by facilitating access to certified seeds and providing training to best adapt our rainfed agriculture with indigenous crops that are resistant to water scarcity and climate change."*  
 Samson O. Genga,  
 Kenya

*"Through the solar-powered irrigation system, we, the beneficiary women, can improve our dry season gardening and contribute to our food security."*  
 Amadu Maria,  
 Ghana

*"AfriEvo trained women in the production of sea salt using solar energy. With this method, we do not have to cut wood from our forests, so that the biodiversity of the national park is no longer affected."*  
 Tchouayo G. Micheline,  
 Ivory Coast



## Implementing sites

The project partners work with the local communities in setting up a tailored portfolio of climate-adapted agro-ecological practices to create alternative sources of income and reduce the pressure on the environment at the following six pilot sites:

- ▶ **Yala Delta** is Kenya's largest freshwater swamp and a Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) at the north-eastern end of the Lake Victoria.
- ▶ **Echuya Forest Reserve** is a highland forest area in the heart of the biodiverse Albertine Rift Valley in western Uganda.
- ▶ **Amani Natural Forest Reserve** in the Tanzanian East Usambara Mountains is covered with remnants of very old forests and is of outstanding importance for nature and species conservation.
- ▶ **Sourou valley** is a Sahelian gateway from Burkina Faso to Mali with broad floodplain marshes with acacia forests.
- ▶ **The Mognori village** in north-western Ghana, on the edge of Mole National Park, is an important wintering area for many migratory bird species.

- ▶ With lagoons, evergreen (primary) forests, dry and wet coastal savannah, wetlands and mangrove areas, **Azagny National Park** in Côte d'Ivoire is one of the most important nature reserves in West Africa.

## Outputs and outcomes

AfriEvo partners co-organise more than 85 hours of online-learning and 30 days of field training to accomplish their assigned organisational (e.g. long term financing strategy) and community development (e.g. climate-resilient diversification of land-use) targets.

All learning materials together with compiled "good practises" will be documented and brought together into a final capacity development toolbox. Through the development of new sub-regional and transboundary projects, successful approaches will be upscaled.



„A bird leaves its branch, the tree has got an idea.“

Sylvain Tesson, travel-writer



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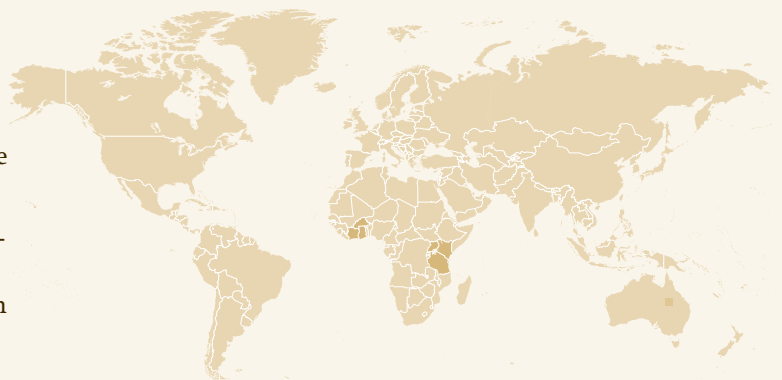
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