



WORKSHOP

Scaling up youth action to restore Africa's degraded lands

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Background

The richest continent's greatest untapped resource might just be its young people. With the majority of Africa's current population under the age of 25 and a projected increase to one billion young people in the continent by 2050 - Africa's youth have an immense potential to forge a new development model and vision for Africa. A sustainable development model that values natural capital and harnesses natural resources to propel the continent into a global leader. A development model valuing inclusivity - improved livelihoods and rights for communities, women, indigenous people and marginalized groups. A development model stimulating green growth - tackling unemployment by catalyzing investment towards innovative businesses that create green jobs. A united group of young leaders have the **power to promote peace, prosperity, collaboration, and integrated management of resources** across the continent.

Restoration Efforts

With approximately 50 million hectares of land affected by degradation, Africa faces perhaps the toughest ecological test of any continent: widespread deforestation and land degradation yet limited resources to combat them. Necessity is the mother of invention and the people of Africa are responding to challenges at every level of society through new methods of cooperation, adaptation and innovation.

Africa's youth are no exception.

The AFR100 Initiative, born in response to this challenge, has delivered political momentum with 25 African countries committed to restoring 100 million hectares across Africa by 2030. With political momentum secured, it is time for implementation. Reaching this goal requires significant effort and capacity building across all parts of society and a necessity for Africa, as evidenced in the African Youth Charter of the African Union Commission.

The Youth Program

The Youth in Landscapes Initiative, in partnership with the Global Landscapes Forum (GLF), is kick-starting action on the ground with this *intensive leadership development and project accelerator program* designed to build restoration leadership in Africa's youth.

This program combines a Youth Workshop, Aug 27-28, with leadership at the GLF Nairobi event, Aug 29-30th, to scale-up youth action in restoration.

The Goal: An empowered, knowledgeable community of young leaders who have re-claimed ownership of their future and will succeed in restoring Africa.

The Program

Target Audience

Young leaders aged 18-35, passionate about transformational development, sustainable landscapes, and restoration. No matter the discipline or background we are looking across all sectors to build the next generation of restoration leaders.



Online Learning (4 Weeks) powered by FAO SFM Toolbox

Prior to the in-person Nairobi workshop, the online program will provide select participants with the knowledge and tools needed to better understand restoration opportunities and their role as leaders. This program will be curated in partnership with the UN Food and Agricultural Organization's Sustainable Forest Management (FAO-SFM) Toolbox and GLF Partners and will include:

- 3 Digital Summits (webinars) with leading organizations and influencers from across Africa
- Learning resources introducing participants to key topics in restoration
- Curated assignments
- E-discussions with peers

Each participant will receive a certificate for their participation in the program and their contribution to formalizing the Nairobi Declaration for Youth Engagement in Forest and Landscape Restoration.

Youth Workshop and Dialogue (Aug 27 - 30, 2018)

This 4-day program will bring 100 young participants together to nurture an intergenerational approach to landscape restoration commitments and efforts across Africa. The first 2 days entails a unique practical training program and dialogue among leading scientists, organizations and community leaders.

Young people will take their skills to action during the GLF Nairobi on Aug 28-30 at the UN Campus in a variety of ways: leading a 1.5 hour Discussion Forum, raising challenges and solutions as plenary speakers, producing a draft Nairobi Declaration for Youth Engagement in Forest and Landscape Restoration, taking part in a mentorship program and networking to gain partnership for youth-led restoration based efforts and enterprises.

Principles

Our program will center on cultivating three values and corresponding trainings:

- I. Integrity** - Infusing integrity to our work by providing trainings by leading scientists on restoration principles, good practices, and common pitfalls.
 - i. The case for restoration: sustainable development, resilience, and green jobs
 - ii. Implementation: the landscape approach, integrated land management, ecological functioning
 - iii. Good practices: multi-stakeholder consultation, gender and indigenous peoples in resource management
 - iv. Passion to action: Why youth? The role for youth in landscape restoration
- II. Innovation** – Teaching a mindset of ideation and creativity while illustrating the power of technology and enterprise for restoration.
 - i. Social enterprise, building a business case
 - ii. “Soft skills,” design thinking, marketing yourself
 - iii. Success stories from youth-led organization (tech, business, NGO, etc.)
- III. Partnership** – Building connections with leading organizations and among young leaders to create projects and magnify impact.
 - i. Co-designing projects, building cross-border collaborative teams
 - ii. Structured mentorship program
 - iii. Facilitating project-investee-institution match-making

Youth Workshop

Purpose	Building Restoration Leadership across Africa
Venue	World Agroforestry Centre
Target group	100 young participants
Purpose	In these two days participants will be trained on the principles of restoration, learn from success stories of fellow young African leaders and leading organizations, while building partnerships for local restoration projects. The workshop will create space for youth to define visions, identify challenges, align projects, and build community for a sustained effort in restoration.

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Agenda | 27 August 2018

Time	Session topic	Description and Methods
9:00 – 9:30	Rising to the Challenge	Be inspired. Understand our challenge. Take advantage of new opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome from Partners• Keynote Conversations<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jenifher Simpano- Lampat Parashina- Assumpta Uzamukunda- Dr. Richard Munang
9:30 – 10:30	Are You Restoration Ready?	Building a definition of restoration readiness Get to know each other. Defining landscape. Defining restoration.
10:30 – 11:00	Are You Restoration Ready?	Building the framework for restoration readiness Presentations. Co-creation. Building our framework
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 12:30	Assessing Restoration Readiness	Pitching and assessing our landscapes Landscape Mapping. Filling the framework. Group evaluation.
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	ICRAF Bamboo House + Tent
14:00 – 15:00	Building integrity of your landscape story	Landscape Talks on restoration readiness principles. Expert Speakers. New methods, stories, and tools. <i>ICRAF Scientists. SORALO Group. Assumpta Uzamukunda. Damaris Mungai. Victor Tsang. Dr. Mary Njenga.</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30 – 17:00	Building integrity of your landscape stories	Knowledge market place Dive in deep. Shop for Knowledge. 40-minute group conversations with speakers who can answer your landscape-specific questions.
17:00	Reflections	What have we learned? New insights and applications.





Agenda | 28 August 2018

Time	Session topic	Description
9:00 – 10:20	Innovation – Journeying from Idea to Impact	What is innovation and why do we need it for restoration? This is your time. Ask all the question you have always had about innovation and entrepreneurship. Panel of innovators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afere Alaba Lawrence, Founder SpringBoard Nigeria • Miriam Wanjiko, Kimani, WhyFarm Kenya • Tevis Howard, Founder and CEO Komaza
10:20 – 10:45	Restoration Innovation – What is your process?	Teddy Kinyanjui, Seedballs Kenya
10:45 – 11:00	Opportunities Ahead	An exploration of future opportunities to develop your understanding.
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15 – 12:30	Understanding how to apply our knowledge	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	ICRAF Bamboo House + Tent
13:30 – 15:00	Social media Boot-Camp	Digital Media 101 Moses Kemibaro, CEO and Founder DottSavvy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to build and tell your story • Use platforms to spread your story effectively • Utilize events to increase your exposure and effectiveness
15:00 – 16:00	Social media Boot-Camp	GLF Nairobi 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is our overall message to be told? • How can we build a collective movement with the GLF?
16:00 – 16:30	Closing Conversations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takeaways • Closing Remarks
16:30 – 17:30	Planning for GLF Nairobi	How are we going to make our impact? Roles and responsibilities during the GLF Nairobi conference

How to Apply

We are looking for people committed to creating change in their local communities and landscape.

Step 1: Tell us why restoring Africa matters and what it looks like to you in a 60 second video. Show us who you are! Use the hashtags #RestoreAfrica #GLFNairobi2018 and tag us on Facebook (or Twitter).

Step 2: Fill out the application form <https://goo.gl/forms/SIVmRha8b5c0yE4u2> before July 20th if you want to be sponsored to the session. This is your time to share why you would be the right representative for your country and region.

Winners: The top 15 winners will be announced on the **GLF's Facebook Page LIVE on July 25th at 1 PM GMT**. The top 15 (3 from each African region) will be fully sponsored to the workshop and GLF Nairobi.

Names of other selected participants will be posted on the GLF site following the FB live session. The GLF will work with remaining applicants to assist in fundraising – partial spon-

sorship through online crowd-funding and outreach among GLF partners and governments.

Support the Program

There are a multitude of ways to support this project:

- Partner to host a 'Master Class' or workshop
- Become a Sponsor
 - Sponsor youth leaders and/or individual participants to attend the training and GLF Nairobi. Are there young professionals or promising young leaders you know of that could benefit from this program?
 - Sponsor the event – Become a coffee break or lunch sponsor.
- Shape the event and agenda by suggesting local leaders and entrepreneurs across Africa.
- Are you a youth organization? Join the Youth in Landscapes as a partner and shape youth activities and programs.



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The Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) is the world's largest knowledge-led multi-sectoral platform for integrated land use, bringing together world leaders, scientists, private sector representatives, farmers and community leaders and civil society to accelerate action towards the creation of more resilient, equitable, profitable, and climate-friendly landscapes. The Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), UN Environment, and The World Bank launched the Forum in Warsaw in 2013, alongside the UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP). With core funding provided by the German Government, the GLF is entering its next 5-year phase with a launch a movement of 1 billion people towards the creation of sustainable landscapes.

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