Our Partners

Some of the institutions, organisations, and networks we work with are listed below:

- African Academy of Sciences (AAS)
- African Development Bank (AfDB)
- African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC)
- African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resources Education (ANAFE)
- African Union Commission (AUC)
- Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
- Commission des Forêts de l’Afrique Centrale (COMIFAC)
- Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
- East African Community (EAC)
- Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)
- Lusaka Agreement Task Force (LATF)
- NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA)
- Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS)
- Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA)
- Southern African Development Community (SADC)
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
- United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)
- United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)
- World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)
- World Conservation Union (IUCN) - Eastern Africa Regional Office

Join Us

Membership to the African Forest Forum is open to individuals from academic, governmental, non-governmental, and commercial institutions, the private sector, farmer organisations, and any other body concerned with the promotion of, support of, or research into forests, forest management and forest products, and trees outside forests. The vast majority of our members are from Africa, and a substantial percentage of our members have PhD level qualifications.

All our members actively contribute their time and expertise towards promoting the mission of the African Forest Forum.
About Us

Who we are, our role, and how we contribute to African forestry

The African Forest Forum is an association of individuals with a commitment to the sustainable management, wise use and conservation of Africa’s forest and tree resources for the socio-economic well-being of its peoples and for the stability and improvement of its environment.

We exist to voice the concerns of African forestry stakeholders, and to use science, indigenous knowledge, and experience to advocate for the importance of forests and trees outside forests to peoples’ livelihoods, national economies and the stability of the environment.

We provide independent analysis and advice to national, regional and international institutions and actors, on how economic, food security and environmental issues can be addressed through sustainable forest and tree management.

Our Vision

“To be the leading forum that unites all stakeholders in African forestry”

Our Mission

“To contribute to the improvement of the livelihoods of the people of Africa and the environment they live in through the sustainable management and use of tree and forest resources on the African continent”

What We Do

Our activities are centred around three core areas:

Networking

“To build and strengthen networking amongst forestry stakeholders in Africa”

We share cutting edge knowledge and information about best practices, and we foster communication and interaction in the stakeholder community for the explicit and systematic management of vital knowledge on African forests and trees outside forests.

Programmes

“To develop, solicit funding for, and implement activities addressing priority issues and opportunities in African forestry”

We implement rigorous, well researched, and detailed programmes, to advance and enhance an understanding of the needs and opportunities available through Africa’s forest and tree resources.

Advocacy

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

We collaborate closely with relevant stakeholders at all levels, considering relevant policy, civil society, democratic space, and individual gain aspects.

Our Goal

“To galvanise a common African voice and opinion, and mobilise resources that are required to address forestry and related issues that cut across countries and regions, with the aim of enhancing the relevance and contribution of forestry and trees to the people of Africa and their environment”