

African Landcare Network

Supporting sustainable livelihoods and landscapes

Formed in 2006, the African Landcare Network (ALN) is a regional platform promoting best practice at the grassroots in land and water management to increase agricultural production, sustainability and livelihoods. Smallholder farmers in Africa are faced with formidable challenges including land degradation, low agricultural productivity, poor infrastructure and inadequate institutional support. Collective and sustainable land management through Landcare offers an opportunity to address these challenges at the local level. ALN has a vision of restored land in Africa with productive agricultural systems and people that are healthy and food secure working together.

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Countries with landcare activities



Rise and Shine Landcare group Kenya
Gully erosion control work with sisal
Started in 2015 and has 20 members

Junior Landcare Uganda



Landcare project in Democratic Republic of Congo

ALN achievements since 2006 include:

- Master classes and facilitator trainings in East and Southern Africa.
- Institutional mandate, logo and communication materials prepared.
- Regional coalition of Landcare practitioners developed.
- Identified funding opportunities and supported countries and projects in applications.
- Presented at national, regional and international conferences and meetings.
- Increased awareness and recognition of the Landcare approach.



Landcare Masterclass Uganda 2012



Landcare Masterclass Zambia 2011



Uganda Landcare Conference 2019

ALN will work through six main areas over the next five years:

1. Strengthening a **supportive African network** that draws together Landcare initiatives to learn from each and build the leadership of the network.
2. **Providing capacity building** to Landcare champions, including youth through Junior Landcare.
3. Developing and disseminating **communications products** including detailed **Landcare success stories and case studies**.
4. **Mobilising resources** within the network and other partners to support country projects and programmes as well as networking activities, through small grants, national budgets and large programmes.
5. Promoting **partnerships** and creating buy-in among government structures for policy inclusion. Integrating Landcare principles into Africa-wide and sub-regional programmes.
6. Facilitating **access to knowledge and transfer of skills** and best practices through connections to research, cultural and formal education systems and extension services.

ALN has huge potential to support a growing network of Landcare champions, projects and programmes in Africa. By working through six main areas, the network hopes to bring about meaningful change in the lives and landscapes of the continent.



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