



## *Transforming food systems through agroecology*

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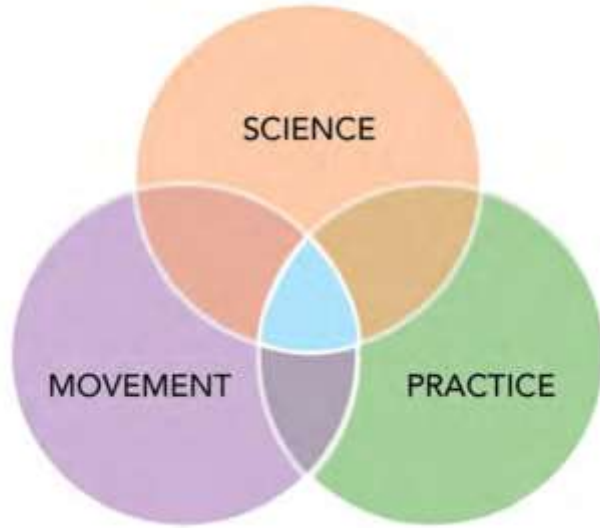
## Current food systems are not sustainable

- Produce about 1/3 of greenhouse gases
- Are responsible for 80% of biodiversity losses
- Uses up to 70% of freshwater resources
- Pollute the soil, air and water
- Are vulnerable to climate change
- Do not address the triple burden of malnutrition
- Maintain social inequity and the loss of cultural values



What prevents change: Lock-ins

Source: IPES-Food



## Agroecology: A different paradigm

- Science, practice, social movement
- Addresses the entire food system (production to consumption)
- Takes the best of all innovations that are compatible with the 13 principles of agroecology, combined with traditional and farmer knowledge
- Changing social relations, empowering farmers, adding value locally and privileging short value chains that link consumers and producers
- Holistic, integrated approach to reach economic, environmental, climate, health, social and cultural objectives
- Aims to achieve the sustainable development goals in an integrated manner.

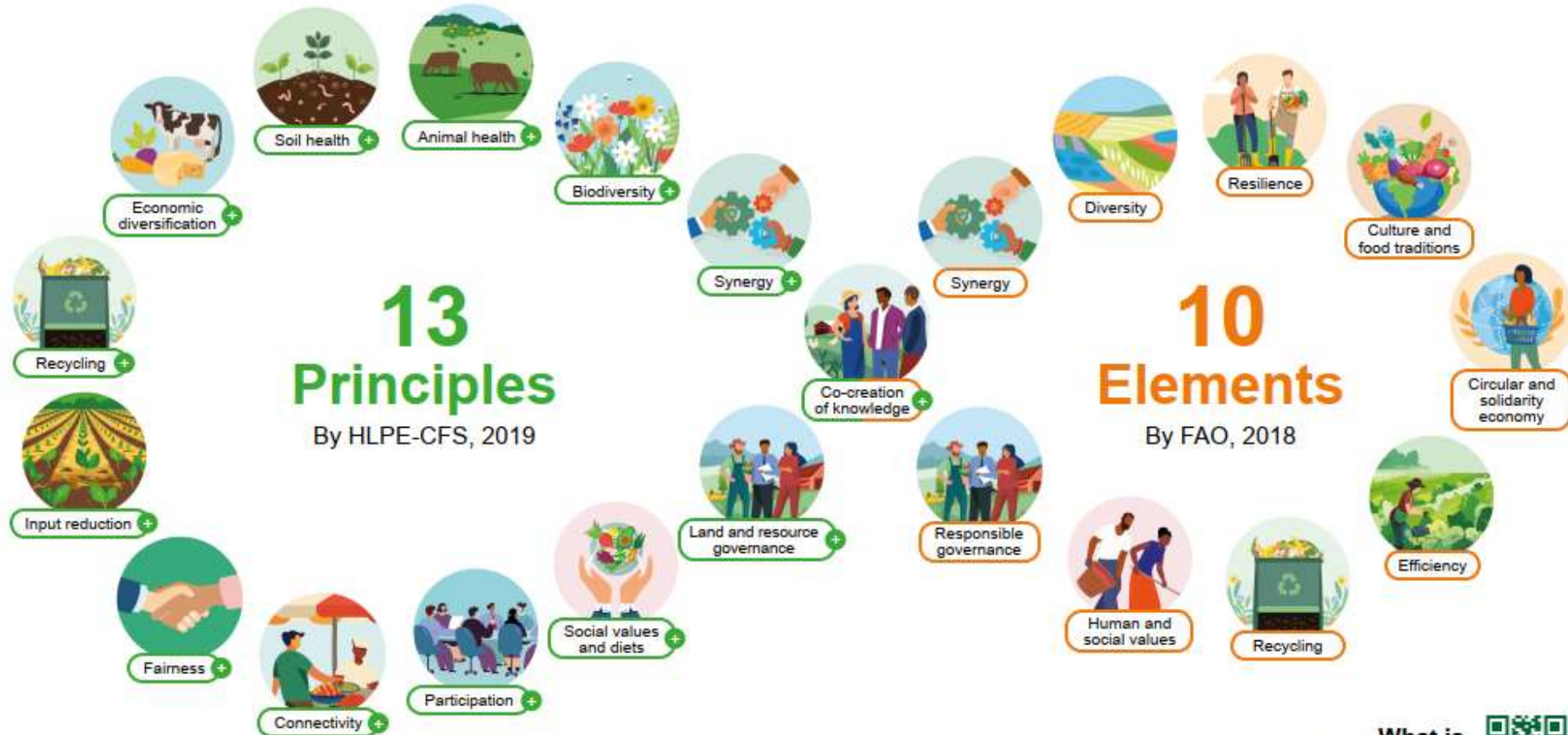


## Agroecology- towards the transformation of food systems

Agroecology, based on a set of principles and elements, is a transformative pathway towards sustainable food systems.

Discover its foundations through theory and practical examples!

Click on the + icon to find out more.







*Accelerating food systems transformation through agroecology guided by the 13 principles (HLPE) and 10 elements of agroecology (FAO)*

**Strategic objectives**

- Facilitate co-creation and exchange of knowledge
- Foster increased investments
- Advocate for and amplify supportive policies
- Support and promote market pathways
- Support, engage and strengthen members



**Coalition Members**

- 51 Member States
- 3 Regional commissions
- 2 Regional/Sub-national authorities/governments
- 250+ Organizations

**Steering Committee**

- 4 Country representatives (1/region)
- 6 Stakeholder representatives (Farmers, indigenous peoples, CSOs, philanthropy, UN agencies, research)

**Working Groups**

- Research, Innovation, Education
- Policy
- Finance and Investment
- Implementation
- Communication
- Market

**Secretariat**

- Coordinator
- Associate Coordinator
- Communications Officer
- Senior Advisor

## WHAT ARE WE OBSERVING

- A Growing Space for Agroecology.
- Food Systems take Centre Stage.
- Thinking through Transformation.
- A more holistic picture of the food systems.
- Multidimensionality.
- Agroecology funding on the rise – but much greater investment is needed.
- How finance is organized needs to change and be accelerated.
- Competing Agricultural Models.
- Underutilized market opportunities.
- Recognition of the catalytic role of frontline food system actors
- A Growing Emphasis on National Policies



# NATIONAL AGROECOLOGY STRATEGIES IN EAST AFRICA



## Kenya

National AE for FS  
Transformation Strategy,  
2024-2033

- Review on-going; Target approval end-2024
- AE positioned as food systems transformation pathway
- Intersectoral group delegated by Ag & Livestock Ministry to convene stakeholders and coordinate drafting
- Public participation of NGOs from all 47 counties prior to government review



## Tanzania

National Ecological  
Organic Ag Strategy,  
2024-2033

- Approved in 2023
- Built around “ecological organic ag promoted through AU’s Ecological Organic Ag Initiative
- Defines ecological ag as following AE principles
- Strong participatory component via consultations with FS actors



## Uganda

National AE Strategy  
2023/2028-2029

- Drafting on-going; Target approval Q4 2024
- Framework and guide for actions to improve production & marketing (food & non-food) via AE principles and practices
- Building sust. production & marketing structures for safe, affordable & stable AE food systems, sust. resilient farming systems, and enhancing regulatory & inst’l cap. of stakeholders



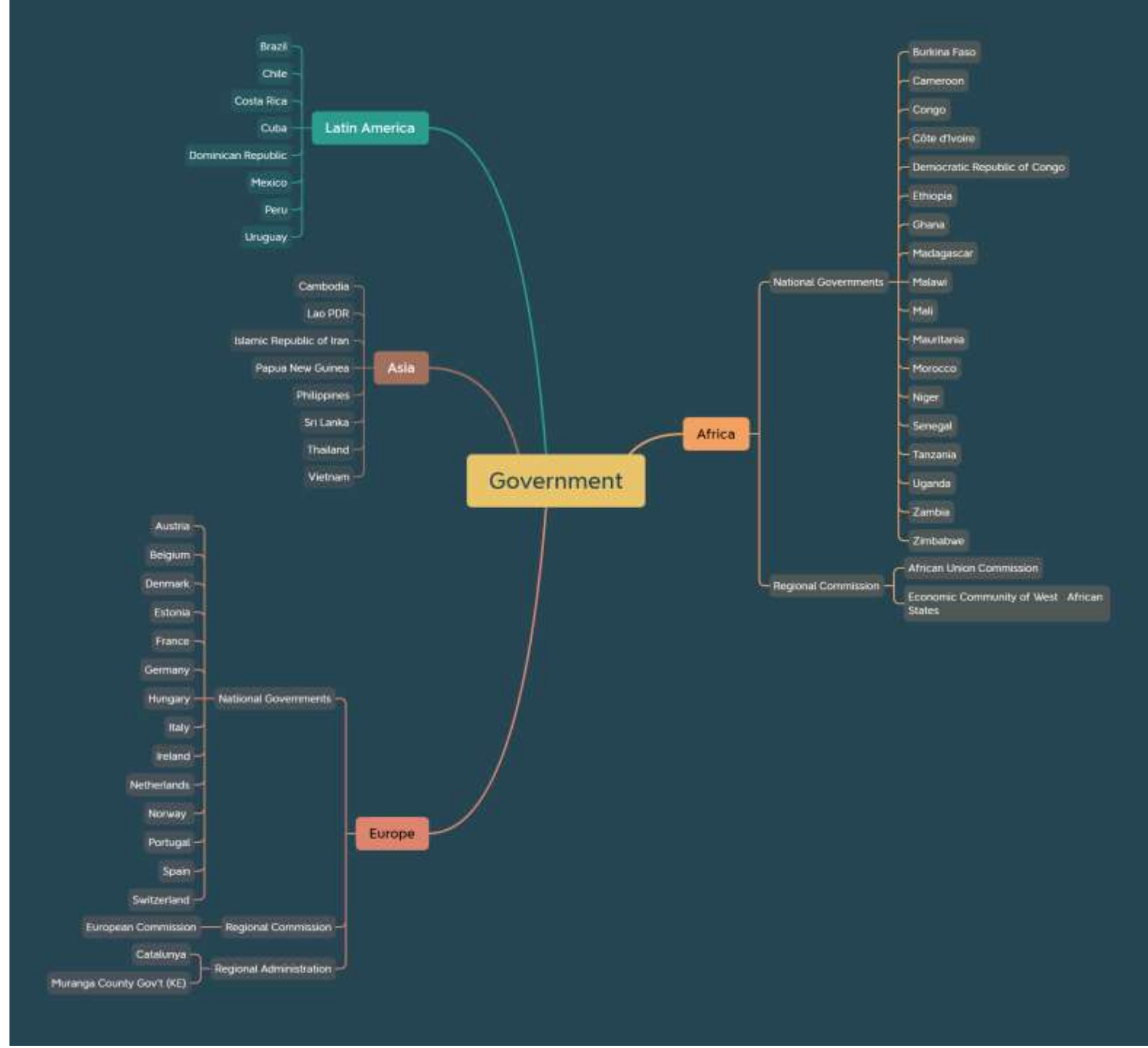
## Zambia

National AE Strategy

- Process on-going via Technical Committee
- CC mitigation and adaptation as unifying topic to mobilize stakeholders and narrative building towards the government

# Country membership of the Agroecology Coalition

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## Global policy and science documents and reports cite the transformative nature and potential of agroecology

- IPES-Food From uniformity to diversity 2016
- IPBES report on land degradation 2018
- TEEB for Agriculture and Food 2018
- IPBES report on Biodiversity 2019
- HLPE report on Agroecology 2019
- IDDRI report on Agroecology 2019
- IPCC report on CC & land 2019
- GSDR 2019
- Global comm. adaptation 2019
- GBO-5 2020
- HLPE 2020 report
- EC Mission on soil health and food 2021
- IPCC report 2022
- CBD Target 10
- COP28 Non-State Actor's Call to Action for Transforming Food Systems for people, nature and the climate





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## Theory Of Transformation

The Coalition accelerates the transformation of food systems through agroecology by facilitating collective action and empowering members with capacities needed to drive positive change at all levels.

### VISION

Food systems are transformed through agroecology to be sustainable, resilient, inclusive, equitable, healthy and flourish economically.



COALITION MEMBERS

# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

*Focus on key levers of change*



1. FACILITATE CO-CREATION AND EXCHANGE OF **KNOWLEDGE**
2. FOSTER INCREASED **INVESTMENTS** IN AGROECOLOGY
3. ADVOCATE FOR AND AMPLIFY SUPPORTIVE **POLICIES** FOR AGROECOLOGY
4. SUPPORT AND PROMOTE **MARKET** PATHWAYS FOR AGROECOLOGY
5. SUPPORT, ENGAGE AND STRENGTHEN **MEMBERS**



## Examples of in-country and regional activities with and led by members

Working closely with Coalition member organizations

- Facilitating the development of national agroecology strategies in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda
- National Agroecology Strategies: Lighthouses for food system transformation
- Peer-to-Peer Learning exchanges : East Africa x Cambodia x Colombia
- 3-day convening of Donors, Food Systems and Agroecology Actors E. Africa x Brazil x India x USA
- Transitioning towards Regenerative Agriculture through Agroecology (TARASA2023)
- Drafting ASEAN Policy Guidelines on Agroecology





## Examples of global activities with and led by members

- Donor convenings in Rome
- SBSTA60
- World Water Forum
- International Agrobiodiversity Conference
- World Rural Forum
- FARM Foundation Conference
- Global Forum for Food and Agriculture
- Several side events at COP 28 side events
- CFS (e.g., Side-event on "Boosting finance in Agroecology to achieve Rio Conventions' targets")
- UNGA78 Science Week "Prospects for achieving equitable food systems through agroecology"
- UNFSS + 2: Side events, booth; participation in Plenary session on Coalitions of actions:
- Bonn Climate Conference
- Sharm-el-Sheikh Joint Work on Climate Action and Agriculture



# Examples of global activities with and led by members

- The [Agroecology Finance Assessment Tool](#): (1) to assess extent of projects' or initiatives' contribution towards the AE transformation of food systems; and (2) to track investment trends in agroecology.
- A manual / framework/guide in designing AE projects or calls for proposals.
- CFS policy recommendations tracking Tool
- [Food Forward NDCs Tool](#)
- [Policy flyer](#) on Boost NBSAPs through Agroecology
- National Agroecology Strategies: Lighthouses for food system transformation





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ECOLOGY**
1. RECYCLING
  2. SYNERGIES
  3. CO-CREATION / SHARING  
OF KNOWLEDGE
  4. EFFICIENCY
  5. RESILIENCE
  6. DIVERSITY
  7. RESPONSIBLE  
GOVERNANCE
  8. HUMAN & SOCIAL  
VALUES
  9. CULTURAL & FOOD  
TRADITION
  10. CIRCULAR & SOLIDARITY  
ECONOMY

