FUTURE ECOSYSTEMS FOR AFRICA

Final Report

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OUR VISION

Champion diverse, African-led futures that are just and sustainable by harnessing the continent's multidisciplinary science, knowledge and data, and empowering African citizens with the tools to shape, navigate and respond to global change.

OUR IMPACT IN 5 YEARS

STRONGER POLICY INFLUENCE

Shaping conservation and land management practices through evidence backed policy briefs.

THRIVING PARTNERSHIPS

Across African and international networks, government, NGOs and communities.

ACCESSIBLE DATA & TOOLS

Two web tools (African Data Drive and the African Landscape Futures Dashboard).

REAL-WORLD IMPACT

Implementation projects across the continent supporting sustainable land management and conservation.

INSPIRING FUTURES

Two Africa anthologies (Mombera Rising and Africa Phambili) bringing inspiring African futures to new audiences.

OUR OBJECTIVES

1. Become a recognised and influential actor in Africa's sustainability agenda.
2. Enable positive interactions between people and nature from the grassroots.



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OUR KEY WORK AREAS & ACHIEVEMENTS

FUTURES THINKING & POLICY ENGAGEMENTT

- 6 visioning workshops across Africa
- 2 anthologies about inspirational African futures
- Earth Commission Transformation Pathways
- 4 African case studies for IPBES Task Force on Scenario and Models

DATA & DECISION TOOLS

- Africa Roadmap for guiding ecosystem intervention decisions
- Multiple policy briefs to guide land management
- African Data Drive
- African Landscape Futures Dashboard
- Tree Growth Rate App

ECOSYSTEM FUNCTIONING AND BIODIVERSITY

- Field data from 54 sites across southern Africa
- Network of herbariums and multiple workshops to further build capacity for researchers
- Multiple papers and media engagements to share findings

IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

- 11 projects across the continent
- Novel approaches to fire, woodland and grazing management
- Multiple partners embedded in local contexts
- Places for our evidence and tools to be tested and implemented

NATURE FINANCE

- Multiple papers on nature-society interactions
- Multiple stakeholder engagements to envision African futures in the sustainability context
- Collaborations to help landscape managers enter carbon finance markets

THE BIG PICTURE

5 years of collaboration and capacity building

11 African countries involved in our Implementation projects

2 web tools (African Data Drive and the African Landscape Futures Dashboard)

1 shared goal for thriving ecosystems for both people and nature

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