

Kenya Agroforestry Strategy Development Coordination Committee

Introduction

Kenya lacks comprehensive instruments to guide the implementation of agroforestry in the country. A major drawback is the lack of a national strategic framework to specifically address promotion of agroforestry practices in farming systems at scale. While many projects have piloted agroforestry in Kenya with promising results and many national policies have emphasized the importance of agroforestry, large scale implementation is hampered by the absence of adequate strategic framework.

Agroforestry cuts across the mandates of the ministries of agriculture and environment (the latter being the domain of forestry and climate change agenda). The Ministry of Environment and Forestry lacks the elaborate extension framework that is present in the agriculture sector yet the agricultural advisory services are not technically equipped for promotion of agroforestry. This divide has impeded agroforestry promotion at scale and thus denied the country the opportunity to harness the multiple benefits to be gained from the practice. With the technical assistance by the CTCN through ICRAF these barriers will be addressed through development of an Agroforestry Strategy that can inform planning and investment by government. This will enhance the country's resilience to climate change through improved and accelerated adoption of proven agroforestry practices.

The Output Plan for the delivery of the strategy is outlined as below in the response plan provided by ICRAF to the request by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (MoALF).

1. Development of implementation planning and communication documents
2. Establishment of a coordination committee
3. Review and analysis of current policies and strategies related to Agroforestry in Kenya
4. Stakeholder identification and mapping
5. Consultation meetings/ workshop organized
6. Preparation of the draft of the National Agroforestry Strategy and action plan
7. Agroforestry strategy validation

Output 2 involves putting in place a coordination committee to ensure delivery of a document derived from broad-based consultation. The committee is expected to comprise of officials from the MoALF and other key ministries (Environment and Devolution), the implementing organization, CTCN focal point, KEFRI, KFS, NEMA, KALRO, EU, WVK, GIZ, FAO, county government representation and private sector actors. The tentative names have been initially proposed as per Table 1 below. The role of the coordination committee will include but not limited to ensuring smooth and continuous coordination of the strategy formulation process, identification and engagement of the relevant stakeholders, advising on stakeholder

engagement workshops and ensuring the draft strategy is approved. It is envisioned that the committee will convene 3/4 times during the formulation of the strategy.

Initial membership consideration

Organization	Proposed Member	Position in Organization	Office location
Ministry of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries	Francis Nyambariga	Principal Land Reclamation Officer	Nairobi
Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Ms Beatrice Atemo	Coordinator, Water Tower Protection & Climate Change Programme	Nairobi
National Environment Management Authority	Anne Nyatichi Omambia	Chief Compliance and Enforcement Officer and Climate Change Coordinator	Nairobi
Agroforestry Association of Kenya	Charles Mbutia Kamangu	Chief Executive Officer	Nairobi
VI Agroforestry	Elizabeth Mwiyeria	The Country Manager	Kitale – to be represented by member in Nairobi office
European Union Commission	Thomas Yatich	Programme Officer, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate	Nairobi
National Drought Management Authority	Victor Orindi	Coordinator, Adaptation Consortium	Nairobi
GIZ, Kenya	Mathias Braun	Director, Agriculture Cluster	Nairobi
World Vision Kenya	William Marwanga	Associate Director, Livelihoods and Resilience	Nairobi
Food and Agricultural Organization, Kenya	Philip Kisoyan	Farm and Forestry Facility Coordinator	Nairobi
World Agroforestry (ICRAF)	Jonathan Muriuki	Country Representative, Kenya	Nairobi
Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation	David Akuku		Nairobi
Council of Governors		Technical Officer, Agriculture Caucus	Nairobi
Kenya Forestry Research Institute	Robert Nyambati	Senior Research Officer	Nairobi
Kenya Forest Service	Rose Akombo	Forest and Climate Change Specialist	Nairobi

Committee as formally constituted during inaugural meeting on 29th November 2019

Guiding principles

- A core committee of 12 members to lead the process

- Other identified players to be invited to sub-committees (formed around key strategy pillars that will be agreed on) and work under the core-committee
- Government to chair the co-committee – MOALF and MOEF to co-chair
- Farmers to play a key role as vice-chair
- ICRAF to provide secretariat supported by KEFRI

Core Committee Members

All agreed that the core committee should have 10-12 members. This shall comprise of:

1. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries - Co-Chair
2. Ministry of Environment and Forestry - Co-Chair
3. Farmers- Vice Chair
4. World Agroforestry (ICRAF) – Secretariat
5. Council of Governors (COG)
6. National Treasury Representative
7. Representative from the Civil Society
8. EU Representative
9. FAO Kenya
10. KEPSA
11. Ministry of Education
12. To be filled

Schedule of meetings (proposed)

Six meetings have been proposed by the secretariat, as below, to be shared with the core committee members by email for input before final schedule agreed by end of December 2019. The suggested dates are provisional and may change as feedback from members is received.

1. January 15, 2020 - Review of the draft of relevant policy review and identify strategy pillars to guide formation of sub-committees. Also deliberate on regional consultations plan
2. March 15, 2020 - Review of consultations progress and deliberate on consultation workshop and write-shop
3. May 15 – Review Draft Strategy and plan for consultations across stakeholder groups and government levels
4. June 30 - Review consultation processes and plan for validation workshop
5. July 30 - Final meeting to review whole process and plan hand-over of final strategy to government.