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The African Forest Forum and Forestry In Africa

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How AFF works

The goal for AFF

To 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 the sustainable management of forests and trees

How AFF achieves its goal

- 1. Networking: Networking among the many and varied stakeholders in forestry in Africa.**
- 2. Programmes: Development of specific programs, projects and activities that address priority issues and opportunities and facilitate their funding.**
- 3. Advocacy and policy advice: Advocacy activities that have a potential to raise the profile of forestry, highlight threats to forest resources and the environment, and champion better management of African forests.**



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Some opportunities for improving African forestry

Forests contribution to *climate change mitigation and adaptation*

Forestry contribution in *enhancing the livelihoods of local communities*

Promotion of *holistic management* approach in African forests

Expansion of *trade in forestry products and services*

Increased *participation of the private sector and civil society* in forestry management

Large **youthful** population and increased attention to gender, especially **women**



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A programmatic approach to AFF's activities





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AFF's current activities

Programme Area No.1: Better management of forests and trees-----all forest types in Africa

Focal area of current activities

Sustainable management and use of land-based ecosystems including preservation of biodiversity

What we are looking for

Opportunities for protecting and sustainably managing forest resources, and increasing supply of their ecosystem services

What we would like to see happen

People of all gender (men, women, youth) capacitated to contain loss of forest cover, expand the same, and sustainably use forests and tree resources



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AFF's current activities

Programme Area No.2: Forests and trees in economic development

Focal area of current activities

Value addition to African forest products

What we are looking for

Entrepreneurship opportunities and technologically efficient means for value addition to forest and tree products

What we would like to see happen

Well informed actors effectively engaged in forest and selected agricultural crop-based value chains, especially private sector, men, women and the youth, for improved wellbeing.

Currently working on gums and resins and other NTFPs, liquid biofuels and charcoal.



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AFF's current activities

Programme Area No.3: Contribution of forests and trees to environmental health

Focal area of current activities

Climate change and ecosystem services

What we are looking for

Best practices that integrate both adaptation and mitigation options in response to the impacts of climate change and variability to biophysical and social systems in different landscapes

What we would like to see happen

Well informed African forestry stakeholders exploring synergies between global, regional and national climate change policies and initiatives in ways *that better integrate their approaches to adaptation and mitigation to climate change challenges and opportunities into their different forest and tree resources and social systems.*



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AFF's current activities

Programme Area No.4: Contribution of forests and trees to food and nutrition security

No activities yet



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AFF's current activities

Programme Area No.5 : Policies and governance

Focal area of current activities

Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and related processes

What we are looking for

Opportunities for strengthening African capacity to effectively participate in multilateral environmental processes, and mainstream and implement decisions from them into their national policies and activities.

What we would like to see happen

Well informed African forest stakeholders about multilateral environmental processes and agreements, *including those on NDCs, REDD+, IAF and SDGs*; effectively (a) negotiating and articulating their forestry related interests in relevant discourses and

(b) implementing recommendations and decisions from the MEAs.



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AFF's current activities

Programme Area No.6: Capacity building and skills development.....cross-cutting

Focal area of current activities

Strengthen AFF as an institution

What we are looking for

Opportunities and resources for strengthening the capacity of AFF as an institution, and that of its stakeholders to access knowledge products generated by AFF and its partners

What we would like to see happen

- (a) AFF, as an institution, effectively and efficiently implementing its mandate, and**
- (b) AFF stakeholders/clients effectively making use of the knowledge created and shared by AFF and its partners**



AFF's current activities

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Programme Area No.7: Information management and impact assessment.....cross-cutting

Focal area of current activities

AFF's institutional capacity for developing and sharing forest and tree-based knowledge and information

What we are looking for

Opportunities for strengthening AFF's institutional capacity for:

(a) developing and sharing forest and tree-based knowledge and information for improved decision making, and (b) evaluating the impact of the same

What we would like to see happen

(a) AFF using an effective system for generating, accessing and making available relevant knowledge and information, and AFF is also capable of assessing the impact of its interventions.

(b) AFF's stakeholders/clients accessing quality knowledge products from AFF easily and making good use of them.



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Thank you

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