

# AFF partners

AFF works with many partners to address the needs of African forestry stakeholders. Some of the institutions, organisations and networks with whom AFF has formal or informal arrangements are listed below:

- African Academy of Sciences (AAS)
- African Development Bank (AfDB)
- African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resources Education (ANAFE)
- African Union Commission (AUC)
- Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
- Commission des Forêts de l'Afrique Centrale (COMIFAC)
- Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
- East African Community (EAC)
- Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)
- Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS)
- Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA)
- Southern African Development Community (SADC)
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
- United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)
- World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) -Eastern Africa Regional Office

AFF also works with other African forestry research, education and development institutions and networks.

# AFF members

**Membership** to the African Forest Forum is open to individuals from academic, governmental, non-governmental and commercial institutions, the private sector, farmer organisations; and any other body concerned with the promotion, support, or research into forests, forest management and forest products, as well as trees outside forests.

AFF members actively contribute their time and expertise towards promoting the mission of the African Forest Forum.

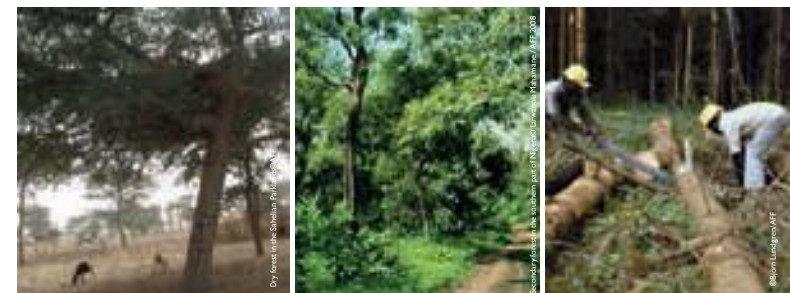


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# About AFF

## The African Forest Forum

**(AFF)** is an association of individuals with a commitment to the sustainable management, wise use, and conservation of Africa's forest and tree resources for the socio-economic well-being of its peoples, and for the stability and improvement of its environment.

**AFF exists** to voice the concerns of African forestry stakeholders, and to use science, indigenous knowledge, and experience to advocate for the importance of forests and trees outside forests to peoples' livelihoods, national economies and the stability of the environment.

**AFF provides** 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.

## Vision

*"The leading forum that unites all stakeholders in African forestry"*

## Mission

*"To contribute to the improvement of the livelihoods of the people of Africa and the environment they live in through the sustainable management and use of tree and forest resources on the African continent"*

# AFF priorities

AFF's activities are focused on three main areas:

## Networking

*"AFF's focus is to build and strengthen networking amongst forestry stakeholders in Africa"*

In this regard, it generates and shares up-to-date knowledge and information on best practices, for conserving, managing, and using African forests and trees outside forests; as well as strengthening communication and interaction among relevant stakeholders.

## Advocacy and policy

*"AFF aims to raise the profile of forestry, highlight threats to forest resources and the environment, and champion better the management of African forests and trees"*

In implementing this, AFF collaborates closely with relevant stakeholders at all levels, including civil society and marginalized groups; and in doing so it takes into account relevant policies and regulatory frameworks, gender relations, democratic space and individual gain aspects.

## Programmes

*"AFF implements programmes, projects and activities that address priority issues and opportunities in African forests and forestry"*

AFF undertakes studies that strengthen understanding of the dynamics of forest ecosystems, the people who depend on them, the policy and regulatory frameworks that surround the people and these resources; and the research-policy-development interface that informs decision making at all levels for forest compatible development.



# AFF goal

*"To galvanise a common African voice and opinion, and mobilise resources that are required to address forestry and related issues that cut across countries and regions, with the aim of enhancing the relevance and contribution of forests and trees to the people of Africa and their environment"*

