

***Resilient Food Systems Knowledge Exchange and Learning Workshop***

**20-23 September 2022**

**Blantyre, Malawi**

**Agenda**

**Objectives**

Key Resilient Food Systems (RFS) country project representatives, partners and Consultative Committee members are invited to exchange experiences, take stock of lessons learned, and jointly plan for the final steps of this regional initiative. In particular, the workshop will provide opportunities to:

* Consolidate learning experiences across all RFS projects through Learning Labs: short interactive sessions intended to maximise learning and exchange on specific topics of interest from country teams.
* Interact with experience and evidence using a SHARED Joint Reflective Learning Approach around programmatic progress and lessons learned.
* Assess the value addition of the programmatic approach piloted by the RFS.
* Facilitate practical learning and peer exchange through field trips hosted by the RFS Malawi project team – Enhancing the Resilience of Agro-ecological Systems Project (ERASP).
* Celebrate RFS successes.
* Hold the final Consultative Committee meeting (for designated representatives only) and a Regional Hub partners meeting.

**Tuesday, September 20th**

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| 08.30 - 09.00 | Registration |
| 09.00 - 09.15 | **Introduction of participants and objectives**  *Marie Parramon Gurney, Facilitators* |
| 09.15 - 10.00 | **Welcome and opening**   * *Jean-Marc Sinnassamy, Senior Environmental Specialist, GEF Secretariat* * *Geoffrey Mamba, Principal Secretary - Irrigation Services, Malawi* * *Hon. Lobin C. Lowe, MP, Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Malawi* |
| 10.00 - 10.15 | **Overall progress and results**  *Jonky Tenou, IFAD* |
| 10.15 - 10.25 | **Brief on the study assessing RFS impact on resilience**  *Tom Kiptenai Kemboi, Conservation International* |
| 10.25 - 10.55 | Group photo and coffee break |
| 10.55 - 12.45 | **Resilient Food Systems impacts and lessons**: interactive evidence and experience wall |
| 12.45 - 13.00 | **Preparation for Learning Labs** |
| 13.00 - 14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00 - 15.00 | **Learning Lab 1**: Multi-stakeholder engagement processes   * *Co-led by Ethiopia and Uganda in collaboration with UNEP, FAO, ICRAF & UNDP-AGRA* |
| 15.00 - 15.30 | Coffee break |
| 15.30 - 16.30 | **Learning Lab 2**: Bridging science-policy gaps for enhanced resilience   * *Led by Burkina Faso in collaboration with UNEP and African Union Commission* |
| 16.30 - 17.00 | **Closing insights** |
| 18.00 - 19.00 | **Cocktail** |

**Wednesday, September 21st**

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| 09.00 - 09.30 | **Check in and overview of the day** |
| 09.30 - 10.30 | **Learning Lab 3**: Best practices on Sustainable Land Management for achieving Land Degradation Neutrality   * *Co-led by Eswatini and Niger, in collaboration with FAO and ICRAF* |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | Coffee break |
| 11.00 - 12.00 | **Learning Lab 4:** Building resilient value chains   * *Co-led by Nigeria and Senegal in collaboration with UNDP-AGRA* |
| 12.00 - 12.15 | *Interactive Exercise* |
| 12.15 - 13.15 | **Learning Lab 5**: Advisory services supporting community innovations: integrated landscape management through Farmer Field Schools and Agro-Pastoral Field Schools   * *Co-led by Burundi, Uganda and Tanzania, in collaboration with FAO* |
| 13.15 - 14.15 | Lunch |
| 14.15 - 15.15 | **Learning Lab 6**: Addressing learning and adaptive management at the RFS   * *Co-led by Malawi and Kenya in collaboration with IFAD and ICRAF* |
| 15.15 – 15.45 | Coffee break |
| 15.45 – 16.45 | **GEF Secretariat interactions with country projects and partners**   * *Led by GEF Secretariat, focused on the added value of the RFS programmatic approach* |
| 16.45 - 17.15 | **Briefing on field trips and sign-ups**  *Munday Makoko, RFS Malawi (ERASP)* |
| 17.15 - 17.30 | **Closing insights** |
| 17.30 - 18.30 | **Regional Hub planning meeting**​ *(Hub partners only)* |

**Thursday, September 22nd: Field trips (see Annex I)**.

Buses depart at 07:30 from hotel.

**Friday, September 23rd**

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| 09.00 - 09.30 | **Feedback from field trips** |
| 09.30 - 10.30 | **Interactive Panel:** Reflections on Programme learning and successes |
| 10.30 - 10.45 | **Next steps and closing**  *Jean-Marc Sinnassamy, GEF Secretariat & Jonky Tenou, IFAD* |
| 10.45 - 11.00 | Coffee break |
| 11.00 - 12.00 | **Consultative Committee meeting** *(CC representatives only)* |
| 12.00 | Lunch |

**Annex I: Field trips, September 22nd**

**Group 1: Wowo irrigation scheme catchment management activities**

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| 07.30 | Depart Blantyre for Phalombe District Council Offices |
| 09.00 - 10.00 | Briefing by District Planning and Implementation Support Team on ERASP & PRIDE |
| 10.00 - 10.30 | Travel to Wowo irrigation scheme |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | Visit and appreciate progress on construction of Wowo irrigation scheme |
| 11.00 - 13.00 | Visit catchment management sites |
| 13.00 - 14.00 | Discussions at the EPA Offices |
| 14.00 - 15.00 | Lunch |
| 15.00 | Return to Blantyre |

**Group 2: Matoponi irrigation scheme catchment management activities**

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| 07.30 | Depart Blantyre for Zomba District Council Offices |
| 09.00 - 10.00 | Briefing by District Planning and Implementation Support Team on ERASP & PRIDE |
| 10.00 - 10.30 | Travel to Matoponi irrigation scheme |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | Visit and appreciate progress on construction of Matoponi irrigation scheme |
| 11.00 - 13.00 | Visit catchment management sites |
| 13.00 - 14.00 | Discussions at the WUA Offices |
| 14.00 - 15.00 | Lunch |
| 15.00 | Return to Blantyre |