



# Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Africa

## Why agroecology and organic agriculture are crucial for Africa

The current multiple crises require a sustainable transformation of agricultural and food systems. Agroecology, as a holistic approach, as well as organic agriculture, offer future-oriented perspectives for a transformation together with communities and within planetary boundaries.

These transformation drivers have been recognised by numerous civil society organisations, which are actively working on their realisation across Africa. However, the process of transforming agriculture and addressing food insecurity requires that diverse types of organisations and networks coordinate their interests and join forces to consolidate efforts. Once in place, coordinated networks also aid in the dissemination of knowledge about organic farming and agroecology, and drive forward its implementation. This is where the Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Africa (KCOA) plays an important role.

## How the project is driving the transformation of agricultural and food systems

The project brings together organisations with different competencies. The overarching aim of KCOA is to create a space that facilitates access to knowledge and networking, fostering the work of multipliers. This network enables participants to share information and exchange knowledge in person and through a digital knowledge platform.

The project supports the partner organisations and their networks in the implementation of five regional knowledge hubs in North, West and Central Africa, and in Eastern and Southern Africa. Empowerment and equality – e.g. access to knowledge and networking opportunities – are among the core values of the network and are a prerequisite for participation.

### WHERE WE WORK

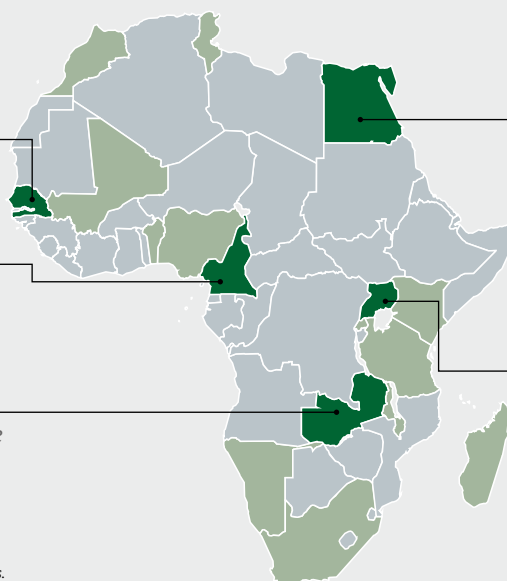
Knowledge Hub West Africa  
based in Senegal  
*Implementing partner: ENDA Pronat*

Knowledge Hub Central Africa  
based in Cameroon  
*Implementing partner: CIPCRE*

Knowledge Hub Southern Africa  
based in Zambia  
*Implementing partner: Sustainability Institute*

Knowledge Hub North Africa  
based in Egypt  
*Implementing partner: SEKEM*

Knowledge Hub Eastern Africa  
based in Uganda  
*Implementing partner:  
Biovision African Trust*



*This geographic map serves only for informational purposes and does not constitute recognition of international boundaries or regions.*

■ Hub location ■ Hub member

The project contributes to the achievement of the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):



## How we work

The project measures are implemented in five African regions in cooperation with over 30 non-governmental organisations. This is achieved through four action areas:

- 1. Expanding access to knowledge on organic agriculture and agroecology** by collecting, validating and translating knowledge and making it available via a central database.
- 2. Improving technical and professional skills** by training master trainers and multipliers to disseminate knowledge to specific target groups.
- 3. Intensifying supra-regional networking** by linking representatives of value chains, civil society, the private sector and state organisations, and promoting cost-effective, participatory certification systems.



- 4. Supporting advocacy action in all regions** with tools ranging from consumer education to policy-making.

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is coordinating the project from Germany in cooperation with international expert organisations.

## AT A GLANCE



Over **700 organisations** in organic agriculture and agroecology are already connected in a network of partners



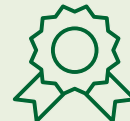
**4,330 multipliers** trained in **20 countries**



**19 million farmers, stakeholder groups and consumers** reached



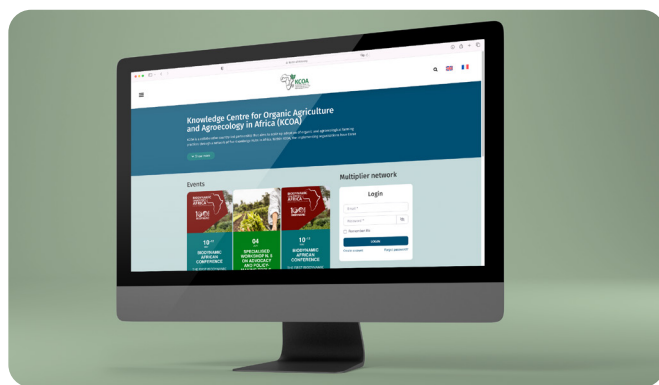
**1,900 knowledge products** published in **over 20 languages**



**1,100 businesses** supported to establish community certification through participatory guarantee systems (PGS)

## Digital knowledge platform for networking and knowledge sharing

The regional knowledge hubs are connected through the KCOA digital knowledge platform. This was developed alongside partner organisations and serves to further disseminate knowledge on agroecology and organic agriculture. The platform fosters the networking between multipliers across Africa and enables them to connect with each other and exchange ideas within and outside of KCOA. Users can create a profile on the website, share activities on an event calendar and post blog articles on their practical experiences. A social media wall provides further connections and updates. Through the KCOA database, registered users have access to verified knowledge products on agroecology and organic farming. The platform makes knowledge more accessible, simplifies networking and supports multipliers.



Use the link or QR code to access the platform:  
<https://kcoa-africa.org/>

