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IN FARMING MAKES FOOD SAFER,
OPENS ACCESS TO GLOBAL MARKETS,
AND IMPROVES FARMERS' INCOMES**

Remarks from Editor in Chief:

Welcome to this special edition of the Agroecology Post where we bring you compelling stories of small-scale farmers driving agroecology in our communities. In these stories, we explore how communities are harnessing agroecology to create sustainable, equitable, and resilient food systems.

From the experiences of smallholder farmers adopting regenerative methods to local innovations that safeguard biodiversity, each article shows the profound impact of agroecology on livelihoods, health, and the environment.

This edition highlights how agroecology goes beyond production methods to offer safe and healthy food on the market, instilling consumer confidence while improving the health and well-being of communities. At the same time, we see how these approaches translate into tangible economic benefits, helping small-scale farmers increase their incomes and strengthen their livelihoods.

From stories of farmers gaining recognition of their customary land rights, to accounts

of agroecological innovations that protect biodiversity and nourish households, this issue reflects the powerful synergy between good land governance and sustainable farming.

Together, they chart a path towards a food system rooted in fairness, resilience, and prosperity for all.

Enjoy yourself as you delve into these experiences.

Nice Read!



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KAMPALA | UGANDA

Pesticides, Imports Threaten Uganda's Beekeeping Industry - experts



Experts have warned that the increased use of pesticides, deforestation and competition from imported honey has affected bee keeping industry.

Ms Phionah Birungi, the Programs Manager at the Uganda National Apiculture Development Organization (TUNADO) recognized the impacts these challenges pose to the bee's sector in Uganda, noting that; *"This leaves ripple effect on bee health and population, livelihood of bee keepers and consumers, which in the long run the broader agricultural industry that relies on pollination."*

She added, *"We need to address these challenges through sensitizing bee farmers on alternative methods of pest control, government regulation and enforcement on importation of harmful chemicals, and innovation."*

Read More:

<https://www.monitor.co.ug/uganda/news/national/pesticides-imports-thr-eaten-uganda-s-beekeeping-industry-experts-5171984>

By Esther Bridget Nakalya
Daily Monitor

BUSIA | UGANDA

Stakeholders Demand Unified Policies to Unlock EAC Agroecological Trade



Stakeholders within the East African Community have called for the harmonisation of trade policies to unlock the trade of agroecologically produced goods within the bloc.

The stakeholders, including farmers, policymakers, private sector players, and traders, argue that strengthening cross-border trade in organic produce will boost national revenues while lifting millions of farmers out of poverty. They spoke in Uganda's Bugiri District during the National Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on Intra-EAC Trade in Agroecological Produce, convened by ESAFF Uganda in partnership with the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA).

During the meeting, participants deliberated on how to unlock inclusive, sustainable trade in agroecological products and services within the EAC region.

Read More:

<https://www.talkafrica.co.ke/stakeholders-demand-unified-policies-to-unlock-eac-agroecological-trade/>

By Jackson Okata
Talk Africa.

BUGIRI | UGANDA

Experts Push for Labeling to Boost Agro-ecological Exports



Agricultural trade experts are urging the government to introduce a labelling system for agro-ecological products to improve traceability and strengthen Uganda's position in sustainable trade markets.

The proposal follows findings from a recent study on cross-border trade within the East African Community, which revealed major gaps in tracking agro-ecological products leaving Uganda for neighbouring market destinations in Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda.

The study released Wednesday indicates that while conventional agricultural products are captured under the Harmonised Standard codes, data on agro-ecological production remain unclear or even unavailable.

Read More:

<https://ugandaradionetwork.net/story/experts-push-for-labeling-to-boost-agro-ecological-exports->

By Julius Ocungi

Uganda Radio Network

KIGALI | RWANDA

Rwanda Bees being Wiped Out by Pesticides



The use of pesticides in East Africa, some sold by European firms despite being banned in the EU, is killing off bees in large numbers and threatening whole eco-systems, scientists say.

Joseph Ruzigana, of Muhanga district in southern Rwanda, woke up one morning to find all the bees in his 20 newly constructed beehives had died.

"Fellow beekeepers have also lost plenty of bees to these dangerous pesticides. It looks like we won't get any honey this season," he told AFP.

Ruzigana said many beekeepers, who number more than 100,000 in Rwanda according to officials, were giving up.

Read More:

<https://share.google/RxEu5kSvU1BNUx3SI>

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AFP News

LUSAKA | ZAMBIA

Kagwe Ask COMESA Member States to Enforce Unified Pesticide Bans



Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe has raised concerns over the continued use of hazardous pesticides across the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), warning that inconsistent regulations among member states are threatening food safety, public health, and regional trade.

Speaking on Friday, August 8, 2025, at the 9th Joint COMESA Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment in Lusaka, Kagwe emphasised the urgent need for member countries to harmonise chemical safety standards and enforce unified bans on dangerous agrochemicals.

Read More:

<https://k24.digital/411/kagwe-ask-comesa-member-states-to-enforce-unified-pesticide-bans>

By William Muthama
K24 Digital

LUSAKA | ZAMBIA

Kenya Urges COMESA to Ban Hazardous Pesticides to Protect Farmers and Food Safety



Speaking on Friday, August 8, Kagwe warned that the continued circulation of chemicals banned in some member states but permitted in others is compromising food safety, public health, and the integrity of regional agricultural trade.

Kagwe, speaking at the 9th Joint COMESA Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environment in Lusaka, proposed the immediate harmonisation of chemical safety standards and the enforcement of collective prohibitions on hazardous substances across all member states.

"The current situation where a pesticide banned in one country continues to be used next door completely undermines our collective SPS [Sanitary and Phytosanitary] efforts," Kagwe noted.

Read More:

<https://www.kenyans.co.ke/news/115036-kenya-urges-comesa-ban-hazardous-pesticides-protect-farmers-and-food-safety>

By Walter Ngano,
Kenyans.co.ke

KAMPALA | UGANDA

Gov't to Digitize Customary Land Rights Under New Policy Framework



The Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development has confirmed that Uganda's upcoming land policy reforms will place customary landowners at the center of the new legal framework, amid growing concerns about tenure insecurity and land grabbing.

This landmark announcement was made by Mr. Smith Twinamatsiko, the Commissioner for Monitoring and Evaluation at the Ministry, during a high-level stakeholder orientation meeting on Land Governance and the Fourth National Development Plan (NDP IV) at Esella Hotel in Kampala.

The forum, convened by the Eastern and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers Forum (ESAFF Uganda) in collaboration with partners, was attended by government officials, civil society actors, grassroots leaders, and land governance experts to critically analyze challenges and opportunities in Uganda's land sector.

Read More:

<https://dailyexpress.co.ug/2025/07/30/govt-to-digitize-customary-land-rights-under-new-policy-framework/>

By Asiteza Remmy,
Daily Express

MOROGORO | TANZANIA

How Tanzanian Farmers are Rebuilding Soil, Food and Futures



In Tanzania's green highlands, farmers are bringing the soil back to life. Instead of relying on costly chemicals, they are turning to compost, mulch, intercropping, and traditional knowledge. These simple yet powerful practices are restoring land, feeding families, and protecting nature. At the heart of this change is Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT), working with the Healthy Soil Healthy Food (HSHF) initiative under AFSA. Since 2021, SAT has trained farmers in agroecology, creating a ripple effect where one farmer teaches another. It began with just 15 extension officers training 39 lead farmers across nine districts. Those farmers, in turn, shared their skills with more than 850 others—85% of whom are now practising agroecology, and more than half are women.

The impact is visible: soils are healthier, yields are increasing, and farmers are cutting costs while growing confidence and resilience in the face of climate change. Beyond the villages, SAT farmers are influencing national food policy through Tanzania's Ecological Organic Agriculture Strategy.

Read More:

<https://afsafrica.org/how-tanzanian-farmers-are-rebuilding-soil-food-and-futures/>

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MUSANZE | RWANDA

Greenhouse farming as a solution to climate change challenges



Isaac Nzabarinda, a potato seed multiplier in Kinigi sector, Musanze District, explained the benefits of greenhouse farming compared to open-field cultivation:

"Given the changing climate, greenhouses play a critical role in modern farming. Nowadays, you can trust the rains and they fail, or expect sunshine only to face heavy rainfall that destroys your harvest. After observing these patterns, we realized open-field farming no longer guarantees yields. That's why we embraced greenhouse farming. Unlike traditional methods, it isn't dependent on seasons, and the technologies we use for potato multiplication protect both soil and the environment."

Farmers affirm that yields from greenhouse farming are significantly higher compared to open-field farming.

Evariste Nsengimana, a tomato farmer from Bugesera District, highlighted the challenges he faced with open farming:

Read More:

<https://www.greenafrica.rw/greenhouse-farming-as-a-solution-to-climate-change-challenges/>

By Kwizera Juvenalis
Green Africa

KAKAMEGA | KENYA

From shamba to PELIS: Kenyan Farmers derive Livelihoods from



A Monday morning finds 50 members of the Nzoia Community Forest Association trekking through rain-drenched thickets in the 5,300 hectare (13,000 acre) Nzoia Forest Plantation. They are returning to an area designated as Compartment One, the 42 hectares (103 acres) deep inside the plantation.

Two weeks ago, they planted maize here. Today, their aim is to plant the first of 84,000 seedlings of Mexican cypress (*Cupressus lusitanica*) between the regular lines of their crop, which they will nurture and protect over the next three or four years as carefully as the grain they will grow around the young trees.

The farmers are working under a government-sponsored arrangement known as the Plantation Establishment and Livelihood Improvement Scheme (PELIS), explains forester Jackton Hadulo, who is responsible for managing the Nzoia plantation.

"We are collaborating with members of the community who live around the forest plantation by allowing them to cultivate the land and plant their food crop in straight lines, after which we also work with them to plant tree seedlings in between the lines."

Read more:

<https://news.mongabay.com/2025/09/from-shamba-to-pelis-kenyan-farmers-derive-livelihoods-from-government-timber-plantations/>

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WAKISO | UGANDA

Post Bank, Frances AFD Sign Shs.60Bn Deal to Empower Farmers and Agribusinesses



Post Bank, soon to be Pearl Bank has entered into a landmark 13-year strategic partnership with Agence Française de Développement, France's public development bank to expand sustainable agricultural financing in Uganda.

The partnership unveiled at the bank's Nansana branch in Wakiso will see AFD extend 60 billion concessional line of credit and an additional 4 billion technical assistance grant.

The facility is tailored to support agricultural micro, small, and medium sized enterprises, small-holder farmers, SACCOs critically women and youth led agribusinesses.

Read more:

<https://softpower.ug/postbank-frances-afd-sign-shs60bn-deal-to-empower-farmers-and-agribusinesses/>

By Rodgers Atukunda
Soft Power News

KAMPALA | UGANDA

Journalists Vow to Champion Food Sovereignty through Agroecology



Revered journalists from across Uganda have made a powerful commitment to rescue the country's fragile food systems, which are facing the risk of collapse due to the widespread use of agrochemicals on farmlands, that continue to intoxicate soils, water bodies, and food sources.

Gathered at Esella Country Hotel in Kampala for the official launch of the 5th Cohort of the Agroecology School for Journalists & Communicators, these media professionals vowed to use their platforms to close the information gap that has enabled ignorance-driven agrochemical use in communities.

This ignorance, they stressed, is endangering lives, degrading the

environment, and threatening the long-term sustainability of agriculture.

Read More:

<https://famreports.com/journalists-vow-to-champion-food-sovereignty-through-agroecology/>

By Nabadda Gloria,
Fam Reports.

KAMPALA | UGANDA

Young Poets Lead Change for Africa's Sustainable Food Systems



As the world battles the crises of climate change, and conventional food systems, Uganda's learners are preparing to raise their voices in a powerful way, through poetry.

On September 19, 2025, Eastern and Southern Africa Small-Scale Farmers' Forum (ESAFF Uganda) in collaboration with partners will host the National finals of the 3rd Edition of the Schools' Agroecology Poem Writing Competition at Namugongo Kyoto, (Les Foyers de Charite) Kampala. The competition, now in its third year, has become more than just a literary exercise.

It is an arena where learners transform their reflections on climate justice, food

security, and the environment into compelling verses that echo across classrooms, communities, and policy spaces.

Read More:

<https://nilepost.co.ug/news/286458/young-poets-lead-change-for-africas-sustainable-food-systems>

KAMPALA | UGANDA

Agroecology Key to Healthy Communities, Academic Experts Say



A coalition of farmers, academicians, policymakers, and food safety advocates has called on Uganda to urgently embrace agroecology as the foundation of its agricultural and food systems transformation.

This growing chorus of warnings posits that continued reliance on chemical-driven farming threatens the country's health, biodiversity, and climate resilience. The call was made during the National Schools' Agroecology Poem Writing Competition, held on Friday September 26th, 2025, at Namugongo Kyoto (Les Foyers de Charité), where finalists from schools across Uganda showcased poems centered on agroecology, food systems, and environmental protection.

Organized by Eastern and Southern Africa

Small Scale Farmers Forum (ESAFF Uganda) and partners, the competition did not only to nurture creativity among learners but also to built awareness about sustainable farming as a national priority.

Read More:

<https://famreports.com/agroecology-key-to-healthy-communities-academic-experts-say/>

By Nabadda Gloria

FAM Reports.

ARUA | UGANDA

ESAFF Uganda 4th Land Camp Kicks Off In Arua District



The Eastern and Southern African Small Farmers Forum (ESAFF-Uganda), through the Land Rights Support Centre (LRSC) with support from Oxfam in Uganda, in partnership with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, will host **"The Land Camp"** at Logiri Sub-county, Arua District.

This event aims to address the widespread land-related conflicts and issues reported in the sub-county and surrounding areas, as well as gaps in access to land justice. The camp, scheduled for September 24-25, 2025, seeks to strengthen community awareness and capacity to secure land rights, facilitate the resolution or proper

referral of land disputes through timely, accessible support for better wellbeing in rural communities.

Read More:

<https://www.radiopacis.org/en/news/-4-1>

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Radio Pacis News.

ARUA | UGANDA

Regional Farmers' Forum Launches Fourth Land Camp in Arua



With land disputes increasingly threatening rural livelihoods, Eastern and Southern Africa Farmers' Forum (ESAFF) Uganda, through its Land Rights Support Centre and with support from Oxfam in Uganda, is set to host the fourth Land Camp in Logiri Subcounty, Arua District, from 24th to 25th September 2025.

The initiative, organized in partnership with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, aims to improve community understanding of land rights and provide timely dispute resolution.

Read More:

<https://nilepost.co.ug/agriculture/289155/regional-farmers-forum-launches-fourth-land-camp-in-arua>

By Catherine Namugerwa

Nile Post.

MANIEMA | DRC

Validation of the Provincial Strategy on Agroecology in Maniema



The province of Maniema, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, has taken a major step forward with the official validation of its provincial agroecology strategy. This breakthrough was achieved during a workshop organised by the Congo Basin Conservation Society (CBCS-Network) in the Saint Joseph hall on Monday 22 September 2025. The aim of the workshop was to mobilise all stakeholders around a participatory and inclusive approach in order to define the main strategic guidelines for the development of agroecology in Maniema, a province historically known as the « breadbasket of the DRC ».

This initiative is part of a concerted response to local environmental issues, including the fight against climate change, the preservation of forests outside protected areas, and the conservation of biodiversity. It also aims to promote a transition to agroecology and strengthen food sovereignty as a lever for resilience and adaptation.

Read More:
<https://www.lifeinfos.net/validation-of-the-provincial-strategy-on-agroecology-in-maniema/>

Life Infos Media

KAMPALA | UGANDA

Africa needs agroecology, not cosmetic transformations



When AGRA unveiled the Africa Food Systems Report 2025, it introduced the publication as a bold new road map for systemic transformation. On closer inspection, however, the report is less about transformation and more about entrenching the same model that has failed Africa for two decades — the Green Revolution model.

It is a strategy built on industrialization, corporate-led agribusiness, and financialization, not on the agroecology and food sovereignty that millions of African farmers and citizens are calling for.

To be fair, AGRA is right about one thing: Africa's challenges cannot be solved in silos. Food systems are interconnected — from soil fertility and farm production to nutrition, trade, finance, and climate resilience.

Read More:
<https://www.devex.com/news/africa-needs-agroecology-not-cosmetic-transformations-110856>

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Devex

BUSIA | UGANDA

Experts Warn of Health Risks from Synthetic Chemicals in Crop Production



Experts have warned that the growing use of synthetic chemicals and fertilizers in crop production in Uganda is silently polluting the environment and putting the lives of millions of consumers at risk of chronic illnesses.

According to Nancy Mugimba, the National Coordinator for Eastern and Southern Africa SmallScale Farmers forum (ESAFF Uganda), farmers should embrace agroecology farming, an alternative farming approach that uses organic fertilizers and pesticides to ensure healthier food safety for the population.

Read More:

<https://www.monitor.co.ug/uganda/news/national/experts-warn-of-health-risks-from-synthetic-chemicals-in-crop-production-5171068>

By Katushabe Sylvia
Daily Monitor

BUSIA | UGANDA

Agroecology Experts Discuss Movement of Agricultural Products Across EAC Borders



Agroecology Experts Discuss Movement of Agricultural Products Across EAC Borders
Alice Omwenga, a Kenyan Cereal trader at the Busia Cross Border Market in Kenya, says she can distinguish agroecological products from conventional product by observing the size of grains supplied to her.

"I usually look at the size of the grains of the cereals. The smaller the size of the grain, the more agroecological, the product could be, whereas non agroecological products are bigger in size," she said.

Read More:

https://www.newvision.co.ug/category/agriculture/agroecology-experts-discuss-movement-of-agric-NV_217135

By Jonathan Drilliga,
New Vision

BUGIRI | UGANDA

EAC Activists Seek Regional, Harmonised Trading Rules



HARMONISED regional policies will help to unlock the full potential of sustainable agriculture and lift rural communities out of poverty, a key stakeholder has declared. Nancy Mugimba, the Eastern and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers Forum (ESAFF) executive director, made this affirmation at the regional multi-stakeholder meeting on intra-EAC trade in agroecological produce in Bugiri, Uganda.

Held in the past week, it was convened by ESAFF Uganda in collaboration with the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA), where stress was laid on harmonization potential for small-scale agroecological units and cross-border traders.

Farmers across East Africa need stronger government support and increased private sector engagement so that agroecology can transform livelihoods—but only if farmers are equipped with the right tools, financing and market access, she stated.

Read More:

<https://www.ippmedia.com/the-guardian/news/local-news/read/eac-activists-seek-regional-harmonised-trading-rules-2025-08-26-122928>

By Zuenia Katib,
The Guardian.

KAMPALA | UGANDA

Agroecology School for Journalists, Communicators Onboards 6th Cohort.



The 5th Cohort of learners has kicked off their 3 month course of study at the Agroecology School for journalists and communicators, commencing with an inperson workshop held at Esella Country Hotel, Kira on Friday

11 journalists and communicators from various regions across Uganda were selected for this cohort, poised to explore dynamics of the Agroecology movement for more informed and objective reporting about the sector.

Read More:

<https://primenews.co.ug/agroecology-school-for-journalists-communicators-onboards-5th-cohort-2/>

By Patience Natukunda
Prime News.

KASESE | UGANDA

Rwenzori Farmers Launch Agroecology Model Village to Boost Food Security



Farmers in Rwenzori Sub-region have launched an Agroecology model village, a community-led initiative aimed at transforming food systems, ensuring safe food production and addressing twin challenges of climate change and environmental degradation.

Read More:

<https://www.monitor.co.ug/uganda/magazines/farming/rwenzori-farmers-launch-agroecology-model-village-to-boost-food-security-5182348#story>

By Shabibah Nakirigya

Daily Monitor

KAMPALA | UGANDA

Uganda Cross-Border Traders Cry Foul Over Kenyan Market Restrictions



Small-scale cross-border traders in Busia Municipality have decried what they call unfair trade restrictions imposed by Kenyan authorities, accusing them of blocking access to cereal markets across the Busia-One Stop border point. The traders alleged that while Kenyan traders freely market their agricultural produce in Uganda, their counterparts face constant barriers when attempting to sell cereals in Busia Market, Busia County in Kenya.

Mohamed Samanya Mwanje, a trader at Busia Main Market in Busia Municipality, told Uganda Radio Network in an interview that the continued restrictions have crippled trade and reduced profits at the border markets. Mwanje expressed frustration over the unequal market environment at the two border points and called for an urgent intervention from the Ugandan authorities.

Read More:

<https://ugandaradionetwork.net/story/uganda-cross-border-traders-cry-foul-over-kenyan-market-restrictions>

By Julius Ocungi

Uganda Radio Network

KAPCHORWA | UGANDA

Voices of Sebei: Communities Empow- ered to Claim Land Rights, Justice and Sustainable Use



Communities in the Sebei Subregion are renewing their calls for justice, resettlement and sustainable land use, as decades of displacement and conflicts continue to shape their lives.

Read More:

<https://softpower.ug/voices-of-sebei-communities-empowered-to-claim-land-rights-justice-and-sustainable-use/>

By Rogers Aturinda
Soft Power News.

MBALE | UGANDA

Mbale City Residents Receive Land Titles As Stakeholders Urge Protection Of Land Rights



In a landmark move marking the conclusion of the 2025 Land Awareness Week, Hon. Dr. Sam Mayanja, Minister of State for Lands, Housing and Urban Development awarded 1055 certificates of Customary Ownership (CCOs) to residents of Mbale City.

Read More:

<https://softpower.ug/mbale-city-residents-receive-land-titles-as-stakeholders-urge-protection-of-land-rights/>

By Rogers Atukunda,
Soft Power News

MBALE | UGANDA

Youth-Led Agroecology Takes Root in Mbale, Fostering Sustainable Farming and Community Resilience



The Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), in partnership with Eastern and Southern Africa Small-scale Farmers' Forum (ESAFF) Uganda, is championing a national strategy to promote agroecology, a sustainable farming method.

This initiative is particularly focused on empowering women and youth, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to become the next generation of organic farmers.

Recently, ESAFF Uganda held a four-day national training in Mbale city, bringing together youth leaders from across the country to discuss how they can drive this movement forward.

Read More:

<https://eastnews.co.ug/2025/08/15/youth-led-agroecology-takes-root-in-mbale-fostering-sustainable-farming-and-community-resilience/>

By Omagor Marckson,
East News.

MBALE | UGANDA

Empowering Youth: ESAFF Uganda Trains Youth on Agroecology, Advocacy



The Eastern and Southern Africa Small-Scale Farmers Forum (ESAFF Uganda) is hosting a week-long national youth training in Mbale.

The workshop is equipping young leaders from 18 districts across Uganda with critical skills in agroecology, communication, and political economy to help them tackle the challenges of climate change.

The training has attracted 18 youth representatives from the Bugisu, Busoga, and Teso regions. They are learning a range of sustainable agriculture practices such as Organic pesticides and fertilizers, Crop rotation, Mulching, Agroforestry etc.

Read More:

<https://eastnews.co.ug/2025/08/13/empowering-youth-esaff-uganda-trains-youth-on-agroecology-advocacy/>

By Omagor Marckson,
East News.

KAMPALA | UGANDA

Young Voices Lead Agroecology Campaign as Schools Poetry Contest Ends with Policy Call



What began as a poetry contest for schoolchildren quickly grew into a rallying cry for the future of Uganda's food systems. The National Schools' Agroecology Poem Writing Competition, held at Namugongo Kyoto (Les Foyers de Charité), blended youthful creativity with urgent appeals from experts for Uganda to shift decisively toward agroecology.

The competition, organized by the Eastern and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers Forum (ESAFF Uganda) and partners, brought together finalists from schools across the country to showcase poems on food systems, environmental protection, and the promise of agroecology. The event did not only reward talent; it became a platform where policymakers were pressed to act on sustainable farming as a national priority.

Read More:

<https://parrotsug.com/young-voices-lead-agroecology-campaign-as-schools-poetry-contest-ends-with-policy-call/>

By Parrots Media

NAIROBI | KENYA

Pesticides Cartels: Kenyan Flower Farm Workers Dying from Toxic Chemicals



Nancy Makena received the call that every spouse dreads. Her husband had collapsed at work and been rushed to a health facility. But when she arrived there, officials led her not to a hospital ward, but straight to the morgue. Wachira Ngatia, 58, had died in his driver's seat after loading a dump truck at the flower farm. His health had deteriorated over the years, and it was an open secret that the pesticides used on the farm were to blame.

Ngatia's death represents just one face of a mounting crisis. Behind it lies a powerful industry that has captured regulators, silenced critics, and turned Kenya into a dumping ground for pesticides, even those banned in their countries of origin.

A slow poisoning Wachira's nightmare began in 1998 when his employer transferred him from excavation duties to operating a tractor-mounted sprayer, applying pesticides over vast French bean crops.

Read More:

<https://nation.africa/kenya/health/pesticides-cartels-kenyan-flower-farm-workers-dying-from-toxic-chemicals-5150940>

By Mercy Chelangat
Daily Nation

ANSWERS TO AGROECOLOGY QUIZ 10

Here are the responses to the quiz in the nine issue. Please let us know how many you got right. If you don't have the questions, please download the eighth issue of the Agroecology post from the website

1.

Which of the following is not one of the elements of Agroecology?

Answer B ✓ **Greening**

2.

What role does 'diversity' play in agroecological systems?

Answer C ✓ **Enhances ecosystem services and resilience**

3.

Agroecology encourages innovations that are:

Answer C ✓ **Context-specific and co-created with local knowledge**

4.

The element of 'synergy' promotes:

Answer C ✓ **Optimizing interactions between system components**

5.

Which of the following best defines the 'co-creation and sharing of knowledge' element?

Answer B ✓ **Local adaptation of practices through participatory learning**

6.

Recycling in agroecological systems helps to:

Answer C ✓ **Close nutrient loops and reduce costs**

7.

The Elements of Agroecology were developed to:

Answer B ✓ **Guide agroecological transitions and policy decisions**

8.

Which element of Agroecology emphasizes access to rights and social inclusion?

Answer C ✓ **Human and social values**

9.

Agroecological efficiency is best described as:

Answer C ✓ **Using natural processes to reduce input dependency**

10.

'Resilience' in agroecology refers to the ability to:

Answer B ✓ **Recover from shocks such as droughts or floods**

AGROECOLOGY QUIZ 11

QUIZ: Understanding the Elements of Agroecology Continued

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Circle the correct alternative.
- Circling more than one alternative will lead to the cancellation of the result.
- Unnecessary cancellations will lead to loss of marks.

1.**The element 'culture and food traditions' in agroecology emphasizes:**

- A. Importing Western food habits
- B. Abandoning indigenous crops
- C. Honouring local knowledge and dietary traditions
- D. Highly likely A, Or B

2.**Which of the following practices supports the principle of recycling?**

- A. Burning crop residues
- B. Use of synthetic herbicides
- C. Monoculture expansion
- D. None of the above

3.**Agroecology's approach to governance is:**

- A. Centralized decision-making
- B. Top-down planning
- C. Responsible and inclusive
- D. Focused only on government control

4.**The 'solidarity economy' in agroecology is about:**

- A. Competing for global market dominance
- B. Supporting global corporations
- C. Sharing benefits and resources fairly within communities
- D. Either A, or B

5.**Agroecology seeks to transform food systems by:**

- A. Tweaking current industrial practices
- B. Promoting fast food markets
- C. Fundamentally changing production and social relations
- D. None of the above

6.**Which example reflects co-creation of knowledge?**

- A. A government imposing farming guidelines
- B. A researcher consulting local farmers to co-develop solutions
- C. Importing foreign practices without adaptation
- D. Publishing only in academic journals

7.**Agroecology supports diets that are:**

- A. High in ultra-processed foods
- B. Limited to a few commercial crops
- C. Healthy, diversified, and culturally appropriate
- D. Determined by supermarkets

8.**Which farming approach is least aligned with agroecology?**

- A. Agroforestry systems
- B. Intercropping with legumes
- C. Large-scale monocultures
- D. Rotational livestock systems

9.**Agroecology addresses gender inequality by:**

- A. Promoting women's roles in agriculture
- B. Promoting men as sole decision-makers
- C. Creating spaces for women's leadership and empowerment
- D. Keeping women away from training sessions

10.**The ultimate aim of the Elements of Agroecology is to:**

- A. Replace all indigenous systems
- B. Promote food sovereignty, sustainability, and equity
- C. Eliminate traditional knowledge
- D. All of the above

NOTE: Look out for the correct responses to the quiz in our next issue of the Agroecology Post

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