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**CHARLES KABISWA**  
Executive Director

*Dear Valued Members,*

We are thrilled to present the inaugural edition of the Regenerate Africa Quartley Newsletter, a testament to our relentless pursuit of a just and regenerative economy for the African continent. As a non-governmental organization, we have joined hands with communities, governments, industries, investors, donors, universities, NGOs, and financial institutions to drive transformative change in Africa's diverse sectors. The core values of Regenerate Africa centre around fostering inclusive, multi-sectoral approaches that empower communities and promote regenerative practices. Our work spans a wide range of areas, including food, agriculture, and land-use practices, climate and renewable energy solutions, forest and water resources, gender and health, as well as regenerative business and supply chain solutions. By integrating these elements, we strive to create sustainable livelihoods, reduce emissions, enhance public health,

manage, and restore ecosystems across the continent. Through this quarterly newsletter, we aim to provide you with a comprehensive overview of our collaborative endeavours. Each edition will showcase the remarkable achievements and initiatives that have shaped our collective journey. We will highlight ground breaking projects, innovative solutions, and partnerships that have harnessed the potential of Africa's resources and unleashed transformative impacts. This newsletter will serve as a platform for knowledge exchange, offering valuable insights, success stories, and opportunities for engagement. By disseminating information, we seek to inspire and mobilize individuals, organizations, and policymakers to actively contribute to Africa's just transition towards a regenerative economy. We extend our deep appreciation to all our members and supporters who have stood by us in our mission. Your unwavering commitment and belief in our vision have been instrumental in driving positive change and shaping the trajectory of Africa's development.

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***We hope that this monthly newsletter will serve as a source of inspiration, knowledge, and collaboration. Together, let us forge ahead on the path towards a sustainable, regenerative Africa***

**Dear Esteemed Readers,**

As we embark on this historic moment with the unveiling of our inaugural quarterly newsletter, I am deeply honoured to address you as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Regenerate Africa. This newsletter serves as a testament to our collective commitment to shaping a future that reflects the changing landscape of our continent and the imperative for organisations to depart from “business as usual” and conventional practices. The global paradigm is shifting, and Africa is not exempt from this change. The need for a just transition to a regenerative economy has never been more pressing.

We find ourselves at a pivotal juncture where environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) trends are reshaping the way businesses and organisations operate. It is imperative that we adopt these changes wholeheartedly and set an exemplary precedent by showcasing the beneficial outcomes that can result from implementing human-centred methodologies and field-tested best standards. By championing ESG principles and integrating human-centred approaches into our initiatives, we can drive meaningful and sustainable change that benefits both people and the planet. This requires a departure from traditional, extractive development models and a steadfast commitment to practices that prioritise the well-being of communities and ecosystems. In this newsletter and the subsequent ones, you will find insights, stories, and best practices that exemplify

the power of regenerative approaches in diverse fields. From innovative agricultural practices that promote soil health and biodiversity to renewable energy solutions that empower local communities,



each feature underscores the transformative potential of our collective efforts. I am profoundly grateful for our partners, members and well-wishers & unwavering support and dedication. Your belief in our mission fuels our momentum as we navigate the evolving landscape and strive to realise a regenerative future for Africa. I invite you to explore the diverse content of this newsletter, engage with its insights, and join us in championing the transition to a regenerative economy that prioritises people, planet, and prosperity. We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to a future defined by sustainable progress and inclusive prosperity.

**Dr Christopher Kyeswa**  
Chairman, Board of Directors



# COP 28

*Regenerate Africa, in collaboration with partners like the Population Institute and Panorama Global, played a pivotal role in the participation of two staff members and five government representatives at COP 28 in Dubai from November 30th to December 12th, 2023.*



The Conference kicked off positively with the adoption of a decision operationalizing the new loss and damage fund established in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, the previous year. Parties made pledges for its initial capitalization during the opening plenary. The first-ever Health Day at a COP convened over 40 million health professionals worldwide who responded to the call to action by the World Health Organization (WHO) and civil society organizations, urging the prioritization of health in climate negotiations at COP28. Health Ministers globally endorsed the COP28 Declaration on Climate and Health, supported by 120 countries. The Health Pavilion served as a platform for the global health community and stakeholders across sectors to emphasize the central role of health and equity in climate negotiations.

In addition, many side events on integration of health and climate change took place at COP 28 including Regenerate Africa's "Intersectionality in Climate Commitments" side event at the Uganda Pavilion that addressed complex links between sexual reproductive health, gender, and climate change, emphasizing the need for inclusive, intersectoral programs. Various events tackled challenges such as the impact of climate change on child and adolescent health and barriers to effective youth and women's participation in climate action. Discussions underscored the importance of education, economic empowerment,

and gender-responsive policies. Award-winning initiatives promoting gender-inclusive climate solutions, including resilient housing, tree planting, and addressing gender-based violence, were highlighted. The significant role of healthcare workers in climate negotiations was emphasized, focusing on addressing impacts on vulnerable groups. These experiences collectively underscored the importance of multisectoral collaboration, data-driven decision-making, and community involvement in addressing the intricate challenges of climate change at both national and global levels.

Despite initial high points, negotiations during the two-week meeting were challenging, especially regarding key outcomes such as the first Global Stocktake (GST) under the Paris Agreement, the framework for implementing the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), the mitigation work program, just transition pathways, and matters related to aligning finance flows with low greenhouse gas (GHG) climate-resilient development. Contentious issues included language on fossil fuel phase out in the GST decision and means of implementation for the GGA. The decision on the GST recognized the need for deep, rapid, and sustained reductions in GHG emissions in line with 1.5°C pathways, encouraging ambitious, economy-wide emission reduction targets aligned with limiting global warming to 1.5°C in the next nationally determined contributions.

# EMPOWERING VOICES FOR CLIMATE ADVOCACY:

## *Regenerate Africa's Participation at* **UNFCCC Pre COP 28 CSO Meeting**



**Ms Niona**  
*(third from the left)*

From October 3 to 4th, Ms. Niona Nakuya, Regenerate Africa's dedicated leader for Population, Gender, and Environment, actively contributed to the PreCOP 28 (28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) Civil Societies Organisation (CSO) meeting at Hotel Africana, led by CAN Uganda and ENRCO in partnership with seven other NGOs. This pivotal event drew the participation of climate change negotiators, government representatives, including the Climate Change Department of the Ministry of Water and Environment (MoWE). The meeting revolved around five crucial thematic areas: adaptation, loss and damage, mitigation, climate finance, and agriculture, with a focus on amplifying th

voices of young people. Regenerate Africa advocated passionately for the integration of health and gender considerations into these thematic areas, which had been previously overlooked. We further committed to engaging in the gender and health subcommittees at the national level with MoWE to drive this integration. Additionally, we proudly co-chaired the adaptation and loss and damage thematic area, and our active involvement will continue in the subsequent meetings to solidify the formulation of the CSO position paper for COP 28.

***In summary, this engagement proved highly productive, reaffirming our commitment to advocating for a sustainable future.***

# STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE:

*Regenerate Africa and CAN-Tanzania Join Forces*



*Mr. Charles Kabiswa, the Representative from CAN-Tanzania and Ms. Niona Nakuya Kasekende after the signing of the MOU.*

On October 18, 2023, a momentous occasion took place as Regenerate Africa signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Climate Change Action Network, Tanzania (CAN-Tanzania), marking the beginning of an inspiring partnership. Both organizations share a common goal: to advance mitigation and adaptation strategies in response to the challenges posed by climate change, promote sustainable development, and cultivate a regenerative economy not only in Uganda and Tanzania but throughout the broader East African region. One remarkable facet of this partnership is the regionalization of the

integration of health (SRHR) into Climate Action. Together, Regenerate Africa and CAN-Tanzania are committed to making this connection more visible, particularly in anticipation of the upcoming COP 28 in the United Arab Emirates. We firmly believe that this collaboration will be a powerful catalyst for empowering our communities to embrace regenerative and sustainable practices. This partnership is a testament to our unwavering dedication to creating a brighter, more environmentally responsible future. Here's to more collaborative efforts that drive positive change and progress.

# EMPOWERING SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

## Regenerate Africa Partners with True footprint

In a significant step towards fostering sustainability and lasting climate solutions, Regenerate Africa has officially entered into a partnership agreement with True footprint. This partnership is aligned with the global 100 Million Livelihoods Initiative (100MLI), a collaborative effort involving leading companies, farmers, and local communities to drive sustainable change at the foundation of key value chains, ensuring equity and justice in the process. The 100MLI initiative places people and nature at the core of long-term solutions, emphasizing the importance of

environmental responsibility and community welfare. True footprint, as a value chain transformation platform, plays a pivotal role in helping companies enhance their sustainability and impact. The company achieves this by harnessing the entrepreneurial spirit of individuals to reduce or sequester carbon emissions, particularly within global and regional value chains. Regenerate Africa is thrilled to be part of this collaborative endeavor and looks forward to driving meaningful change in the quest for a more sustainable and equitable future.





## Regenerate Africa Engages in Transformative Discussions at the 14th Annual CEO Forum

On October 19, 2023, Regenerate Africa made its mark at the distinguished Kampala Sheraton Hotel as it actively participated in the 14th Edition of the Annual CEO Forum. This significant gathering brought together CEOs from leading companies and organizations under the overarching theme "Navigating the Climate Crisis: A Call to Action." The event, organized by the CEO Summit in collaboration with esteemed partners including Regenerate Africa, featured an impressive assembly of influential entities such as Jubilee Insurance, Next Media, Stanbic Bank, Centenary Bank, and the United Nations Development Programme. In his closing remarks, Mr. Charles Kabiswa, the Executive Director of Regenerate Africa, shed light on the diverse levels of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) integration among CEOs and businesses. He emphasized the paramount importance of aligning business objectives with sustainability goals and urged for multisectoral collaboration to foster authentic sustainability.



*Navigating the Climate Crisis: A Call to Action.*



Mr. Kabiswa called for the expansion of investment horizons to encompass regenerative aspects and advocated for strengthened collaboration with the government to enhance the ESG policy landscape, exemplifying Regenerate Africa's dedication to driving positive change on both corporate and policy fronts.



# EMPOWERING CHANGE:

Regenerate Africa's Impactful Involvement in Gender and Climate Advocacy



On October 25, 2023, Regenerate Africa took the lead in organizing the third Gender and Climate Change Technical Group meeting, in collaboration with the Ministry of Water and Environment. This engagement was part of the Gender and Climate Change Technical Working Group, thoughtfully organized by Climate Action Network (CAN-U), we delved into essential discussions, offering valuable insights and recommendations for COP 28, focusing on bridging the gender gap in climate action. This dynamic meeting, hosted at the Ministry's Climate Change Department in Luzira and expertly facilitated by Hon. Winnifred Masiko, emphasized the pivotal importance of gender inclusion and mainstreaming in climate action. Key focus areas for gender integration were highlighted, including adaptation, loss and

damage, mitigation, and climate finance. Our organization's unwavering commitment to advancing gender and climate change issues was demonstrated by sharing a draft position on Gender and Climate. The government and fellow CSOs warmly received this initiative. CAN Uganda underscored the significance of this information's integration into the general CSO position paper, which will be submitted to the government for consideration in Ugandans' negotiations at COP 28. Despite the absence of specific gender-related text in Uganda's climate discussions, Civil Society recognized this as an opportunity to advocate for gender integration across all other UNFCCC priority areas, cementing our commitment to creating a more equitable and sustainable future.

# PARTICIPATION IN THE 12TH ANNUAL MINERAL WEALTH CONFERENCE

On October 30th and 31st, 2023, Dr. Susan Nakanwagi, the Project Head for Nature, Business, and Sustainability at Regenerate Africa, assumed a pivotal role as a representative of both Regenerate Africa and our partner, Rapid Advisory Services, at the 12th Annual Mineral Wealth Conference 2023, hosted at the prestigious Kampala Serena Hotel. This conference was organised under the theme

***"Creating A Viable and Feasible Roadmap for Uganda's Mineral Sector to Contribute to Economic Transformation."***

It served as a significant platform for in-depth discussions and insights into crucial issues within the mineral industry. Key topics covered during the conference encompassed a wide array of critical aspects, including Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASMs), Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) considerations, financing of the minerals industry, the pivotal role of critical minerals in the energy transition, and comprehensive discussions about the legal and regulatory framework, including the impact of the New Mining and Minerals Act of 2022.

Our participation in these deliberations underscores Regenerate Africa's commitment to promoting sustainable resource management and fostering responsible practices within the minerals sector. This engagement contributes significantly to our mission of creating a more sustainable and equitable future for communities and the environment.



***Dr. Susan Nakanwagi (extreme right) with the Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Hon. Ruth Nankabirwa (third from the right).***

# CATALYZING CLIMATE ACTION IN AGRIFOOD

## *Regenerate Africa's Roundtable Meeting*



*The Cassava team during the roundtable discussions led by one of the FAO representatives.*

On October 31, 2023, Regenerate Africa played host to an essential Roundtable meeting at our main conference room, bringing together key players in the Ugandan agrifood industry to delve into the critical topic of climate action. This gathering was organized in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) under their Program on Scaling up Climate Ambition on Land Use and Agriculture through Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) and National Adaptation Plans (NAP) – known as SCALA. The primary objective of this session was to engage agrifood companies and actors,

gaining insights into how they are impacted by climate change, the measures they are adopting or investing in to promote climate-smart practices, and the challenges and barriers they face when implementing climate action initiatives. By fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing, this event contributes to building adaptive capacity and works towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with the climate targets set out in National Adaptation Plans and Nationally Determined Contributions. Regenerate Africa was honoured to be part of this pivotal initiative, which aligns seamlessly with our mission to drive positive change in sustainability and climate resilience.

# SOWING THE SEEDS OF SUSTAINABILITY:

## *Regenerate Africa's Field Initiatives Thrive*

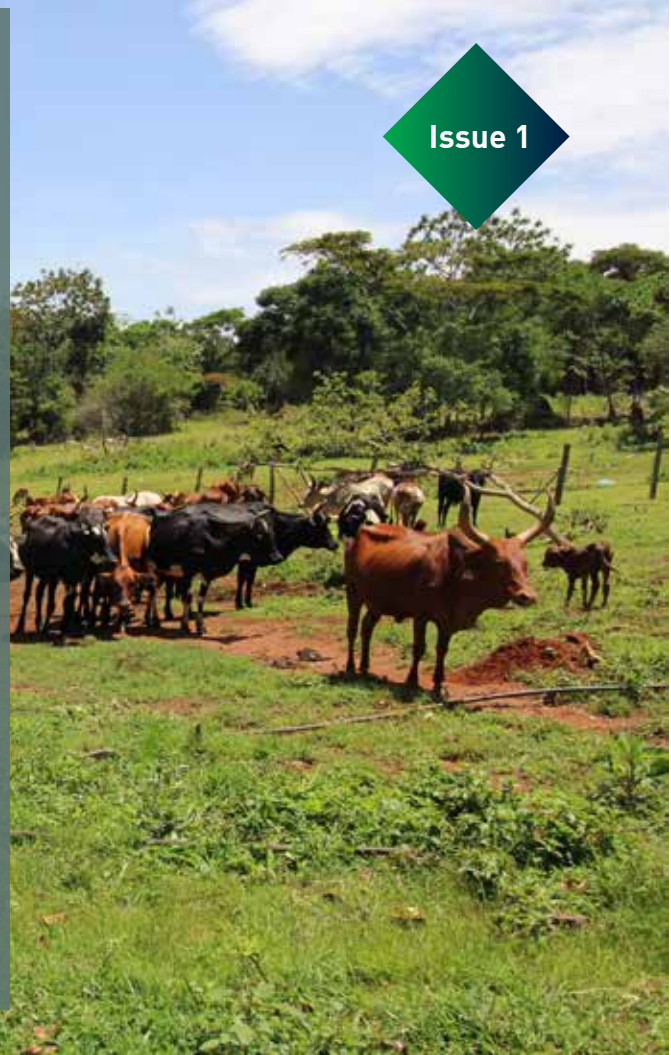
Regenerate Africa continues to passionately pursue its mission of advancing sustainability and environmental renewal, a commitment evident in our ongoing endeavors. In addition to our steadfast efforts in Regenerative Grazing (Regraze) and Regenerative Agriculture at various sites, our focus has intensified on showcasing practical, on-the-ground solutions through our population, Health, Environment, and Development (PHED) integrated local initiatives.

Embarking on a journey to exemplify sustainable living, we proudly present the vibrant success stories from model households that have embraced our approach.

***These living examples demonstrate the transformative power of Regenerative Grazing and Agriculture, painting a vivid picture of how these practices positively impact both the environment and local communities.***

Diving deeper into our fieldwork, Nalumuli Bay and Kijjudde Farm take center stage as beacons of success. These sites not only embody the essence of Regenerative Grazing but also serve as living laboratories for agroforestry and Regenerative Agriculture. Through these practices, we aim not only to replenish the land but also to empower communities to thrive in harmony with nature. Forest-Based Adaptation conservation is a key facet of our commitment, particularly evident in the conservation efforts at Nalumuli. Here, the integration of sustainable forestry practices plays a pivotal role in fostering resilience and biodiversity. Community awareness events are a priority as we extend our impact beyond our immediate projects.

These events are platforms where we share knowledge, celebrate successes, and inspire others to adopt regenerative practices. Witnessing communities actively replicate our models is a testament to the scalability and replicability of our approach. Regenerate Africa is not just an organization; it is a movement towards a brighter and more environmentally responsible future. Through the integration of PHED initiatives, model households, and community-driven awareness, we are not only talking about regeneration—we are actively demonstrating it. Together, let's delve into the heart of Regenerative Grazing, Agriculture, and Agroforestry, witnessing the flourishing crops and the thriving communities that stand as living proof of our dedication to a sustainable and regenerative tomorrow.



# EXPLORING MULTIFACETED IMPACT:

## Regenerate Africa's Ongoing Documentary and Study



Regenerate Africa is actively engaged in a compelling project that delves into the intricate intersections of gender, health, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), and climate change in Uganda.

This ongoing documentary and study work seeks to unravel the complex relationships and effects of these critical factors on the local population and the environment. We aim to drive awareness, spark conversations, and inspire transformative action. This initiative underscores our unwavering commitment to addressing multifaceted challenges and working towards a more sustainable and equitable future for Uganda and beyond. Stay tuned for updates on this essential endeavour as we explore the multifaceted impact of gender, health, SRHR, and climate change in Uganda.



# IN THE UPCOMING BULLETIN

Here are some key *highlights* to look forward to:

## New Courses Unveiled:

Regenerate Africa is set to roll out three exciting courses designed to empower individuals and organizations in the pursuit of sustainability. **Keep an eye out for courses on Sustainable Project Management, Regenerative Agriculture and Agroecology, and Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESG).**

These educational opportunities will equip participants with the knowledge and tools to positively impact the environment and society.



**ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (ESG) AND SUSTAINABILITY COURSE**

ESG training for private businesses, governments, and NGO's is important for building sustainable and responsible business practices. This training helps corporations understand the risks and opportunities associated with ESG factors and how to integrate them into their business strategies and decision-making processes.

- ESG Fundamentals
- ESG Company materialisation & contextualization
- Translate company sustainability reporting

Course Duration : Delivered monthly

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**REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE PRACTICES & TECHNOLOGY COURSE**

Aims to equip students, farmers, and agricultural professionals with the knowledge and practical skills needed to implement regenerative agricultural practices and agroecological principles.

- Ecological Foundations
- Sustainable Farming Practices
- Practical Applications

Course Duration : 1-2 weeks

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**SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT COURSE**

BECOME A CERTIFIED GREEN PROJECT MANAGER

Empower individuals, organizations, and governments to spearhead a regenerative and sustainable transformation across Africa. We look forward to working together to build a brighter and more sustainable future.

- Developing a Sustainable Management Plan
- Sustainable Project for Projects
- ESG and Sustainability Reporting and Project Communications

Course Duration : According to learners needs

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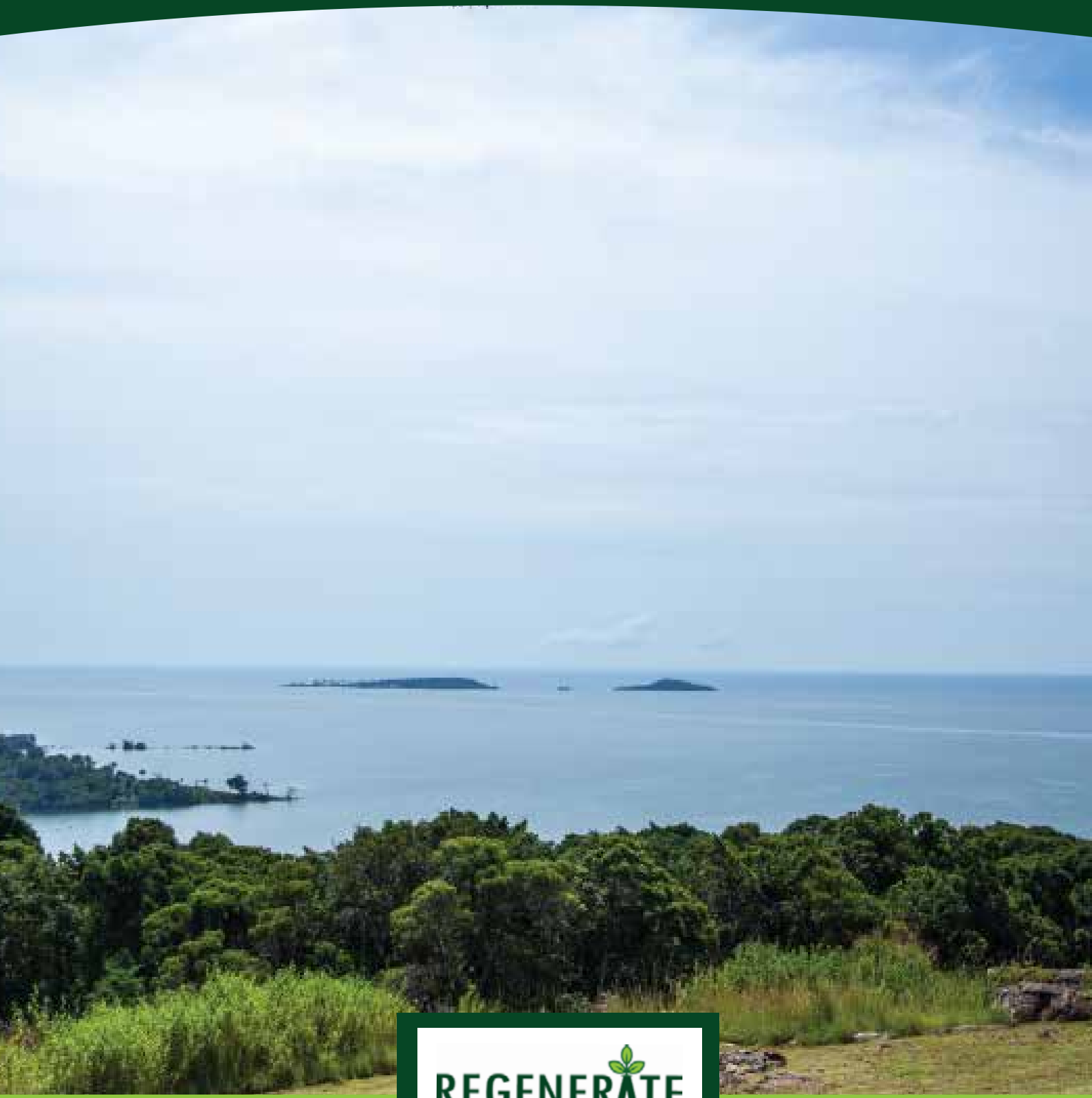
Regenerate Africa will officially announce its partnership with DCarbon Egypt to drive the sustainability agenda in Africa at the forthcoming COP28 in Dubai next month. We are also forging strategic partnerships with VLearned Technologies (U) Ltd, a subsidiary of AI SMARTUAL LEARNING SDN BHD. These partnerships aim to develop mechanisms for sustainability assessments, reporting, verification, and credibility in the application and performance of ESG standards. Additionally, they will work together to facilitate carbon trading opportunities and strategies to create a sustainable and thriving carbon market in the region. These partnerships represent significant steps toward achieving sustainable and responsible business practices.

Other events to look out for include Regenerate Africa’s participation at the COP 28; the Launch of the 100M Livelihood Initiatives with True Footprints; New courses on Scaling Science and Practice, Carbon Trading and Management; and updates on Policy and Practice multisector resilience projects across East Africa. Watch out for the new and exciting Partnerships to be announced soon.

*Stay tuned for these and more exciting developments in the next bulletin as Regenerate Africa continues its mission to promote sustainability and environmental responsibility.*

## WE THANK YOU FOR EXCEPTIONAL PARTNERSHIP





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