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List of Acronyms

AGRA	Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa	IEC	Information, Education, and Communication
AU	African Union	ILRI	International Livestock Research Institute
AMASE	Arctic Mars Analog Svalbard Expedition	JVE	Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement
BMZ	Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development	LDN	Land Degradation Neutrality
CIRNA	Circularity of Nutrients in Agroecosystems and co-benefits for animal and human health	M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
COP	Conference of the Parties	NBS	Nature-Based Solutions
CSA	Climate-Smart Agriculture	NCD	Non-Communicable Disease
CSA MSP	Climate-Smart Agriculture Multi-Stakeholder Platform	NDCs	Nationally Determined Contributions
ENR-CSO	Network for Civil Society Organisations in Environment and Natural Resources	PELUM	Participatory Ecological Land Use Management
ESG	Environmental, Social, and Governance	PHE	Population, Health, and Environment
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council	RA	Regenerate Africa
GCHA	Global Climate and Health Alliance	REDD+	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation
GHE	Gender, Health, and Environment	SB62	62nd Session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies
GHG	Greenhouse Gas	SBI63	63rd Session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Implementation
GP-BSFA	Global Partnership on Bioeconomy for Sustainable Food and Agriculture	SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
HNAP	Health National Adaptation Plan	SLM	Sustainable Land Management
ICFP	International Conference on Family Planning	SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
		UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
		UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
		WE4D	Employment promotion for women for the green transformation in Africa



Board chairperson

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present Regenerate Africa's 2025 Annual Report a year of steady growth, strategic consolidation, and meaningful impact across our priority thematic areas.

In 2025, Regenerate Africa strengthened its role as a thought leader and implementing partner advancing Africa's just transition to a regenerative economy. Strong governance, strategic partnerships, and evidence-driven programming enabled integrated work linking gender, health, climate action, regenerative agriculture, and nature-based solutions at community, national, and global levels, expanding policy influence, successful resource mobilisation, and growing regional and global recognition.

Looking ahead, our current Strategic Plan (2022–2026) will be reviewed in 2026 to shape the next plan for 2027–2031, ensuring Regenerate Africa stays responsive to emerging needs and continues to deliver transformative impact. I commend the Executive Director and staff for their dedication, and thank our partners and communities for their continued trust.

Dr. Christopher Kyeswa
Chairperson, Board of Directors



Executive Director

2025 was a year of consolidation and impact for Regenerate Africa. We strengthened our programming, grew our partnerships, and increased our policy influence guided throughout by integrated approaches that link gender, health, climate action, and regenerative agriculture.

We expanded our reach through new partnerships, successful fundraising, and active participation in national, regional, and global platforms strengthening our visibility and our contribution to climate-just, people-centred development. By designing and implementing cross-sectoral strategies, shaping national and regional policy, and building the capacity of green businesses and nature-based enterprises, we helped strengthen communities, businesses, and ecosystems across Uganda and the wider region.

Together with our Board, staff, partners, donors, and the communities we serve, we will continue building on this year's progress. Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication to our mission.

Charles Kabiswa
Executive Director



About Regenerate Africa

Regenerate Africa is a non-government organisation working to accelerate Africa's just transition to a regenerative economy.

We work hand-in-hand with communities and partners across governments, industry, investors, donors, universities, and NGOs to promote inclusive, multi-sectoral regenerative agriculture, climate and renewable energy, forest and water resources, gender and health, and regenerative business solutions that create living incomes, cut emissions, and protect and restore ecosystems across Africa.

Our vision

An Africa where human choices and the economy thrive in harmony with nature enabling full circularity and a regenerative future for people, the environment, and livelihoods.

Our mission

To accelerate Africa's just transition to a regenerative economy through regenerative human-development approaches where people, businesses, and the planet thrive in harmony. Gender equity is integrated as a cross-cutting principle across all of our thematic areas, programmes, and partnerships.

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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Gender, Health and Environment

In 2025, Regenerate Africa deepened its work at the intersection of gender, health, and climate action recognizing that these challenges are deeply connected and most effectively addressed together. Our Gender, Health and Environment (GHE) thematic area brought together policy engagement, evidence generation, and community-level programming to advance rights-based, climate-resilient health systems across Uganda and the region.

This integrated approach shaped national and global climate and health policy processes including Uganda's NDC 3.0 and the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan generated new evidence on the links between gender, health, and climate change, and helped secure structural gains such as the Belém Gender Action Plan at COP30.



The GHE Lead sharing learning from the PHE model practices in Uganda on a panel at the African Climate Summit in Addis Ababa..

Policy Engagement and Influence



Regenerate Africa staff and University of East London Adult Nursing students pose for a group photo at Kawolo General Hospital, Buikwe District, following a practical learning visit on Uganda's health system and community health.



We co-convoked the Post-COP29 National Stakeholders Forum with the Ministry of Water and Environment to reflect on COP29 outcomes and chart the way forward for climate action in Uganda.

Regenerate Africa engaging at a Green Finance Symposium for Youth and Women at Kyambogo University forum, 2025.

In 2025, Regenerate Africa deepened its role in shaping the gender–health–climate agenda, moving from participation to technical leadership across national policy processes and major global platforms.

National Policy Influence

Regenerate Africa co-convoked Climate and Health Sub-Committee meetings with the Ministry of Health to strengthen coordination on climate-resilient, gender-responsive health systems, and supported the Post-COP29 National Stakeholders Forum with the Ministry of Water and Environment to reflect on outcomes and inform Uganda's NDC 3.0 review. The organisation also participated in Health National Adaptation Plan (HNAP) stakeholder engagements, contributing to multi-sectoral dialogue on climate-resilient health systems.

A central contribution was convening the national gender and climate change thematic group under the Climate Action Network Uganda (CAN-U), bringing together 22 stakeholders (16 women, 6 men) from the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social

Development (MGLSD), Ministry of Water and Environment gender focal points, the Gender and Climate Change Committee, and civil society, to review gender outcomes from SB62/COP29 and position Uganda's civil society voice ahead of COP30. Regenerate Africa provided technical guidance on aligning national CSO recommendations with the Enhanced Lima Work Programme and Gender Action Plan, pressing for SRHR, gender-based violence, unpaid care work, health, and gender-disaggregated data to be treated as critical priorities. This strategic engagement surfaced structural bottlenecks facing gender-responsive climate work in Uganda including shrinking fiscal space, weak gender-responsive financing, and limited district-level gender support while building consensus on evidence-based advocacy and coordinated messaging.



Regenerate Africa staff engage with community members in Zzitwe parish, Buikwe District, during a hands-on training on household kitchen garden establishment, climate-smart agriculture and improved nutrition.

22 **STAKEHOLDERS
CONVENED**
under the CAN-U gender
and climate thematic
group

50+ **INTERNATIONAL
ORGANISATIONS
ENGAGED**
through the GCHA Health
in NDCs coordination call

04 **PANEL
SESSIONS
LED**
at ICFP 2025 in Bogotá

03 **MAJOR GLOBAL
PLATFORMS
ENGAGED**
SB62, ACS2 and COP30

Building on this, Regenerate Africa played a strategic role in both the joint CSO Pre-COP30 workshop and the technical finalisation meeting of the COP30 CSO Position Paper under CAN-U. In the broader workshop, Regenerate Africa ensured that cross-cutting issues health, gender equality, SRHR, and community resilience were embedded across the paper's adaptation, loss-and-damage, and finance, themes, and supported climate negotiators and civil society actors to articulate these priorities clearly. In the smaller technical meeting that followed, Regenerate Africa worked with thematic leads and negotiators to refine language, close gaps, and align the CSO paper with Uganda's official position and the wider dynamics of the global negotiations strengthening the health and gender content of the submission and improving coordination between civil society and negotiators ahead of COP30.

Through two high-level technical consultations each anchored in evidence from Regenerate Africa's own policy briefs on gender and health integration in NDC 2.0 Regenerate Africa established itself as a core technical partner in the development of Uganda's NDC 3.0, translating gap analysis from NDC 2.0 into concrete, actionable recommendations for the updated contribution.. The first consultation, with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Water and Environment, and civil society, reframed health as both a climate adaptation priority and a mitigation co-benefit, aligning NDC 3.0 with the HNAP, WHO's "Health in NDCs" guidance, and the UAE Declaration on

Climate and Health. The second consultation, with MGLSD, the Ministry of Water and Environment, and gender stakeholders, identified gaps in NDC 2.0 and called for measurable gender indicators, stronger alignment with the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan, and dedicated financing for gender priorities. Both sessions agreed to form smaller drafting teams to propose concrete health and gender text for NDC 3.0 and to technically review the first draft catalysing a more inclusive, evidence-informed NDC process.

Regenerate Africa also contributed technical leadership at the Green Finance Symposium for Youth and Women at Kyambogo University, demonstrating how climate finance can move beyond infrastructure to address climate-related public health challenges and generate green jobs for young people including opportunities in clean energy, biodiversity restoration, climate-health programming, and SRHR-focused resilience initiatives. By showcasing pathways to channel carbon revenues into community health interventions and youth-led enterprises, Regenerate Africa helped participants understand how financial instruments, capacity-building, and fair benefit-sharing can unlock climate finance for those historically excluded from it. This engagement strengthened collaboration around the new Centre of Excellence for Climate Finance, where Regenerate Africa is well positioned to contribute to the design of bankable, community-centred climate-health projects.



Global Influence

Regenerate Africa represented the organisation at the 62nd Session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (SB62) in Germany, contributing to global discussions on gender, health, and climate change, and at the 2nd Africa Climate Summit (ACS2) in Addis Ababa, where it contributed substantively to positioning gender, health, and SRHR within Africa's climate agenda through high-level panels, ministerial dialogues, and civil society forums. Regenerate Africa's interventions at ACS2 made the case that the climate crisis is a health crisis, positioning SRHR and gender equality as core adaptation strategies and calling for accessible, grant-based climate finance for health systems. As a panelist in the PHE Ethiopia Consortium side event on SRHR as a climate adaptation strategy, Regenerate Africa promoted the Population, Health and Environment (PHE) model and pushed for SRHR integration into NDCs, National Adaptation Plans, and sectoral plans, while at youth- and gender-focused side events the organisation underscored the centrality of youth leadership. These engagements consolidated Regenerate Africa's role as a regional voice on climate-health-gender linkages and laid the groundwork for advocacy at SBI63 and COP30.

Regenerate Africa also engaged over 50 international organisations through the Global Climate and Health Alliance's (GCHA) webinar on "Health in Nationally Determined Contributions", contributing to a shared global push for health to be reflected in national climate commitments.

At the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) 2025 in Bogotá, Regenerate Africa used four panel sessions, a scientific poster, and a post-conference convening to firmly embed SRHR and health within global climate justice conversations.

The organisation showcased Uganda's HNAP as a model for integrating SRHR and health into climate strategies, demonstrated how SRHR functions as a climate adaptation strategy that merits climate finance, and contributed to movement-building spaces on reproductive and climate justice. Peer-reviewed research presented through a poster on SRHR and climate resilience in Uganda provided empirical evidence on how climate shocks disrupt services and increase vulnerability strengthening the case for integrated climate health programming. Regenerate Africa also co-shaped and endorsed the Bogotá-Belém Declaration, translating ICFP's outcomes into concrete recommendations for COP30 and reinforcing its reputation as a bridge-builder between the SRHR and climate communities.

At COP30, Regenerate Africa engaged in both formal negotiation processes and side events to advance a health- and gender-centred climate agenda. The adoption of the Belém Gender Action Plan and health-related indicators within the Global Goal on Adaptation represented important structural gains. Regenerate Africa also helped unpack the difficult politics around SRHR and gender language at the negotiations, supporting civil society and health actors to identify advocacy entry points during the GCHA COP30 debrief. Through high-level side events in the Bangladesh and Ethiopian pavilions, the organisation elevated women's health, SRHR, and intersectional climate justice, underscoring how climate shocks, biodiversity loss, and gender inequality are tightly interlinked. This messaging framing SRHR and health as essential to climate resilience helped push health and gender from the margins toward the centre of COP30 dialogues and informed post-COP advocacy.

Community-Led Health, Livelihood, and Environment Nexus: The PHE Model

Regenerate Africa applied an integrated, community-led approach that linked health, livelihoods, and environmental conservation recognizing that community wellbeing, economic resilience, and ecosystem health are interdependent and are best addressed together rather than in isolation. This is known as the Population, Health and Environment (PHE) model.

In the Lake Victoria Basin, Regenerate Africa applied the PHE model by combining community health outreach with livelihood and conservation support, reaching 180 households.

Through initiatives like integrated outreaches, Regenerate Africa has supported 180 people with medical services including non-communicable disease (NCD) screening, malaria testing, and access to SRHR services and information alongside livelihood support through vegetable seed and tree sapling distribution. As a result, more than 20 households embraced an integrated way of living one that connects proper sanitation facilities, kitchen gardens, and animal management with access to reproductive health services and regenerative practices, including agroforestry, sustainable fishing, and regenerative grazing.

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ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLDS

Adopted an integrated way of living combining health, livelihood and regenerative environment approaches

180

PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH INTEGRATED OUTREACH





BUSINESS NATURE AND SUSTAINABILITY

**Women-led SMEs ready
to scale their green
enterprises and access
green finance**

With support from the Stanbic Business Incubator and GIZ's WE4D programme commissioned by the German Government in partnership with the European Union and Norway, and implemented in close collaboration with the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Regenerate Africa is fostering the growth of green and greening women-led small and medium enterprises (SMEs) across Uganda. "Greening" enterprises are existing SMEs transitioning toward more sustainable, climate-resilient ways of operating, while "green" enterprises are built around nature-based value chains from the outset, together spanning sectors such as agriculture, renewable energy, and the circular economy.

The programme combines cross-cutting training in green business and sustainability, gender and inclusion, green and climate finance, governance and institutional strengthening, intellectual property and registration, tax and compliance, financial management and record-keeping, partnerships, branding and marketing, and business planning and pitching with sector-specific sessions tailored to agriculture, renewable energy, and circular economy enterprises.

Trainings are supplemented by site visits and business clinics connecting participants with financiers, regulators, and industry leaders. Beyond building business skills, the programme is designed to strengthen SMEs' compliance with tax, certification, and regulatory standards, and to improve their bankability and readiness to attract investment supporting Uganda's wider transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient economy. Critically, the training has built the financial literacy and confidence needed to transform participating SMEs from passive recipients of support into active seekers of funding.





Capacity Building for Women-Led Green SMEs

In 2025, Regenerate Africa trained 32 women-led green SMEs through a dedicated capacity-building curriculum delivered in partnership with the Stanbic Business Incubator, purpose-built for this programme rather than adapted from generic business training. Delivered over eight weeks between September and November as Cohort 1 of the Green Businesses and Jobs for the Green Transformation Project, the curriculum progressed from green business fundamentals and gender inclusion, through governance, tax and compliance, financial record-keeping, partnerships and branding, to business model development and investor pitching. Participating SMEs received ongoing coaching and mentorship alongside practical skills spanning business management,

sustainable practices, and the operational capacity needed to scale building not just knowledge, but the financial literacy and readiness to access funding. Learning was reinforced through industry immersion site visits to Psalms Foods Uganda and ACE Packaging, where participants saw quality control, sustainable packaging, circular economy practices, and operational discipline in action consistently highlighted by participants as some of the most valuable moments of the programme. Building on this foundation, Regenerate Africa has secured new funding to continue the programme into the next reporting period, with plans to train additional cohorts of women-led green SMEs in the year ahead.



The first cohort of women-led green SMEs in training with the Stanbic Business Incubator, 2025.

Driving ESG thought leadership

To increase visibility and share knowledge, Regenerate Africa held a multi-stakeholder webinar on the emerging ESG landscape, bringing together 42 participants from civil society, academia, the private sector, and government. The session created a platform for dialogue on evolving ESG trends, shared learning across sectors, and practical approaches to integrating sustainability into business and policy practice positioning Regenerate Africa as a thought leader on sustainable business practices. Engagement with DCarbon and the CEO Summit further deepened collaboration and strategic partnerships with corporate actors, creating opportunities to support businesses in meeting their ESG goals and strengthening Regenerate Africa's role as a convener linking civil society, policy actors, and the private sector around responsible, climate-conscious business practices.



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Participants at the multi-stakeholder ESG webinar

Women-led green SMEs from cohort 1 showcase their businesses at Regenerate Africa premises during an eight-week capacity-building programme under the Green Businesses for Green Transformation initiative.



ANNUAL FLAGSHIP EVENT

Heroes Marathon

Our Trees, Our Heroes



Participants at the start line of the 2025 Heroes Marathon, Kalanamu Forest.



Participants warm up ahead of the 2025 “Our Trees, Our Heroes” Marathon at Kalanamu, championing forest restoration, climate action and community wellbeing.

Heroes marathon - Our trees, our heroes

At the Great outdoors in Kalanamu, over 200 acres of land are being restored and conserved, with more than 100 indigenous tree species reclaiming the canopy and 207 bird species now recorded on site. The Heroes Marathon is Regenerate Africa's flagship annual platform for turning this restoration into a shared community effort.

In 2025, the "Our Trees, Our Heroes" marathon brought together 400 participants including government officials, civil society organisations, youth groups, local leaders, athletes, and community members for a day of climate action that reflected Regenerate Africa's work across forest restoration, climate resilience, gender equity, and public health. Public addresses from the Commissioner of Forestry at the Ministry of Water and Environment, and a Regenerate Africa Board Member, highlighted the link between healthy ecosystems and healthy communities, with special recognition given to women and youth as agents of

change in conservation initiatives.

Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials shared via QR codes and on-site engagement extended the event's reach, covering the nexus between environmental conservation and health. Funds raised through the marathon went directly toward restoring and maintaining indigenous tree cover and planting new trees in Kalanamo and neighbouring communities. The event succeeded in strengthening cross-sector partnerships and raising public awareness of the connection between environmental restoration and community wellbeing.

Looking ahead, the Heroes Marathon will continue as Regenerate Africa's signature annual event, building on 2025's momentum, scale tree restoration through dedicated micro-forests, and grow its impact with every edition. The event offers corporate partners a tangible way to contribute to their ESG goals while directly supporting indigenous tree preservation and new planting across Uganda's landscapes.

207+

**Acres restored
at Kalanamu forest**

207

**Bird species
recorded**

400

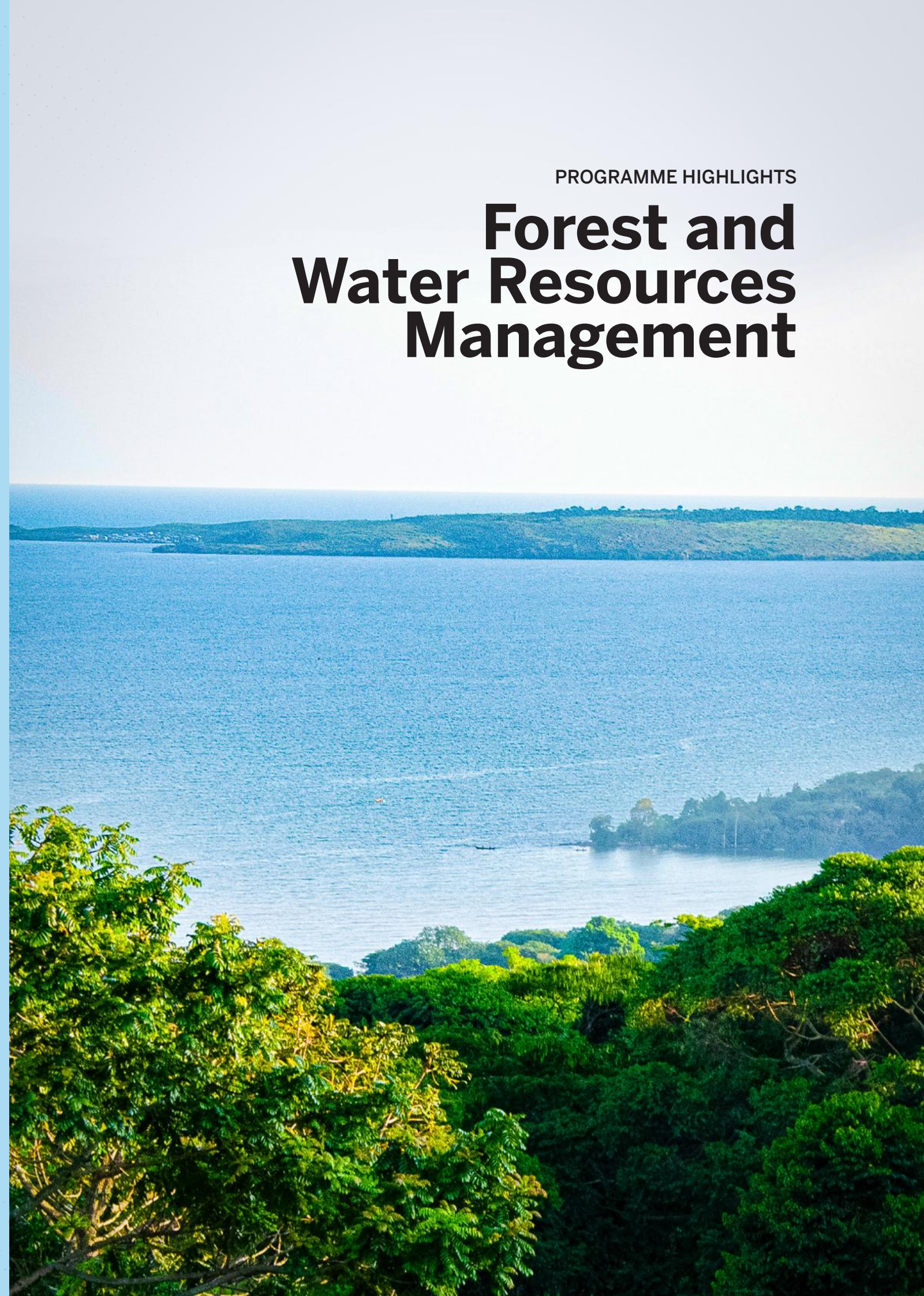
**Participants engaged
in the "Our trees, our
heroes" Marathon**



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Forest and Water Resources Management

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Regenerate Africa has advanced indigenous forest restoration across two key sites the Great Outdoors at Kalanamu, Luwero, and the Nalumuli Restoration Centre in Buikwe. Surveys at both sites confirmed rich indigenous tree cover, including globally endangered species such as *Milicia excelsa* (Muvule), *Prunus africana* (Ntasesa), and *Warbugia ugandensis* (Mukuzanume) species of exceptional ecological and cultural significance whose recovery signals genuine ecosystem health. Nalumuli serves as the region's primary seed source, with 28 indigenous species confirmed for sustainable seed collection.

Through participation in four key engagements including Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) workshops, the Network for Civil Society Organisations in Environment and Natural Resources (ENR-CSO) Annual General Assembly, the Global Partnership on Bioeconomy for Sustainable Food and Agriculture (GP-BSFA)

consultation, and Uganda Water and Environment Week Regenerate Africa enhanced information exchange, built strategic partnerships, and positioned itself as an active contributor to forest and water governance.

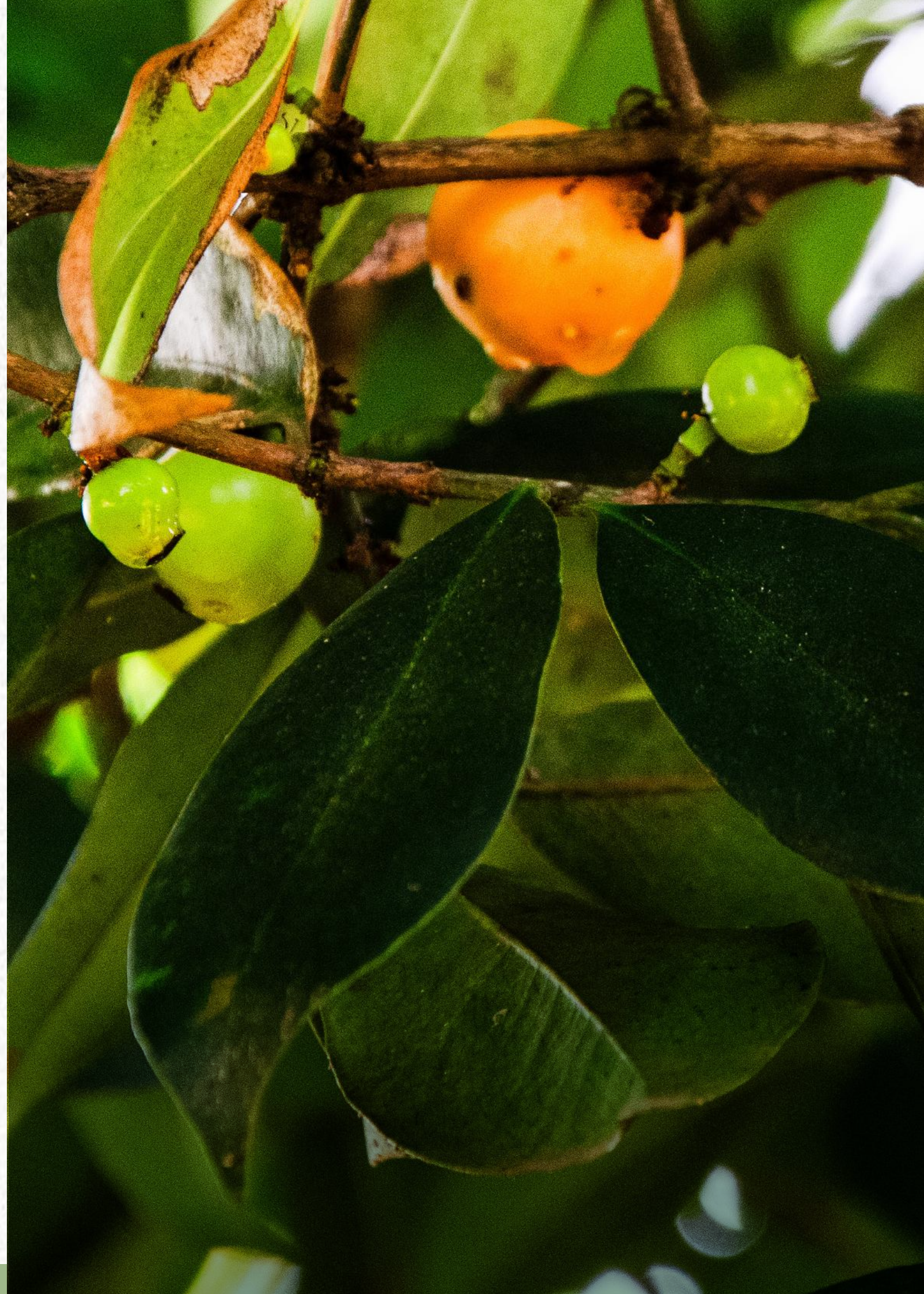
Regenerate Africa formed a strategic partnership with the Uganda Biodiversity Fund and Nature Uganda to scale up efforts to restore over 5,089 hectares of degraded wetlands and peatlands in Uganda's Sango Bay and Lake Nabugabo RAMSAR sites, through natural regeneration, enrichment planting, and community-led management with funding from the International Climate Initiative (IKI). This initiative will enhance biodiversity for threatened species, boost carbon storage, and create sustainable income through nature-based businesses, easing pressure on fragile ecosystems and supporting improved community monitoring, waste management, water quality, and climate adaptation for local communities.

5,089+

Hectares of wetlands and peatlands targeted for restoration

28

Indigenous species confirmed for seed collection



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Regenerative Food, agriculture, and land Management

Regenerate Africa strengthened ecosystem restoration efforts by demonstrating three high-impact regenerative practices natural regeneration, enrichment planting, and Miyawaki micro-forests across the Kalanamu and Nalumuli sites. These innovations enhanced local knowledge, showcased scalable restoration models, and contributed to improved forest and water resource management.

The organisation also strengthened regenerative food systems and sustainable land management by training farmers, rejuvenating agroforestry farms, and regenerating forest and farmland across more than 1,000 hectares including the Kijjude Regenerative Farm in Kalanamu, the Great Outdoors forest site, and the Nalumuli Bay ecosystem restoration project. As part of this work, Regenerate Africa engaged three nature-based income-generating enterprises agroforestry coffee, cocoa, and vanilla as strategic pathways for enhancing financial sustainability and promoting regenerative livelihoods, positioning the organisation to leverage high-value agroforestry value chains that support both community income and ecosystem restoration.

Through national and international engagements, the programme enhanced collaboration, policy influence, and community adoption of regenerative practices across intercropping, coffee, cocoa, agroforestry, and regenerative grazing at Nalumuli.

Hectares of farm and forest land under regenerative

management

1,000+



Regenerate Africa strengthened regenerative food systems and sustainable land management by training farmers.

RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

Circularity of Nutrients in Agroecosystems for Animal and Human Health (CIRNA)



The CIRNA multidisciplinary research consortium at the 2025 inception meeting.

Dr. Joshua Zake presents findings from the CIRNA project research on sustainable manure management in Buikwe District, highlighting practical climate-smart solutions such as composting, manure covering and turning, and biochar integration to improve nutrient recovery, reduce health risks, and support sustainable agriculture.

Across smallholder farms in Kenya and Uganda, manure has long been an underused resource, more often a disposal problem than a source of soil fertility. The CIRNA project is changing that equation. Bringing together research institutions, veterinary and community organisations, universities, and UN technical expertise, CIRNA is working directly with farmers to co-design manure management practices that are practical, safe, and rooted in local realities turning what farmers once discarded into a foundation for healthier soils, better yields, and stronger livelihoods.

As a member of this multidisciplinary consortium, Regenerate Africa contributes communication, knowledge management, and community engagement expertise, helping ensure that field-level learning translates into accessible knowledge products and policy-relevant recommendations for wider adoption across East Africa.

2025 in review

The project's first full year centred on laying strong foundations. The consortium advanced stakeholder engagement and inception activities

across both countries, working with farmers and local researchers to identify manure management practices best suited to smallholder conditions. These insights were tested through co-designed field trials ensuring that solutions are shaped by farmer experience rather than imposed from outside it. Building on these early findings, the team began developing farmer-oriented learning materials and drafting policy recommendations to support broader adoption of sustainable manure management practices across East Africa.

Why it matters

CIRNA sits squarely within Regenerate Africa's mission: advancing regenerative agriculture, strengthening climate resilience, and applying rights-based, inclusive approaches to natural resource management. Beyond its agronomic promise of improved soil fertility, crop productivity, and environmental sustainability the project carries real co-benefits for climate mitigation and adaptation, reduced health risks for farming households, and more informed policy on livestock nutrient management across the region.

Countries	Kenya, Uganda
Status	Ongoing
Objectives	Develop and field-test farmer-approved manure management practices that improve organic fertilizer quality while ensuring safety for humans, animals, and the environment, and that strengthen farmer livelihoods; generate research-based policy recommendations that create an enabling environment for sustainable manure management
Operating partners	Agroscope (Switzerland); International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI); Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany (Uganda and Kenya); Regenerate Africa; Women Farmers Association of Kenya (WoFaAK); Makerere University (Uganda); Maseno University (Kenya); FAO's GLEAM team Swiss National Science Foundation; the Solution-oriented Research for Development Programme
Resource partners	Swiss National Science Foundation; the Solution-oriented Research for Development Programme



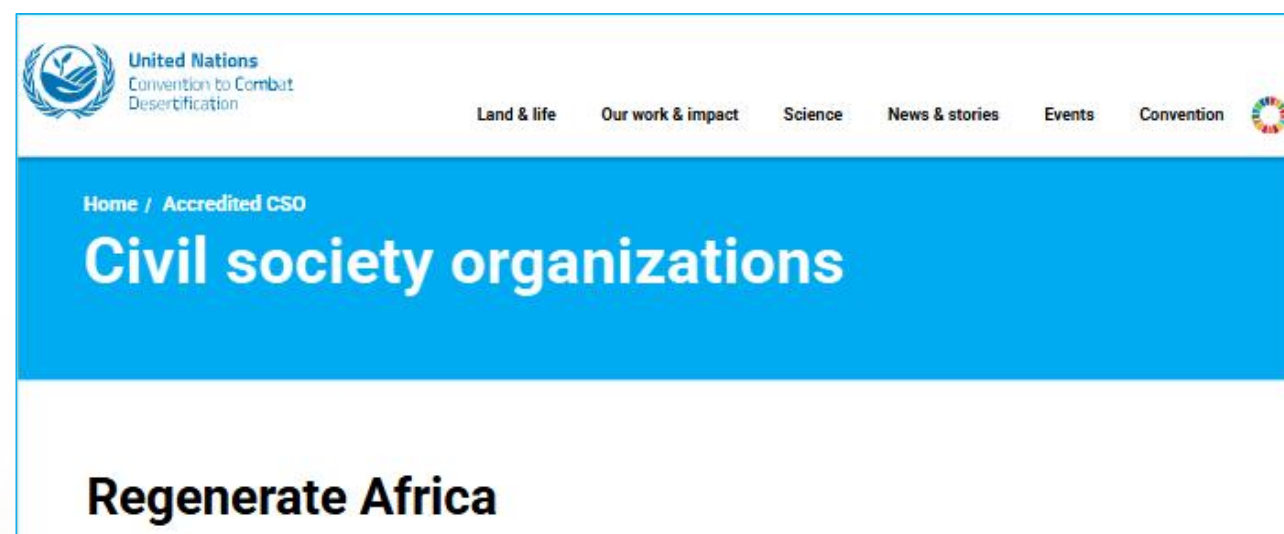
At Regenerate Africa's Nalumuli Demonstration Farm, community farmers are learning how to produce and use compost manure as a sustainable way to improve soil health and reduce dependence on synthetic fertilizers.

INSTITUTIONAL

Institutional Recognition and Strategic Partnerships

In 2025, Regenerate Africa's UNCCD accreditation was a key milestone that strengthened its legitimacy as a recognized civil society actor in land degradation and sustainable land management processes. Under the UNCCD, accredited organisations can engage as observers in official sessions and contribute technical and field perspectives to global discussions on desertification, land restoration, and sustainable land governance. What this means for Regenerate Africa is stronger convening power, better access to policy spaces, and an increased ability to translate field experience into policy influence.

Regenerate Africa also strengthened its regional reach through a Memorandum of Understanding with Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement (JVE) in Niger, deepening collaboration on advocacy, research, and capacity building across the African region.



Regenerate Africa listed among UNCCD-accredited civil society organisations, 2025.



Co-convened Pre-COP30 engagements to contribute to discussions on climate action, strengthen stakeholder collaboration, and amplify Africa's priorities ahead of COP30.

VISIBILITY

Communication and Knowledge Management

In 2025, Regenerate Africa leveraged strategic digital communications to enhance visibility, accountability, and stakeholder engagement across its programme portfolio. Programme evidence, research outputs, and MEL findings were translated into clear, accessible communication products including posts, blogs, and digital updates supporting donor reporting, learning, and advocacy.

Performance strengthened markedly from September onward, coinciding with Uganda's NDC 3.0 Technical Working Group process and COP30 preparation.

100
Posts Published

10,000+
Impressions

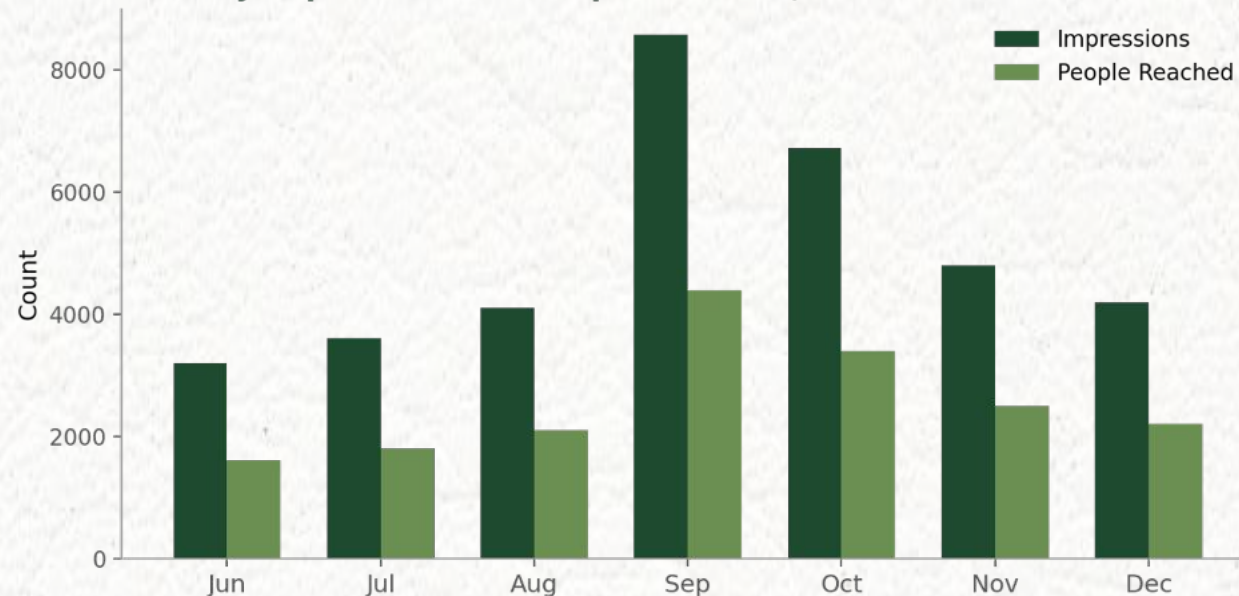
30,000+
People reached

539
New Followers

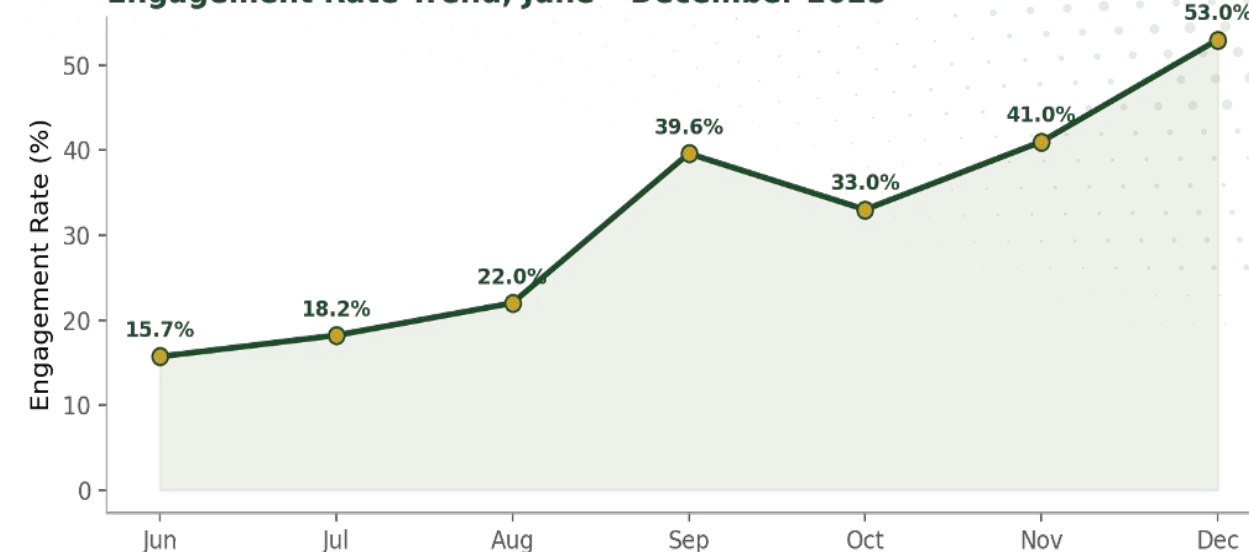
25.8%
Avg. engagement rate

Figures below cover June–December 2025, the period for which complete monthly analytics were available.

Monthly Impressions vs. People Reached, 2025

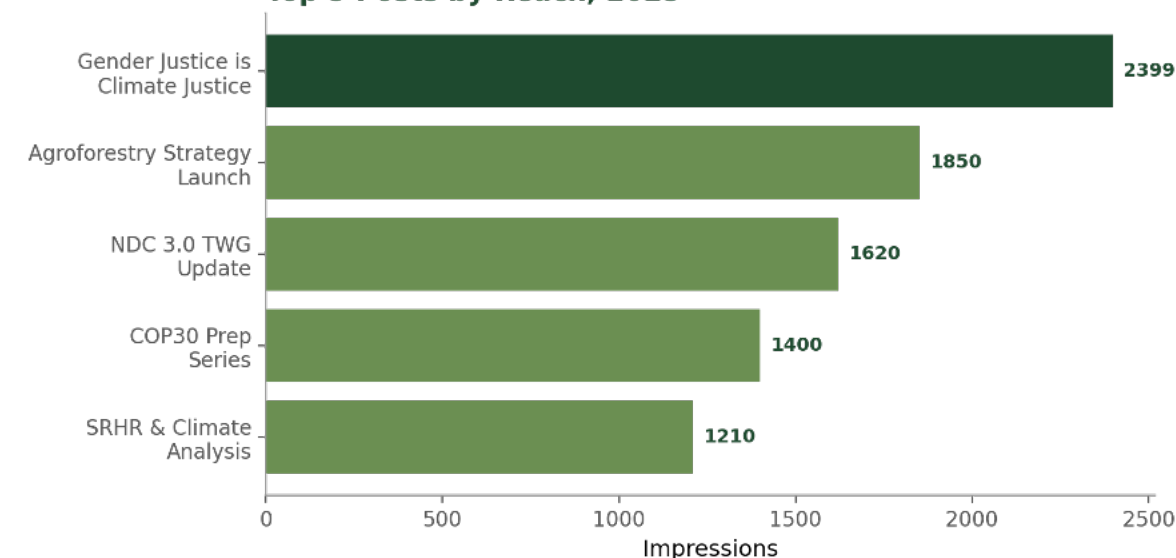


Engagement Rate Trend, June - December 2025



Policy-focused content consistently outperformed general organizational posts content tied to live policy moments such as HNAP, NDC 3.0 and COP engagements drove the strongest reach and follower growth of the year.

Top 5 Posts by Reach, 2025



Posts crediting named technical leads and tagging partner organisations extended reach further through partner networks. Looking ahead, Regenerate Africa will continue clustering content around key policy moments, use direct questions to encourage discussion, and test video and carousel formats to strengthen engagement further.

KNOWLEDGE

Evidence Generation and Knowledge Dissemination

In 2025, Regenerate Africa translated its programme evidence into a substantial body of knowledge products spanning peer-reviewed research, policy briefs, technical reports, and public-facing articles and blogs strengthening the evidence base for intersectional climate-health-gender advocacy across Africa and its recognition as an evidence-driven organisation.

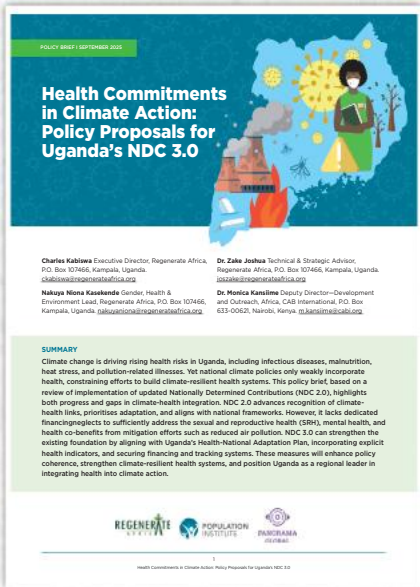
Knowledge Products

Peer-reviewed publication: Nakuya Kasekende N, Kabiswa C, Zake J and Kansime MK (2025). [Advancing and scaling up sexual and reproductive health services for climate adaptation and resilience in Uganda](#). Frontiers in Global Women's Health 6:1623785.

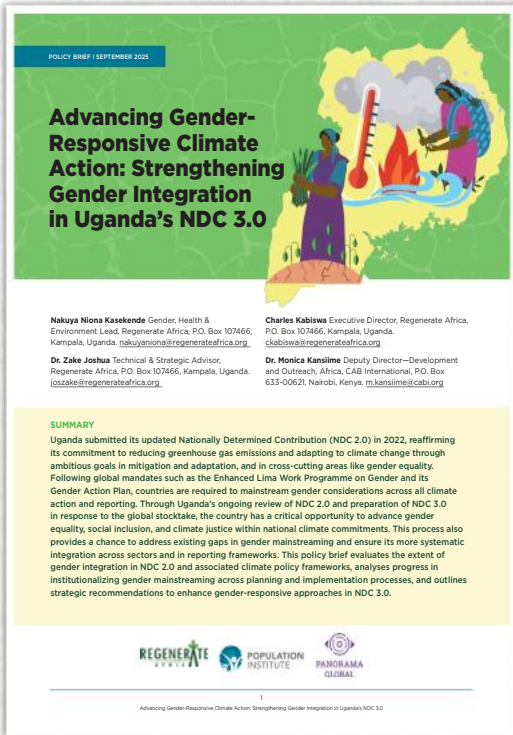
Policy briefs:

- a) [Health Commitments in Climate Action: Policy Proposals for Uganda's NDC 3.0](#)
- b) Articles and blogs: [Bogotá to Belém: The Unfinished Business of Integrating SRHR into Climate Action](#) · [Climate Change Is a Health Crisis and Financing Is No Longer Optional](#).

Four abstracts were also presented with partners at the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) 2025.



<https://regenerateafrica.org/health-commitments-in-climate-action-policy-proposals-for-ugandas-ndc-3-0/>



<https://doi.org/10.3389/fghw.2025.1623785>

FINANCE

Financial Performance

In 2025, Regenerate Africa received UGX 1.018 billion in funding from a diverse group of donor partners to advance climate resilience, gender equity, and health integration. This funding reflects growing donor confidence in the organisation's value-adding initiatives across its thematic areas.

Grants and Income, 2025



Expenditure, 2025

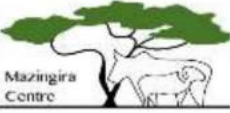


1.0118 Billion (Ugx)
Total funding received in 2025

NETWORK

Partnerships & Collaborations

Regenerate Africa's 2025 work was made possible by this wide network of partners spanning government, multilateral institutions, research and academic bodies, and civil society.



OUR VISION

We envision an Africa where human choices and economy thrives in harmony with nature, enabling full circularity and regenerative future for the healthy people, natural environment and livelihoods.

OUR MISSION

To accelerate Africa's just transition to a regenerative economy through adoption of regenerative human development approaches where people, businesses and our planet thrive in harmony.





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