



African NGOs Alliance for Environmental Sustainability (ANAEs) Launch Snapshot

October, 2023

EVENT OVERVIEW

The African NGOs Alliance of Environmental Sustainability (ANAES) inaugural event took place on 20th October 2023 at Kigali Marriott Hotel in Rwanda. The official launch event was preceded by a technical meeting of 33 NGO founding members of ANAES including the Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS) which took place at ARCOS Head Office and a field visit at Nyandungu Eco-park as one model site for ecosystem restoration.

This is an initiative of ARCOS in collaboration with the Circular Bioeconomy Alliance (CBA) uniting 32 African Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) in their mission to protect the environment and promote sustainable development.

The inaugural event brought together 70 participants from various sectors across Africa and beyond with more than 50 institution representatives. The event aimed to mark the official launch of the ANAES Alliance Charter, emphasizing the shared commitment to ecosystem restoration and community empowerment.

ANAES Launch Media

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LIST OF ANAEs FOUNDING MEMBERS

Coordination

- Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS)

Benin

- Amis de l'Afrique Francophone (AMAF)

Burundi

- Association Burundaise pour la Protection de la Nature (ABN)
- Réseau Burundi 2000 Plus (RBU)

Cameroon

- Foundation for Environment & Development (FEDEV)
- Cameroon Wildlife Conservation Society (CWCS)

DR Congo

- La plate-forme Diobass du Kivu (DIOBASS)
- Organisation Congolaise des Ecologistes et Amis de la Nature ASBL (OCEAN)

Ethiopia

- Ethiopia Wetlands and Natural Resources Association (EWNRA)
- Afromontane Biodiversity Conservation in Ethiopia (ABCE)
- Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society (EWNHS)

Guinea

- Association de Plaidoyer, Recherche et Renforcement de Capacités des ONG (PRONG)

Kenya

- Nature Kenya (NK)
- Taita Hills Kenya/ Kenya National Farmers' Federation (KENAFF)

Malawi

- Action for Environmental Sustainability (AfES)
- Centre for Applied Systems Analysis (CASA)

Madagascar

- Community Centred Conservation (C3)
- Impact Madagascar (IM)

Morocco

- Mountain Coalition in Morocco (CCM)
- Moroccan Biodiversity and Livelihoods Association (MBLA)

Nigeria

- Environment and Tourism Support-Initiative (EATS)

Rwanda

- Nature Rwanda (NR)
- Rural Environment and Development Organisation (REDO)
- Rwanda Environmental Conservation Organisation (RECOR)

South Sudan

- South Sudan Nature Conservation Organisation (SSNCO)
- Centre for Environmental Advocacy and Development (CEDA)

Tanzania

- Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG)
- Nature Tanzania (NT)

Uganda

- Environmental Conservation Trust of Uganda (ECOTRUST)
- Nature Uganda (NU)

Zambia

- Wildlife & Environmental Conservation Society of Zambia (WECSZ)
- Green Living Movement (GLM)

ANAES Guest Speakers



Dr Sam Kanyamibwa,
Founder & CEO, ARCOS



Philippe Kwitonda,
Director General at Rwanda's
Ministry of Environment, Rwanda



Marc Palahí,
CEO, CBA



Bernard Giroud,
President, Livelihoods Funds



Stéphane Hallaire,
Founder & CEO, Reforest'Action



Diana Mawoko,
AUDA-NEPAD/AFR100



Ange Kalitanyi
Project Manager, Africa-One Tree Planted



Patrick Shawa,
National Coordinator, Wildlife &
Environmental Conservation
Society, Zambia

WELCOME MESSAGE

Africa is confronted with an array of complex environmental issues, exacerbated by climate change. Collaborative efforts are essential to effectively address these challenges. ANAES will bring together the collective expertise of African NGOs to tackle these problems head-on and create a sustainable future for our continent.

Dr Sam Kanyamibwa,
ARCOS Founder & CEO



OPENING REMARKS

The urgency of the environmental crisis on the African continent can not be overstated and that the need for collective action is evident, and ANAES is one among the answers.

Philippe Kwitonda,

Director General at Rwanda's Ministry of
Environment in charge of Land, Water and Forestry



PARTNERS MESSAGE

The launch of ANAES comes at a crucial time, as we face urgent challenges stemming from a century-long reliance on a fossil extractive economy. Humanity stands at a pivotal moment, confronting crises in climate, biodiversity, and power, that are fundamentally intertwined with our economic system. The Circular Bioeconomy Alliance, recognizing the need for change, strives to accelerate the transition to a circular bioeconomy that is climate neutral, inclusive, and in harmony with nature.

Marc Palahí,

Circular Bioeconomy Alliance, CEO



I extend my sincere gratitude to ARCOS, SAM, and all participants, congratulating you on the launch of ANAES—an exceptional initiative aimed at fortifying and empowering NGOs across Africa. ANAES, as a network of practitioners, provides a valuable platform to share knowledge, exchange best practices, and enhance project quality and robustness.

Bernard Giroud,
Livelihoods Fund Ventures, President



ReforestAction is committed to contributing to ecosystem regeneration through projects that impact climate, biodiversity, soil, water, and social aspects. Joining ANAES is a source of great joy for us, and we eagerly anticipate working with all of you in the near future to bring these projects to fruition. I extend my gratitude to Sam and the ARCOs team for their leadership in implementing and promoting this alliance.

Stéphane Hallaire,
Reforest'Action, CEO & Founder



I extend heartfelt congratulations on the remarkable achievements of ANAES and the broader environmental sustainability initiatives. This aligns with our vision as custodians of the AFR100 initiative. This initiative resonates with the African Union Agenda 2063, guiding NEPAD's mandate for healthy ecosystems, climate change mitigation, and biodiversity conservation.

Diana Mawoko,
AUDA-NEPAD/AFR100



I express our pride at One Tree Planted in supporting ANAES and their incredible initiative for a greener and more sustainable Africa. One Tree Planted is committed to working alongside ANAES members in achieving their goals and making a positive impact across Africa. As we move forward, consider us a steadfast support in every step of the way.

Ange Kalitanyi

Project Manager, Africa-One Tree Planted



ANAES MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVE

This alliance is going to bring a lot of positive things; not to mention experience sharing from different countries. ANAES will help also voiceless local NGOs could voice it out. Kigali has born this baby and is going to spread-out across the continent. It is important noting that ANAES will help African Countries to smoothly implement global goals and agendas for sustainability.

Patrick Shawa,

National Coordinator, Wildlife & Environmental Conservation
Society, Zambia



KEY OUTCOMES

The highlight of the event was the signing of the ANAES Alliance Charter, symbolizing a collective pledge to promote biodiversity and sustainable practices in the region and the establishment of governance structures with 5 representatives (two (2) for Eastern Africa, One for Western Africa, Southern Africa and Northern Africa).



In summary, the ANAES inaugural event's media and social media coverage have helped elevate environmental awareness, promote collaboration and collective action, and inspire hope and empowerment, marking it as a significant milestone in the fight for environmental sustainability in Africa.

FUTURE PLANS & OPPORTUNITIES



Moving ahead, we are dedicated to establishing effective coordination mechanisms, and mobilizing resources for the implementation of ANAES activities.

The operationalization of ANAES will build on ARCOS Members contribution, but will also continue to rely on your your invaluable support and engagement as we work towards creating a lasting positive impact for the environment and local communities across Africa.

Thank You Note

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support at the ANAES Inaugural Event. Your commitment to environmental sustainability in Africa is truly commendable, and your contributions have played a pivotal role in elevating awareness, fostering collaboration, and inspiring hope.

As we move forward with our mission, your continued support and engagement are invaluable in creating a lasting positive impact on the environment and local communities. Thank you once again for being the driving force behind our journey.

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