



**AFRICAN CENTRE**  
FOR BIODIVERSITY

# Who we are

The African Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) is research and advocacy organisation working towards food sovereignty and agroecology in Africa, with a focus on biosafety, seed systems and agricultural biodiversity. We are committed to dismantling inequalities and resisting corporate-industrial expansion in Africa's food and agriculture systems.

Initially, our focus was exclusively on GM and biosafety, thus the organisation was established in 2003 as the African Centre for Biosafety. Over the years, this expanded into working on the interconnected issues affecting food sovereignty and biodiversity in Africa, including seed laws, farmer seed systems, agricultural biodiversity, agroecology and corporate expansion in agriculture. Our current geographical focus is mostly Southern, West and East Africa, with extensive continental and global networks.



# Our vision

Socially just, democratic and cultural  
biological diverse landscapes and food  
systems in Africa, based on the  
interconnected and harmonious  
diverse and co-creation between  
people and nature.



# Our mission

We carve transformative pathways through co-generating and diffusing new discourses and catalysing action, at the intersections of biodiversity, climate change, and food systems to shift power and social changes that advance a just transition in Africa.

Our work is anchored in a value system of reciprocal, horizontal, and interconnected relationships between people and nature.





# What we fight for

We have a long and respected track record of opposing the aggressive push of the Green Revolution on the African continent, and the national and regional institutional architecture driving this. At the same time, we work with partners to deepen a shared understanding of, and realise transitions to, agroecological farming practices that provide an alternative to the corporate capture of African seed and food systems.





# Our approach

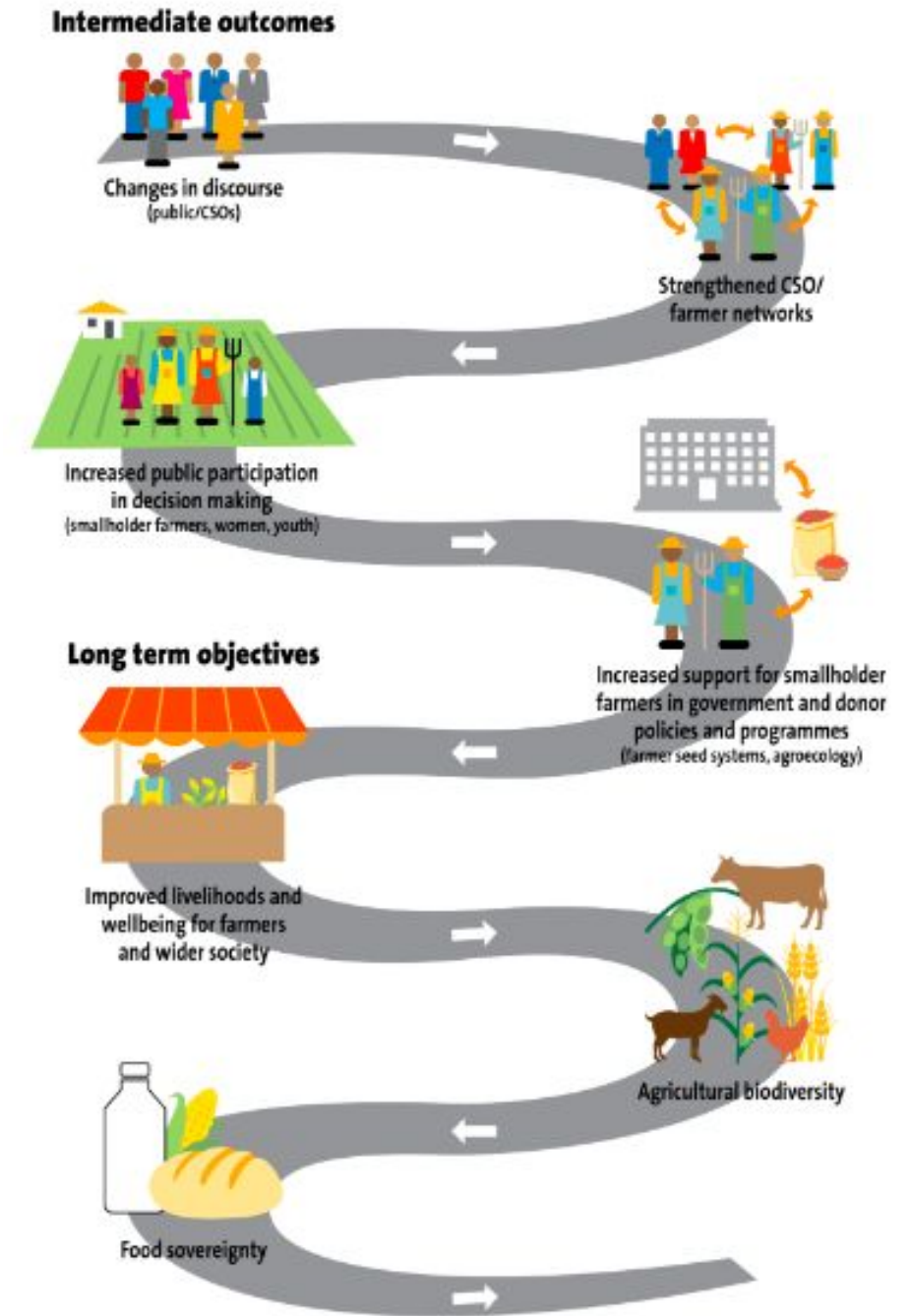
Our theory of change flows from five dynamic and integrated strategies.



# Our vision for change

Through these strategies, the ACB and self-organised civil society and farmers' organisations, women and youth in Africa are empowered to participate in advocacy spaces on farmer seed systems, biosafety, agroecology and agricultural biodiversity conservation, and are able to influence public and private discourse and decision-making.

As a result, agricultural policies and implementation strategies are more inclusive, democratic and demand-responsive. This leads to positive, just and democratic policy and implementation, ultimately contributing to maintenance and use of agricultural biodiversity, and improved livelihoods and well-being of smallholder farmers in Africa.





# Our partners

## SOUTH AFRICA

## AFRICA

## BEYOND THE CONTINENT

## REGIONAL

## INTERNATIONAL

- Association for Water and Rural Development (AWARD)
- Biowatch South Africa
- Co-operative and Policy Alternative Centre (COPAC)
- Dzomo la Mupo
- Earthlore Foundation
- Eastern Cape Agroecology Farmers Association (ECAFA)
- Friends of the Earth
- Greenhouse Project (The)
- Gumbu Community Seed Bank
- GroundWork
- Ilimi Lamafama

- Izindaba Zokudla
- Masifundise
- Rainbow Maize Farmers
- Seed And Knowledge Initiative (SKI)
- South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)
- Southern African Catholic Bishops Association (SACBC) Justice and Peace
- Southern African Faith Communities Environment Institute (SAFCEI)
- South African Food Sovereignty Campaign (SAFSC)
- Trust for Community Outreach and Education (TCOE)
- Ukuvuna
- Women on Farms Project



**Burkina Faso**

- Fédération Nationale des Groupements de Naam (FNGN)
- Fédération Nationale des Organisations Paysannes (FENOP)
- Terre A Vie

**Cameroon**

- Plateforme Sous Régionale des Organisations Paysannes d'Afrique Centrale (PROPAC)

**Côte d'Ivoire**

- Copagen

**Democratic Republic of Congo**

- Common Front for the Protection of the Environment and Protected Spaces of the DRC (FCPEEP)

**Ghana**

- Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Organizational Development (CIKOD)
- Food Sovereignty Ghana (FSG)

**Guinea**

- ACORD

**Kenya**

- African Wildlife Foundation (AWF)
- Biodiversity and Biosafety Association Kenya (BIBA)
- Kenyan Peasants League (KPL)
- Kenya Small Scale Farmers Forum
- Mazingira Institute
- World Forum of Fisher Peoples/ The Elmolo Forum

**Mali**

- Biodiversité Echange et diffusion d'expériences (BEDE-asso)
- Coalition des Femmes pour la souveraineté alimentaire (COFERSA)
- Comité Ouest Africain des semences paysanne (COASP)

**Malawi**

- Acção Académica para o Desenvolvimento das Comunidades Rurais (ADECUR)
- Associação Rural de Ajuda Mútua (ORAM)
- Justiça Ambiental (JA)
- Kaleidoscopio
- Livangingo
- União Nacional de Camponeses (UNAC)

**Nigeria**

- Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)

**Rwanda**

- Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (Pelum)

**Senegal**

- Environnement Développement Action pour la Protection Naturelle des Terroirs (ENDA PRONAT)

**Tanzania**

- Mtandao wa Vikundi vya Wakulima (MVIWATA)
- Mtandao wa Vikundi vya Wakulima Mkoa wa Kilimanjaro (MVIWAKI)
- Sustainable Agriculture (SAT)
- Tanzanian Alliance for Biodiversity (TABIO)
- Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement (TOAM)

**Togo**

- Action Réelle sur l'Environnement l'Enfance et la Jeunesse (AREJ)

**Uganda**

- Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE)
- Caritas
- Eastern and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers Forum (ESAFF)
- Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information (SEATINI)

**Zambia**

- Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre
- Zambian Alliance for Agroecology and Biodiversity (ZAAB)

**Zimbabwe**

- Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT)
- Participatory Ecological Land Use Management Zimbabwe (PELUM)
- Participatory Organic Research & Extension Training (PORET)
- Towards Sustainable Use of Resources Organisation (TSURO Trust)
- Zimbabwe Seed Sovereignty Programme (ZSSP)
- Zimbabwe Smallholder Organic Farmers' Forum (Zimsoff)

**Belgium**

- International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food)

**Brazil**

- Centro de Tecnologias Alternativas da Zona da Mata CTA-ZM

**Canada**

- Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC) Group

**Ecuador**

- Acción Ecológica

**Germany**

- Testbiotech

**Italy**

- Schola Campesina Aps

**Netherlands**

- Both ENDS

**Peru**

- Asociacion ANDES

**Spain**

- AGRAIN

**Switzerland**

- Association for Plant Breeding for the Benefit of Society (APBREBES)

**United Kingdom**

- AgroecologyNow! – Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience
- Gaia Foundation

**United States**

- AgroEcology Fund
- Community Alliance for Global Justice (CAGJ)
- US Right to Know





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INTERNATIONAL

- African CSOs Biodiversity Alliance (ACBA)
- Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) (Pan-Africa)
- Rural Women's Assembly (RWA) – Southern African

- Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE)
- Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)



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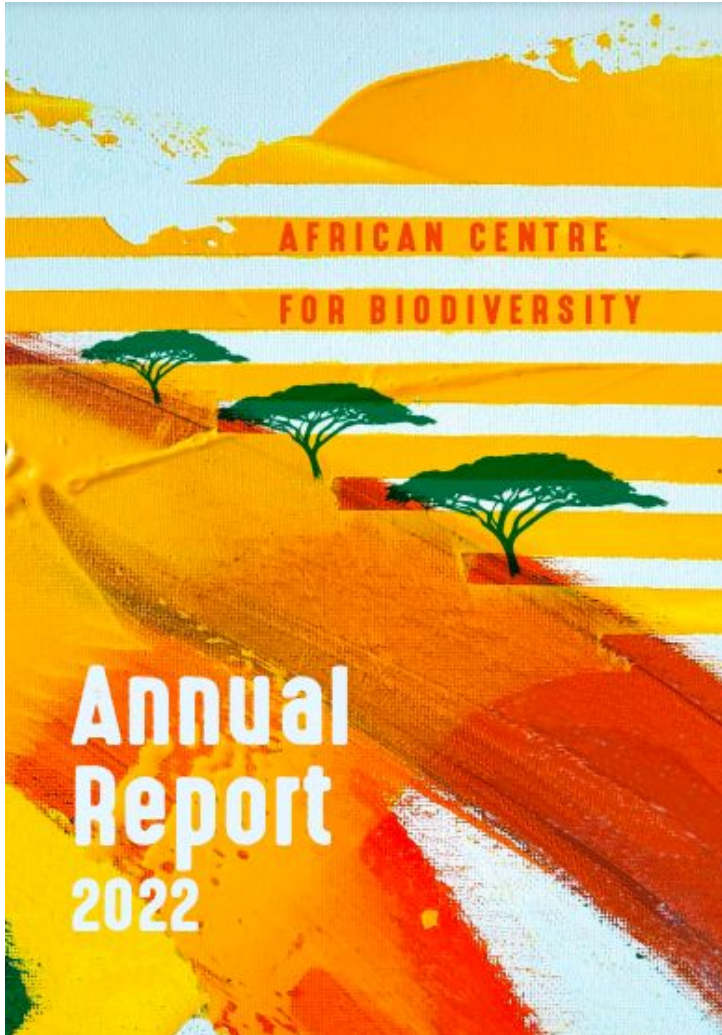
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- Food First Information and Action (FIAN)
- Friends of the Earth (FoE)
- Groundswell International
- International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC)
- Network of Farmers' and Agricultural Producers' Organisations of West Africa (ROPPA)
- Nia Terro
- La Via Campesina Africa (LVC)
- Pesticide Action Network (PANInt)
- Third World Network (TWN)
- World Rainforest Movement (WRM)
- CBD Alliance
- Navdanya international



# Annual reports



**2022:**

<https://t2m.io/ACB-annualreport-2022>

**2021:**

[https://t2m.io/ACB\\_2021AnnualReport](https://t2m.io/ACB_2021AnnualReport)

