

# AFR100 PULSE

HARNESSING AFRICA'S FLR SPIRIT

## FOCAL POINTS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO AFR100 PHASE TWO

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFR100) is an Africa-owned and led initiative implemented at national level in collaboration with technical and financial partners. Focal Points, appointed by the African governments involved in the AFR100 Initiative play a central role in defining national restoration goals, setting the direction of AFR100 activities at national level, and outlining technical and financial support priorities. Furthermore, Focal Points are central to mobilizing the broad range of in-country partners in all sectors, levels of government, civil society, the private sector, and academia to realize countries' ambitious restoration target. Therefore, the AFR100 Secretariat would like to use a **participatory bottom-up approach** to get the views of Focal Points on key topics that need to be addressed during AFR100 phase two. As government representatives and technical experts, the opinions of AFR100 Focal Points are very important for AFR100 phase two implementation.

## 2. METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH

A mini survey questionnaire was elaborated by the AFR100 Secretariat and World Resources Institute (WRI) to get the opinions of Focal Points on key topics they think should be addressed under AFR100 phase two. The survey questionnaire was sent to AFR100 Focal Points on June 13, 2022 and the question asked was as follows: "In your opinion, what is the most important topic you think should be addressed in the second phase of AFR100 implementation"?

Nineteen out of the 32 actual countries members of the AFR100 initiative (59%) responded to the questionnaire. The countries are: Benin, Burundi, Chad, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, and Togo. This implies that 10 French speaking and 9 English speaking countries responded to the survey questionnaire.

## 3. RESULTS OF THE SURVEY

**Nine** thematic areas were suggested by Focal Points as key topics to address in AFR100 phase two. They are the following, the first topic being the most important:

- Mobilization of investments for AFR100 implementation.
- Monitoring FLR implementation.
- Scaling up FLR best practices.
- Governance including tenure, security of investment and policy.
- Communication and knowledge sharing.
- Capacity building.
- FLR reporting guideline.
- Coordination: setting up AFR100 national stakeholder platforms.
- Livelihood support for restoration activities.



## 4. CONCLUSIONS AND IMPLICATIONS

### 4.1. Conclusions

- Mobilization of investment is the most important topic to address in AFR100 phase 2, according to Focal Points.
- Monitoring FLR implementation is the second most important topic.
- Scaling up FLR best practices is the third most important topic to be addressed in AFR100 phase 2.
- Governance including tenure, security of investment and policy is the fourth most important topic to be addressed according to AFR100 Focal Points.

### 4.2. Implications

- Focal Points contributions to AFR100 phase two confirm that monitoring and finance are interdependent. In fact, successful FLR monitoring enables more financial resources which will lead to more monitoring of FLR.
- Scaling up of best practices could include sub-thematic areas such as women and youth involvement to accelerate FLR implementation and south-south cooperation to accelerate FLR implementation.
- Governance includes tenure issues and policy as enabling environments.



