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# AFRICA REGIONAL ALUMNI CAPACITY BUILDING AND NETWORKING SEMINAR

Restoring tropical forest ecosystems in Sub-Sahara Africa – A cross-country learning exchange

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**IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA**



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# Welcome Message

We are delighted to welcome scientists and practitioners to this seminar. All of you come from very different fields: Working in universities or research organizations; being employed in state administration, civil society organizations, development agencies or the corporate sector. But there is one thing you all have in common: All of you are having a stake in environmental and natural resources management, including land, water, forest or biodiversity. Thus, we look forward to creative exchange and a diverse interdisciplinary discourse during the Alumni Networking Seminar here in Arusha, Tanzania. On the following pages we will provide logistic information on the seminar, the agenda and program, and a directory of all participants will be introduced in a profile-like manner.

# Seminar Concept and Aim

Despite numerous international policy initiatives aimed at halting deforestation and forest degradation in the Global South, tropical forest ecosystems continue to face increasing pressure and are disappearing at alarming rates due to land conversion, agricultural expansion, and unsustainable forest management practices. At the same time, many reforestation efforts remain predominantly driven by economic considerations, favoring the establishment of large-scale plantations based on fast-growing species such as acacia, eucalyptus, and pine. These species are typically cultivated in industrial monoculture systems characterized by short rotation cycles.

While such approaches may generate attractive short-term economic returns, they often create new challenges, including increased vulnerability to pests and diseases, greater susceptibility to climate-related disturbances, and adverse impacts on local hydrological cycles and biodiversity.

At the other end of the spectrum, forest protection and restoration initiatives targeting ecologically rich natural forest ecosystems are frequently implemented through state-led conservation approaches that rely on exclusionary measures and strict protection regimes. Such interventions have often proven costly and, in many contexts, only partially effective due to limited enforcement capacities, competing land-use interests, and the persistence of informal institutions and local livelihood dependencies.

This Alumni Seminar explores reforestation and forest restoration strategies, pathways, and experiences across Sub-Saharan Africa over the past two decades. It brings together scientists, practitioners, policymakers, and

alumni working in the field of forest restoration to jointly reflect. Through cross-country learning and knowledge exchange, participants will critically examine emerging trends, patterns, and narratives of forest restoration across Africa.

The seminar is designed to encourage interaction among participants and to facilitate the exchange and discussion of individual experiences and perspectives on a wide range of topics. The seminar brings together practitioners and scientists from around the world and Germany from disciplines such as forestry, water, agriculture and other disciplines to enhance joint learning. The seminar consists of both scientific exchange and social events, including presentations from participants, and interactive field excursions around Arusha and the Kilimanjaro promote integrated thinking in natural resource management.

# Program Schedule

## Day 1 Sunday, 8 November 2026

**Individual arrival in Arusha** (through Kilimanjaro Airport)

Accommodation: Esmart Hotel

Dinner: Take-away food will be prepared in the hotel

## Day 2 Monday, 9 November 2026

Venue : The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST)
404 Nganana, 23311 Kikwe, Arumeru, Arusha, Tanzania

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| 9:30 | **Registration** in the hotel (coffee & tea) | |
| 11:00 | Pick-up at the hotel/transfer to seminar venue | |
| 11:15 | **Opening of the seminar and welcome addresses** | Prof. Thomas Kivevele & Dr. Carsten Schusser |
| 11:30 | **Introduction into the program** | Dr. Simon Benedikter |
| 11.45 | **Introduction of the participants** | Moderation: Dr. Francis Moyo |
| 12.15 | Lunch | |

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| 13:15 | **Alumni Session I**: Makro perspectives on reforestation in the tropics<br><br>• Miftah Fekuda Kedir: "Forest restoration trends in Ethiopia attributed to government initiatives and stakeholders' roles in 2020s"<br>• Dr. Patrick Opoku: "Restoring Tropical Forests Ecosystems in Degraded Mining Landscapes: Actors, Silvicultural Practices and Lessons from Ghana"<br>• Veye Estella Kinga: "Putting Indigenous Women at the Centre of Forest Landscape Restoration: A Gender-Responsive Community-Based Model from Eastern Cameroon"<br>• Prof. Dr. Tsegaye Bekele Mekonnen: "Forestry Knowledge Management Center (FKMC) at WGCFNR; Establishment, Progresses and Future plan"<br><br>(Each presentation 10 min)<br>(Questions and discussion: 13:55-14:15) | Moderation: Dr. Carsten Schusser, Dr. Simon Benedikter |
| 14:15 | **Alumni Session II**: Mikro perspectives on reforestation in the tropics<br><br>• Asabeneh Alemayehu Munuyee: "Lessons for restoring Ethiopia's dry woodland forests: Integrating Land Use and Land Cover Change, DPSIR analysis, and Forest Governance in Jawi District, Northwestern Ethiopia"<br>• Dr. Hellen Nansikombi: "From Charcoal Crisis to Carbon Finance: Testing a Farmer-Centered AFOLU Restoration Model in Uganda"<br>• Glory Rodrick Maimu: "Institutional Pathways to Actor Centered Mangrove Restoration: Evidence from Tanzania's Mainland and Zanzibar"<br>• Dr. Bonna Antoinette Tokou: "Cocoa agroforestry as a pathway for forest landscape restoration: Balancing ecosystem services and smallholder livelihoods in Côte d'Ivoire"<br><br>(Each presentation 10 min)<br>(Questions and discussion: 14:55 -15:15) | Moderation: Dr. Francis Moyo, Dr. Simon Benedikter |
| 15:15 | Coffee & tea break | |
| 15:45 | **Alumni Session III**: Micro perspectives on reforestation in the tropics<br><br>• Byron Ssemambo: "Restoring Forest Corridors for Chimpanzees in Western Uganda: A Community-Led Approach to Habitat Connectivity and Livelihoods" | Moderation: Dr. Eckhard Auch, Dr. Simon Benedikter |

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| | • Wondimagegn Bekele Biliso: "Growing Resilience – Bamboo-led Restoration of a Degraded Watershed in Southern Ethiopia (A Case Study from Lante Kebele)<br>• Loyce Emoit Kukunda: "Restoration through Industrial Ecology: A Circular Bioeconomy Model for Tropical Forest Recovery for Mabira Forest Landscape, Uganda"<br>• Japhet Noah Mwambusi: "Ecological Recovery of Miombo Woodlands Following Gold Mining: Lessons from the Buzwagi Restoration Programme, Tanzania"<br>(Each presentation 10 min)<br>(Questions and discussion: 16:25 – 16:45) | |
| 16:45 | Introduction Excursion I: Kihamba Restoration, Agroforestry and Ecosystem Services on Mount Kilimanjaro | Dr. Julius John Sanya, Dr. Oforo Didas Kimaro |
| 17:30 | Departure for joint dinner | |

# Day 3

**Tuesday, 10 November 2026**

Full day excursion: Old Moshi Restoration-Geosite Transect at Kilimanjaro

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| 7:00 | Departure from hotel | Dr. Julius John Sanya, Dr. Oforo Didas Kimaro |
| 9:00 | Arrival in Moshi / Short refreshment break | |
| 9:45 | MWECAU Forest-Agriculture base Living Lab (Kihamba Agroforestry system) | |
| 11:30 | Chagga homegardens (Kihamba Agroforestry systems) | |
| 12:20 | Tema Gesoites (Viewpoint & Gorges) | |
| 12:50 | AERO Native trees nursery | |
| 13:45 | Small Earth Dams (Nduwa) water-conservation features | |

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| 14:00 | Packed lunch and water break | Dr. Julius John Sanya, Dr. Oforo Didas Kimaro |
| 14:50 | TEACA nursery and community restoration exchange | |
| 15:35 | KINAPA Half-Mile Forest Strip -HMFS | |
| 16:40 | Historical Old Moshi landscape | |
| 17:00 | Closing reflection and departure<br>Dinner on the way back to Arusha | |

# Day 4

**Wednesday, 11 November 2026**

Venue : The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST)
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| 8:15 | Pick-up at the hotel/transfer to seminar venue | |
| 8:30 | Introduction in seminar day 3 | Dr. Simon Benedikter |
| 8:45 | **Alumni session IV**: Micro perspectives on reforestation in the tropics<br>• Hiwot Workagegnehu Tafere: "Integrated Soil, Tree, and Water Management Approaches"<br>• Betty Boante Abeyie: "Drivers of Forest Restoration Initiative – The Case of Women in Timber Ghana in Ghana's Transition Zone"<br>• Christopher Chesire: "Demonstrated mycorrhizal based silvicultural restoration of degraded Brachystegia woodland through a farmer's model farm in Kwale County, Kenya"<br>• Dr. Felister Michael Mombo: "From Graduates to Job Creators Building Tanzania–Germany Business Partnerships for Enterprise Development and Employment Creation in Tanzania"<br>(Each presentation 10 min)<br>(Questions and discussion on main aspects: 9:25 – 9:45) | Moderation: Dr. Francis Moyo, Dr. Simon Benedikter |

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| 9:45 | **Working Groups: Parallel Session I**<br><br>Working Group 1 - Research:<br><br>• Research Gaps and Needs in Tropical Forest Restoration<br><br>Coffee & tea (individual breaks in the groups)<br><br>Working Group 2 - Capacity Building:<br><br>• Capacity Gaps and Needs Tropical Forestry<br><br>Coffee & tea (individual breaks in the groups) | Moderation: Dr. Carsten Schusser, Dr. Simon Benedikter<br><br>Moderation: Dr. Eckhard Auch, Andreas Schellenberger |
| 12.30 | Lunch | |
| 13:30 | **Funding Opportunities with the European Union** (including discussion) | Andreas Schellenberger |
| 14:45 | Coffee & tea | |
| 15:15 | Introduction Excursion II: Arusha National Park – Facts and Figures | Ombeni Simon Hingi |
| 15:45 | Visit of NM-AIST Campus | Dr. Francis Moyo |
| 17:30 | Joint dinner | |

# Day 5

**Thursday, 12 November 2026**

Full day excursion: Arusha National Park

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| 8:00 | Departure from hotel | Ombeni Simon Hingi |
| 8:45 | Arrival at Ngongongare gate/Arusha National Park | |

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| 8:50 | Short briefing about park rules (dos and don'ts) | Ombeni Simon Hingi |
| 9:30 | Short Game Drive via Little Serengeti, Dr. Naggy Trape forest to Momella gate | |
| 10:20 | Short break at Momella Gate (coffee & tea) | |
| 10:50 | Short walking safari from Momella Gate to Tululusia waterfall via Buffalo Glade | |
| 12:50 | Short break at Tutulusia waterfall (Coffee & Tea) | |
| 13:15 | Game drive from Momella Gate to Small Momella Lake and to Koroi Forest Camp | |
| 15.00 | Hot (late) Lunch at Koroi Forest Camp | |
| 16:00 | Leaving Koroi Forest Camp for Esmart Hotel via Ngongongare Gate | |

# Day 6

**Friday, 13 November 2026**

Venue : The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST)
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| 8:15 | Pick-up at the hotel/transfer to seminar venue | |
| 8:30 | **Working Groups: Parallel Session II**<br><br>Working Group Research:<br>• Concept note for a research project proposal | Moderation: Dr. Carsten Schusser |
| | Working Group Capacity Building:<br>• Concept note for a capacity development project | Moderation: Dr. Eckhard Auch |

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| 11:00 | **Plenum: Presentation concept notes and discussion** | Moderation: Dr. Francis Moyo, Dr. Simon Benedikter |
| 12:30 | Lunch | |
| 13:30 | Feedback round on the seminar | |
| 14:00 | Seminar evaluation (DAAD questionnaire) | |
| 14:30 | Awarding of certificates | |
| 15:00 | Closing Remarks | |

# Day 7 Saturday, 14 November 2026

**Individual departure from Arusha**

# Field Excursions

**FIELD EXCURSION I**

**Tuesday, 10 November 2026**

**Kihamba Restoration, Agroforestry and Ecosystem Services on Mount Kilimanjaro**

This excursion explores the relationship between indigenous knowledge, sustainable agriculture, forest restoration, water management and community livelihoods on the southern slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro. Through guided visits to Chagga Kihamba homegardens, restoration nurseries, traditional water systems and selected forest and cultural heritage sites, participants will examine how local communities manage natural resources and contribute to ecosystem conservation and deforestation.

The programme begins with the Agriculture–Forest-Based Living Lab, where participants will learn about restoring degraded homegardens using indigenous tree species, followed by a walk through the multi-layered Chagga Kihamba agroforestry system to understand its ecological functions, agricultural productivity and cultural significance. At Nduwa, the excursion will explore traditional earth dams, springs and irrigation systems and their contribution to water security and food production.

Visits to the AERO indigenous tree restoration nursery and TEACA restoration initiatives will demonstrate the practical and institutional dimensions of tree propagation, landscape rehabilitation, community participation and conservation partnerships. Subject to authorisation, the programme may also include a guided visit to the KINAPA Half-Mile Forest Strip to examine forest restoration, catchment protection and the relationship between conservation policies and local resource access.

An approved panoramic viewpoint will provide an opportunity to observe montane forest structure, catchment functions and the ecological connections between protected forests and agricultural landscapes.

The excursion will conclude with visits to Mambori geosite and Old Moshi, connecting freshwater and riparian processes with local history, cultural heritage and opportunities for responsible nature-based tourism.

Throughout the excursion, participants will assess the material, regulating and non-material contributions of nature to human well-being, with particular attention to restoration outcomes, biodiversity, water security, household livelihoods, cultural identity and equitable resource access. Interactive discussions and field observations will encourage reflection on how scientific research, indigenous knowledge and community partnerships can support sustainable landscape management.

Overall objective: To understand how forest restoration, traditional agroforestry, water management and community-led conservation can strengthen ecosystem services and sustainable livelihoods while supporting the long-term conservation of Mount Kilimanjaro's natural and cultural heritage.





As the excursion includes walking over uneven and occasionally rough terrain, participants are advised to wear sturdy, comfortable footwear and appropriate outdoor clothing. Please also bring a raincoat or other suitable rain protection. The excursion will be guided by Dr. Julius John Sanya and Dr. Oforo Didas Kimaro, both TU Dresden alumni who currently work with the College of African Wildlife Management (CAWM) in Moshi.

## FIELD EXCURSION II

**Thursday, 12 November 2026**

**Arusha National Park**

The second field excursion will take participants to Arusha National Park, offering an opportunity to observe and explore diverse ecosystems, wildlife, vegetation, and conservation practices within the protected area.
The group will enter the park through Ngongongare Gate, where a short briefing will introduce park regulations, safety requirements, and principles of responsible field conduct.

The first field activity will be a game drive through the Little Serengeti and Dr. Naggy Trape Forest areas towards Momella Gate. Participants will have the opportunity to observe wildlife and vegetation while examining the transition between open grassland and forest habitats.





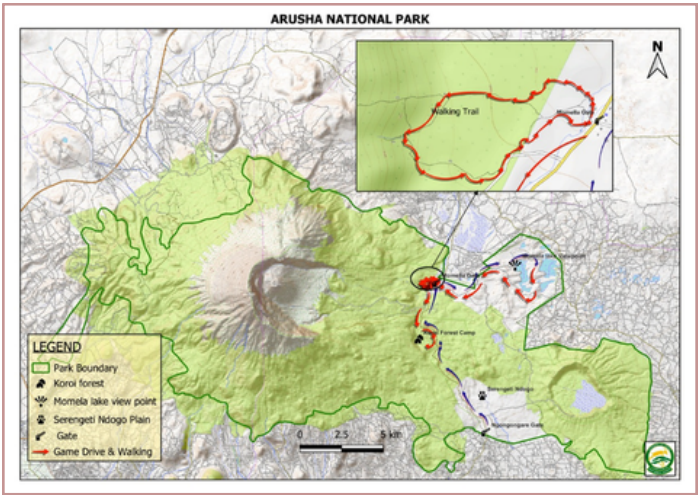
At Momella Gate, the group will take a short refreshment break before embarking on a guided walking excursion to Tululusia Waterfall via Buffalo Glade. The walk will provide opportunities to observe plant species, signs of wildlife, and other features of the forest ecosystem.

Following a short break at Tululusia Waterfall, the group will continue by vehicle to Small Momella Lake and then to Koroi Forest Camp, with opportunities to observe the landscape and wildlife along the route.

A late lunch will be provided at Koroi Forest Camp. The group will subsequently depart the park through Ngongongare Gate and return to Esmart Hotel.

As the excursion includes walking over uneven and occasionally rough terrain, participants are advised to wear sturdy, comfortable footwear and appropriate outdoor clothing. Please also bring a raincoat or other suitable rain protection.

The excursion will be guided by Ombeni Simon Hingi, a TU Dresden alumnus in Tropical Forestry. He has served for many years as a senior staff member at the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) Headquarters in Arusha and brings extensive professional expertise in wildlife management.




Map: Field excursion route in Arusha National Park

# Accommodation in Arusha

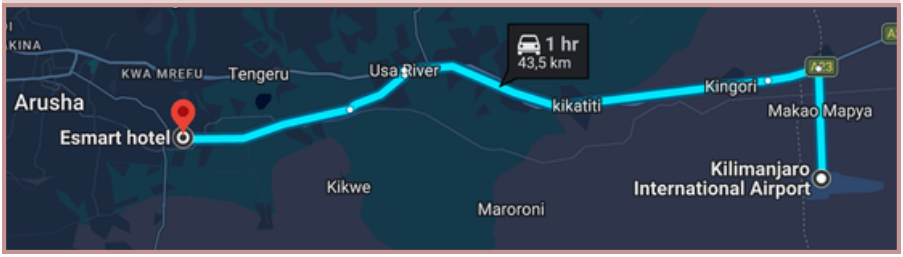
Throughout the seminar week, participants will be accommodated at Esmart Hotel in Arusha. The hotel is located on the outskirts of Arusha, conveniently situated in proximity to the seminar venue at the Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology (NM-AIST).

Esmart Hotel is approximately 45 km (about a 1-hour drive) from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO). A taxi from the airport to the hotel costs approximately USD 50 per vehicle.




**Esmart Hotel**

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https://esmarthotelarusha.co.tz/




Rooms, including breakfast, have been reserved for participants for the duration of the seminar, from 8 to 14 November 2026.

# Seminar Participants

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Andreas Schellenberger is a member of the Erasmus+ team at TU Dresden's European Project Center (EPC). The EPC is a unit that supports researchers at every stage of the lifecycle of projects funded by the European Commission. Andreas has worked in various positions within the Saxon state administration and has been working at TU Dresden for the past 15 years. During this time, he has gained extensive experience in various units responsible for third-party funded project management. He has been involved in numerous national and international projects. His particular focus is on Erasmus+ projects under Key Actions 2 and 3 (KA2 and KA3). He is responsible for managing the administrative, financial and legal aspects of the projects. He also has experience in developing project ideas and aligning them with the requirements and funding conditions of European funding programmes.

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Mr. Asabeneh Alemayehu Munuyee is a Senior Researcher and Program Coordinator for Policy and Socio-Economics Research at Ethiopian Forestry Development, Bahir Dar Center, with more than ten years of professional experience in forestry research, forest economics, forest policy, forest resource governance, and socio-ecological systems. He holds Master's degrees in Tropical Forestry and Management from TU Dresden, Germany (2018), Natural Resource Economics and Policy from Hawassa University, Ethiopia (2019), and Geoinformatics from Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia (2026), as well as a Bachelor's degree in Forest Management and Utilization from Hawassa University (2011). His research focuses on the economic, ecological, institutional, and spatial dimensions of forest and natural resource management, with particular interests in natural capital and ecosystem service valuation, forest policy and governance, land-use and land-cover change, forest-product value chains, non-timber forest products, and forest–livelihood relationships. He has extensive experience in designing and leading multidisciplinary and multisectoral studies, conducting household and stakeholder surveys, socioeconomic investigations, spatial analyses, and remote sensing. Asabeneh applies integrated economic, social, ecological, and geospatial approaches to investigate the complex dynamics and drivers shaping forest and natural resource management and to generate evidence to inform sustainable management interventions and effective policy development. He has authored and co-authored more than 20 scientific publications and contributed to technical reports, policy briefs, strategic documents, and policy recommendations for the forestry and natural resource sectors. He has also mentored junior researchers, coordinated research programs, and collaborated with government institutions, academic organizations, and international partners on research and policy initiatives for sustainable forestry and natural resource management.

# Betty Boante Abeyie

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I hold an MSc in Tropical Forestry and Management from the Technical University of Dresden, Germany. I also hold a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Diploma in Natural Resources Management from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana.

I am a passionate conservation professional with over 15 years of experience advancing social forestry, sustainable natural resource management, and inclusive environmental conservation in Ghana.

My work has focused extensively on empowering women groups engaged in the timber value chain in Ghana, as well as strengthening forest and farmer-producer organizations to promote resilient communities and thriving landscapes.

My professional and research interests focus on the social dimensions of forest management, with particular emphasis on stakeholder participation, gender and youth inclusion, forest-based livelihoods, and equitable benefit sharing.

I am experienced in engaging local communities and stakeholders to promote inclusive, participatory, and sustainable forest management practices. I am also passionate about strengthening the participation of forest fringe communities and promoting sustainable use of forest resources for improved livelihoods and environmental conservation.

# Byron Ssemambo

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Byron Ssemambo is a Biodiversity Coordinator full-time with Fauna & Flora (F&F), and part-time Conservation Technical Lead with Embaka, Uganda working in the Albertine Rift Landscape of Uganda. He holds a Diploma in Wildlife Health and Natural Resources Management, a Bachelor of Science in Environment Management, and Double Master's degrees in Landscape Ecology and Nature Conservation and Master's degrees in Education for Sustainability. He has over 15 years of professional experience in biodiversity conservation, wildlife management, environmental education, and community-based conservation. His career has included work with Chimpanzee Trust (Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary), the, TotalEnergies, Uganda, and Fauna and Flora and Embaka, Uganda. His current work focuses on chimpanzee conservation, forest and wetland restoration, habitat connectivity, human-wildlife conflict mitigation, and community-based Byron Ssemambo is a Biodiversity Coordinator full-time with Fauna & Flora (F&F), and part-time Conservation Technical Lead with Embaka, Uganda working in the Albertine Rift Landscape of Uganda. He holds a Diploma in Wildlife Health and Natural Resources Management, a Bachelor of Science in Environment Management, and Double Master's degrees in Landscape Ecology and Nature Conservation and Master's degrees in Education for Sustainability. He has over 15 years of professional experience in biodiversity conservation, wildlife management, environmental education, and community-based conservation. His career has included work with Chimpanzee Trust (Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary), the, TotalEnergies, Uganda, and Fauna and Flora and Embaka, Uganda. His current work focuses on chimpanzee conservation, forest and wetland restoration, habitat connectivity, human-wildlife conflict mitigation, and community-based

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Dr. Carsten Schusser has over 20 years of expertise in tropical and international forest management and research. His career includes roles in international development across South America, Africa, and Asia, as well as consultancy positions at GOPA and DFS.

His scientific focus is on Socio-Political Forest Management and Governance. Since April 2022, he has been a lecturer and researcher at TU Dresden, where he leads the PSFMO (Power for Sustainable Forest Management Outcomes) research group. This group conducts in-depth research on both formal and informal actors in forest management, aiming to assess their interests, power, and influence on outcomes across social, environmental, and economic dimensions to gain insights from an actor-centered perspective.

In addition, Dr. Schusser lectures on Silviculture for Tropical Forests, Plantation Forestry, Agroforestry, Project Management, and World Forestry, and supervises Master's and PhD students.

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I am a research scientist with training in biology of conservation, tropical forestry and applied biology. My career at the National Museums of Kenya spans 17 years in different capacities at the botany department. I have accumulated expertise in ecological assessment of forest ecosystems and dispensation of evaluated measures for conservation management, policy formulation and sustainable utilization of ecosystem resources. My current interests include researched roles of ectomycorrhizal symbiosis in forest development and as an avenue for advancing silvicultural practices.

# Dr. Eckhard Friedhelm Auch

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Dr. Auch has work experience in German forest management, regional development of rural areas, CBRM and community forestry in dry forests. Also, in commercial production and business.

My current tasks are teaching Forestry organizations, timber and NTFP production systems and value chains, research planning, project management, communication, amongst others. I am Academic Advisor for the MSc Tropical Forestry and involved in developing the study program further. My research is around production system and value chain upgrading in a forestry context.

Professional interests are in the intersection between humans and forests, dealing with rural livelihoods, collaborative forest/natural resource management, organization and implementation of sustainable forest management, extension, developing of rural areas and landscapes. Special interest in sustainable, participative dryland management and restauration in East-Africa.

# Dr. Felister Michael Mombo

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Felister Mombo is an Associate Professor and Applied Economist at Sokoine University of Agriculture, specializing in natural resources management, carbon financing, and sustainable development. Her research focuses on environmental and agricultural economics, land use, and ecosystem services in Tanzania. She studied at Universiteit Gent in Belgium from 2009 to 2013, further developing her expertise in environmental and agricultural economics. Her scholarly work has been published in reputable journals, addressing issues such as land cover change and village land forest reserves. She also researches wildlife management areas, examining the differences between local realities and institutional policies.

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Francis Moyo is an accomplished Ecologist with a specialized focus on equity, justice, and knowledge production in the context of natural resource management and environmental governance. He is currently serving as a Dean and Senior Lecturer in Landscape Ecology and Environmental Governance at the School of Life Sciences and Bioengineering. His academic and professional expertise spans a wide array of areas, including community-based conservation, land and natural resource conflict management, ecotourism, and eco-agricultural production systems. With an interdisciplinary approach, His research and teaching endeavors aim to address the intersection of environmental sustainability, community livelihoods, and governance frameworks, particularly in developing contexts.

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Glory Rodrick Maimu is a Tanzanian environmental expert and Managing Director of Siha Development Organization (SIDEO). She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Environmental Studies from the University of Dodoma and a Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management from TU Dresden through CIPSEM.

She has extensive experience in environmental impact assessment, environmental auditing, environmental management, and community development. At SIDEO, she leads programmes focusing on ecosystem restoration, nature-based solutions, and climate resilience. She is also involved in a community-led coastal ecosystem and mangrove restoration initiative in partnership with EarthLungs Restoration Foundation.

Her areas of expertise include participatory ecosystem restoration, environmental governance, community engagement, and sustainable livelihoods. She is dedicated to advancing locally driven conservation initiatives that strengthen ecosystem resilience and support sustainable communities across Tanzania.

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Ombeni Hingi is a dedicated Principal Conservator with over 17 years of diverse experiences in conservation. Specializing in social forestry, Mr. Hingi is both an expert of protected areas (PAs) management, as well as co-management models. He spearheaded the establishment and management of community (village) forest reserves (VFRs) and wildlife management areas (WMAs), co-management models in Tanzania. His extensive field background includes serving in various units such as law enforcement, tourism promotion and as a community liaising officer across various national parks, where he bridges the gap between local communities and broader ecological goals. Throughout his career, he has been on the front lines of mitigating complex human-wildlife conflicts to foster peaceful coexistence. Currently, he leverages this profound experience at the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) Headquarters in Arusha as a coordinator, overseeing critical training, operations, and human-wildlife conflict management within the Law Enforcement Department. Ultimately, he remains deeply passionate about promoting best practices that balance conservation, people, and development.

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He also contributed to the development of Ethiopia's National Bamboo Strategy and Action Plan (2019–2030) and the FSC Interim Forest Stewardship Standard for Ethiopia. His research and technical publications cover bamboo resource mapping, species-site matching, bamboo properties and product compatibility, bamboo charcoal and briquette production, and bamboo value-chain and market development. His professional interests center on advancing bamboo and other nature-based solutions for ecological restoration, climate resilience, sustainable livelihoods, and inclusive green economic development in Ethiopia and the wider East African region.

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