


THE AFRICAN FOREST RESEARCH NETWORK (AFORNET)



“Forest science for African development”

KEY ISSUES IN FORESTRY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH

- 1. Majority of education, training and forest research institutions are facing structural and institutional weaknesses: their performance and outputs are declining;**
 - 2. Few institutions have refined their research priorities, strategic plans and curricula have not changed;**
 - 3. Weak contribution from private sectors, end users in research agenda setting;**
 - 4. Imbalance between basic, strategic, applied and adaptive researches;**
 - 5. Low funding for R and D declining investment from both**
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KEY ISSUES (CONTD.)

6. Relevance and pertinence of forest education, training and research are in steady decline;
7. Weak collaboration among forestry education, training and research systems within and across countries;
8. Limited collaboration among forestry schools for development of manpower; and
9. Forestry profession and career no more attractive: generational gap/regional PhD/Masters required.



LESSONS LEARNT AND WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

- 1. Make forestry education, training and research relevant, attractive, goal-oriented and demand-driven;**
- 2. Promote synergies at all levels (establish bridges between education, training and research systems);**
- 3. Strengthen emerging Networks to deliver effectively and efficiently (e.g. AFORNET, FORNESSA, NGARA etc);**
- 4. Create critical mass of forest scientists and researchers conversant with emerging and interdisciplinary issues;**



LESSONS LEARNT AND WHERE DO WE GO FROM THERE

- 5. Build, retain and manage capacity in forestry education, training and research systems;**
 - 6. Link forest education, training and research to societal and developmental concerns and agenda;**
 - 7. Ensure sustainable funding through economy of scale and complement core funding with opportunistic ones**
 - 8. Develop strategic research that are: problem –solving and result-oriented; relevant to local, national, regional and global focus and collaborative through a web/networks of key players and service providers.**
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MEDIUM AND LONG TERM THEMES/ACTIVITIES

- 1. Development of methods and tools for best practice in forest;**
- 2. Strategically reposition forest contribution to poverty alleviation, livelihood and country GDP;**
- 3. Strengthen forestry linkages to other sectors including agriculture, livestock and environmental issues;**
- 4. Undertake in-depth analysis on socio economic and institutional issues**
- 5. Strengthen African Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (AFLEG)**

Thank you for your kind of attention

