

More education on landscape restoration at African universities

WUR and the Global Landscapes Forum are supporting nine African universities in developing an Africa-wide curriculum on the restoration of degraded landscapes and ecosystems.

The degradation of landscapes and ecosystems around the world is having an ever-bigger impact on biodiversity, food and water security, and economies. The restoration of landscapes and ecosystems is therefore incredibly important. 'But not many professionals know much about integrated landscape restoration,' explains programme leader Cora van Oosten of the Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation (WCDI). 'There is a big demand for education in this

area. There are education options for experts already, but not for students.' Nine African universities are collaborating with WCDI on a pan-African curriculum in which students learn how to set up multidisciplinary restoration processes, for example.

This teaching project runs in parallel with the Decade on Ecosystems Restoration (2021-2030) announced by the United Nations.

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