



# ANNUAL REPORT 2025



# ACCELERATING FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION THROUGH AGROECOLOGY



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# FOREWORD



And just like that...2025 passed by in a blink, but with the same level of intensity and engagement with members and allies as in the previous years, if not more.

Last year saw the further consolidation of the Agroecology Coalition. As we continue to roll out our Strategy 2024-2030 through and with our members, we have refined our value proposition, defined our modus operandi and started developing our Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework.

Despite the challenging global landscape, the momentum around agroecology as a pathway to transform our food systems continues, and we see this translated into national strategies, regional guidelines and is finding its way into global policy agenda. Members and their networks continue to champion agroecology. We build on and anchor our work on what our members and their allies are doing on the ground. We capture these in our publications and communications, feature these in our webinars and convenings, and amplify these in our collective engagement with policymakers, donors and practitioners.

This 2025 Annual Report gives you a bird's eye view of our combined endeavor. As we look ahead to 2026, we remain confident in our strategy and our ability to deliver lasting change, together...

- **Oliver Oliveros**, Agroecology Coalition Executive Coordinator

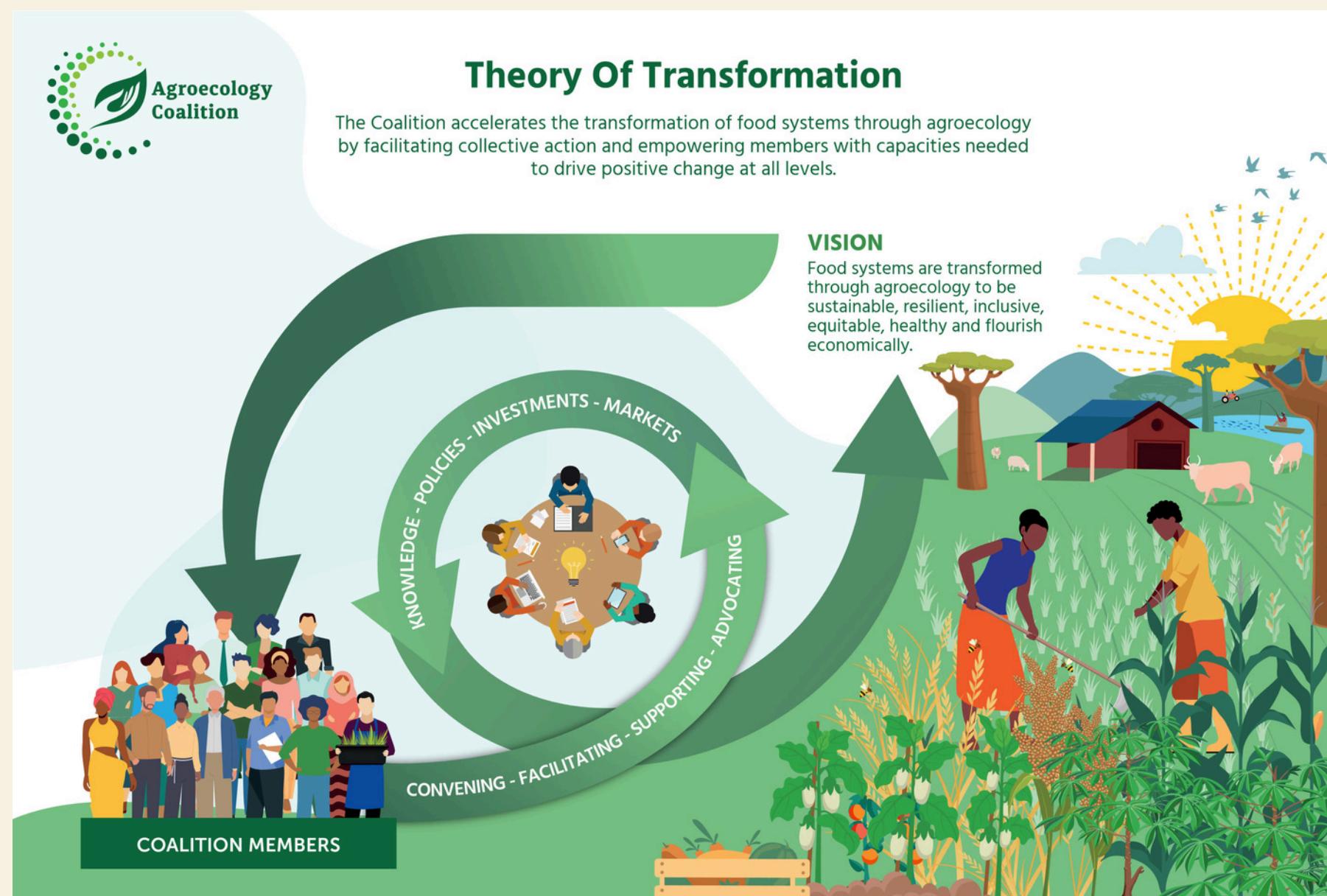
# STRATEGY 2024-2030



The Agroecology Coalition's **ambitious Strategic Orientation for 2024-2030** serves as a guide to transition towards sustainable agroecological food systems by 2030, in a context of growing hunger and accelerating climate and biodiversity crises.

The Agroecology Coalition commits to foster the **exchange and co-creation of knowledge on agroecology**, **promote increased investments for agroecology**, **advocate for and amplify supportive policies for agroecology**, and **support and promote market pathways for agroecology**.

To learn more about the Strategy, you can consult the text available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).



In 2025, we also worked on refining the Agroecology Coalition's [value proposition](#):

- A unique, **inclusive** and **flexible structure**
- A space for **cross-learning**, for **sharing knowledge** and experiences, and for amplifying voices and initiatives
- A credible and legitimate voice to **advocate for agroecological food systems transformations**
- A facilitator of collective action and as a **matchmaker**
- A venue for **donor/investor** coordination



# OUTPUTS BY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

In 2025, we pursued these objective through a series of strategic activities:

## 1) Facilitate co-creation and exchange of knowledge on agroecology

- **Advancing Knowledge Through Webinars:** The Agroecology Coalition hosted a comprehensive webinar series in 2025, featuring in-depth discussions on agroecology, nutrition and health; the 3 COPs; Indigenous Peoples' leadership in food systems transformation; agroecology finance and tracking tools; stories from the ground; and education for agroecological transformation.
- **Strengthening Agroecology Messaging:** The Coalition finalized and disseminated a set of key messages on agroecology, led by the Communications Working Group with cross-Coalition participation, to enhance engagement with public and policy-maker audiences.
- **Amplifying Voices from the Ground:** *Agroecology in Action: Stories from the Ground – Second Edition* was launched in November 2025, presenting ten new case studies from across Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Developed through the Implementation Working Group, the publication captures practical lessons from agroecology initiatives worldwide.
- **Building Research and Education Partnerships:** A new Task Force under the Research, Innovation and Education Working Group was established to identify and address key research, knowledge, and education gaps, in collaboration with agroecology and food systems research platforms.
- **Expanding Access to Agroecology Resources:** The Coalition's [agroecology resources webpage](#) was continuously updated throughout the year, featuring new courses, digital tools, infographics, reports, policy papers, and videos. The [case study repository](#) grew to 22 documented agroecological experiences.
- **Mapping Agroecology in Higher Education:** A global survey is underway to understand how agroecology is being integrated into higher education curricula, providing insights to inform future educational strategies.
- **Piloting Policy Tracking Tools:** The Tracking Tool on the CFS Policy Recommendations on Agroecology was tested in five countries—Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Vietnam, and Senegal—supporting countries in monitoring policy implementation and progress.

These activities were carried out through the [Research, Innovation and Education Working Group](#) and [Implementation Working Group](#).



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*In 2025, consolidation of evidence globally confirms that diversification at field, farm and landscape scales results in better outcomes for the environment, farmer incomes and food security – our challenge in 2026 is to ensure that this evidence informs policy and practice.*

**- Fergus Sinclair**, Steering Committee Member and Co-facilitator of the Research, Innovation and Education Working Group



## 2) Foster increased investments in agroecology

- **Advancing Donor Coordination on Agroecology Finance:** The Agroecology Coalition hosted the Agroecology Donors Convening 2025 on 17–18 October in Rome, co-organized with the [Agroecology Fund](#), the [Global Alliance for the Future of Food](#), the [German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development \(BMZ\)](#), the [European Commission](#), the [Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation \(SDC\)](#), and the [International Fund for Agricultural Development \(IFAD\)](#).  
The convening brought together 50 representatives from bilateral and multilateral development agencies, development banks, financial institutions, philanthropic organizations, and governments to have key discussions focused on development finance in a changing global context, the role of regional development banks, scaling agroecology finance, strengthening collaboration, and further uptake of the Agroecology Finance Assessment and Tracking Tool. The event also featured a high-level dialogue with Vice-Minister Fernanda Machiaveli ([Brazilian Ministry of Agrarian Development and Family Farming](#)), highlighting Brazil's national experience in advancing agroecology.
- **Strengthening Agroecology Finance Tracking:** The [Agroecology Finance Assessment and Tracking Tool](#) was further developed in 2025, incorporating feedback from donor users collected and discussed during a dedicated webinar in June. Updates are currently being integrated, with first results expected to be shared in 2026 on assessment of funding flows to agroecology.
- **Engaging Public Development Banks:** The Coalition is collaborating with the [Agri-PDB \(Public Development Banks\) Coalition](#) through its Working Group on Agroecology, supporting further understanding of agroecology among development banks and promoting development of financing tools in support of agroecology.
- **Promoting Agroecology in School Meals:** The Coalition is collaborating with [The Rockefeller Foundation](#) and the [School Meals Coalition](#) to promote agroecological and regenerative school meals.
- **Launching a Global Agroecology and Agroforestry Initiative:** The Plan for Accelerated Solution: Together for the Expansion of Resilient and Restorative Agroforestry and Agroecology ([PAS TERRA](#)) was launched at COP30 in November 2025. Co-founded by the Agroecology Coalition alongside Brazil's Ministry of Agrarian Development and Family Farming (MDA), FAO's [Forest and Farm Facility \(FFF\)](#), [NOW Partners Foundation](#), [IFAD](#), and the [Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT](#), PAS TERRA aims to scale agroecology and agroforestry systems to restore biodiversity, strengthen climate resilience and mitigation, enhance food and nutrition security, and support decent rural livelihoods.

These achievements were made possible through the [Finance and Investments Working Group](#).



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*From COP to the FAO, agroecology movements are often lifted up as the secret sauce to scaling up climate resilient food systems. Yet we undermine ourselves by chronically underfunding them. The Agroecology Coalition seeks to drive funding into frontline communities.*

**- Daniel Moss, Agroecology Fund, Co-facilitator of the Finance Working Group**

### 3) Advocate for and amplify supportive policies for agroecology

- **Elevating Agroecology in Global and Regional Fora:** The Agroecology Coalition actively organized and participated in major international and regional events throughout 2025—including the Bonn Climate Conference, United Nations Food Systems Summit +4 (UNFSS+4), 2nd Eastern Africa Agroecology Conference, African Food Systems Summit 2025, World Food Forum 2025, Committee on World Food Security (CFS 53), COP30 in Belém, and the TARASA 2025 Conference in Lao PDR—to advocate for agroecology and raise its global visibility. These efforts contributed to high-level recognition of agroecology, including its acknowledgment by the [United Nations Secretary-General's video message](#) to the Opening of the UNFSS+4 and in the UNSG's Call to Action.
- **Developing Strategic Advocacy Resources:** The Coalition produced a range of policy briefs and advocacy materials to support engagement at key global moments, including the ["Agroecology: Connecting People, Land, Climate and Biodiversity"](#) brief, as well as practical guides for [UNFSS+4](#) and [COP30](#).
- **Strengthening Government Engagement and Policy Uptake:** The Coalition engaged with member governments through in-person and virtual regional meetings, as well as bilateral exchanges, to advocate for enabling policy environments for agroecology. Key areas of focus included the development of National Agroecology Strategies (NAS) and the integration of agroecology into national policy instruments such as National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets, and National Food Systems Pathways (NFSPs). Existing National Agroecology Strategy are being profiled and will be featured in our website in the first quarter of 2026.

These achievements were carried out through the [Policies Working Group](#).



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*In 2025, policy momentum for agroecology grew stronger than ever, with national strategies taking root across regions and growing recognition of agroecology as a key pathway for food systems transformation.*

*- John Garcia Ulloa, [Biovision Foundation](#), Co-facilitator of the Policies Working Group*

### 4) Support and promote market pathways for agroecology

- **Regular knowledge exchange and capacity building:** The Markets Working Group, created in 2024 with the Agroecology Coalition 2024-2030 strategy, held regular meetings in 2025 that enabled the consolidation of the group as well as information sharing, peer learning, and exchanges among members.
- **Training on innovative market and certification systems:** Members were introduced to systems such as the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) through trainings and presentations led by [SAOSO](#), [INFOQ](#), [IFOAM Organics International](#), and [Ecovida](#). Other presentations focused on public procurement ([The Rockefeller Foundation](#), [IFOAM Organics Europe](#)), agroecological enterprises ([Biovision Foundation](#)), and Territorial Markets ([IPES-Food](#)).
- **Raising awareness on agroecology and consumers:** the Agroecology Coalition is strengthening its outreach to consumers through dedicated newsletters—one focused on this topic and another on seeds—highlighting member organizations, countries, and their consumer-oriented initiatives citing also the way they relate to local markets. Coalition communications featured videos and written interviews that amplified members' efforts to connect agroecology with consumers. Furthermore, members were supported in advocating for the consumption of agroecological products in policy and high-visibility spaces, including initiatives related to COP30 catering.

These achievements were made possible through the leadership and contributions of the [Markets Working Group](#).



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*Agroecological markets are pathways to justice and resilience, where farmers, Indigenous peoples, and consumers co-create value beyond price and nurturing people, culture, and ecosystems alike. The Agroecology Coalition Markets Working Group is a marvelous space to showcase those experiences and I am happy to cofacilitate it.*

*- Fabricio Muriana, [Instituto Regenera](#), Co-facilitator of the Markets Working Group.*

## 5) Support, engage and strengthen our members

- The **Agroecology Coalition welcomed over 100 new members in 2025, strengthening its global and multi-stakeholder community.** Internal communication and onboarding processes were reinforced to ensure members remain informed, connected, and actively engaged.
- **Onboarding, communications, and capacity building:** New members were integrated through dedicated online onboarding sessions conducted by the Secretariat, complemented by regular internal newsletters and member-led training sessions, including on communications and narrative-building and Coalition's general assemblies.
- **Strengthened regional and in-person collaboration:** The Coalition expanded opportunities for in-person engagement through regional meetings held alongside major events, including the [2nd Eastern Africa Agroecology Conference](#) and the [TARASA regional conference](#) in Asia, enabling members to exchange experiences and initiate collaboration on shared agroecology strategies.
- **Targeted engagement with government members:** Engagement with government members was strengthened through bilateral meetings with the Secretariat and outreach led by Steering Committee members to their constituencies.



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Agroecology is more than a recipe. It represents a collective response to the challenges facing our food systems. In this spirit, the Implementation Working Group showcases agroecology in action by sharing experiences and evidence, fostering collective learning, and strengthening its diverse members.

- **Andrea Gómez, Red CSA Colombia, Co-facilitator of the Implementation Working Group**



FAO World Food Forum Side Event (Rome, Italy)



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Agroecology Coalition Sub-regional Members Meeting in Eastern Africa (Nairobi, Kenya)



# MEMBERSHIP

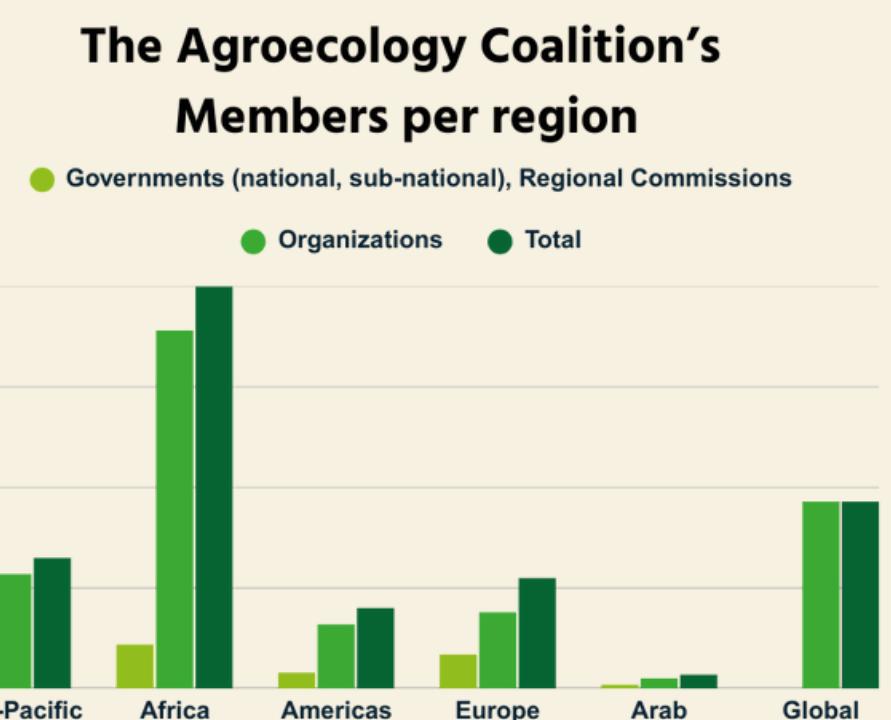
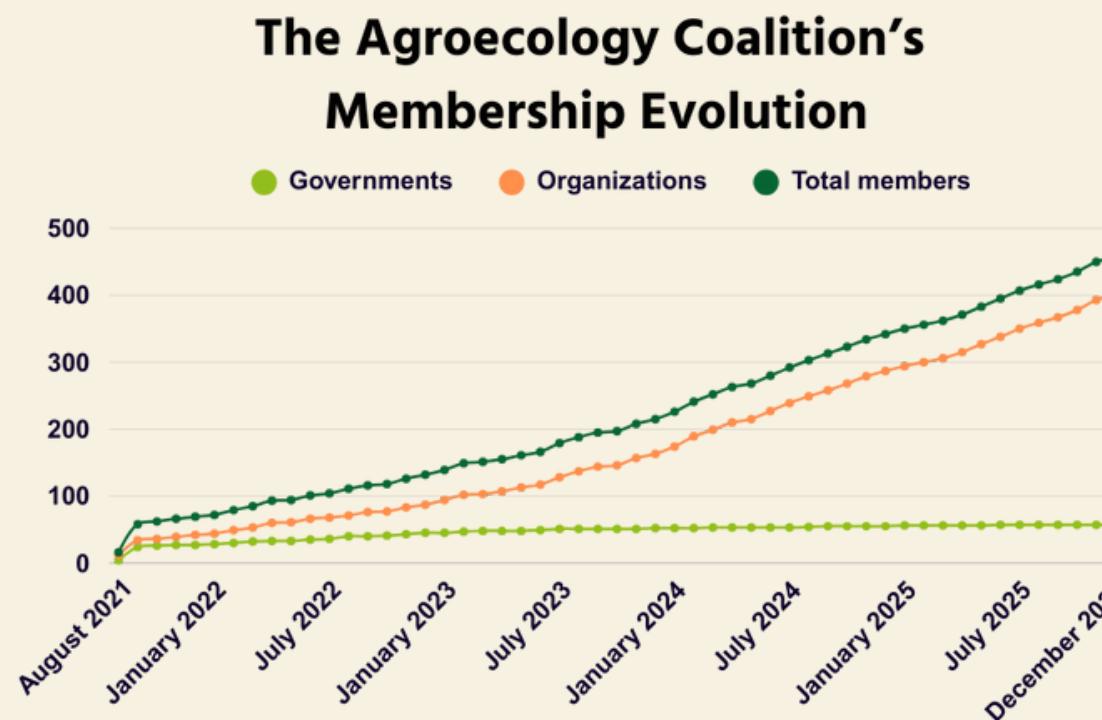
The **membership** of the Agroecology Coalition has increased significantly and reached **more than 460 members**, including 51 governments, 3 sub-national governments, 3 regional commissions, and around 400 organizations.



Over the year, **more than 100 organizations joined as well as one national government** –Liechtenstein - **and one subnational government** - Andhra Pradesh in India.

Half of the members are non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations, followed by governments and research institutions. The membership is also comprised of philanthropic foundations, United Nations agencies and other international organizations. Efforts were made (and will be continued in 2026) to attract more farmers' and Indigenous Peoples associations as well as Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs).

**Two online General Assembly meetings** were organized in March and November 2025, during which **the Operating Guidelines** –providing guidance on the functioning of the different Agroecology Coalition's structures (Working Groups, Steering Committee, Members Focal Points, etc.) **were endorsed**, key messages on agroecology were presented, discussions by constituency took place, and updates were provided on Working Groups activities and members' key initiatives.



# OUR DONOR PARTNERS

In addition to the incredible efforts of its individual members, the work of the Agroecology Coalition is also made possible thanks to the support provided by our previous and current donor partners and sponsors:

- Agroecology Fund
- Biovision Foundation
- European Commission through International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD-EU)
- German Development Cooperation/BMZ
- McKnight Foundation
- Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC)
- Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG)
- The Rockefeller Foundation



# GOVERNANCE AND STAFF



## Secretariat

**The Secretariat** of the Agroecology Coalition was established in February 2023 and is hosted by Bioversity International in Rome, Italy. The **2025/26 Secretariat** team is composed of:



**Oliver Oliveros**  
Executive Coordinator



**Amélie Steu**  
Associate Coordinator



**Valentina Pavarotti**  
Communications Officer



**Emile Frison**  
Senior Advisor



**Lucia Lupotti**  
Job Trainee  
(From September 2025)



**Gabriele Alletta**  
Job Trainee  
(September 2025-January 2026)



**Giulia Giordano**  
Job Trainee  
(June 2024-July 2025)

## Steering Committee

**The Agroecology Coalition's Steering Committee has 10 seats:**

- One government representative per continent (Asia-Pacific, Africa, Americas, and Europe)
- One per stakeholder category (NGOs/CSOs, research organizations, United Nations and other international organizations, farmers' associations, Indigenous Peoples' associations, and philanthropy).

The Steering Committee provides overall guidance regarding the functioning of the Coalition, including the strategy development process and operational guidelines.

The two Co-Chairs are **Monicah Yator** (Founder and Director of the Indigenous Women and Girls Initiative in Kenya) and **Madeleine Kaufmann** (Senior Policy Advisor of the Federal Office for Agriculture in Switzerland).

The Steering Committee met online several times and during a workshop in May gathering also working group co-facilitators and the Secretariat, mostly focused on the Strategy implementation and inter working groups collaborations.

The Steering Committee is composed of:



**Amadou Oury Diallo**  
Senegal, Africa



**Madeleine Kaufmann**  
Switzerland, Europe



**Nayeli Martínez Hernández** **Thatheva Saphangthong**  
Mexico, Americas Lao PDR, Asia-Pacific



**Stefanie Pondini**  
Biovision Foundation



**Esther Penunia**  
Asian Farmers' Association



**Monicah Yator**  
Indigenous Women and Girls Initiative



**Lauren Baker**  
Global Alliance for the Future of Food



**Fergus Sinclair**  
Agroecology TPP



**Ronnie Brathwaite**  
FAO

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In 2025, the Agroecology Coalition continued to demonstrate the power of collective action by convening governments, farmers' organisations, civil society, researchers, philanthropy, and UN agencies. Our work this year focused on amplifying farmers' voices, supporting country-led processes, and advancing policy coherence—showing that agroecology is not only a set of practices, but a transformative approach grounded in evidence, lived experience, and collaboration.

- **Madeleine Kaufmann**, Switzerland, Co-Chair of the Agroecology Coalition

# SOME LESSONS LEARNED

- Despite the challenging global situation, agroecology is still gaining ground in the regions and countries as evidenced by the emergence of **National Agroecology Strategies** and initiatives. The Agroecology Coalition has an important role in facilitating and supporting stakeholders in the process and in further demonstrating agroecology's multiple co-benefits.
- The work, perspectives, and experiences of the Coalition's extensive and diverse membership across **different stakeholder groups and across geographies** need to be further amplified and made more visible. These are evidence that agroecology works and supported from the ground up.
- No single entity can address food systems transformation. It is important to **build relationships and foster meaningful collaboration with other coalitions, alliances, and organizations** that complement and reinforce our respective work, thereby enhancing synergies and coherence.
- Country and global level actions should be carried out not at the expense of regional engagement. **Regional conversations ground global policy debates closer to national realities while elevating country level concerns beyond national borders.** Such perspective highlights the transboundary nature of and the co-benefits that agroecology brings.
- Coalition building takes time and a test of patience. Members come from different perspectives, with different organizational cultures and different approaches and sensitivities to issues. It is important to look beyond these divergence points and dwell more into what unites the Coalition. To this, it is important to be reminded of the **principles and elements of agroecology to ground and to guide our collective work.**





# OUTREACH

The Agroecology Coalition maintains an active presence on [LinkedIn](#), [Bluesky](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) to share its own activities and amplify those of its members. The [Communications Working Group](#) plays a key role in shaping this outreach, providing strategic advice and guidance to the Secretariat on communications priorities, approaches, and messaging.

In **2025**, we reached 18,000 followers on LinkedIn, 1100 on Facebook and 900 on Bluesky.

The [quarterly newsletter](#), sent to 1300 subscribers, covering these following topics: nutrition, youth, consumers, UNFSS+4 plans, seeds, featuring interviews and multimedia materials spotlighting our members.

In terms of our video production, we created new [YouTube playlists](#) spotlighting agroecology in Eastern Africa, Asia, and Europe, through short interviews with our members, who explain how agroecology is being implemented in their respective countries, presenting new projects and publications.

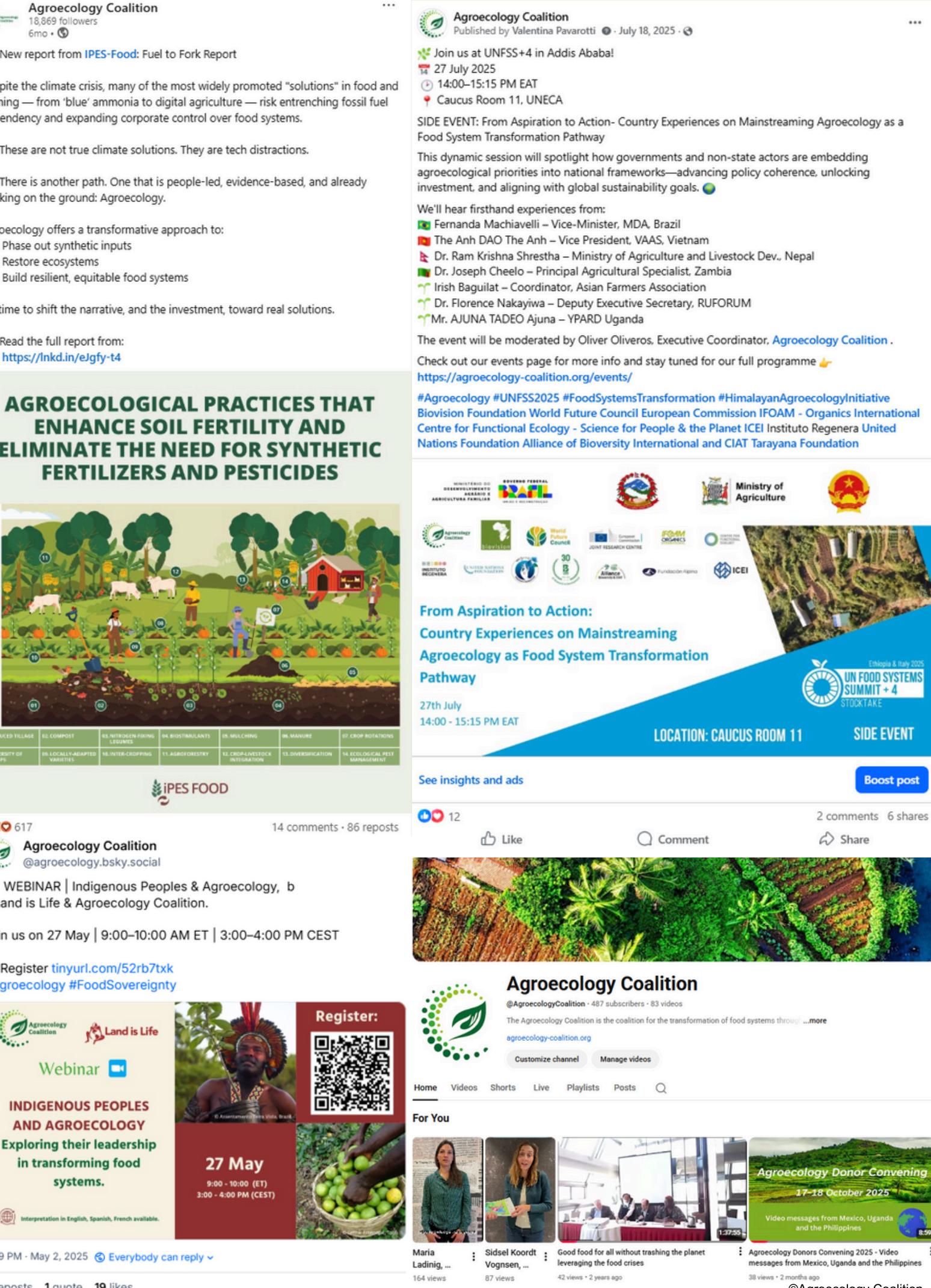
Here are some of our **posts**. Keep interacting with us!



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*This year, we deepened our focus on how agroecology is communicated. By helping members refine their messaging and equipping them with practical skills in media, PR, fundraising and social media, we're building a shared foundation. The aim is to ensure every organisation can champion agroecology with clarity and collective strength.*

- Rachael Kirui, [Enviu](#), Co-facilitator of the Communications Working Group



# LOOKING AHEAD

## Some of the things we have in the pipeline for 2026:

- **Launch a project showcasing agroecology country profiles**, featuring our country members and their efforts towards agroecological transformation.
- **Exploring new connections and topics such as agroecology and urban settings** and agroecology and pastoralism.
- Increase our members' connectivity thanks to a new database and members' space. **Developing Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL)** to track the implementation of the Agroecology Coalition Strategic Orientation 2024-2030, integrate lessons learned for further improvement, and reflect on the situational analysis spotlight the latest key achievements in agroecology.
- **Fostering members' capacities and engagement** within the Agroecology Coalition via the organization of online trainings to build capacities, in-person regional meetings and workshops to foster regional collaborations, and bilateral meetings with member governments.
- **Advocating for the integration of agroecology in national, regional and international policy arenas** such as through the participation in key events (e.g. World Food Forum 2026, Committee on World Food Security 54, COP 31 on climate, COP 17 on Biodiversity, COP 17 on Desertification, regional UNFSS consultations, etc.).
- **Continuing to increase awareness of decision-makers, stakeholders and general public of the Agroecology Principles and Elements** via side-events, key messages, infographics, videos, the online repository of case studies, and the website's resources section.
- **Promoting further the Agroecology Financing Assessment Tracking Tool** within the donor community, enhancing its functionalities, and assessing the first results of the data compiled.



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*The International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026 is our clarion call to restore Kenya's drylands through agroecology. By securing land rights and indigenous rangeland management, we can finally end the cycle of famine and build a future of pastoralist sovereignty.*

**- Monicah Yator, Indigenous Women and Girls Initiative, Co-Chair of the Agroecology Coalition**





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