



## The *Transformative Partnership Platform* on agroecological approaches to building resilience of livelihoods and landscapes (TPP)

### Membership Charter

The objective of the Transformative Partnership Platform (TPP) on “agroecological approaches to building resilience of livelihoods and landscapes” is to address critical knowledge and implementation gaps to support agroecological transitions, and to provide evidence to underpin advocacy and inform policy makers and donors about the potential of agroecological approaches to foster innovation that can sustainably improve livelihood and landscape resilience. The platform will strive to add value, link with, and contribute to existing initiatives rather than duplicate efforts. It will develop new, innovative initiatives or projects when there is a clear gap and a clear demand for it.

This involves a commitment by AE-TPP members to accelerate and co-ordinate their work on agroecology across local, national and international scales, with the aim of fostering transitions to more sustainable agricultural and food systems. This involves working in new ways bringing together research and development, science and social movements, and local and scientific knowledge through transdisciplinary science and the co-creation of knowledge. The AE-TPP aims to facilitate the integration of the work of global partners on identified priority areas where progress is needed to unlock the potential of agroecological approaches. Through situating efforts within a series of ‘engagement landscapes’ or territories where co-creation of knowledge is pursued with local people and National Agricultural Research and Extension Systems (NARES), examples are established, global public goods are generated, and lessons are learnt that foster transformation across geographies.

The TPP works through a **“docking” component** (with its own set of activities and objectives, see below) and **interconnected “domains”** (currently eight in number) each comprising sets of projects that address a well-defined evidence or implementation gap (see AE-TPP Concept Note<sup>1</sup>). Domains may be funded by seed funding from the AE-TPP, or through “TTP- integrated projects”<sup>2</sup> and may be associated with other “aligned”<sup>3</sup> projects.

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<sup>1</sup> AE-TPP Concept Note - <https://www.foreststreesagroforestry.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/TPP-Agroecological-approaches-to-building-resilience-of-livelihoods-and-landscapes.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> An AE-TPP **‘integrated-project’** is built and implemented from within the AE-TPP. This means that the project is conceived within the AE-TPP partnership; is led by a TPP partner; contributes to the AE-TPP’s objectives; and as it is managed within the overall framework of the AE-TPP, remains fully in line with agroecological principles and follows the TPP’s work modalities. Such projects contribute to the overall running of the AE-TPP.

<sup>3</sup> An **‘aligned project’** is a project originally conceived and managed outside of the AE-TPP but that is at least partially aligned with the AE-TPP objectives and modalities, with clear linkages bringing added value of alignment both for the project and for the AE-TPP. A project can be aligned by mutual agreement between the AE-TPP and the project lead.

The objectives of the central “docking” component of the AE-TPP are to:

1. define agreed knowledge and implementation gaps, across the set of domains; this also entails agreeing on these domains and the projects, both integrated and aligned with the AE-TPP.
2. build a common methodological approach to address these gaps, gathering the best available capacities;
3. build and nurture specific partnerships to design and implement coordinated research and/or implementation projects that address individual (or a set of) gaps in a wide range of situations, diverse contexts, socioeconomic settings, and political situations, and that are also inclusive to the diversity of stakeholders;
4. oversee the progress of the set of domains and of the projects within them, synthesize findings and learning across the domains, contexts, levels and scales;
5. perform advocacy, publication, communication of and capitalisation on findings and messages through high profile events with decision makers and an efficient science/policy interface; and
6. organize and pursue resource mobilization.

The AE-TPP works under the principle of subsidiarity in the projects within a domain and/or a specific AE-TPP-aligned or AE-TPP-integrated project. Each project is managed and governed under its own modalities, and for AE-TPP-integrated projects, these modalities contain a description of the relations between the project and the TPP.

The TPP is governed by a **Steering Committee**, that includes the **two co-convenors**, assisted by a **secretariat** currently hosted by CIFOR-ICRAF. An **Advisory Group**, representing a broad and inclusive partnership provides advice on strategic aspects of the TPP’s work.

**Partners of the Agroecology TPP** are organisations that are formally engaged in AE-TPP projects (either integrated or aligned) and are active in the AE-TPP science-policy or development interface. Member organisations of the Agroecology TPP governance and advisory bodies automatically become partners as well. Individuals can join the TPP Community of Practice on the GFLx platform. **Agroecology TPP Forum Members** are organisations that have not entered into formal arrangements with the AE-TPP but are willing to support the application of HPLE agroecological principles for a food system’s transformation through acceleration and co-ordination of their work on agroecology across local, national and international scales. Forum members can also participate in an annual Members Forum event, with an opportunity to contribute their perspectives on AE-TPP priorities.

To become a member, organisations should fill out and submit a membership application form to the AE-TPP Secretariat.