



Agroecology Leadership Academy

Cultivating transformation

Agroecology in **Ethiopia**: *from policy to practice*
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1. REVIEW of national legal and policy frameworks

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| 1. The FDRE Constitution 2. Environmental Protection Policy | 3. Food and Nutrition Policy 4. Agriculture Policy | 5. Natural Resources (Land and Water) Policies 6. Pastoral Development Policy |
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- There is no inevitable incoherence between the national legal and policy frameworks and the agroecological principles.
- The compatibility analysis of these frameworks indicates gaps of not adequately reflecting the principles of agroecology.
- The need for harmonized national agroecological framework is imperative.





2. DEMONSTRATING agroecological principles in Somali region (soil health)

- Organic compost
 - ✓ using locally available materials

- Intercropping
 - ✓ Planting fruit trees with cash crops
 - ✓ Cash crops with legumes



3. PRACTICING agroecological principles in Afar Pastoral Agriculture Research Institute

Systematic incorporation of agroecological principles

Approaches (6 zones)

- Animal Farm (Shade, feed & recycling)
- Apiculture (Bee forage & N Fixation trees)
- Nursery (Windbreak, live fence, N fixing, and water conservation)
- Forage Cultivation (Annual & Perennial forages)
- Crop Cultivation (Intercropping, crop rotation, root crops)
- Horticultural Crops & Tropical Fruits (Fruit trees, Vegetables)



4. CHALLENGES and way forward

Challenges

- Financial
- Distance
- Brief time to work together
- Limited awareness about agroecology
- Limited access to fully integrated site

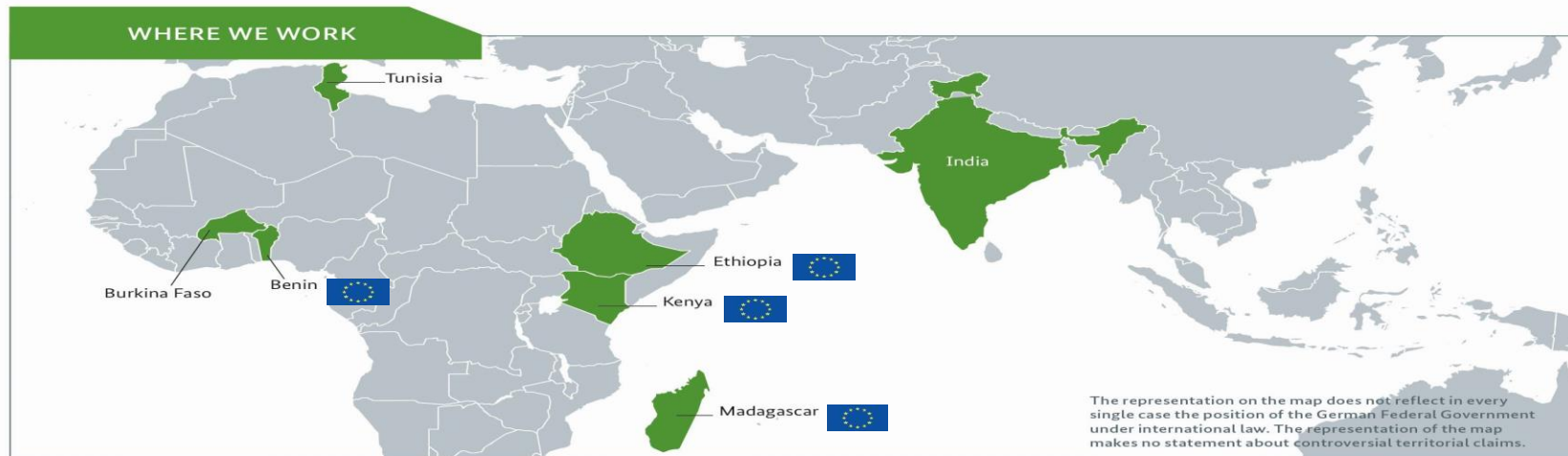
The way forward

- Staying interconnected
- Knowledge co-creation
- System thinking
- Leadership and transformation
- “Beyond the academy”



Interactive Session

Countries' experiences on developing harmonized national agroecological framework ...



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