

ILSA Monthly Talks on Agroecology

Public Development Banks as Catalysts for Agroecological Transition

Who we are



Introduction

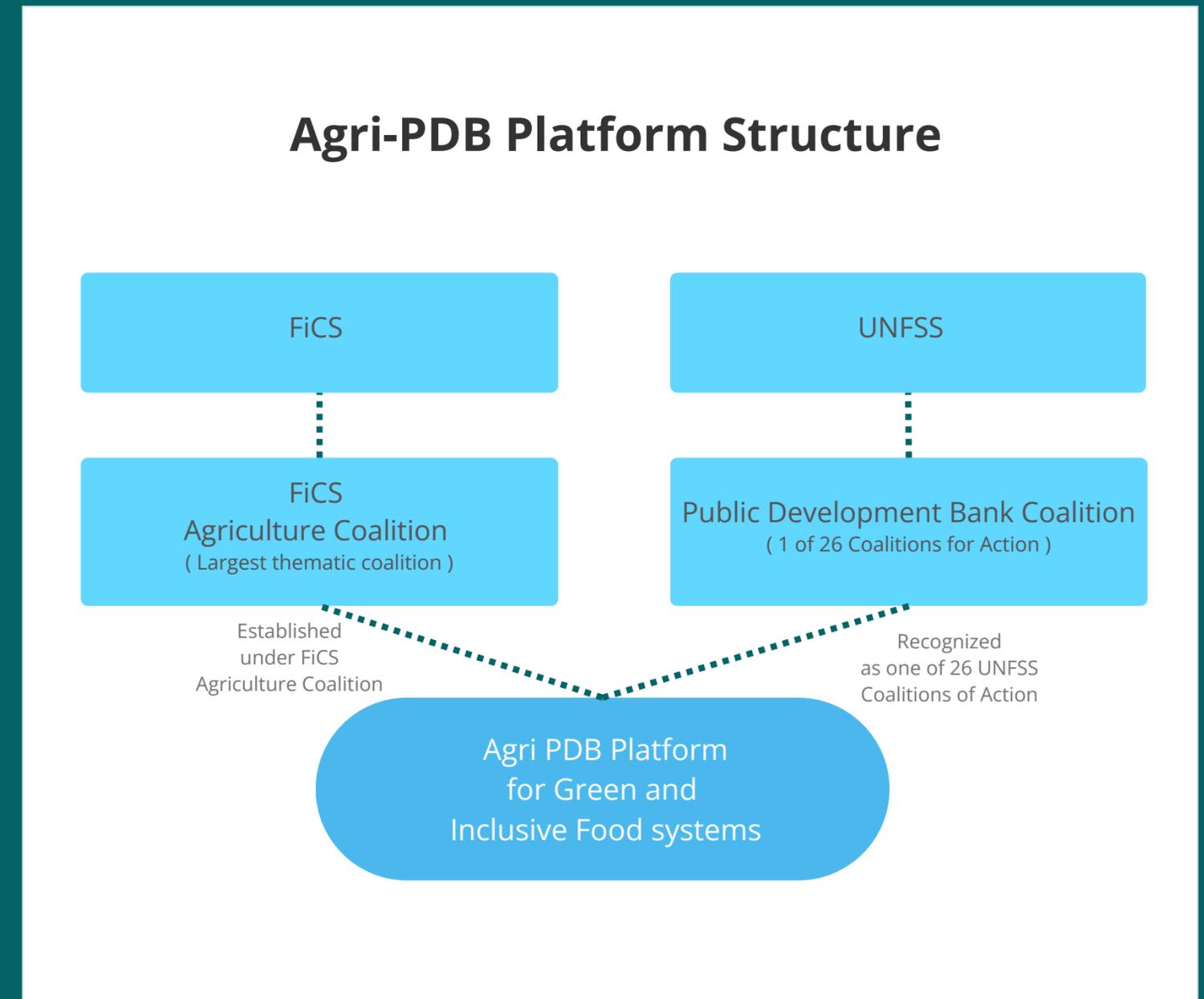
- Launched in 2021 by **IFAD** and **AFD**, hosted by **IFAD**.

Mission

- To strengthen and empower Public Development Banks (PDBs) to transform food systems through green and inclusive finance.

Platform Structure

- Acts as the Finance in Common (FiCS) coalition for agriculture.
- Recognized as one of the 30 UNFSS+4 Coalitions of Action.



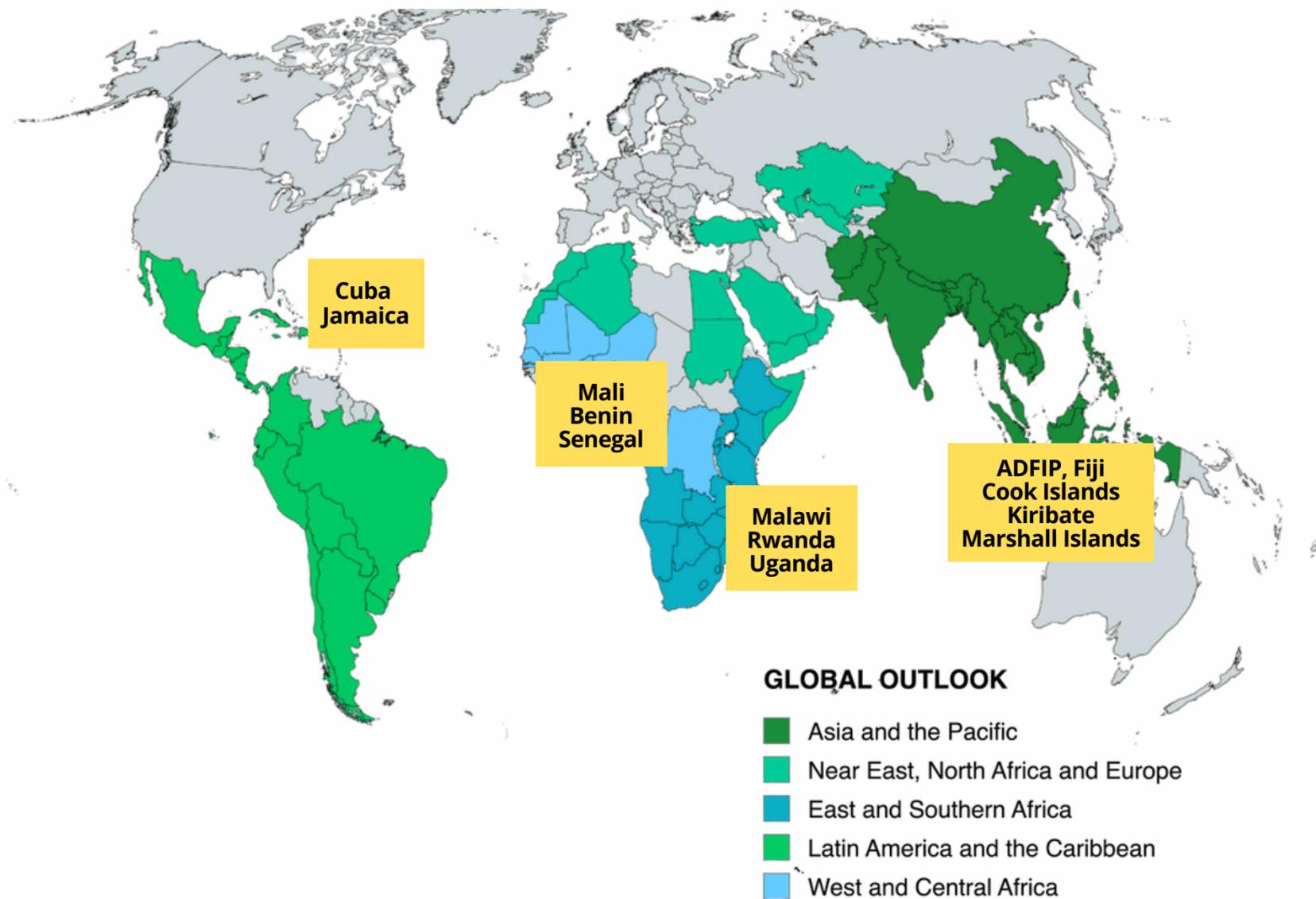
Our Network

PDBs provide nearly two-thirds of formal global agricultural finance

138 PDBs in the platform from **94 countries**

4 Regional PDBs

8 Regional associations of DFI, AADFI, ADFIAP, ADFIP, AFRACA, ALIDE, APRACA, NENARACA



Platform Objectives

- 1 Identify the needs of the PDB and co-develop solutions with them
- 2 Facilitating learning and sharing among PDBs
- 3 Capacity building
- 4 Facilitating dialogue between PDBs
- 5 Promoting debates on green, sustainable and inclusive finance
- 6 Sharing experiences and best practices to promote green, inclusive and sustainable growth (via peer learning, website publications, webinars)

Areas requiring special attention for PDBs



Institutions



Finance



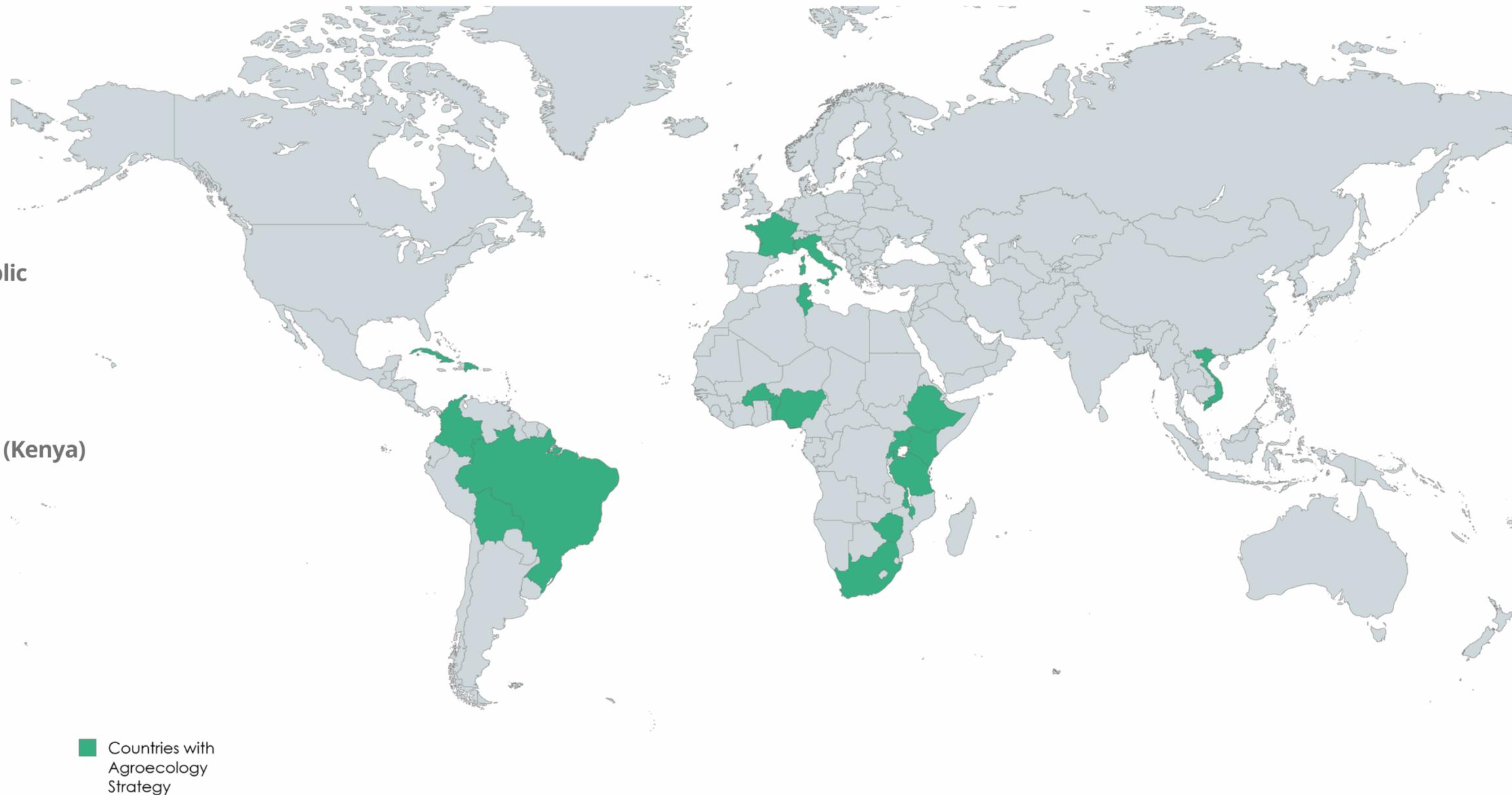
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Partnership

Countries with National Agroecology Strategies

- Benin
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Burkina Faso
- Colombia
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Ethiopia
- France
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Murang'a County (Kenya)
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Sicily (Italy)
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Vietnam
- Zimbabwe



Working Group on Agroecology (2023–2025)

A progressive, three-year journey building knowledge, tools, and participation

2023

Introduction to agroecology

foundational concepts
& relevance for PDBs



2024

Good practices from PDB members

→ Real cases from Asia, Africa, LAC



2025

Presentation of operational tools

TAPE
B-ACT
AE Coalition tool

Participation expanding: more countries, more PDBs, and diversified profiles

→ Strong interest and technical questions led directly to the launch of the online training sessions.

Working Group on Agroecology (2023–2025)

4th Agri-PDB Platform Webinar on Agroecology, November 2025



Engagement

132 webinar
participants in total

17 PDB members joined

Transition: From WG Discussions to Tools & Training

Responding to PDB demand for operational guidance

Development of Online Training sessions:



B-ACT

enterprise-level AE assessment
using a scoring system

- 6 PDBs engaged
- 6 Countries - Colombia, South Africa, China, Mali, Senegal, Morocco
- 12 PDB Staff Trained



TAPE

field-level AE performance
monitoring (FAO)

- 5 PDBs engaged
- 5 Countries - Colombia, Lesotho, Benin, Senegal, Morocco
- 14 PDB Staff Trained



- Trainings delivered in **English & French** to PDBs across regions
- Strengthened PDB **capacity to integrate agroecological criteria** into credit appraisal, ESG screening & portfolio monitoring

In-Person Training Programme (with CAM)

Scaling up capacity-building through structured learning

[A new in-person training curriculum]

Module 1

Role and evolution of PDBs in transforming agricultural FS



Module 2

History and principles of agroecology
Demonstrated impacts; Opportunities for PDBs



Module 3

Performance assessment in agriculture;
Tools & methodologies for evaluating AE transition
(incl. TAPE, B-ACT)

- **Responds to PDB demand** for deeper institutional and practical knowledge
- **Field-visit** based training
- **Certificate** will be issued upon completion
- First edition planned in **April 2026**

→ Training supports field engagement and P2P exchange

Country Mission & Next Steps (Example: Malawi)

Scaling up capacity-building through structured learning

Country	Partner PDB	Focus areas	Activities delivered	Next steps (2025)
Senegal 	LBA - La Banque Agricole	Digital credit workflows	Presentation of scoring and impact tracking tools	Join regional training on agroecology
Mali 	BNDA – Banque Nationale de Développement Agricole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agroecology financing • Digitalisation of credit tools 	Demonstration of digital credit tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise credit scoring tools • Join regional training on agroecology
Benin 	CDCB – Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations du Bénin	Strategic framework for agroecology and biodiversity	Stakeholder coordination with FMO, AFD, and Dutch Embassy	Draft CDCB agroecology/nutrition finance strategy
Malawi 	MAIIC - Malawi Agricultural and Industrial Investment Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agroecology project pipeline • Resource mobilisation 	Peer-to-peer exchange between MAIIC and NABARD (India) on agroecology projects	Training on the ABC Map

2026 Target Countries

Momentum expanding across Africa and beyond

Target countries:

- Mozambique
- Madagascar
- Kenya
- Uganda
- Rwanda
- Ghana
- Burundi
- Fiji
- Ethiopia
- South Africa
- Tanzania

Growing interest from additional PDBs:

- EDB Ethiopia 
- TADB Tanzania 
- Land Bank South Africa 
- AFC Kenya 
- Institutions seeking support on AE financing, training, and tools

Trajectory

Awareness

Tools

Training

National application

Regional uptake