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PRESS RELEASE

From Strategy to Field: CANALLS Propels Agroecological Transitions with New Tools and Discussions

The CANALLS project marked significant progress in the past semester, solidifying its commitment to fostering sustainable agroecological transitions across Central and Eastern Africa. Key activities included a pivotal in-person project meeting in Yaounde, the launch of a Decision Support Tool, and impactful field visits, all contributing to the project's ambitious goals.



From May 26 to May 28, 2025, the CANALLS project held its 5th project meeting in Yaounde, Cameroon. Partners convened to discuss the overall progress and the next steps for CANALLS. Discussions focused on the progress of trials involving the Agroecological Practices (AEPs). The meeting also addressed future steps for the design of the 3rd co-creation workshop.

Marc Corbeels, the Project Coordinator, emphasized the meeting's success, stating: "Great energy, deep collaboration, and shared commitment marked our 5th CANALLS Project Meeting in Yaoundé—two and a half days of inspiring exchanges, collective problem-solving, and renewed momentum for driving agroecological transitions together in the four target countries of our project".

During the meeting partners were introduced to the **Central and Eastern Africa Network of Agroecological Living Labs (CANoLL)**. Discussions centered on its governance model and strategies to facilitate knowledge exchange among its members, while also supporting stakeholders across Africa in utilizing the guides and tools developed within CANALLS.

A major highlight was the unveiling of the initial version of the Decision Support Tool (DST), "**agreco**," developed through the CANALLS project. Designed to guide and support tailored



agroecological transitions, the DST underwent testing by partners and participants during a 5-day **Training of Trainers (ToT)** program in Ntui the week before the project meeting, organized by *the University of Hohenheim*.



Beyond familiarizing themselves with “*agreco*”, participants gained essential knowledge to train extension agents in agroecology tools, conduct and analyze agroecological diagnostics, apply the OCATI tool in advisory organizations, co-design strategies for disseminating extension methods, and develop a community of practice for future reference and experience sharing. This **ToT** also marked **the first International cross-visit to Ntui**, providing participants with valuable opportunities to visit fields and engage directly with farmers.



[CANALLS](#), a Horizon Europe project, is dedicated to advancing agroecological transitions in Central and Eastern Africa's humid tropics. This area holds immense potential for enhancing food and nutritional security within and beyond Africa. However, it faces intricate environmental, social, and economic challenges, often exacerbated by conflict and vulnerability. CANALLS seeks to drive agroecological transitions in these areas through 8 multi-actor transdisciplinary Agroecology Living Labs (ALLs) spread in 4 countries (DRC, Rwanda, Cameroon & Burundi), offering holistic solutions tailored to local food systems.

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