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Partners Gather in Rwanda for 2nd Project Meeting

CANALLS partners convened from September 19th to 21st in Kigali, Rwanda for their highly anticipated 2nd project meeting. During this three-day event, the partners engaged in depth discussions regarding the progress made since the beginning of the project, the identification of challenges and roadblocks and outlined plans for future activities. Partners had the chance to meet in person and discuss the findings of the 1st preparatory phase of the project for the analysis of the local conditions towards the 2nd research and development phase. As part of this collaborative effort, participants had the opportunity to visit MAGGOT FARM, a core partner of CANALLS' Kamonyi Agroecology Living Lab in Rwanda.

MAGGOT is an innovative Black Soldier Fly facility that specializes in upcycling green waste, brewery waste, and household waste from local communities to produce organic fertilizers that form sources for agroecological practices on the farms in the region. Additionally, the facility produces animal feeds with a low environmental impact, contributing to sustainable farming practices. The organic fertilizers that are produced will be used in the Kamonyi Agroecology Living Lab mainly for the cultivation of cassava but also for other crops.



[CANALLS](#), a Horizon Europe project, launched in January 2023 and spanning 48 months, is dedicated to advancing agroecological transitions in Central and Eastern Africa's humid tropics. This region holds immense potential for improving food security and sustainable development. 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 multi-actor transdisciplinary Agroecology Living Labs (ALLs), offering holistic solutions tailored to local food systems.

Led by the Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD), the CANALLS consortium comprises 20 partners and 2 associated



partners from 7 European countries (France, Germany, Norway, Greece, Belgium, Switzerland, United Kingdom) and 6 African countries (Nigeria, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda).

You may find more information about the project and keep up to date with its progress and developments, by visiting the CANALLS website (www.canalls-project.eu), subscribing to the CANALLS newsletter and following CANALLS on social media.

