In a nutshell

The humid tropics of Central and Eastern Africa hold much promise for enhancing food and nutritional security within and beyond Africa. With a rich variety of agroecological zones and diverse farming systems, they offer vital ecosystem services and potential for sustainable development. In this context, CANALLS aims to drive agroecological transitions in the humid tropics of Central and Eastern Africa via multi-actor transdisciplinary Agroecology Living Labs (ALLs) and providing holistic agroecological solutions that meet the challenges of the local food systems.

Project objectives

- Establish ALLS engaging multi-actor stakeholder communities to identify and co-create the conditions and tools to support agroecological transitions.
- Co-develop practical tools to identify combinations of agroecological practices tailored to the humid tropics of Africa as well as to assess their socio-economic and environmental impact.
- Co-design services and marketing tools to enhance demand for agroecological food products, fair value propositions and business models to ensure financia viability and facilitate access to markets.
- Co-create, test and evaluate agroecological strategies suitable for the humid tropics of Africa, tackling complex socio-economic and environmental challenges of food
- Support and build capacity for the adoption of agroecological practices, leveraging knowledge exchange, policy dialogues and coordination with key networks for dissemination, exploitation and replication.

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Stakeholders

The key stakeholders for dissemination can be segmented into the target groups outlined below:



Farmers and other value chain actors



Farm, business and other advisors



Policy makers and advisors



Researchers



Civil society



Other

Financial institutions, private investors, African and European initiatives

Project Identity

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Framework 8 ALLS

CANALLS is set on driving transdisciplinary research for context-specific agroecological transitions in 8 diverse forest transition landscapes and agroecological zones in the humid tropics of Central and Eastern Africa via Agroecology Living Labs (ALLs). The ALLs of CANALLS in DRC, RW and BR are in the Great Lakes Region.



Agroecological transitions implemented in different forest transition landscapes for cocoa, coffee, rice, cassava and maize

1. Low forest degradation

- ALL Biega in DRC (Highlands/coffee)
- ALL Bunia in DRC (Lowlands/cocoa)

2. Moderate to severe forest degradation

• ALL Ntui in CR (Lowlands/cocoa)

3. Transect of deforestation

• ALL Kabare in DRC (Highlands/coffee)

4. Deforested

- ALL Uvira in DRC (Lowlands/cassava, rice)
- ALL Bujumbura in BR (Lowlands/maize)
- ALL Kamonyi In RW (Highlands/cassava)

5. Agro-reforestation

• ALL Giheta in BR (Highlands/coffee)

