



*Landcare International*  
**Fostering Landcare across the globe**

**Landcare Side Event at FARA 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting  
Johannesburg, South Africa  
10 June, 2007**

What is the greatest quest of mankind during the next quarter-century?

It is conquering humanity's greatest scourges – hunger and poverty...

And doing it while sustaining the land and water resources that support life on earth.

# Responses –

Ecosystem degradation can rarely be reversed without actions that address the drivers of change particularly:

- Public participation in decision-making
- Cultural factors
- Technological change

These factors influence the level of production and consumption of ecosystem services and the sustainability of the production.

# *What are Universal Aspects of Landcare?*

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- Voluntary community-based groups
- Focus on land regeneration and natural resource management for enhanced livelihoods
- Identify problems, mobilize knowledge and resources, influence policy

# *International Landcare's Guiding Values*

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- Partnerships are key
- Voluntary participation & local ownership
- Grass-roots leadership with external support
- Flexibility and adaptability
- Adds value to existing groups and initiatives
- Inclusiveness
- Non-political

# *What are the purposes of Landcare International?*

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- Champion Landcare and raise the visibility of the movement and landcare approaches around the world
- Build a supportive global network that draws together Landcare initiatives to learn from each other through, such as, cross-visits and exchanges, peer to peer learning, regular conferences, and training workshops



# *The Landcare Approach is now gaining global attention*

- Asia-Pacific – Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, S Pacific
- Europe – Germany, Iceland
- The Americas – United States, Caribbean
- Southern Africa – South Africa, Zimbabwe
- Eastern Africa – Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Ethiopia

*Australian Landcare – a national movement  
...with global implications*



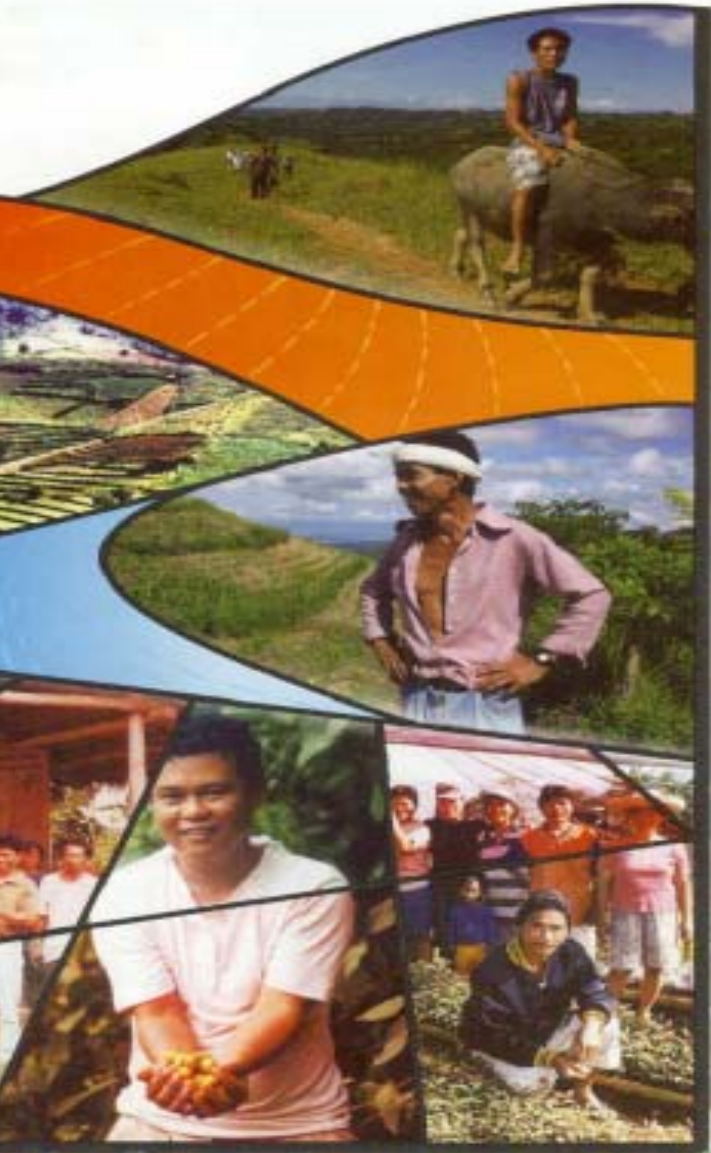
*Welcome to*  
**LANTAPAN LANDCARE ASSOCIATION**  
**CENTRAL OFFICE & INFORMATION CENTER**

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 (PAG-AMUMA HU BUGHAY)  
 SA ESTADYU O DUKO...  
 LUNES, MIYERKOLIS O BAYRANES...  
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# Landcare in the Philippines



More than 600 Landcare groups

- Over 300 communal and individual tree nurseries
- Millions of fruit and timber tree seedlings were planted
- Thousands of farming families have adopted soil conservation technologies

# Landcare in Germany:

## *The German Association for Landcare*

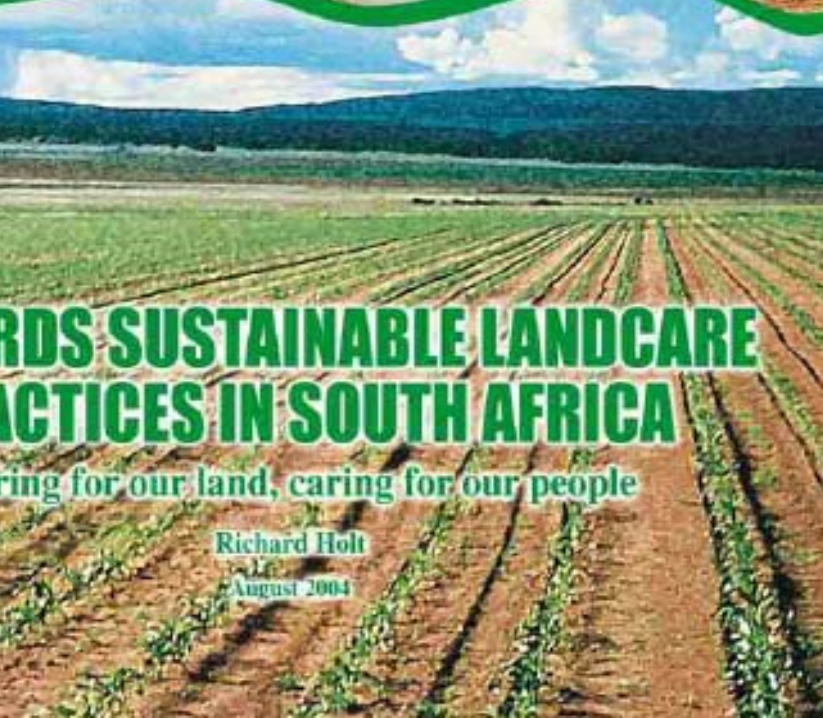
First regional Landcare Association (LCA) was founded in Bavaria to enhance co-operation between participating groups of environmentalists, farmers and local politicians. The idea spread across Germany.

Currently, 140 regional Landcare Associations now exist across Germany.

The German Association for Landcare represents Landcare at the national level.



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# ROADS SUSTAINABLE LANDCARE PRACTICES IN SOUTH AFRICA

Caring for our land, caring for our people

Richard Holt

August 2004

**LandCare South Africa  
is a community-based  
natural resource  
management programme**

## Goals

- Optimum productivity and sustainability of natural resources
- Food security
- Sustainable livelihoods
- Community empowerment and ownership
- Better quality of life for all
- Building partnerships



# Landcare in Uganda

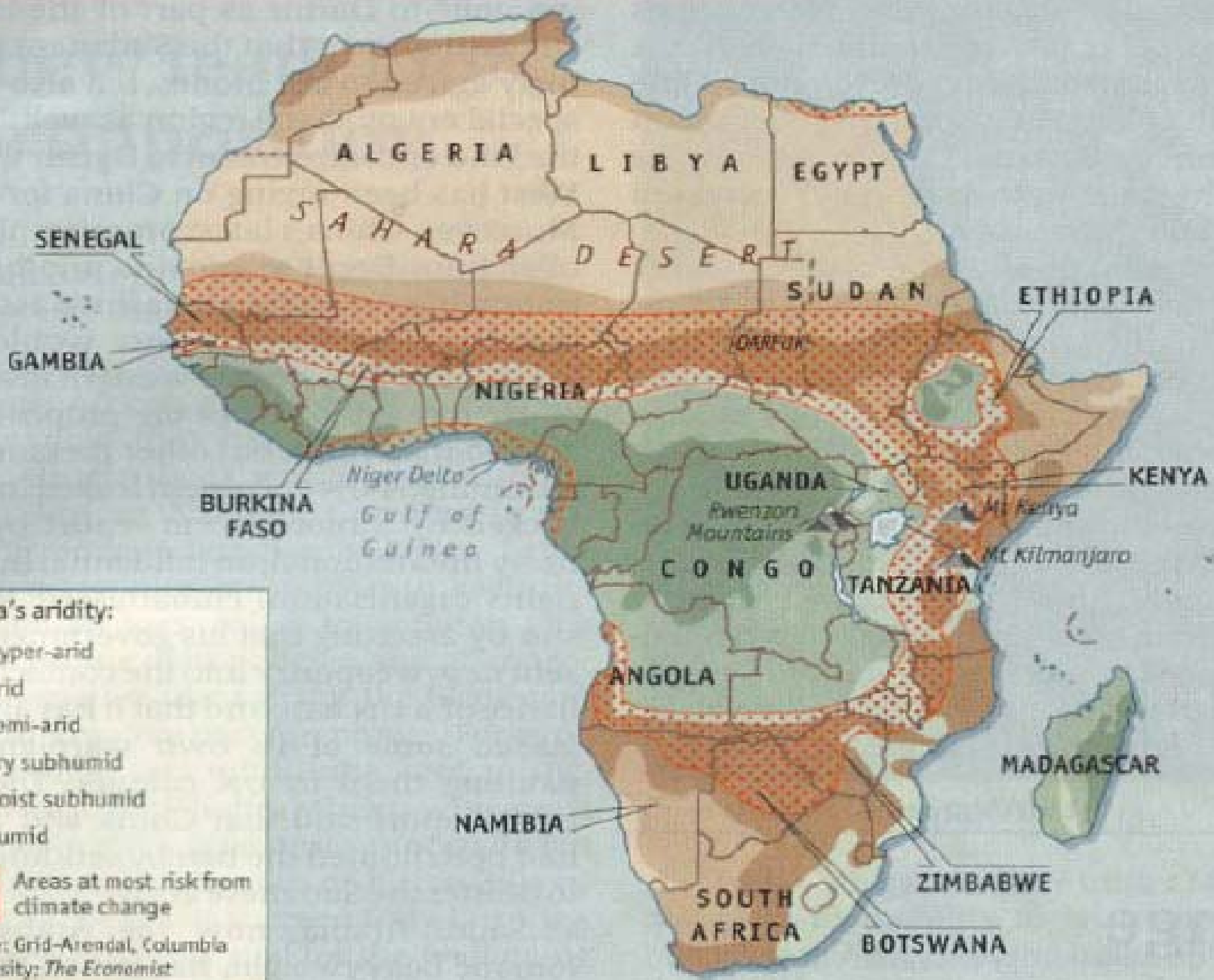


# *Ngitili: Community-Based Regeneration of woodlands and grazing lands on 350,000 ha in NW Tanzania*



*Winner of the UNDP Equator Prize at WSSD*

# Sub-Saharan Africa



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Hyper-arid  
Arid  
Semi-arid  
Dry subhumid  
Moist subhumid  
Humid

Areas at most risk from climate change

Source: Grid-Arendal, Columbia University; *The Economist*



## **African Landcare Network**

Supports vibrant landcare programmes  
across the continent

# Landcare International –

*What's been accomplished so far?*

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- (1) Landcare development in numerous countries**
- (2) Cross-visits among countries**
- (3) Web site and book on international landcare**

# Landcare International – *What's been accomplished so far?*

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## **(4) Interim Steering Committee**

- composed of 16 prominent Landcare proponents from 10 countries*
- working to build a global alliance*
- Funding to launch the work*
- Landcare Facilitation Unit established to support the activities*

# *Mobilizing support for Landcare International*

## **Developing a world-wide Landcare network and alliance –**

### *Stakeholders*

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- Countries with existing Landcare initiatives
- Local communities
- Agricultural research organizations
- Governments at all levels
- Non-governmental organizations
- Corporations



# Landcare International –

*What's needed now to pave the way forward?*

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**(1) Capacity-building support for landcare efforts in developing countries**

*\* Cross-visits among countries*

*\* Training for facilitators & farmer leaders*

*\* International landcare workshops*

**(2) Reach out more vigorously to network with the many other grassroots farmers' and community efforts and organizations in the developing world**

**(3) Research on Landcare in its international context**

# Landcare International –

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- (4) Support the development of the *African Landcare Network***
- (5) Links with FARA and CAADP to foster impact through research and scaling-up**
- (6) Corporate sponsorship to advance Landcare in the new and emerging countries**
- (7) Recognition of Landcare in achieving the objectives of the global conventions on Biodiversity, Desertification, and Climate Change**
- (8) UN declaration of an *International Year of Landcare***



# You too can get involved

Learn more about Landcare International and find out how you can help champion Landcare at the global level - or in your own country

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