The 1000L Community Catalyst:
Building Coalitions of Landscape Leaders

The community catalyst is a resource for communities, governments, civil society, educational institutions and the private sector to convene and coordinate coalitions of landscape leaders and other supporters of integrated landscape approaches.

Communities, international institutions and governments have begun to prioritize integrated landscape management (ILM) to achieve their goals for development, ecosystem restoration, climate mitigation and adaptation, and sustainable food and agriculture systems. ForILM to thrive, it requires an enabling environment of capable actors working both within a n d outside landscapes to collectively improve, advance and advocate for policies that support landscape partnerships.

The 1000L community catalyst aims to promote these enabling conditions by facilitating coalitions of landscape leaders and supporters passionate about mainstreaming landscape approaches. We seek to offer these actors spaces to learn, collaborate, organize and build action alliances with other landscape partners, practitioners, technical experts, government officials and policymakers. In turn, these coalitions will be better equipped to influence local, national and global decision-makers to support policies advancing ILM.

We are jointly learning how to best support landscape actors and leaders to self-organize and create action alliances. We seek to develop a demand-driven scalable model that can be replicated and adapted to any country or region. More specifically, the community catalyst is developing models for:

- **organizing** coalitions and networks of landscape leaders and supporters;
- **supporting** coalitions of landscape leaders and supporters to self-organize and create action alliances;
- **hosting** dialogues, workshops and other platforms for capacity-strengthening, peer-to-peer learning a earning and discussion;
- **coordinating** action to help achieve landscape policy goals; and
- **disseminating ILM tools** and establishing critical services needed by landscape partnerships.

Piloting the Community Catalyst in Kenya

1000L is piloting the Community Catalyst with partners and supporters in Kenya. Key participants include:

- landscape leaders and youth groups who are driving change from the bottom up;
- governments at the national and sub-national levels that implement policies supporting landscape partnerships;
- civil society organizations that support landscape partnerships with technical services;
- financial actors (including donors and investors) who fund and support integrated landscape finance portfolios; and
- business and market actors (including corporations and small- and medium-sized enterprises) that implement practices aligned with the principles of ILM.

The community catalyst pilot in Kenya uses a three-step development process:

- **listen** to landscape leaders and supporters to identify shared needs, challenges and opportunities.
- **convene** landscape leaders and supporters through in-person and virtual meetings to learn, share and organize collective action.
- **catalyze** future action through tools, resources and facilitation to nurture self-sustaining, long-term initiatives

The community catalyst work in Kenya builds on recommendations from the most recent African Landscape Action Plan, developed by a coalition of 140 landscape leaders focused on landscape restoration. Based on this work, the community catalyst is building a roadmap to connect landscape actors and supporters in Kenya and encourage alliances between groups that empower them to pursue shared goals.

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