

# Driving impact and vision in sustainable forest management across Africa

Transforming African Forestry: Our Journey, Impact, and Future Ambitions

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# supposed main objectives

- Showe se FSC crical accomplishments and demostrate agress to der the FSC Global Strategy 21-20 5.
- Highlight future priorities and portunities for scaling sustainable for any, more ets and policy engagements to celerate impact.
- Mobilize collective action to unlock inclusive and innovative pathways for sustainable forestry in Africa's forest-based ectionies.



### **Conclusions**

Strategic priorities and recommendations

• Scale certified area and impact.

By growing from 11 million hectares of certified forests to 20 million hectares by 2030 and expanding the FSC Verified Impact to climate resilience from 5 to 50 projects.

• Boost business uptake.

By increasing FSC Chain of Custody (CoC) businesses from 470 to over 1,000 by 2030 and positioning FSC as Africa's green trade label (compliance + domestic markets).

• Mobilize investment.

By scaling up funding from One million to 50 million United States dollars by 2030, using the Zamba Heritage Initiative as the flagship investment platform for forests, carbon credits, and biodiversity conservation across Africa.

• Engage governments.

By securing the adoption of FSC certification as a solution for forest protection in at least 10 state/public forests and launching an African FSC Policy Roundtable to align with African Union (AU) Agenda 2063 and countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to climate change.

- Strengthening organization and partnerships.

  By Establishing regional hubs in West Africa, Central Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Build strategic partnerships with the private sector, financial institutions such as the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and academic institutions. Empower local communities, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and youth forestry entrepreneurs.
- Conclusion: To scale transformation and better protection of forests beyond 2026, we must position FSC Africa as the leading platform for sustainable, inclusive, and investable forest stewardship.



## **Innovative** approach

FSC Africa Certification Accomplishments up to 2025

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Standards and certified area: 20 African countries have developed FSC standards for implementation (09 Forest Stewardship Standards (FSS); 11 Interim Forest Stewardship Standards (IFSS)); 11 million hectares of forests have been SC-certified across Africa

- South A ica, Namibia, and Gabon based on Biodiversity and Water; Ce Verified Impact sponsored in Uganda.
- Business 160+ businesses have obtained the FSC Chain of Custoc (CoC) prtification.
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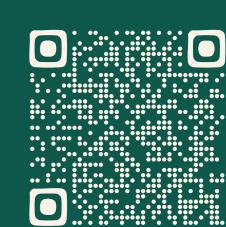
### Organizati dal Growth

- 60% expansion of the FSC (100 eam (2020-2025)
- Operations extended to 197th Africa & the Middle East
- Africa's legal entity explision

### Our key focus for 2026 and beyond

- Zamba Heritage Initiative Africa's bold active y led initiative to scale sustainable forest management and biodiversity loss, increasing community en livelihoods. Developed by FSC Africa in coalition of committed partners across the and beyond.
- Governments' engagements for Forest policy and tion and Forest management certification growth in state/public prests
- Strategic partnerships & targeted collaborations with the FS membership to co-create solutions for Climate-smar orest and Green value chains





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