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— Shifting Systems for Climate Justice
and Resilient Futures

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DAY 01

Online
10-12 JUNE 2025
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DAY 1

June 10

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SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

DAY 1 - GROUNDING IN JUSTICE & ACTION

Session 1 - Beyond “Green”: A justice-based vision
for climate and nature

Session 2 - Project showcase: Climate, gender &
human rights in action

DAY 2 - INTERSECTIONAL STRUGGLES & PRACTICAL TOOLS

Session 3 - Intersectional struggles & resistance

Session 4 - Project showcase: Frameworks, tools
and practices

DAY 3 - BUILDING MOVEMENTS & FUTURE PATHWAYS

Session 5 - Financing gender climate action

Session 6 - From projects to movements

Session 7 - Where do we go from here?

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June 10 (Day 1)

AGENDA

- 9:20-10:25 EST / 15:20-16:25 CET
SESSION 1 - BEYOND "GREEN": A JUSTICE-BASED VISION FOR CLIMATE & NATURE
- 10:25-10:30 EST / 16:25-16:30 CET
VIDEO TESTIMONIAL - NBS GUINEAN FORESTS
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SESSION 2 - PROJECT SHOWCASE: CLIMATE, GENDER & HUMAN RIGHTS IN ACTION
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VIDEO TESTIMONIAL - SUNCASA
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Session 1

BEYOND "GREEN": A JUSTICE-BASED VISION FOR CLIMATE & NATURE



Moderated by Ali Raza Rizvi

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Session 2

PROJECT SHOWCASE: CLIMATE, GENDER & HUMAN RIGHTS IN ACTION



**Moderated by
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Session 2

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Problem

Coffee Farmers in Bali and East Nusa Tenggara are vulnerable to climate change

How can we co-develop EbA solutions with communities:

- Tailored capacity building
- Agroforestry demonstration plots
- Installing biogas digesters

Tailored Climate Field Schools



- Field schools for men and women
- Each location has a slightly different curriculum (tailored to the problem of each location)
- Activities include analyzing current trees, soil conditions, and suitable local species as shade trees
- Adaptation plans are created together with farmers and extension workers

Coffee Agroforestry as Inclusive NbS/EbA



- Agroforestry designed to have multiple benefits (ecosystem services)
- Local and native shade species decided with communities
- Using traditional methods and ceremonies during the demonstration plots

Biogas Digesters as Inclusive Technology

Biogas digesters in Bajawa have **reduced the need for firewood collection** (and reduce the health risks related to it) while also **provide fertilizers** to the farms.



Next steps and Key takeaways

- Next programs must focus on downstream -> how can we generate economic evidence of community-led EbA
- Many communities have their own NbS/EbA, it is about strengthening and enhancing with the right climate information

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Workshops on women's rights in the face of climate change

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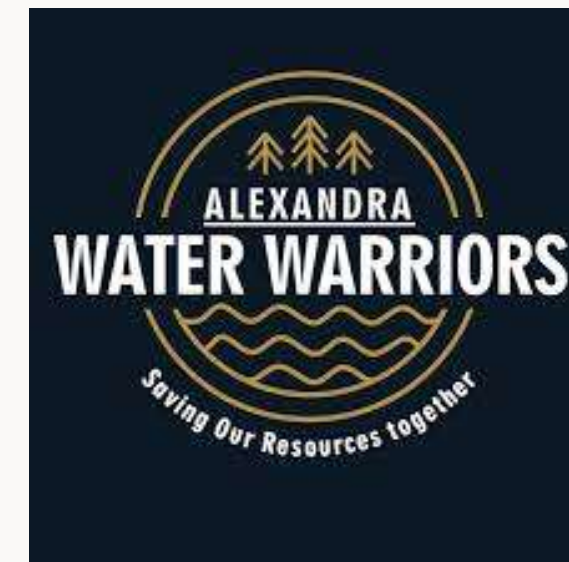
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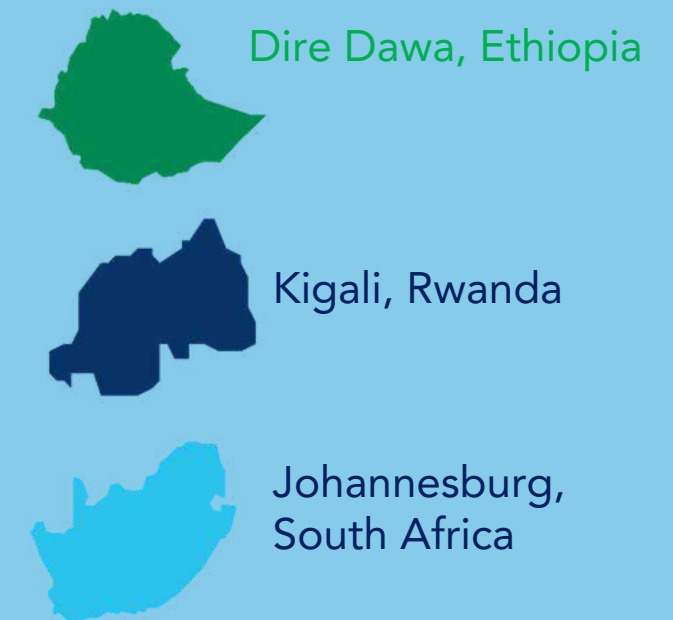
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- CAD 28,7 million from Global Affairs Canada
- 3 years: January 2024 - March 2027
- Led by IISD and WRI with 14 local partners
- 2.2 million beneficiaries in high-flood-risk areas, with at least 50% women
- Enhancing climate adaptation, gender equality, social inclusion, and biodiversity protection in urban communities
 - Reforestation & afforestation: ~3 million trees to be planted
 - Agroforestry and urban greening: 650,000 trees
 - Buffer zone creation and alien invasive species removal



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Art with a Purpose: The River Creature Series

- Launched in April 2025, the Alexandra River Creature Series in Johannesburg is a unique initiative that blends environmental action with art.
- In collaboration with JICP and AWW, local artists and youth transformed waste from the Jukskei River into sculptures and litter traps to tackle flooding and pollution.
- Community workshops to upcycle river waste, such as eroded bricks, invasive logs, broken tiles, into impactful environmental art.
- This vibrant art pathway showcases SUNCASA's nature-based solutions in action, celebrates urban biodiversity, and boosts eco-tourism in the region.

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ART AND LITTER TRAPS

THE ALEXANDRA RIVER CREATURE SERIES (2025)

By Hannelie Coetzee in collaboration with the Alex River Treasure Collective and Kula Marolen Foundation

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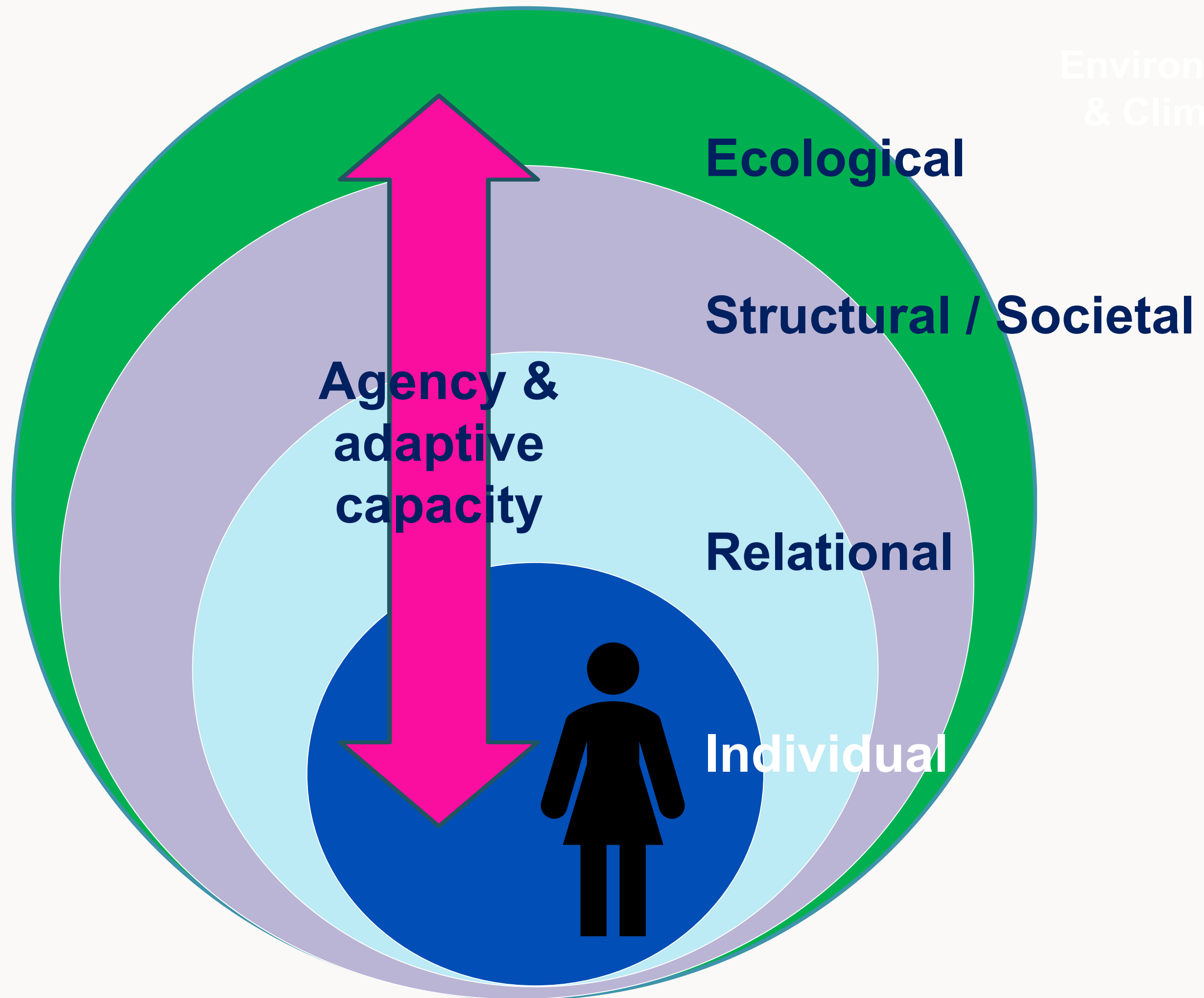




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What story are we talking about?

- 🌱 A true story, woven from the land, water and voices of communities facing climate change.
- 🌍 EbA LAC Regional Programme: Ecuador, Guatemala and Costa Rica.
- 🇪🇨 In Ecuador: focus on experiences and learnings in Manabí



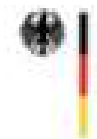
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What are we doing in Ecuador?

- 🧭 4 components:
 - Multilevel governance
 - EbA measures in vulnerable communities
 - Capacities for EbA
 - Innovative financial mechanisms



Where and how?



-  Province of Manabí - 2 landscapes (North and South)
-  Scaling up: Tosagua, Bolívar, Portoviejo, Chone
-  Consolidation: Santa Ana and Jipijapa
-  Geospatial analysis validated with local stakeholders
- 10 ACC-AbE measures: agroforestry systems, agrobiodiversity, bamboo, beekeeping, water, cattle and goat silvopastoral systems, conservation and restoration, SFM





Manabí - Highlights

- ✓ 2700 ha + 3000 participants in EbA measures
- ✓ 142 home gardens: Food security
- ✓ 72% of women in beekeeping: Economic autonomy
- ✓ Water guardians: water protection areas
- ✓ 3 community nurseries → local employment
- ✓ Efficient bamboo management (handicrafts, constructions), goats, micro-watershed



Beyond the numbers



-  Gender co-responsibility
-  Redistribution of care
-  Community leadership
-  More resilient and sustainable livelihoods



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What did we learn? What did we transform?

- ◆ Inclusion is designed from the start
- ◆ Gender = efficiency, legitimacy and fairness
- ◆ Intergenerational partnerships
- ◆ Livelihoods + rights = shared resilience



Thank you!

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CREATIVE REFLECTION & WRAP UP



June 11 (Day 2)

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