



NURTURING TOMORROW'S HARVEST: PERSPECTIVES ON REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE IN TANZANIA, A DISCUSSION WITH FLORESTA TANZANIA

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Overview

The REVIVER Project is dedicated to revolutionizing agricultural practices and vocational education in Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa. Funded by the EU's Erasmus+ Project, it prioritizes sustainability and food security through regenerative agriculture vocational training. Spanning from December 1, 2023, to November 30, 2025, this 24-month initiative aims to improve soil quality, bolster climate resilience, and modernize agricultural education across both regions.

The project had a meeting with Floresta Tanzania to introduce the project and explore collaboration opportunities in regenerative agriculture initiatives within the country. [Floresta Tanzania](#) is a Christian non-governmental organization dedicated to combating poverty and environmental degradation in Tanzania. Through programs like village savings and loan associations, micro-enterprises, and sustainable agriculture initiatives, Floresta aims to create economic opportunities and mitigate the adverse effects of environmental decline, particularly on marginalized communities. The discussion focused on the following key areas:

Youth Involvement in Agriculture:

Floresta recognizes the pressing need to engage and educate young farmers in regenerative agriculture, given the significant knowledge gap in sustainable farming practices among the youths. To address this, Floresta emphasized the importance of developing holistic approaches to involve young farmers in regenerative agriculture initiatives, such as integrating regenerative concepts into school-based agriculture programs and partnering with youth-focused NGOs. By doing so, the next generation of farmers will be equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to promote sustainable and regenerative agricultural practices effectively.

Policy and regulatory framework:

Floresta highlighted that while NGOs have made commendable efforts to promote regenerative practices, their impact is hindered by limited visibility, influenced partly by the dominance of conventional farming methods in promotional campaigns. Additionally, concerns about the time required for results and land ownership complexities pose challenges. To address these issues, Floresta stressed the importance of intensifying awareness efforts, particularly among young farmers, utilizing innovative communication strategies and youth-oriented platforms. Overcoming these challenges will require concerted efforts to dispel myths, provide technical support, and create favorable environments for transitioning to regenerative agriculture.



Curriculum Development Imperatives:

Floresta emphasized the importance of integrating regenerative agriculture courses into vocational education and training (VET) programs, ensuring that young farmers receive comprehensive training in sustainable and regenerative farming practices. Collaborative partnerships between educational institutions, NGOs, and agricultural stakeholders will be crucial in developing curricula that are relevant, practical, and accessible to aspiring farmers. By equipping young farmers with the knowledge and skills needed to embrace regenerative agriculture, we can cultivate a new generation of agricultural leaders who are committed to stewarding our land and resources responsibly.

In conclusion, our dialogue with Floresta Tanzania has underscored the critical role of youth empowerment in advancing the principles of regenerative agriculture. By addressing policy gaps, enhancing awareness campaigns, overcoming adoption hurdles, and prioritizing curriculum development, we can empower young farmers to embrace regenerative practices and chart a course toward a more sustainable and resilient agricultural future. Now is the opportune moment to seize this opportunity to cultivate a brighter tomorrow, where the principles of regenerative agriculture guide our actions and nourish the planet for generations to come.