



AFRICAN CSO BIODIVERSITY ALLIANCE (ACBA)

Our Value Proposition

“Our members have shared values and a way of working that is transparent, respectful and positive.”

Network membership is open to civil society organizations, IPLCs, Youth movements as well as academics and experts from Africa working to promote sustainable management and use of biodiversity for the fair and equitable benefit of society. The Network works in ways that enhance, conserve and restore biodiversity. The members promote dialogue building on the strength of the diversity of network members.

1. Becoming a member

There are two types of members that include:

- a. African CSOs, Youth movements and IPLCs – qualify to be members
- b. Individual experts from Africa – qualify to be members. These experts participate in their individual capacities and do not represent the interests of their employers. Their membership does not in any way imply any relationship between ACBA and the organization(s) that they may be associated with.

2. ACBA’s value proposition

ACBA is an inspiring network that is dedicated to bring about transformative change in how African conservation is designed and implemented can offer benefits to its members as follows:

- a. **Contributing to systemic change**
The network acts as intermediary between members on the one hand and policy actors, funding partners and local actors on the other to bring about systemic change to the challenges of biodiversity loss, climate change and the localization agenda.
- b. **Community of practice**
Get to know people tackling similar challenges in different African countries and learn from one another. Exchange tools, approaches, knowledge and best practices with other members.
- c. **Amplified African voice**
Members speak with one voice on key issues and get listened to in the right places and by those that need to hear
- d. **Add value to ACBA’s activities**
The network is as effective as its members’ involvement. Through engagement and leadership in thematic areas, members add value to the network’s activities and ensure that members have ownership



- e. Information exchange
Access current research and policy information; participate in Network organised trainings, workshops, dialogues/webinars and other joint learning opportunities
- f. Advocacy
Engage with policymakers through dialogue and well-researched articles as a means to influence desired outcomes
- g. Act
Cooperate with other Network members to promote locally driven approaches and objectives necessary to reduce biodiversity loss and reach impact. When necessary, participate in marches and demonstrations.
- h. Contribute to policy making
Work with Network members to create recommendations and contribute to policy outcomes at national and multilateral levels that address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, climate change and poverty.

3. Member responsibilities

- a. African CSOs, Youth, IPLCs and individual experts join ACBA because they believe in its vision, values and mission and actively want to advance ACBA's mission and strategy and be active in the network. All members should promote ACBA, both internally and externally, in a positive manner.
- b. Members should not act in a way that undermines the reputation, integrity or legitimacy of ACBA. When a member is considered to have acted in a way that brings the network into disrepute, the case may be referred to the secretariat working group and membership may be terminated.
- c. By signing up to the network, members commit to communicate respectfully with other members and the Secretariat.
- d. Members commit to providing accurate and recent data about their organisations in order to maintain a membership database that enables effective communication and collaboration with other members
- e. All members will be asked to review their contact details regularly via the Secretariat. This will ensure that the database of members is kept up-to-date and accurate.

4. Termination of membership

- a. Member organisations can terminate their membership voluntarily at any point. The registered focal point will communicate its intention in writing to the Secretariat. A member that has resigned from ACBA will be removed from the database within 30 days of the request.

5. Working through partnerships



- a. ACBA will pursue partnerships with organizations that share its values and vision. The nature and duration of these partnerships will be determined on a case-by-case basis and be mutually beneficial.

If you meet the above requirements and want to join ACBA, register by clicking here <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/d20d365ab5304482a093f24815467118>