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**The 1<sup>st</sup> African GROW BIOINTENSIVE Symposium**



**Participants**

The 1<sup>st</sup> African GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Symposium sponsored by Ecology Action, California, USA, was held at the G-BIACK centre from November 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2015. The symposium brought together some of the African GROW BIOINTENSIVE trainers and practitioners who have been trained to work with farmers teaching them the GROW BIOINTENSIVE methods. A total of 29 trainers from seven African countries attended. The countries that were represented are Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, DR Congo, Rwanda, Ghana, and Swaziland.

The participants shared their experiences through power point presentations and showed pictures of their work. It was evident that farmers are responding very well to the GROW BIOINTENSIVE techniques despite competition from the giant multinational companies who are promoting chemicals and seeds.

A declaration was made by all participants that each organization represented would intensify training farmers as well as training other trainers who would reach out to more farmers. As well, each organization would initiate a one bed unit project to collect data and share with Ecology Action for analysis.

We anticipate that this meeting will be held each year at G-BIACK or in other countries under rotational basis.

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