Spreading Ecological Agriculture skills in Kenya and beyond

Samuel Nderitu, founder and co-director of the GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya (G-BIACK) has been asked by Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) to provide the skills of Ecological Agriculture to all its member organizations in Kenya. PELUM Kenya is a network of Civil Society Organizations / NGOs working with small-scale farmers in Kenya and has a membership of 55 organizations who are located in almost all parts of the country. The aim of this association is to build the capacities of member organizations in four thematic areas namely; climate change adaptation, advocacy and communication, agro enterprise development, and sustainable natural resources management.

The goal is for the PELUM member organizations’ staffs to be able to disseminate the skills of ecological farming to all the farmers they work with. Samuel Nderitu was asked because of his extensive experience in working with small holder farmers and NGOs in Kenya and other countries.

During the first phase of the training, 33 field staffs from 13 member organizations were trained. In addition, there were 75 students from Baraka Farmers College who attended the sessions. 3 more trainings will follow soon, targeting to train 99 more field staffs from 42 member organizations.

One of the big dreams that Samuel holds is to make Kenya an Agroecological Agriculture country by the year 2030, where small holder farmers will produce clean food that is free from chemical contamination.

This dream is truly valid!