

When Will You Join the Agroecology Movement?

"If many little people, in many little places, do many little things, they will change the face of the world."

- SAM NDERITU -

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By Kennedy Mburu

Across Kenya, farmers are rediscovering the power of working with nature instead of against it. Agroecology is a way of farming that restores soil fertility, protects biodiversity, and strengthens communities. It values local knowledge, indigenous seeds, and the wisdom passed down through generations that have sustained life on the land. At the Grow Biointensive Agriculture Center of Kenya (G-BiACK), this movement is growing stronger each day. Farmers are learning to make compost, save seeds, and produce more food from smaller plots while caring for the environment. These practices are improving yields, building soil health, and giving families greater food security and independence.

The movement is growing.

The question now is simple: when will you join? Every farmer, consumer, and community member has a role to play. Choosing local food, planting trees, or supporting agroecological learning programs helps build a healthier planet and a more resilient food system. The transformation is already happening—be part of it.



Photo: Hand weeding with YEP students

ABN Visit to G-BiACK centre

Exploring evidence-based approaches to sustainable agriculture



Photo: Sam Guiding the ABN visitor at G-BiACK on a Farm tour



On October 31, 2025, the African Biodiversity Network (ABN) team visited the Grow Biointensive Agriculture Center of Kenya (G-BiACK) for a practical field learning session. The visit focused on applying ABN's multiple evidence-based methodology to understand agroecological practices demonstrated at the center. The group of about **25** participants toured G-BiACK's demonstration plots, interacted with trainers, and later gathered in the hall for a reflection session. The exchange provided an opportunity for shared learning on sustainable farming, seed preservation, and community-based approaches to restoring biodiversity.

Empowering Farmers Sustainably

Outreach Department

Between July and September 2025, the Outreach Department of the Grow Biointensive Agriculture Center of Kenya (G-BiACK) made significant strides in empowering smallholder farmers through agroecological practices.

During the quarter, G-BiACK conducted a series of refresher trainings across its working communities, including Kitambasye, Mwanga, Kwa Mwaura, Gethima, and Karibaribi. The sessions reinforced farmers' understanding of agroecology and helped them adopt better composting and seed preservation techniques to enhance household seed security. n a major environmental effort, the department also established two community tree nurseries in Baringo. The nurseries, now thriving and ready for transplanting, feature both indigenous and fruit tree species. The initiative forms part of a broader plan to restore Mount Kilimambogo in collaboration with the Kenya Wildlife Service, local leaders, and community members.

The quarter marked strong progress in farmer training and restoration.

Despite facing challenges such as limited field time, unpredictable rainfall, and funding constraints, the Outreach Department continued to foster collaboration and trust among farmer groups.



Photo: Follow up on tree nursery with Baringo farmers.

The strong community participation observed this quarter reflects G-BiACK's growing impact in building local resilience and promoting sustainable food systems. Looking ahead, the department plans to hold a learning exchange visit for farmers, organize workshops for community leaders, and recognize outstanding farmers during World Soil Day. These activities aim to deepen learning, inspire innovation, and sustain the momentum toward agroecological transformation across G-BiACK-supported communities.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Sind Clinton Otieno

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Good governance begins with good intentions and ends with great results.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.

- PROVERBS 16:3



THE GROW BIOINTENSIVE CENTRE OF KENYA PRESENTS AN ONLINE

RECORDKEEPING WEBINAR

A VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE TO UNLOCK DATA-DRIVEN DECISIONS ON THE FARM

SESSION BY KENNEDY MBURU



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10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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About Webinar

Join us for an engaging virtual session on Record keeping for Farmers, where we'll explore simple, effective ways and digital tools to track farm activities, expenses, and yields. Good records are the foundation of smart decisions, improved productivity, and financial growth.

Key Benefit

Better decisions

Higher productivity

Easier access to credit

Smarter planning

Financial Manager

MORE INFORMATION: 

G-BiACK will Hosts Recordkeeping Webinar for Farmers

Don't Miss Out on this

The Grow Biointensive Agriculture Center of Kenya (G-BiACK) will host an online Recordkeeping Webinar on Monday, November 10th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The session, led by Kennedy Mburu, will focus on practical ways for farmers to use records and digital tools to improve farm management. Participants will learn how proper recordkeeping enhances decision-making, boosts productivity, and supports financial growth. The event is free and will be streamed live on Facebook via

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