

How can we enhance collaboration and multi-stakeholder engagement?

Find a neutral convener



By balancing power dynamics between stakeholders, academics and civil society organisations can play important and neutral intermediary roles.

Co-design and co-produce

Co-designed and co-produced management plans are more likely to be integrated, sustainable, and aligned to the objectives of multiple actors.



Use emerging tools & approaches



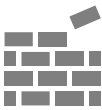
Creative tools and approaches are emerging to help navigate the complexities of multi-scale and multi-actor stakeholder engagements.

Build common & inclusive knowledge

Build common knowledge by incorporating all sources of knowledge and considering them all equally.



Build on what already exists



Local involvement and ownership can be enhanced by building on existing systems, platforms and networks of collaboration.

Key insights from research on landscape governance and management in Africa

Be transparent and open

Encourage transparency and openness in all stakeholder interactions and across all decision-making processes and governance structures.



Widen the net of participants



A balance of stakeholder voices can help to align needs across scales and sectors, and promote inclusion, fairness and openness.

Develop agency, capacity & trust

Enhanced agency, capacity and trust can support meaningful and sustained stakeholder engagement.



Acknowledge the role of history & context



History can create deep differences and shape relations and power dynamics among landscape actors.

Want to know more?

Read the special edition of *Land*:

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