



Solidarity

Equality

Sustainability

# BIOECONOMY FINANCE HUB

## FROM CONCEPT TO IMPLEMENTATION

3<sup>rd</sup> GIB MEETING



NATURE  
FINANCE



AFRICAN NATURAL  
CAPITAL ALLIANCE

The bioeconomy holds the key to a just and sustainable future

September 2025

# During the last meeting, we presented the concept of Bioeconomy Finance Hub

The Hub will collaborate with financial institutions, project developers, governments, and research organizations to tackle critical barriers to investment and foster a vibrant, enabling ecosystem for Africa's bioeconomy



## Policy and Financial Transition Planning

### Supporting a finance-enabling policy environment

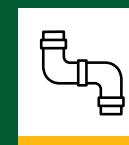
for the bioeconomy, converting policy strategies<sup>1</sup> into investment roadmaps, financial plans, and sustainable finance regulations, while fostering public-private dialogue.



## Capacity Building

### Developing African financial leadership in the bioeconomy

through targeted capacity building and advisory, enabling institutions to integrate financial mgmt. with resilience and green transition strategies.



## Investment Pipeline Generation

### Strengthening sustainable bioeconomy investment pipelines

through acceleration, blended finance, de-risking, and exploration of innovative financing mechanisms for investment.



## Data, Metrics, and Standards

### Promoting bioeconomy metrics, KPIs, and standards in the financial sector<sup>2</sup>,

alongside data and MRV solutions, to drive impactful investment, while integrating market feedback to refine and enhance these tools.

# The objective now is to have the Hub up and running by 2026



## May 2025

Hub idea pitched to GIB, further co-developed with SteerCo & presented at 2nd GIB Meeting



## June 2025

Hub presented & feedback collated & stakeholder engaged



## Oct 2025

Hub presented & feedback collated & stakeholder engaged



## Nov 2025

Hub presented & feedback collated & stakeholder engaged



## Jan 2026

Hub presented, stakeholder engaged, fundraising engaged



## May 2025

Hub presented & feedback collated & stakeholder engaged



## August 2025

Hub presented at G20 webinar to environment & sustainable finance working groups

**WE ARE HERE**



**Co-creation working groups (October-December)**



## Q1 2026

Hub operational

# Our first mission: crystallize 2–4 bold bioeconomy focus areas to drive the Hub’s impact from day one

OCTOBER 2025

## Exemplary use cases for illustrative purpose (tbc)



**Regenerative  
agriculture &  
forestry**



**Bio-based  
infrastructure**



**Bio-based  
energy**



**Indigenous  
knowledge  
economies**



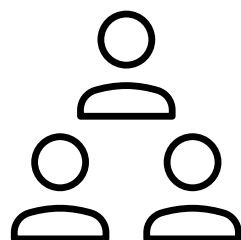
**Use cases  
to be defined via in-  
depth primary &  
secondary analysis  
on:**

- Market potential
- Policy readiness,
- Financing gaps
- Continental priorities
- Etc.

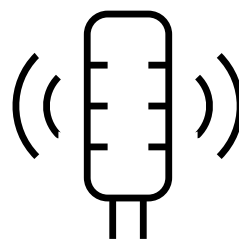
# The next step: collective action plans across the Hub's pillars to guide the path ahead

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2025

Co-Design in action...



**2 Roundtables  
per Use Case**



**Up to 50  
stakeholder  
interviews**

... to generate Co-Created Roadmaps for Transformative Action



- Clear action plans – one per use case – as blueprints for impact



- A portfolio of catalytic interventions aligned with the Hub's four pillars



- Clear pathways with steps, partners, and funding needs



- Governance frameworks to ensure coherence and accountability

# Forged through inclusive engagement, uniting stakeholders to co-create the Hub's vision and direction

MAY 2025 – Q1 2026

## Organizations consulted on the Hub to date



Not exhaustive



At its heart, the Hub is designed as a **catalyst and connector**:

- Fostering inclusive collaboration
- Aligning diverse initiatives,
- Transforming scattered efforts into a coherent, ambitious drive to unlock Africa's bioeconomy.



# While the Hub takes shape, major initiatives are already underway, ready to merge and magnify impact as the multistakeholder process unfolds



## Unlocking Finance for Regenerative Agri. & Forestry

- **Set up \$400m blended finance de-risking facility** to mobilize capital from financial institutions into regen. agriculture and sustainable forestry across Africa.
- **Establish \$15m accelerator and TA facility** to build pipelines and strengthen local and regional financial institutions.



## Building Africa's Financial Foundations for DSI

- **Establish Africa's first DSI Financing Readiness Roadmap**, to finance legal, technical, and institutional systems for fair benefit-sharing.
- **Set up an Africa DSI Financing Coalition**, uniting governments, IPLCs, financiers, and scientists to mobilize capital and pilot solutions.



## Driving regenerative value chains in Uganda

- **Scale Regenerative School Meals** into a national, co-financed program for nutrition, resilience, and livelihoods.
- **Adopt Uganda's first National School Feeding Policy** to embed meals in policy, budget, and coordination.

**Potential integration into the Hub**, if aligned with stakeholder priorities & stakeholder engagement process.  
Reach out if you want to learn more or become engaged on these initiatives.

# We look forward to partnering with you as we move the Hub from concept to implementation and make it operational by Q1 2026

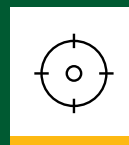
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## Positioning & Stakeholder Alignment

- **Facilitate stakeholder introductions** for input and collaboration
- **Engage at upcoming G20** and global convenings
- **Support advocacy and communications** to amplify the Hub globally

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## Define Focus Areas

- **Share priorities** to shape the Hub's agenda
- **Provide materials, insights, and contacts** for the selection process
- **Advise on key themes** to align with national, regional, and global priorities

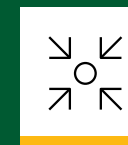
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## Program Design & Action Plans

- **Join roundtables** and interviews to co-design the Hub
- **Recommend partners** and institutions to involve

JAN-MAR 2026



## Resource Mobilisation and Implementation

- **Connect with funders /investors** and initiatives
- **Explore co-funding** and joint proposals
- **Collaborate on pipeline** and pilots

← Areas of collaboration →

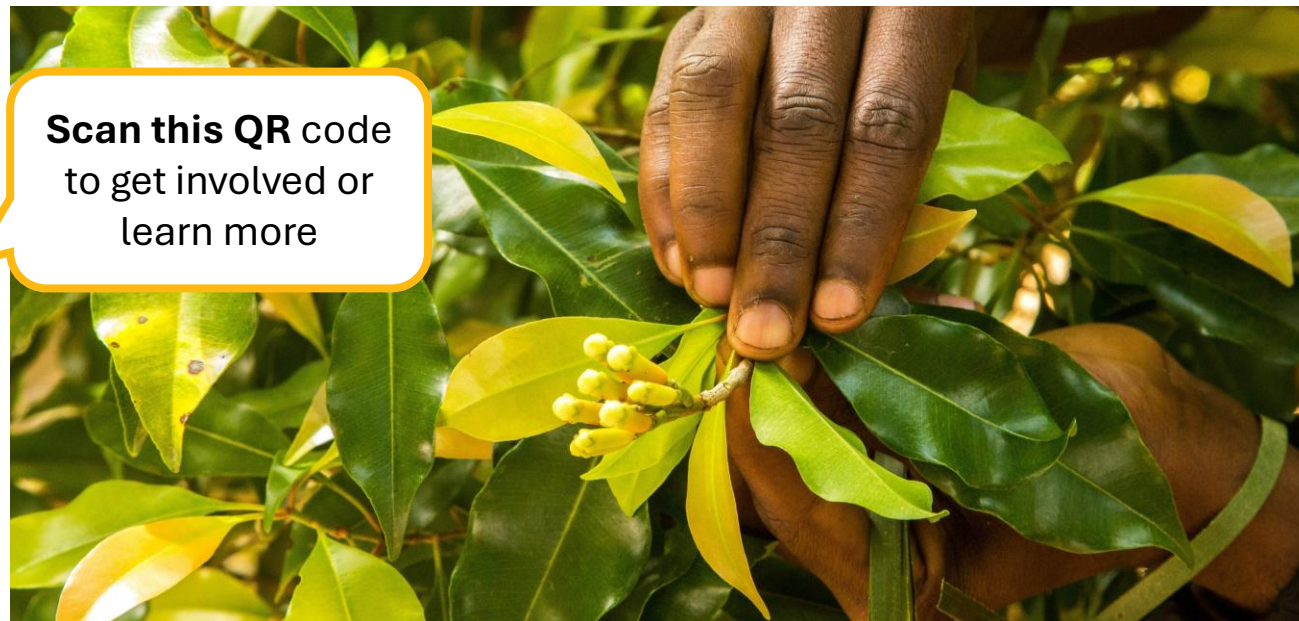


## Next Steps: reach out, if you want to be a part of this journey of moving the Hub from concept to implementation

We are seeking committed implementation and funding partners to operationalize objectives of the Bioeconomy Finance Hub.



Scan this QR code to get involved or learn more



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