

Green Nexus Programme

Supporting a climate-resilient transition towards green partnerships, sustainable growth and decent jobs in Zambia.

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SUMMARY

The EU Green Nexus Programme is at the heart of the European Union's Global Gateway strategy to promote partnerships for a resilient, sustainable and inclusive development in Zambia. This action brings together Team Europe's funding and expertise of the Czech Development Agency, the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, GIZ, Sweden, and the World Food Programme. The Green Nexus Programme uses a cohesive, innovative landscape approach to enhance integrated management of Zambia's natural resources in agriculture, forestry, biodiversity, water, and climate. The programme partners with leading Zambian institutions and includes and empowers communities, with particular attention to women and youth. The Green Nexus Programme adopts technology for lasting environmental and economic benefits. Through the Green Nexus Programme, the EU and its partners demonstrate a committed investment in Zambia's future, aligning local actions with global ambitions for a more sustainable and inclusive development path.

OBJECTIVES

The Green Nexus Programme is designed to promote and facilitate investments in green recovery and sustainable growth along the agriculture-forestry-biodiversity-water and climate nexus, aiming at decent job creation and skills development. In this context, the concept of "nexus" refers to the programme's landscape approach that appreciates the interconnected nature of environmental sustainability, economic development, and social well-being through integrated management of natural resources that supports economic growth, environmental sustainability, and social inclusion.

It enhances and strengthens policies and legislation encouraging sustainable land use and natural resource management across various sectors. By promoting coordination and strengthening capacities, the Green Nexus Programme aims to improve land use planning, increase resilience to climate change, and ensure sustainable management of natural resources through innovative financing.



CO-FUNDED BY:

- European Union
- Czechia
- German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- Sweden
- World Food Programme



PARTNERS:

Ministries: Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Ministry of Green Economy and Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Water Sanitation and Development

Other Key Stakeholders: Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development

Implementing Partners:

- World Food Programme
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- Czech Development Agency



TOTAL BUDGET:

€46 million
(ZMW 1.3 billion) under the Neighbourhood, Development, and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI-Global Europe)

EU Allocation: €37.3 million (ZMW 1 billion) has been provided by the EU, including a transfer agreement with Sweden for €7.5 million (ZMW 168.75 million)

Partner Allocation:

German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ): €6 million (ZMW 175 million).
World Food Programme (WFP): €1 million (ZMW 29 million).
Czech Development Agency: €2 million (ZMW 45 million)



DURATION:

2024 – 2031



PROJECT REGION IN ZAMBIA:

Zambian part of the Greater Kavango Zambezi (KAZA) Trans-Frontier Conservation Area from the Greater Kafue ecosystem south-west through the Luangwa – Nyika corridors of Central and Eastern Zambia)

PROJECT COMPONENTS

The Green Nexus Programme encompasses diverse projects, each targeting specific challenges and opportunities within Zambia's development landscape. These range from integrated landscape management, water resources management, and landscape protection to sustainable agricultural methods, improved access to market and value chains, and the empowerment of women and youth.

- 1. SLIM – Sustainable Landscape through Integrated Management:** Implemented by the Czech National Development Agency, focusing on sustainable land management. Co-funded by Czechia.
- 2. AWARE 2.0 – Integrated Water Catchment Management and Landscape Protection in Zambia** Implemented by GIZ, aimed at enhancing water resources management. Co-funded by Germany.
- 3. ELSAM – Enhancing Livelihoods and Smallholder Agricultural Markets:** promoting sustainable agricultural methods and enhancing food security implemented. Co-funded by WFP.
- 4. Coming soon:** Support to value chains in forest and products and services and income generation in game management areas. Co-funded by the Czechia.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The Green Nexus Programme presents an innovative approach that understands the intricate connections of our natural world and human activities. By harmonising these sectors, it aims for environmental preservation and nurtures economic growth and community empowerment, especially uplifting women and youth. This is about safeguarding Zambia's rich natural heritage and crafting a resilient, prosperous future for its people, aligning with both EU and Zambia's strategic goals for sustainable, inclusive development.

The Green Nexus Programme has set out to achieve the following goals:

- 1. Enhance ecosystem resilience:** Improve the ability of ecosystems to support agriculture, protect biodiversity, and withstand climate change impacts.
- 2. Improve livelihoods:** Utilize integrated landscape approaches to improve the livelihoods of local communities, especially those who depend on agriculture and natural resources.
- 3. Increase participation in sustainable value chains:** Promote the participation of smallholder farmers, particularly women and youth, in market-integrated, sustainable, low-carbon, and nutrition-sensitive value chains.
- 4. Introduce sustainable management practices:** Adopt sustainable management practices in agricultural and pastoral ecosystems to improve productivity and environmental health.
- 5. Protect ecosystems:** Target the protection and sustainable management of terrestrial, freshwater, and groundwater ecosystems, contributing to biodiversity conservation and water security.
- 6. Income Opportunities:** Increase income opportunities for local communities through sustainable resource management practices, enhancing economic stability and growth.

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KEY APPROACHES

- Integrated Approach:** The programme adopts a nexus approach, integrating multiple sectors to ensure holistic and sustainable management of natural resources.
- Green Partnerships and Investments:** It focuses on building green partnerships and investing in initiatives that promote environmental sustainability and economic growth.
- Climate-Resilient Transition:** A core objective is to support Zambia's transition towards a climate-resilient economy, ensuring sustainability in the face of changing climate patterns.

WHY IT'S TRANSFORMATIVE AND INNOVATIVE

- The programme offers a more effective solution to environmental and socio-economic challenges by addressing the interconnectedness of critical sectors.
- It leverages digital transformation to provide equitable access to technology and digital tools, empowering communities to participate fully in the digital economy.
- Special attention is given to the most affected communities, including women and youth, ensuring they benefit from green transitions and digital advancements.

GENDER AND YOUTH

The Green NEXUS Programme emphasises gender inclusion by specifically targeting women farmers, aiming to increase their participation in sustainable and profitable agricultural value chains. The initiative recognises the crucial role women play in agriculture and rural development and seeks to empower them with resources, knowledge, and opportunities to enhance their livelihoods and contribute significantly to Zambia's green and inclusive growth.



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