

Theory of Change

We envision a world where agriculture is regenerative, resilient, and equitable, addressing the interlinked challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, and social inequity.

Mission: Transforming agriculture towards a sustainable and equitable future for communities.

Vision: Agriculture healing and nourishing our extraordinary planet.

Elevate SAN as the foremost global Impact Network that makes agriculture regenerative, resilient and equitable

Activities

- Increase Network activity and engagement.
- Enhance local, regional and global collaboration.
- Increase global reach of the Network.

Outputs

- Joint projects, Action Labs, Communities of Practice, Commodity Platforms, webinars and conferences.
- Knowledge Management System.
- Collaboration-based membership-fee system.
- Cross-member working groups collaborating on key priority topics for the Network.
- Regional hubs on each continent.
- Growing Network, diversified expertise and composition.

Outcomes

- Enhanced member collaboration.
- Joint positioning on key issues in the sustainability and agriculture sectors.
- Regional Hubs are designing and implementing projects.

Impacts

SAN catalyzes radical collaboration for the transformation of agriculture, benefiting people and planet.

Advance solutions for climate change mitigation and adaptation to improve ecological, economic, and social sustainability

Activities

- Pilot and scale mitigation and adaptation solutions across agricultural supply chains.
- Enable learning exchanges, capacity building and Action Labs to foster collaboration.
- Promote innovative techniques for water conservation, soil restoration and landscape transformation.
- Facilitate financing mechanisms for farming communities and local stakeholders.
- Encourage impact investing, sustainable finance solutions and market incentives.

Outputs

- Logical frameworks and actionable strategies for regenerative agriculture.
- Inclusive approaches to promote full participation of women and other vulnerable groups.
- Digital platforms, decision-making tools, and data repositories accessible to stakeholders.

Outcomes

- Broader adoption of climate-smart and regenerative agriculture practices.
- Strengthened stakeholders' capacity to face climate change challenges.
- Improved access for farmers to high-value markets.
- Climate and agriculture decisions guided by data and evidence.
- Corporate stakeholders delivering on their ESG commitments.
- Effective and strategic use of grant and blended funding.

Impacts

Agricultural systems are sustainable and climate resilient.

Farming communities are better equipped to adapt to changing climate and fluctuating markets.

SAN members collaborate effectively with key agricultural stakeholders.

Empower farming communities to build resilience and equity, through collaborative and inclusive programming that secures and enhances rural livelihoods

Activities

- Develop participatory programs and training approaches and programs.
- Design inclusive projects with GESI principles.
- Promote women's leadership and access to finance.
- Provide GESI capacity-building for partners and stakeholders.
- Develop GESI monitoring frameworks.
- Enhance farm and livelihood diversification for better and more stable income.

Outputs

- GESI responsive and transformative approaches mainstreamed across all SAN's programming.
- Disaggregated data available to inform inclusive program performance.
- Inclusive, market-based and landscape-level solutions adopted.

NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

Enhance agrobiodiversity and ecosystem services to improve profitability, promote sustainable farming and restore environmental balance

Activities

- Train farmers on the environmental and human health risks of pesticides, and empower them to make informed and sustainable decisions on their farms.
- Provide ecosystem-based adaptation guidance to farmers and landscape stakeholders.
- Promote locally adapted IPM and soil conservation strategies.
- Incentivize farmer-led promotion of best pest management techniques.
- Enhance biodiversity services for crop- and region-specific natural pest-control.
- Provide training to IPLCs for agrobiodiversity stewardship.

Outputs

- Practical tools and training to scale IPM and soil conservation.
- Updated approach to phase-out hazardous pesticides and promote safer alternatives.
- Model farms showcasing and promoting agrobiodiversity and nature-based solutions.
- In-farm areas established to support biodiversity.

Outcomes

- Increased awareness of agrobiodiversity value among farming communities and supply chain stakeholders.
- Nature-based solutions and agroecological approaches implemented at farm and landscape levels.
- Community-based biodiversity monitoring systems in place.
- Lower dependence on external and hazardous agricultural inputs.
- Improved market access and compliance with sustainability standards and regulations.
- SAN data tools contributing to open-source knowledge platforms.

Impacts

Agrobiodiversity is restored, preserved, and enhanced.

People and ecosystems are healthier, and their resilience is strengthened.

Biodiversity conservation is systematically integrated in agriculture development strategies.

Outcomes

- Increased decision-making power and resource-access for indigenous people, women and youth.
- GESI-disaggregated data informing programmatic decisions and strategy adjustments.
- Farming communities more resilient to market volatility and external shocks.

Impacts

Farming communities and supply chains are equitable and inclusive.

Agricultural production supports stable and sustainable living income.

Agriculture becomes a viable and attractive path for younger generations.

GESI principles are embedded across the agricultural supply chains.