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PrAectiCe project to host final Agroecology event in Kajjansi, Uganda

On the 26th March, 2026, the PrAectiCe project is set to host its final conference at the NARO Aquaculture Research and Development Centre in Kajjansi, Uganda. It will gather stakeholders across East Africa and Europe to showcase real evidence from the project's activities.

The conference, titled "PrAectiCe CWEN (Circular Water-Energy-Nutrient Systems) Agroecology final Conference '26" with an overarching theme - "Exploring the Potential of Circular Water-Energy-Nutrient Systems for Agroecological Transformation in Africa," - will present results from three Living Labs established in Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania, where circular water-energy-nutrient systems are practised, showing how this sustainable system can improve water use efficiency, enhance climate resilience, and increase productivity among smallholder farmers in low-income countries.

Key Highlights:

The event will feature the launch of the PrAectiCe Indicator Framework, a methodology for evaluating agroecological impact, developed by researchers at [Maseno University](#), Kenya and [RUFORUM](#), Kampala, Uganda. This framework addresses a critical gap in the field of agroecology, as existing global evaluation tools have not been tailored to the region's unique socio-ecological context.

Participants will hear directly from farmers and women's associations who participated in the project's training programs, sharing firsthand accounts of how

integrated aqua agriculture practices have transformed their livelihoods, water management strategies, and household incomes.

The conference will also showcase the Decision Support Tool (DST) developed and tested across the Living Labs - a digital tool that uses sensor data to provide real-time insights on water quality, nutrient content, and resource optimisation for farmers and agricultural advisors.

In addition, a dedicated session will present actionable policy recommendations to the government.

Quote from Project Coordinator:

"PrAectiCe has shown that agroecological solutions are not only environmentally sound but economically viable and socially transformative," said Jan Hoinkis from the University of Applied Sciences Karlsruhe. "This conference is an opportunity to share the evidence we've built over three years and to chart pathways forward for scaling these approaches across Africa, Europe and beyond."

Quote from Host Institution:

"The collaboration between research institutions, farmers, and policymakers through the PrAectiCe Living Labs has been exemplary," said Dr Cassius Aruho, [National Agricultural Research Organisation](#) (NARO). "We are proud to host this event and to demonstrate Uganda's leadership in advancing sustainable, climate-resilient agriculture," he added.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, 26th March 2026

Venue: Aquaculture Research and Development Centre, Kajjansi (ARDC-K), Kajjansi, Uganda

Format: Hybrid (in-person and online)

The conference will be concluded with a site visit to one of the project's Living Lab facilities, offering participants a first-hand look at the agroecological innovations in action.

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