

About PELUM Regional Desk

Name and Acronym: Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Regional Desk

Country or region of activity: East and Southern Africa

Date of Creation: 1995

Mission and objectives:

PELUM's vision: "To see communities in east and southern Africa become self organized to make choices towards an improved quality of life that is socially, economically and ecologically sustainable".

PELUM's mission: "We are a network in East and Southern Africa passionate about equity, people-driven development and integrity of creation working towards sustainable local community empowerment, food security and prosperity by facilitating learning, networking and advocacy."

PELUM's long term objectives:

- To become a vibrant civil society organization that influences agricultural and rural development policies in a way that positively impacts on the rural poor;
- To facilitate the social capital development of smallholder farmers so that they can readily speak for themselves;
- To shorten the learning curves associated with rural development and asset accumulation by the poor and marginalized communities;
- To develop the effectiveness of member organizations in helping the communities they work with to improve their livelihood and reduce poverty;
- To stimulate farmer to farmer learning and to inspire farmers to experiment and innovate in empowering ways;
- To make development more effective and more equitable among men, women and children, and for people infected with and affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic;
- To enhance the quality of the environment through sustainable development practices, with organic agriculture and minimal external inputs as key strategies.

Organization structure: PELUM Membership, at Country Level (Country Working Group), PELUM Board, Staff.

Members of staff: At the Regional Desk only: 15 members of staff.

Achievements in the country or region: PELUM members work with small scale farmers in promoting sustainable agriculture and organic farming. This is done through demonstrations with farmers as well as lobbying and advocacy.

Sources of funding: Membership fees and donor funds