



Dear PELUM Partners and Friends,

Greetings! We are delighted to present the newest edition of our newsletter, which is packed with good news from the Agroecology Sector. This issue focuses on the work done by PELUM Eswatini and our member organizations in the year 2023.

We are especially proud of hosting the Annual General Meeting (AGM), where we elected the PELUM Board of Directors. One of the key pillars of PELUM Eswatini's Strategy Plan 2021-2025 is to encourage member organizations to share knowledge and implement innovative ideas in their communities.

That's why, in the last quarter, extension officers from member organizations received training on how to produce compost and seedlings at Eswatini Organica, an NGO that promotes organic farming in the country.

In conclusion, we encourage you to continue growing your vegetables for household consumption, generating income, and taking care of our planet, which is our only home. Please feel free to share this newsletter widely and follow PELUM Eswatini on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

Kind Regards  
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# PELUM ESWATINI



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## TOP STORIES FOR THE QUARTER

### WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS AT LOZITHA



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It is with great pride that PELUM sponsored the momentous celebration of World Environment Day at Lozitha High School. The event was attended by a host of respected stakeholders, such as the Eswatini Environment Authority (EEA), MTN, United Nations Eswatini, and All Africa Tours.

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An impressive gathering of over 80 farmers from the Lubombo Region took place recently at the Siteki Municipality. The purpose of their meeting was to attend a traditional vegetable food exposition, where they were taught innovative ways to cook vegetable dishes in partnership with TAVI. The event was made possible through the support of TAVI, an organization that is committed to promoting food security in every household in Eswatini.

### COSPE SLOW FOOD EXPO

# AGROECOLOGY WORKSHOP AND PLANNING SESSION

WITH MEMBER & PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



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An exceptional and fruitful two-day residential workshop was recently held at the highly esteemed Sibane Sami Hotel. The event gathered a total of 36 participants, who represented various member and partner organizations. Each attendee was eager to acquire knowledge and enhance their skills in their respective fields.

## PELUM MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

New PELUM Eswatini Board of Directors: ADRA serving as the Chairman, GLM as the Vice Chairman, COSPE as the Treasurer, and BERCS, ERWA, Tenvelo, and ACAT as the Board Members.

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The highly anticipated Annual General Meeting was held at the esteemed venue of Caritas Manzini, with a distinguished gathering of Directors from Member Organizations in attendance. The proceeding featured PELUM-appointed auditing firm, K.Q. and Associates, who presented a comprehensive report on PELUM's financial status to the attentive and discerning audience.





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## TOP NEWS OF THE QUARTER

### EXCHANGE VISIT AT ESWATINI ORGANICA



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PELUM Eswatini's Strategy Plan 2021-2025's programs and services pillar is inspiring member organizations to learn from each other and implement new ideas in their communities. The extension officers of these organizations are eager to share their newfound knowledge with small-scale farmers in their areas.

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PELUM alongside member organization GLM, and Tenvelo, were invited by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development in collaboration with FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture, to the Green Cities Project Launch. Attendees were greatly impressed by the innovative materials showcased by PELUM that can be used for backyard gardens in limited spaces.

### GREEN CITIES PROJECT LAUNCH



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# SITEKI FLEA MARKET

MAKING THE WORLD BETTER A DAY AT A TIME !!

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The first-ever Siteki Flea Market held in collaboration with COSPE was a remarkable success. The event brought together stakeholders such as the Siteki Town Council, World Vegetable Centre (TAVI), the Ministry of Agriculture, and Creative Arts and Designing. PELUM's visibility initiative was highly successful, providing a platform for the organization to promote its brand and raise awareness about agroecological practices.

