

Supporting ecological land use
management in Eswatini



Dear PELUM Partners and Friends,

Greetings! It is with great pleasure that we present the latest edition of our newsletter, which features an array of positive developments in the Agroecology Sector and the activities undertaken by various PELUM Member organizations in the month of September.

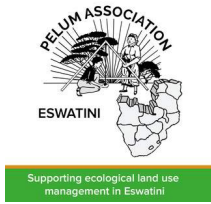
We are honored to have been recognized as the best NGO at the Eswatini International Trade Fair 2023, hosted by the Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA) at Mavuso. During this quarter, PELUM, in collaboration with Member Organizations ACAT, Vusumnotfo, ESNAU, and COSPE, organized regional Seed Fairs across all four regions, inviting key stakeholders from the Ministry of Agriculture. Additionally, we had the opportunity to explore the activities of member organizations COSPE and Tenvelo in this edition.

Lastly, in this edition, small-scale farmers are being equipped with the necessary knowledge to prepare for the forthcoming El Nino in the next three months, including the most vital elements to consider.

We strongly encourage everyone to continue taking care of our planet, which is our only home. We welcome you to share this newsletter widely and follow PELUM Eswatini on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

Kind Regards

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As the El Nino season approaches Southern Africa, it's crucial to be aware of the potential impacts it may have on gardening and landscaping. The region has a history of experiencing high temperatures and droughts during this season, and with only three months left until it starts in November, it's important to take preventative measures.



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Tenvelo has engaged in a variety of activities that align with their current project, which focuses on Community Ecological Management and Sustainable Livelihood (CEMSL). These efforts consist of workshops and training sessions on agroforestry and climate change-related topics, held in both Kalanga and Siphocosini

The launch of the Shewula hub marks a significant step towards sustainable development in the community. By repurposing an old structure and creating a food processing center and community seed bank, the hub provides economic opportunities for local farmers and creates a platform for preserving indigenous seeds.

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REGIONAL SEED FAIRS

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The Regional Seed Fairs organized by PELUM Eswatini with Member Organizations and the Ministry of Agriculture served as a platform to promote Seed Sovereignty. The Member organizations, ACAT, COSPE, ESNAU, and Vusumnotfo, successfully hosted the fairs to enhance agroecology and food security by promoting the concept of Farmer Managed Seed Systems.



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PELUM Eswatini's dedication to mitigating climate change was truly remarkable and was prominently showcased at the Eswatini International Trade Fair. The organization's unwavering commitment to promoting ecologically sustainable practices was met with an overwhelming response from the public, resulting in PELUM being awarded the prestigious first prize for Best NGO and having coverage on the local TV Station Eswatini TV.