

First edition

PARTNERSHIPS FOR DIVERSITY (P4D) NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the P4D Community! 

Greetings from CIRAD and Oxfam Novib acting as the P4D Secretariat! Our journey together officially began in April, and we're thrilled to launch the very first edition of the P4D Newsletter. Together with all of you, as partners across East and West Africa, we are building something unique connecting, supporting and amplifying the important work that you are already doing.

We hope this newsletter becomes a space for regular connection, where we can celebrate achievements, share practical tools, highlight opportunities, and spotlight the inspiring work happening across our regions. Let's keep learning from each other, finding synergies, and amplifying diverse voices in our food systems.

SPOTLIGHT ON A P4D MEMBER

In every edition of the newsletter, we'll feature a story from one of P4D members. In the next issue, we will share our first partner spotlight.

Would you like to be featured here? We welcome stories that showcase collaboration, innovation, and impact—whether through participatory research, farmer-led seed initiatives, or inclusive policy advocacy.

If you're interested in being featured, email us at liza.kollar@oxfamnovib.nl



COMMUNITY CORNER

Welcome to all members of the P4D platform, spanning over 40 organizations from Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, and Angola, among others. We're inspired by the diversity of your work and your commitment to just and inclusive food systems.

A WhatsApp community has been set up to help facilitate informal communication, share quick updates, and strengthen connections. Please join our P4D WhatsApp community [by clicking here](#) or by scanning the QR code. We will also be compiling a member directory with names, organizational affiliations, and thematic interests. Let us know what you'd like to share!



P4D IN ACTION

Kick-Off Meeting Recap – April 3rd, 2025

We kicked off the new phase of the P4D project with an online meeting that brought together over 40 organizations from across East and West Africa. The meeting provided a space to reconnect and collectively reflect on the project's shared purpose: to strengthen what already exists, create meaningful connections across regions, and advocate more effectively for farmer-led approaches to agrobiodiversity and food systems transformation.

Plenary and breakout groups offered an overview of the pilot phase and introduced the five thematic pathways around which the platform is organized. Together we emphasized that P4D is not about launching new field activities, but about deepening and connecting ongoing work, showcasing innovations, and strengthening advocacy efforts. The enthusiasm was clear: people are eager to share methods, co-create solutions, and raise visibility for the work happening on the ground.

WE AGREED TO MOVE ON WITH:

-  Launch of the call for Pathway Leads to help animate each of the five thematic streams
-  Creation of a WhatsApp community for easier day-to-day interaction. You can join here <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ff56FuepP6T8YADd3Hieuf>
-  Development of an online resource repository to host best practices, case studies, and publications

**CLICK HERE TO READ THE
KICK-OFF REPORT**



RESOURCES & TOOLS



We're building a shared collection of practical tools, participatory methodologies, and publications for the P4D community. In the next issue, we'll start featuring useful resources contributed by partners. Do you have a *method*, *manual*, or *story* that others could learn from?

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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Reach out to the P4D Secretariat if you would like support to prepare an application.

CONSERVATION COMMUNITIES FELLOWSHIP 2025

**APPLY BY
JULY 14,
2025**

This opportunity is tailored for grassroots leaders working in the Global South to protect local biodiversity. The Fellowship offers mentorship, peer learning, and a flexible £5,000 grant. Ideal for community-based initiatives that integrate ecological knowledge and rights-based conservation.

For more information: <https://global-diversity.org/the-conservation-communities-fellowship-2025-call-for-applications/>

GAFSP – 8TH CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR FARMER ORGANIZATIONS

**DEADLINE
AUG 1,
2025**

The Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) has launched its 8th call to support producer organization-led initiatives focused on food security, climate resilience, and rural development. This is a key opportunity for farmer networks involved in seed systems, climate-smart agriculture, or cooperative development.

For more information: <https://www.gafspfund.org/8th-call-proposals-producer-organizations>

UNESCO/CANADA CO-SPONSORED FELLOWSHIPS 2024–2025

**DEADLINE
JUNE 21,
2025**

Open to mid-career professionals from eligible countries, this fellowship provides technical training and exchange in areas such as sustainable development, biodiversity conservation, and Indigenous knowledge systems

For more information: <https://www.unesco.org/en/fellowships>

INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON AGROSYSTEM LIVING LABS IN BORDEAUX, FRANCE 15-17 OCTOBER 2025

**DEADLINE
OCT 1,
2025**

Over three days, the event will feature discussion panels and parallel sessions of scientific papers to establish state-of-the-art practices, share success stories from case studies, and address the challenges facing the international agroecology Living-Lab community. The Forum will also feature networking events and field tours aiming to generate dialogue and create an inspiring space for collaboration and action.

For more information: <https://ifall2025.web-events.fr/>

AGROECOLOGY EUROPE FORUM IN MALMÖ, SWEDEN 2-4 OCTOBER 2025

Agroecology Europe Forum 2025 is a landmark event shaping the future of food systems through agroecology. The theme “Transformation in Action!” will highlight collaboration, integration and bold action to accelerate agroecological transitions across Europe.

For more information: <https://www.agroecology-europe.org/agroecology-europe-forum-2025/>

FUNDRAISING CORNER

How can we fundraise better together?

The goal of Partnerships for Diversity (P4D) is to shift power in seed and food systems—moving from competition to collaboration, with a strong focus on inclusion, knowledge sharing, and decentralized decision-making. To support this, the P4D Secretariat will strengthen fundraising efforts for long-term sustainability by:

-  Building partners' fundraising skills through trainings and workshops
-  Facilitating joint proposal development
-  Advocating for more funding for farmer-led initiatives

Join us to kick off this journey! Our first fundraising session will feature Han Valk Fundraising Consultancy, a team with deep experience in this field. With major shifts happening among European and global donors, we'll explore how to raise funds locally—from local to local.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

-  Approaching embassies, local foundations, and businesses
-  Building long-term relationships with funders
-  Organizing or joining local fundraising events
-  Collaborating with INGOs and local actors

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS VIA ZOOM:

Option 1: June 12, 10:00–12:00 (Netherlands time)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89789043349> Passcode: 148314

Option 2: June 18, 15:00–17:00 (Netherlands time, with Portuguese interpretation)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82998967556>. Passcode: 038626

[For our French speaking P4D members, please confirm if you plan to join before Friday 6th June so we can arrange interpretation ENG-FR-ENG]

CONTACT & FEEDBACK

This newsletter is your space. Do you have suggestions, ideas, or something to contribute to the next issue? We'd love to hear from you. Let's keep building this community—one conversation, connection, and collaboration at a time.

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