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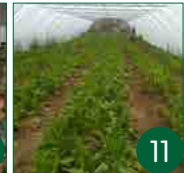
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Annual Review





Executive Director's Report - Year ended September 2016

2016 saw a further reduction in Operating Overheads by approximately 31.1% (in addition to the 39.3% reduction in 2015). This speaks to the continued implementation of the strong back-to-basics approach, tighter internal controls and good cash management. During this period, even though the general economy experienced volatility, we are pleased to report that our donations stream remained largely stable. We are truly grateful to our loyal donors, without whom, we would not be able to have the impact we do.

Whilst the above is a notable achievement, we believe that strong management of donor funds and accountability are simply non-negotiable imperatives. Our purpose is to improve the lives of historically disadvantaged communities and it is here that we find meaning. The last two years have seen an increase (of approximately 10.2%) in the proportion of donor funds "reaching the ground". We are pleased to report that nearly 80% of all monies received by Food & Trees for Africa go directly to beneficiaries. We are looking at increasing this ratio further in years to come.

Operationally, in terms of our projects, we have begun to see the fruits of our 2015 improvement plan for FTFA's Monitoring and Evaluation Framework as well as our Project Cluster Strategy. We are pleased to report that we have seen a significant improvement in tree survival rates and similar improvements can be seen, in terms of sustainability, within food security and income generation projects.



Chris Wild
Executive Director

Whilst this review contains segmented reporting on our various programmes, it should be interesting to note that 2016 saw a strong trend towards food security projects and agri-businesses South Africa. As such, 2016 saw strong growth in our food-related departments, with an increase in emphasis on community gardens and commercial food production. However, school food gardens continues to be the biggest sub-sector within this space.

Internally, and continuing with operations, I am pleased to report that FTFA has seen a strong improvement in oversight, policies and procedures. Working with advice from our auditors, the management at Food & Trees for Africa have significantly streamlined internal processes, while making sure that we meet strong external audit criteria. We have implemented positive changes in the finance and procurement departments and I would like to thank our Financial Manager, Jane and Operations Manager, Kate for the work they have put into these systems. Compliance and impact are the lifeblood of a Non-Profit

Organisation and we will continue to ensure strong reporting and accountability in our processes.

Lastly, I must thank the FTFA team and Board of Directors for their continual support, buy-in and encouragement. It has made a big difference to me, FTFA and the organisational culture. I would also like to thank our donors, supporters and the FTFA family-at-large. Without you we would not be in the privileged position of doing the amazing work that we do. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wild



Chris Wild at Lenin Street Market Garden in Alexandra, Gauteng



Chris Wild presenting at eThekweni Newlands Hub



Chairman's Report - Year ended September 2016

South Africa is facing its worst drought in 23 years due to the El Niños and the impact of climate change. Dam water levels have dropped about 12 percent from a year ago. SA's worst water shortages in 23 years have caused a decline in farming output that will lower its GDP and cause food-price increases. Worst affected areas are KwaZulu-Natal, Free State, Limpopo, North West and Northern Cape, where farmers growing white maize, yellow maize, soya beans and sunflowers have incurred major losses. GDP figures for agriculture is 16.6% negative growth in quarter one of 2015, they are indicative of the drought impact. The agricultural sector entered into a recession in the second quarter of 2015 because of drought.

The Board of Directors is very happy with the direction Food & Trees for Africa is heading. There is a good balance of energy going into both innovation and strengthening procedural compliance. We are starting to see the dividends of strategic decisions made since the appointment of our new Executive Director and I have no doubt this is only the beginning. It has also been wonderful to see the extraordinary growth taking place within the organisation and team.

Most importantly, we remain true to our founding aims and objectives. Within the context of climate change and food insecurity in Southern Africa, I don't think there is a more important time for action and organisations like ours. It is critical that we continue to strive towards solving these major issues and I know Food & Trees for Africa will continue to play a big part in achieving this.

I'm very proud to be associated with Food & Trees for Africa and would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris and his team for all their hard work in realising the strategic vision of the Board. We wish them all the best moving forward.

Yours faithfully,

Mpho Mahanyele



Chairman, Mpho Mahanyele and Chris Wild at Mandela Day event 2016



Mpho Mahanyele (Chairman - Food & Trees for Africa), Sello Hatang (Executive Director – Nelson Mandela Foundation) and Ms Graca Machel (Patron – Food & Trees for Africa) at the launch of Mandela Day 2016.



A house becomes a home when it gets a tree

Trees for Homes is FTFA's large scale township greening programme. As the name suggests trees are planted at homes by community members. Upward of 750 trees are distributed at a time. This financial year saw a slight adjustment to the programme, planting 2 trees per household, one fruit and one shade tree, instead of one tree per household. This enables all community members involved to harvest fruit and benefit from shade.

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The programme trains local unemployed community members to become "Community Educators", to both train community members and monitor the planted trees. Through this process the community educators are paid, creating temporary employment.

This year saw the continuation of the ABSA AVAF carbon offset programme, with the planting of 4891 trees in Pimville in Soweto. Arbor Month 2016 was busy with new funders

such as Smollan and Octodec and existing sponsors such as Flexilube and SRK.

FTFA started concentrating the bulk of the tree plantings within the Greenbelts. The Mamelodi greenbelt saw the planting of 3250 trees through Trees for Homes. The Katlehong Greenbelt saw the planting of 2250 trees.

Sponsor	Trees
Absa AVAF	4 891
Cars	1 500
SRK	384
Ackermans	750
Flexilube	769
Scaw	1 000
Octodec	1 500
Smollan	750
Total trees	11 544

The tree plantings in Sicelo, near Meyerton with Flexilube were particularly touching. The community is so receptive to the tree planting programme, and despite drought conditions, the trees have thrived.

Main activity:
Mass plantings of trees in communities
Communities that received trees:
Sicelo, Katlehong, Mamelodi, Soweto

Number of trees distributed	11 544	
Number of households that received trees	5 772	
Number of community educators trained	230	
Voluntary carbon sequestration The trees have sequestered	4 259.77 tonnes CO₂e	

In the next financial year we will continue to tweak our systems for improved survival rate. In addition we will continue to focus on and expand our greenbelts.

The Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) have identified tree planting activities as key adaptation activities, specifically for temperature reduction. We are focusing on framing tree plantings in this context – as well as partnering with GDARD and other government entities for increased impact.



Octodec and City Prop come together for the community of Mamelodi.



The beneficiaries in Pimville, Soweto say thanks to ABSA AVAF for their trees.



Distribution day with Cars.co.za at Opelweg Primary School, Eden Park, Alberton.



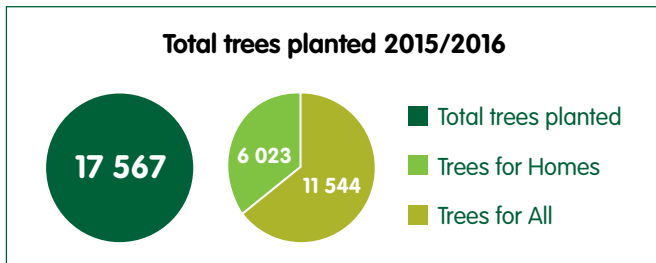
Proud Community Educators (CEs) sponsored by Flexilube in Sicelo, Meyerton.



Trees make life so much better!

2015/2016 Financial Year

In total 17 567 trees were planted in the 2015/2016 financial year; 11544 through Trees for Homes and 6023 through Trees for All.



Quick Figures 2015/2016	
Trees Planted	17567
Carbon Offset	6482.28
CE's Trained	230

Historically the Trees for All Programme and Trees for Homes Programme have been run by two separate teams. This financial year saw the establishment of one 'trees team' to run both trees programmes.

Another notable improvement was the establishment of national greenbelts – designated areas in which tree planting activities are concentrated. Greenbelts have been identified in Mamelodi, Katlehong, Belhar/Blackheath (Cape Town), Savanah Park (Durban), Motherwell (PE), Mdantsane-Potsdam (East London). We started to concentrate activities in these greenbelts, particularly

Mamelodi, Katlehong, Motherwell and Belhar/Blackheath. The streamlining of the trees team and the greenbelt strategy have ensured greater operational efficiency, and the improvement of monitoring and evaluation of all trees planted.

Further tweaks have been made to the TFA and TFH programmes individually. The beneficiary application process has been amended to ensure only applicants who want trees, and have the capacity to care for them, receive trees. This is the key to increased impact and survival rate of trees. This is a work in progress but should hopefully result in incremental improvements in survival rates of trees.

We have also been encouraging sponsors to donate toward both programmes through the Urban Food Forest Initiative. This initiative sees the planting of trees at both schools and homes in a chosen area. This ensures that the entire community benefit from tree planting events. Smollan and Absa chose this option for their interventions in Katlehong and Soweto respectively.

Finally, the ongoing drought made tree planting difficult in parts of the country in 2016. We found that our methods of planting with 2L bottles, and mulching enabled trees to grow well despite the drought. Nonetheless some projects were deferred to 2017 – namely the Kimberley National Lotteries Commission Trees for Homes project.

Programme Manager Emily Jones says, "It has been an extremely challenging and rewarding year. We are continually trying to improve our programmes to cope with environmental factors such as drought. We keep tweaking the programmes to ensure that communities feel the most benefit from tree planting interventions."



Learners placing mulch around the newly planted tree

Looking Forward

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Giving a tree life, gives life!

Trees For All

Trees for All (TFA), FTFA's oldest tree planting programme, plants trees at schools, community centres, clinics and other shared community spaces. This programme plants a mix of fruit and indigenous shade trees at community centres who have applied for trees. The programme integrates nicely with existing school environmental and science programmes, helps pupils to understand environmentalism and greening at a practical level, and beautifies and greens school grounds.

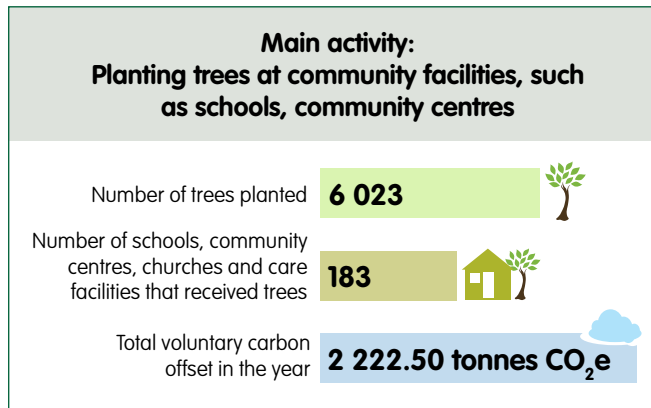
FTFA has an ongoing relationship with Konica Minolta South Africa – TFA's largest sponsor. They commit to offset their carbon footprint every financial year, and did so in 2016 and will do so in 2017. This financial year KMSA planted a total of 3891 trees at schools and community centres throughout South Africa.

One highlight of KMSA's involvement was the Mandela Route. In July 2016 FTFA and KMSA traced Mandela's footsteps by planting trees at key points throughout the Eastern Cape. This was a moving experience where KMSA staff and communities of Qunu, Mvezo, Alice and Fort

Beaufort could come together to celebrate Mandela's life and commemorate his good work through tree planting.

Other ongoing sponsors of TFA include: Primedia, SATaxi, Browns, Bloomberg, Ethos, Carmargue Underwriters, and Ecocycle.

Total trees planted through Trees for All in the 2015/2016 financial year is 6023 trees.



The team from Smollan planting trees at Ezibeleni Special School in Gauteng



The Bloomberg Team at Bathabile Primary School in Gauteng



Browns Representitives at Emmangweni Primary School in Gauteng



Konica Minolta team at Nelspruit Primary School



SA Taxi - David Hellen High School-Gauteng - October 2015



Grow your food, grow your community!

WHY?

The United Nations Millennium Development Goals feature food security at Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Hunger and Poverty. Food gardens are essential for ensuring food sovereignty in the face of inequality and climate change. FTFA's diverse network of trainers and projects support all South Africa's regions. Food Gardens for Africa (FGFA) adapts support, training and infrastructure to rural community gardens, urban market gardens and peri-urban homestead gardens. These are in public spaces, on municipal ground and school premises.

WHAT?

As climate change affects large-scale agricultural yields and food prices rise, the need for food gardens grows. Permaculture Starter Packs (PSPs) offer the basic tools and resources to facilitate motivated communities to productive functional food gardens. The FGFA department has observed how well this system has worked and how easily funders can take it on board. Not only because the phased approach is effective for communities but also because the funding brackets are manageable for small and large companies.

STATS

We are currently running 24 new projects and have supported 72 food gardens in the last year.

WHO?

Our major funders are: Woolworths (with their Volunteer days in May and September last year), the Cummins Africa team, who expanded their support of FTFA from their Harrowdene branch to the Woodmead centre, and now includes their Kelvin office too. The Global Giving platform has been a pleasure to work through for this international grant.

Additional donations for food gardens include: City Lodge, Octodec, Nedbank Trusts, Aurecon, Vodacom, T-Systems, Maxiflex, and last but not least, Shoprite. Their Act for Change and CSI funding has been tremendous. Supporting three short-term soup-kitchen projects in May 2016, we quickly tripled that by September 2016. Together the FGFA Shoprite partnership is now sitting at 17 long-term community gardens in 6 different provinces including the deprived Eastern Cape. 23 large-scale gardens are planned by June 2017 these will include the disadvantaged Northern Cape.

Our pro bono support through Kulula.com, City Lodge, Avis Rent a Car and Doonholme Herbs have made fundraising for these projects so much more feasible. From me, Robyn Hills: "Personally, I couldn't do it without your support. Thank you!"



Our new Ecopreneur - Wendy Tsotsetsi at Evaton in Gauteng planting a garden with City Lodge



Shoprite project at Yenzanathi in Kwa-Zulu Natal



Beneficiary, Micky in Khayalisha at her homestead garden



The Manzini Harvest planted in September 2016



The Cummins team at Ingqayizivele High in Tembisa





Educating a generation toward sustainability

2016 was the culmination of the 2 year cycle; we saw consistent increase in the number of workshops and participants across South Africa. The Western Cape experienced a dramatic increase in participating schools for the first time in 12 years. The workshops during this phase provided the final permaculture knowledge and gardening building blocks for an effective high quality of gardens that entered into the competition phase.

The 2015/2016 cycle for the EduPlant Programme aimed to reach 5 500 participants and 2 250 schools through the workshops. A total of 5 711 participants and 2 817 schools were reached during the 90 One-Day workshops in

2015/2016. This is on par with the figures from 2010 to date. The quality and quantity of entries received when compared to previous years was maintained nationally.

Once again Bosco Youth Centre was selected for the finals event. A total of 66 schools were selected to represent their provinces. The prestigious gala event on the final evening of the competition was enjoyed by educator and learner, winners and runners up alike. EduPlant underwent a monitoring and evaluation process to determine the impact of the programme; the resulting improved design will be rolled out systematically over the next cycle of the programme from 2017 to 2018.



EduPlant Cluster 5: Cavalleria Primary, Kraaifontein, Western Cape



Cluster Workshop 5: Le reng High School, Ladybrand



Emerging Category Winners: Henryville Primary, KZN



Intermediate Category Winners: Kutlwanong School for Deaf, North West



Advanced Category Winners: Roseway Waldorf, KZN



Mentoring Category Winners: Mailakgang Primary, North West



Provincial Winners: Letshego Primary, Northern Cape

The Winning Schools were announced as follows:

Emerging Category:

- First: Henryville Primary School, KwaZulu-Natal – R10 000
- Second: Garden Village Primary, Western Cape – R7 500
- Third: Velimemeze Primary School, KwaZulu-Natal – R4 500

Intermediate Category:

- First: Kutlwanong School for the Deaf, North West – R12 000
- Second: Richlea Primary School, KwaZulu-Natal – R8 500
- Third: Mahlahlavana Primary School, Mpumalanga – R5 000

Advanced Category:

- First: Roseway Waldorf School, KwaZulu-Natal – R15 000
- Second: Siphakamile Primary School, KwaZulu-Natal – R10 000
- Third: Seyisi Primary School, Eastern Cape – R6 000

Mentoring Schools Category:

- First: Mailakgang Primary School, North West – R20 000
- Second: Moriting Primary School – R12 500
- Third: Sosukwana Primary School, KwaZulu-Natal – R7 500

Provincial Winners: R4000 each and a set of gardening tools

- Eastern Cape – Mabandla Primary School
- Free State – Gelukwaarts Primary School
- Gauteng – Dimakatso Primary School
- KwaZulu-Natal – Stanger Training Centre
- Limpopo – Mafolofolo Primary School

Re: Thank you letter for participation

Dear Sir/ Madam
We would like to take this opportunity to thank Food & Trees for Africa and the Woolworths trust for the opportunity they gave us to participate in the national EduPlant competition. On behalf of the SGB, principal and educators, we like to say thank you very much. We have gained a lot of experience and we would like to participate in all permaculture programmes in future. Lastly the permaculture garden of OMANG primary school will be alive for generations to come.

Yours truly, Garden member
Mr T.G Mogaswa, Omang Primary School

The Garden Village Primary School Grow Kids gardening team and the rest of the school community would once again like to thank you for the opportunity to be part of a bigger initiative in enhancing the awareness of having a healthy environment and planet which ensures healthy living. We to strive to uphold this same ethics and will be making this possible by using the prize money we have won wisely. With winning we decided to apply for more land close to our current garden to extent it. We have been successful in this application and are now able to start three more gardens the same size as our current one. We are also able to buy the resources needed to start this new journey with the money you have provided us.

Dear EduPlant

We thank you for the money we received from you. We used your money in purchasing the following fruit tree: 5 Peach trees, 5 Naartjie trees and 5 oranges, they cost R1200. Thank you very much, we appreciate your funds.

Most sincerely, Co-ordinator (L Raw)
Zandise Junior Senior Secondary

To whom it may concern
THANK YOU FOR THE DONATION OF R1200.00 FROM EDUPLANT
We, as Shea O'Connor Combined School, would like to take this opportunity to thank you all EduPlant members/team for the gift you gave us as a school. We have received the amount of R1200 last week, we also wish to apologies for not informing you on time due to the delay in our school system, and we received the amount notification late. But all in all we are so happy, amazed, impressed and enjoy being involved in the EduPlant programme.
We are really thankful for the opportunity you gave us which exposed our learners in various learning areas; they have gained a lot of different learning skills. We as permaculture participants Mr Dhlamini (teacher), Kwanele Mkhulisi, Duma Manelisi and Mncedisi Dlamini are filled with joy and gratitude for getting such a wonderful platform to experience practical learning.
We look forward to continued involvement in the project and changing our school garden and encouraging more learners to be involved in permaculture.
Yours faithfully, Dhlamini Simanga, Teacher



FEED Africa

The FEED moto of providing economic development, job creation and poverty alleviation in communities is the driving force behind this successful programme. With food security being the main aim of all the food gardens and food production projects administered by FTFA. The FEED model has taken off and is now a well-established leg of FTFA. With the FEED model incorporating both the large scale FEED farms and smaller scale market gardens the programme in 2016 has grown. FEED has many projects running in KZN as the FTFA branch is reshaping the 51 FTFA administrated community gardens in KZN into FEED principled market gardens. The Large scale farms were still in effect in Gauteng with Thabazimbi, Kammaland and Mogwase.

2016 in FEED Africa was the year of completion of projects. The Thabazimbi exit in March 2016 and the Kammaland later in the year were two of the highlighted projects of 2016. The 3 year Bakotudi Co-operative in Thabazimbi FEED farm was one of the larger FEED projects administrated by FTFA. With the completed infrastructure and workforce well established by the end of the contract this farm has been well equipped to succeed. This farm produced on average of R40000 on a variety of produce over the year. This average brought down due to the drought months from the middle to end of 2016. The farm now boasts a regular harvest and have 16 seasonal workers who all benefit from the agri-business that has been established in Thabazimbi.

In the context of some changes within Food & Trees for Africa and particularly the FEED Africa personnel, February 2015 saw a number of constructive meetings, assessments and steps taken towards the betterment and sustainability of the Kamaland project. This project was very successful for being on a much smaller scale. The administration of this project ran over 6 months. The Mazibuko family and their team at the co-op; Emmangweni Co-operative have

grown 25 tonnes of lettuce and cabbage, sold 30 tonnes of spinach and harvested a total of 55 tonnes of leaf crops from their 2 Ha plot in one year. The development of an Enterprise Development (ED) project ensured that Miriam Mazibuko (chairperson of Emmangweni Co-operative) and three community members from Sebokengwere taught the fundamentals of running an agri-business. The training programme up-skilled the beneficiaries and established Emmangweni Co-operative as a productive small-holder farm specialising in vegetable production cattle herd rotation, earth worm farming and chicken rearing.

The KZN contingent for 2016 brought the farms through the drought with minimal casualties. Many of the farms received water tanks for catching the little rain that did fall towards the end of the year. The permaculture training and methods were accepted well by the farmers involved at these projects. By year end 80% of the gardens had a satisfactory level of production with about 10 of the farms selling to the main central market in Durban. Every farm that produced this year had learned how to make money of the produce and began to see the economic benefits of farming.



Bakotudi Co-operatives won top prize in Limpopo Province for excellence in productivity in the cooperative category at the Productivity SA Awards.



Butternut packed and ready to go to market by Bakotudi Co-operative in Thabazimbi.



Refrigerated pack house at the Bakotudi Co-operative in Thabazimbi.



Kammaland farm with lettuce and spinach ready for harvesting



FEED Africa

Mogwase

The ReTsoga Pele co-operative enjoyed a fruitful year of vegetable yield. During this timeline the Water tanks were replaced and additional borehole repairs were undertaken to ensure sufficient irrigation capacity.

Training was also presented by Mr Caiphus Mahumani from the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform. This focused entirely on the co-op's constitution, its purpose, structure, benefits and process. The existing constitution was discussed in detail and a new draft constitution was drawn up. A new management committee of the cooperative was voted in. Training also took place with regards to business administration principles.

All in all, this project is well on its way to being self-sustaining and a long term development.

Farmer Eco Enterprise Development (FEED) Africa aims to provide economic development, job creation, poverty alleviation and food security in communities throughout South Africa. The programme aims to build capacity in smallholder/emerging farmers and allow them access to formal markets and distribution channels, thereby creating sustainable livelihoods and contributing to the formal economy.

Formal off take agreements are always secured to ensure there is a demand for the farm produce.

Central to the FEED programme is the capacity building and upskilling of the beneficiaries. This training covers business administration as well as technical aspects of organic agricultural production.

Overall, the fact that farmers that have been introduced to permaculture through FEED Africa are planting fruit trees is a huge development. Formerly, farmers grew cash crops only, which are very sensitive to climate and water fluctuations.



Mogwase tomatoes in tunnels



Mogwase spinach in tunnels





FEED Africa

FTFA eThekweni Branch has made a significant contribution to food security within the emerging farming community to promote commercial viability, ensure household food security and facilitate market access and inclusion within the mainstream economy. The agro-ecology development model emphasises agricultural technical skills, social dynamics, marketing and business skills transfer. Within one year of commencing this project, Food & Trees for Africa has mentored and supported 58 groups of farmers. 81 percent of these farmers have established off take agreements with markets and are reaching self-sustainability with consistent high crop yields.

Food & Trees for Africa also initiated 5 youth groups. The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) and the Education Training and Development Practices Department (ETDP) provided training in cooperative governance and registration of the cooperatives. Extensive agro-ecology and plant nursery skills training was conducted with the youth groups. These youth groups have illustrated commitment and dedication to ensure the success of their farms. Secondary school learners were workshopped on career options in agricultural sciences.

The agro-ecology programmes that were developed are aligned to the curriculum for prevocational schools (Khalipha Special School, Damarosa, Khulongolwazi and Golden Steps Prevocational School), to ensure that marginalised disabled communities can become part of mainstream society.

Climate change mitigation strategies form an integral part of the training. Trees are planted at various schools and communities. Awareness conducted at farm sites, youth groups, UKZN (Howard College) and UKZN (Pietermaritzburg Campus).

We have developed close collaboration with tertiary institutions whose post-grad students conducted research on climate change and agro-ecological practices.

Strategic stakeholder relationships with various Community Based Organisations and Government Departments has been established. These have added value and ensured that maximum benefit has accrued to the beneficiaries. Our stakeholder network includes the following: NYDA, SEDA, DAFF, ETDP, NSNP, SEEP, DUT, UKZN, BSU, DARD, EDTEA, CPU Sukyo Mahikari and the Life Mastery Foundation.

The sterling work conducted by FTFA in the province of KZN was recognised by EDTEA and the SEEP Supporter award was conferred. We serve on the KZN Environmental Education Forum and contribute to the development of the framework for Environmental Education Practitioners. An exhibit of the successes achieved by FTFA was showcased at the Sustainable Living Exhibition which was visited by 15 000 people.

Our teams focus going forward is to build and expand the current initiatives, develop future projects and programs that involve urban and rural communities to sustainably manage their farms, the planet and their profits.

eThekweni Team: Bharathi Tugh, Eugene Mahabeer, Nkululeko Wiseman Didi, Philani Charles Dube, Mlungisi Placidius Mvelase, Sitembiso Mahlaba and Lawrence Tshuma.

Volunteer: Amishka Mothilal
Supported by Reggie Pather and Nash Mothilal



Yezanathi Project – Harvest for bulk market sales



Khalipha Prevocational School – Workshop on value added products



Qalabusha, South Gardens, Ward 98 – Harvest for bulk market



Inkululeko, Western Garden, Ward 2, Inchanga - Land under production



Lindokuhle, South Gardens, Ward 95, Folweni - Land under production



Take climate action now

The African Climate Reality Project (ACRP) is Food & Trees for Africa's chief climate change advocacy campaign. Established as the African branch of the international Climate Reality Programme initiated by Al Gore, the ACRP works towards mobilising individuals and organisations to take climate action now.

In the lead up to November 2015, ACRP focused on the international Road to Paris Campaign, to ensure that when governments met in Paris at the end of the year for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (known as COP21), they make strong and significant commitments to reducing carbon emissions. During this time, ACRP advocated and created awareness for COP21. This was achieved by establishing a coalition with 56 other partners; arranging events; launching a successful petition and playing an active role in helping the South African Government

develop its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution. ACRP remains a member of the National Climate Change Committee.

The events hosted by ACRP in the lead up to COP21 included Green Drinks events where speakers focused on climate change topics and provided an opportunity for like-minded people and coalition partners to network. Other events were the filming and broadcast of the South African segment of 24 Hours of Reality and Live Earth event and marches in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Howick and Abuja to create awareness of climate change.

Besides the events arranged in the Road to Paris campaign, African Climate Reality Project supported a petition for the signing of the Paris Agreement. The main focus was on spreading the campaign messages such as the solutions for climate change, information about South Africa's INDC and COP21 via social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook as well as the ACRP website. Change Agent Collective managed and continue to manage our social media accounts at a discounted rate and we have seen rapid growth, particularly in our Facebook account.

COP21 gave us positive news, however, maybe the most positive thing of all was that we, the people, came together and showed the way. We now need to keep on showing the way in 2016.

In addition to the Road to Paris campaign, ACRP supported ICLEI with the Durban Adaptation Charter Southern African Regional Workshop took place from the 14 to 16 October 2015 in Durban where ACRP facilitated workshops on climate change.

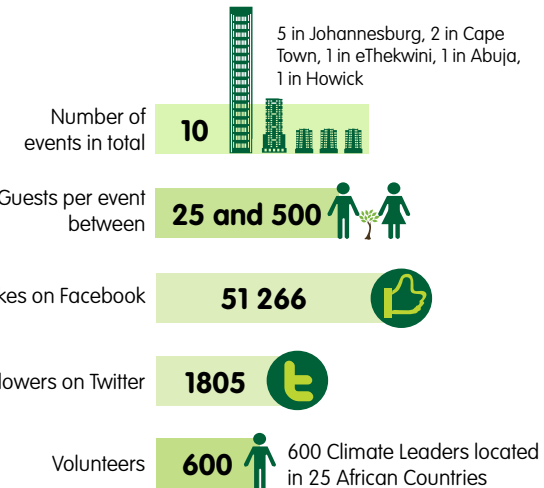


ACRP team and volunteers at a Networking Function

Main activity during 2016: Advocacy and communications in order for South Africa to sign the Paris Agreement.

Plans for 2017:

- The African Branch key strategic focus remains on supporting the implementation of the NDC commitments for South Africa.
- Two main objectives for 2017 are the implementation of carbon pricing and the implementation of round four of the renewable energy independent power producers programme (REIP4).
- ACRP is committed to supporting the 600 Climate Leaders (volunteers trained by The Climate Reality Project) throughout Africa; and to building capacity and strengthening civil society to support these goals.





Take climate action now

After South Africa’s signing of the Paris Agreement, ACRP shifted focus in 2016 to supporting our Climate Leaders in Africa. During May 2016, we conducted a survey of African Climate Leaders. The intention of this survey was both to update contact details of Climate Leaders and to solicit feedback in order for ACRP to support Climate Leader’s efforts better. Our Climate Leaders are highly motivated and committed to assisting with the climate change movement – climate change is an integral part of who they are and the work they do and they advocate for climate change at all opportunities. African Climate Leaders are committed to continue their climate change work and have established some formidable goals.

Considering the diversity of contexts between countries and even regions across the continent, ACRP realised it needed to enhance regional mobilisation for climate action, fostering sub-regional coordination and collaboration. To this end, Regional Coordinators, Michael David Terungwa;

Timothy Mugerwa and Ivy Chipasa, stepped up to this challenge and continue working closely with the Climate Leaders in East, West of Southern-Central Africa.

To further support our programme in the fight against climate change, the African Climate Reality Project has established a ‘Think Tank’ made up of members from business, Academia and non-profit organisations. Board members include Alec Joubert, Alex McNamara, Barend Erasmus, Chantal Ramcharan-Kotze, Chris Wild, Colleen Vogel, Grahame Cruickshanks, Harmke Immink, Johan van den Berg and Loshni Naidoo.

As 2016 progresses, our engagement for climate change mitigation and adaptation doesn’t falter. While some of us are involved in pushing for the ratification of the Paris Agreement by African countries, many African Climate Reality Leaders are sustaining their efforts on the ground to promote behavioural change and sustainable practices.



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Pre-COP 22 Dialogues in Uganda hosted by Climate Leader, Timothy Mugerwa



Climate Leader Oka Nosayaba hosted a Climate March in Lagos, Nigeria



Johannesburg Climate March



Accolades and Awards

FTFA is now an established NPO with major contributors and dynamic beneficiary partners.

We can confidently move in this space, and into the future, through collaborative initiatives and creative partnerships.

Speaking of impact: Thanks to the food garden projects we do; we have come into contact with the Alexandra Greening Route. This community tourism organisation seeks to link and publicize the amazing urban food production in their community. The ten community farms and backyard gardens which are feature in the greening route range in size and age. Some feed hundreds of community members, some are subsistence but all are led by inspirational farmers. Through our work we have witnessed the strength of the human spirit, ambition, dignity and drive the people of South Africa have to develop food security in their communities.

Other offshoots include the recycling and waste management company we work with at Minerva school, among others. Energy-web installs solar water-heaters

and bio-gas digesters. These make cooking many school meals much easier as the water is already hot and the fuel comes from organic waste made out of kitchen scraps and garden waste.

Another amazing collaboration has been with Hlabalela Dance Ensemble, who over the last 6 years, we have worked with to bring engaging physical theatre to climate change awareness workshops. What a privilege; as their Director Nhlanhla Mahlangu just won best choreography 2nd year in a row at the Naledi Theatre Awards! FTFA's flagship schools gardening programme, EduPlant means so much more than just food gardening - it allows school children, teachers and dynamic civic groups to exchange ideas in the green space.

Our network in the green industry has so many knock-ons that spread like a butterfly effect - enabling innovative positive action to take flight. We embrace the replication of our programmes and activities because we are all the answers, we are all the solution.

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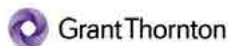
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FTFA is nothing without its staff, who are the power behind the organisation.

Our programme managers run their individual departments within FTFA, taking full responsibility for the success of their different programmes. Robyn Hills is responsible for Food Gardens for Africa; Emily Jones runs both Trees for All and Trees for Homes; Tshepiso Senetla is the coordinator for EduPlant; and Mike Miller was responsible for FEED Africa. Assisting them have been Jeminah Mkhize, Sylvia Mokete, Pat Anderson, Leigh-Ann Luthuli, Sylvester Nzimande and Lawrence Tshuma. The buck stops with our Executive Director, Chris Wild who is supported internally by Kate Bezuidenhout; as well as the Board of Directors. Other support staff included Elton Nzimande, Noma Moyo and Mary Masuku, Byron Maclean, Katherine Townshend, Shayna Beetge and Chantel Louw.

Volunteers also play a key role in making the FTFA machine move forward. Two key volunteers this year have been Elin Strom and Iain Cluett, who both committed weekly time with FTFA and assisted with ACRP. They were joined by other volunteers who could spend only a short time with us, but left their mark nonetheless.

We work hard and we play hard too! We look after a beautiful demonstration permaculture food garden at the back of our offices; and what a joy to be hold when it's harvest time! FTFA staff also enjoyed volunteering at a woman's shelter in Alex in celebration of World Environment Day in June 2016. A definite highlight of the year was our biennial ecopreneurs workshop where our permaculturalists from around the country met for a 2-day workshop in Magaliesburg.



FTFA Team building at Konka Adventure Camp



FTFA staff harvesting pumpkin from the office garden



FTFA staff ready to volunteer for Earth Day 2016



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1. Offset your carbon emissions generated by your lifestyle, office, school, church, business or event by planting trees in underprovided communities.
2. Contribute monthly – your small monthly donation will be of great value.
3. You and/or your company/organisation can contribute positively and sustainably to social development in South Africa, through Corporate Social Investment (CSI) / B-BBEE budgets. FTFA is a registered Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) and Welfare Organisation and offers an 18a tax receipt making your donation a tax-deductible expense.
4. Partner with FTFA to facilitate your next volunteer day – come plant a food garden with us and team build at the same time.
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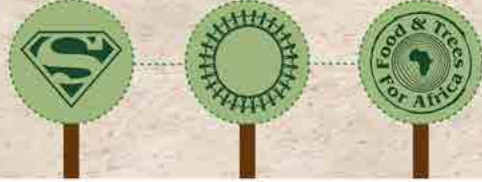
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