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Chairman's Report

We measure ourselves by our impact and, in that respect, it has been a great year for Food & Trees for Africa. Focusing on our core strengths has definitely added value to our programmes and beneficiaries' lives. This hasn't stopped the team from innovating and we are very excited about future plans and the strategic direction the organisation is heading in.

The economic landscape and growing levels of social inequality continue to highlight the importance of organisations like ours. Food security, sustainable livelihoods and a healthy environment are imperatives in the fight for social justice. We feel privileged to work in the sector we do, and most importantly affect positive change in communities who need it most.

Water has also been on our agenda lately. From the dire drought situation in Cape Town to the extreme flooding that took place in eThekweni. Surely, it can no longer be denied that climate change is real and affecting people's lives? I'm greatly encouraged, however, to see the progress FTFA is making in the areas of efficient design and water conservation (among others). I think the technologies we are exploring,



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particularly in the areas of water efficiency and nursery propagation, will add significant value to our methodologies.

Governance for Social Change

I have had the pleasure of Chairing the Board for two years now. We are fortunate to have a strong and diverse group of Directors, whose

oversite plays an integral role in guiding organisational strategy. Our decisions and governance policies are ultimately motivated for, only if they are in the best interest of our beneficiaries. Over the last year we have finalised some important policies, underpinned by solid values, which should yield fruit for many years to come.

To Our Donors / Partners / FTFA Family

Thank you! Without you, we would not be able to do this amazing work. We will always be committed to accountability, transparency and impact. You can always rely on us to make sure that your donation will be put to best use and affect real change.

To Chris and the team – Congratulations on another outstanding year. Thank you for your commitment and passion towards FTFA and development. What we are doing at FTFA is something truly special, important and relevant. Good luck for the next year.

Best Wishes,

Mpho Mahanyele

Executive Directors Report 2016/2017

It is a very exciting time for food security and environmental development in South Africa. However, as the country moves towards a new type of agricultural revolution, it is important to recognise the challenges that lie ahead with honesty and transparency. It also requires that we adapt our thinking, and understanding of sustainability, if we are to find solutions.

Trading Environment

The general non-profit / donations environment continues to be tough and competitive. The sector is directly affected by levels of disposable income and economic activity. Uncertainty furthermore detracts the pool of possible donations as companies / individuals would rather retain cash they may have otherwise been generous with. We are so thankful to those who recognise the importance of organisations like Food & Trees for Africa and help us make a positive difference in the country.

Pushing the Boundaries of Impact

With the success of the back-to-basics strategy, the organisation has had space to reflect and focus on additional areas relevant to operational efficiency and impact. We were able to review and improve on programme methodologies – most notably: assessment criteria; project exit planning; and our internal monitoring and evaluation



framework. Though we already have a good project success rate, we want to push the boundaries on the very definition of success and develop accurate impact metrics to measure it. We want to set a benchmark in development.

Comment on the Financials

The organisation produced a third consecutive year of surplus and is in a good cash position. However, income received in advance is nothing to get excited about, as it's largely committed for future obligations to our beneficiaries. We were lucky this year with "Other Income" (estate late donations etc.) and otherwise would have been closer to zero, if not in slight negative territory.

A Word on Monitoring & Evaluation

Innovation can take many forms. Most people associate it with areas like technology and products, but in development being able to analyse complex scenarios (involving people) quickly and accurately can be the

difference between success and failure. In 2015 we undertook a critical reflection of our Monitoring and Evaluation framework and, not only have we improved it significantly, but we now know where we want it to be.

Future Plans

Enterprise development and sustainable livelihoods are currently strong on the agenda and we plan to expand our offerings in this area. Yet this will not detract from our existing focus on sustainable food production, which we will continue to improve. Our strategy of cross-programme integration has produced exciting results and continues to allow for greater efficiencies. Of course, we cannot ignore some of the amazing technology opportunities that are presenting themselves in the space. We are looking forward to launching these innovations in the first half of 2018.

Appreciation

I want to take the opportunity to thank the FTFA Team for their hard work, the Board of Directors for their valuable guidance and the Extended FTFA Family for their continued support and belief in our aims and objectives. I am truly humbled and privileged to be part of this amazing organisation.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wild



Trees: Highlights at a Glance

23 830

trees planted

8793.35 CO₂e

carbon offset

5 741

beneficiaries reached

2016/2017 Financial Year

Trees Department Overview

23830 trees were planted in the 2016/2017 financial year, through both the Trees for All and Trees for Homes programmes. A total of 5741 beneficiaries have been reached; these include homes, schools, community centres, clinics, churches and some other shared community spaces. The department has continued to aim for synergies within the tree planting programmes to ensure communities feel maximum, positive impact. To correspond with this, we endeavour to run both the Trees for Homes and Trees for All Programmes within the same communities, for holistic environmental benefit. Added to this we collaborate with the Food Gardens for Africa team to run Trees for Homes and Trees for All programmes around community market gardens to generate local support for those projects.

Trees Planted	23830
Carbon Offset	8789.67
Beneficiaries Reached	5741

We continued with the strategy of planting in national greenbelts

– focusing efforts on Katlehong Thokoza, Vosloorus and Mamelodi in Gauteng. Most planting in the Western Cape was halted with the exception of schools which have boreholes, due to the persistent drought conditions.

	Trees	Carbon Offset
TFA	12820	4730.63
TFH	11000	4059.04
Total	23830	8789.67

We continue to tweak our programme's monitoring and evaluation processes to improve survival rates of trees.

We are in the early stages of developing a phased programme of planting Food Forests in schools. An incremental approach to establishing perennial food forests, using permaculture principles, will alleviate food insecurity and further FTFA's goals of greening the schools of South Africa. We aim to implement the Food Forest in 2018.

In 2016/2017 the Trees team focussed on measuring impact – following up with projects initiated in past years. We visited tree lined

streets in Tembisa planted by Kulula in 2011, and trees planted as early as 1991. In the coming year we'll continue to look back to take stock and learn, from projects implemented in the past.

Programme Manager Emily Jones says, "Exciting projects lie ahead for the trees team, I'm looking forward to a year of innovative new projects, expanding our footprint and bedding down as many trees as possible whilst also following up with past projects. There's nothing better than visiting a school we have planted at in the past, and seeing well-tended trees, hanging with fruit."

Trees planted per programme





Trees for Homes

Greening South Africa Street by Street

TREES FOR HOMES	
Trees Planted	11000
Carbon Offset	4059.04 CO2e
Homes Reached	5300
CE's Trained	220

About the Programme

Trees for Homes is FTFA's large scale township greening programme where upward of 750 trees are distributed to communities at a time. Each household receives 1 fruit and 1 indigenous shade tree. Through the programme, local community members are trained to become Community Educators (CEs). CEs introduce tree planting methods to households and monitor and evaluate the trees survival. CEs are paid for their time, and thus the programme ensures impact within multiple levels in the community.

Highlights of this financial year

Absa Vehicle Asset Finance doubled their donation of trees this year to a total of 8728 trees. 7000 of those were allocated to homes in five different wards in Katlehong,

Thokoza and Vosloorus, and the further 1728 were allocated to 63 schools in the area. The phenomenal contribution of trees enables the training of 140 CEs, as well as the planting of trees at 3500 homes. We were able to reach many new RDP developments in the area – many of which did not have a single tree. The residents were very excited to receive trees and in some cases- such as the distribution Eden Park, Thokoza, the 1000 trees were all collected by 11am on the day of distribution.

We look forward to returning to the region to monitor progress and to plant further trees in communities that have shown such an appetite for greening.



In Mohlakeng, on the West Rand of Johannesburg, Trees for Homes was rolled out in conjunction with a community food garden, both sponsored by Tiger Brands. Tiger Brands are supporting the establishment of a food garden to supplement a feeding scheme at St John the Divine Orphanage. Trees for Homes forms the first part of a gardens for homes project where small household food gardens will be planted in the area.

We look forward to watching these trees seed gardens, and to rolling out the project throughout the country together with Tiger Brands.

Coronation Fund Managers sought to hold a greener conference this year by planting trees instead of printing conference packs. They donated 750 trees to be planted in the Mamelodi greenbelt as well as 750 trees planted at schools in Durban and in PE through Trees for All.

The Numbers and Sponsors

Trees for Homes	Trees	Homes
Absa Vehicle Asset Finance	7000	3500
Ackermans	750	325
Cityprop	750	325
Coronation	750	325
PIC	750	325
Tiger Brands	1000	500
Total	11000	5300

A number of Trees for Homes Projects came to an end this financial year – and it was incredible to return to the area for the final evaluations to see well-tended trees, some of which were already hanging with fruit!

Trees for All

Planting trees in shared spaces, such as schools, community centres and churches

TREES FOR ALL	
Trees Planted	12820
Carbon Offset	4730.63 CO ₂ E
Beneficiaries Reached	441

Trees for All (TFA), FTFA's oldest tree planting programme, plants trees at schools, community centres, clinics and other shared community spaces.

Konica Minolta South Africa (KMSA) has continued to be TFA's largest sponsor, enabling us to reach 173 beneficiaries and planting 4896 trees in the financial year. We embarked on a new project of planting spekboom for carbon offset and rhino forage with KMSA, and it was incredible to see the multiple impact project take root. Half a hectare of Spekboom was planted at the Care for Wild Rhino Reserve in Nelspruit, and we continue to monitor and support the reserve in growing the spekboom.

Another highlight of KMSA's involvement was the Mandela Route. In July 2017 FTFA and KMSA returned to Qunu and Mvezo in the Eastern Cape to visit trees planted in the previous year, as well as planting 99 trees at beneficiaries in both villages. Local leadership were incredibly welcoming of the KMSA and FTFA team and invited the group back for the centenary in 2018.

Absa Vehicle Asset Finance planted 1728 trees at 63 different schools in Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus. This, combined with their

donation of 7000 trees to Trees for Homes in the area ensured that the areas greenbelt received significant contribution of trees.

AON came on board this year planting 1107 trees at schools nationally, focussing their tree plantings in their offices.

Primedia continued to donate trees monthly in 2016/2017. Primedia plants 85 trees each month at schools and community centred in various provinces throughout the country. A total of 1020 trees were donated to a total of 48 beneficiaries.

Many sponsors chose to donate trees to both Trees for All and Trees for Homes. Ackermans donated

trees to both programmes planted in September 2017 in Mamelodi. It is rewarding when sponsors recognise the importance of planting trees at schools and shared community sponsors as well as home – for maximum greening impact within the community.

Other sponsors who donated a large amount to TFA projects include: Fidelity, Bloomberg, Ethos, Camargue Underwriters, EcoBox, Craig Park Residents Association, Wilmar Fats and Oils, Landrover Jaguar Sandton, Global Access, Camargue Underwriters, SP Sport and Beauty, Coronation Fund Managers, Tutuka.



TFA Donors 99 Trees and Over	Trees	Beneficiaries Reached
Absa Vehicle Asset Finance	1728	64
Ackermans	250	9
AON	1107	43
Aurecon	248	15
Camargue Underwriters	136	4
Coronation Fund Managers	750	12
CRA	99	4
Event Greening Forum	203	8
Konica Minolta South Africa	4896	173
Tony Pupkewitz/ Private Sponsor	192	8
Tutuka	160	6
Wilmar Oils	99	4



Food Gardens for Africa

Programme introduction

Food Gardens for Africa is one of seven programmes run at FTFA. It addresses nutrition, growing food naturally and mobilises communities around self-determined nourishment. As with all FTFA's activities; project support is initiated in under-resourced populations and relies almost solely on corporate funding. The projects encompass



small-scale school-based gardens, geared towards learning as "outdoor classrooms," all the way up to large market-gardens which generate a significant income.

The creation of a food garden includes installing, fixing or improving on, infrastructure such as fencing, water tanks and shade houses. The training in agroecology

and permaculture helps to empower women, youth and pensioners; enabling them to triple their production and more than halve their work load.

Building our soils, addressing the reasons for failed projects and bolstering governance within these groups enhances livelihoods by actively upskilling members in vulnerable circumstances.

Diversifying and creating consistent yields allows the groups to earn a living, share their produce and use their sustainable agriculture skills to maintain production levels. Herbs and soil enhancers add to the sustainability of the gardens and the sophistication of the knowledge base at food garden projects.

The Year in Review

FTFA has telephonically assessed 114 garden sites, physically evaluated 75 gardens, and recommended 73 for support; 44 received support under the Food Gardens banner and 16 under the Market Gardens banner of our FEED Africa programme. Together with projects funded from previous years, Food Gardens manages many more gardens across South Africa.

During this period a total of 14 ECDC centres and 4 aged centres are being supported through FGFA's permaculture training and material support. 16 medium to long-term school gardens are being mentored



and 10 community based food gardens have been implemented and expanded in the last 12 months.

Our most essential garden has been Nthabiseng Homebased Care in the North West Province. This garden was started by a woman whose own child became disabled through an injury. Her purpose is to assist other incapacitated community members through her home garden which has become a market garden! Together with FTFA facilitator, MaEunice Mokgatle, she teaches and



practices agro-ecological gardening skills and vegetable production on her farm. This is one of many groups, from across SA, who reduce food insecurity by growing their own food and selling their surplus.

Our star funders who have made this possible include: Tiger Brands, Primedia, The Norman Wevell Fund, RB Hagart, Shoprite Holdings, The P.S.A, P.I.C, The Woolworths Trust, Cummins Global, Krux Productions, Investec and Kumba.

EduPlant National Schools Food Gardening and Greening Programme

The Programme Structure

EduPlant now addresses, more qualitatively, a systematic approach to school food garden training. The vast number of schools who have previously been supported are primed for more intensive preparation and food garden development. It is hoped that through the development of the latest adaptive programme design, as well as the edited version of the Growing Green book, the EduPlant food garden links will become ever more ostensible. New indicators addressing nutrition by supplementing the feeding scheme and actual food garden creation will be recorded in production sheets.

A stronger relationship with the Department of Basic Education – NSNP and other stakeholders (DAFF and community based organisations) will ensure consistency in the participation of the cluster workshop as well as the under resourced districts being sustained, respectively. This overlay addresses those schools in real need of food security assistance.

During the Ecopreneur Workshop held after the EduPlant final event last year, the EduPlant file (manual) was workshopped and all were in agreement that it, together with the improvements to the cluster programme would promote the content of the workshops and therein ensure reliable participation.

The latest design adaptation (since the Cluster roll out in 2012) includes a preliminary site visit and the application by schools to be part of the 2-year support

programme. This has limited the number of schools in each area to about 15. There are still 4 to 6 cluster divisions in each province. This allows for greater practical support and supplies; such as tools, planting materials and shade cloth to be provided.

Annual Review EduPlant

The EduPlant Programme, initiated and managed by FTFA since 1994, has been partnered with The Woolworths Trust for the last 13 years. Together, we continue to protect and assist children's nutrition, by addressing issues of food security, sustainable development and the alleviation of poverty through school gardening actions. For the past 23 years the EduPlant programme has been a leading school gardening initiative nationally. At all our interactive training workshops EduPlant provides learners, educators and community members with

educational materials, garden tools and planting resources.

The EduPlant design consists of assessing school food garden projects before they are accepted into the provincial clusters. The trainers can then safeguard that schools get the support they need for their projects and maximize FTFA's objectives.



This year saw 560 schools applying to be part of the EduPlant clusters. 440 schools were chosen to be a part of the 2017-2018 Cluster Programme.

- Number of one-day workshops = **45**
- Number of schools participating one-day workshops = **2136**
- Number of participants participating one-day workshop = **3343**
- Number of completed Cluster workshops (1st year) = **108 out of 252 (scheduled for 2018)**.
- Number of schools who participated in every workshop = **380**
- Number of regular participants in cluster workshops = 1284

This year we pay special tribute to Mr Joe Matimba who sadly passed away in a tragic bus accident.

Mr Matimba was an integral part of the EduPlant family and Food & Trees for Africa sorely misses this incredible man, Mr Permaculture.



Farmer Eco Enterprise Development (FEED)

The aim of the FEED Africa model is to sustainably produce consistent yields of healthy, naturally grown vegetables on a commercial level. The development of farmers, farm infrastructure and access to market takes place in a holistic way – project by project. This insures a sustainable growth pattern and allows for consistent harvests and a reliable supply to local markets.

Farmers are selected and supported through a series of strategic steps – their needs and strengths are built on and the production and harvest are shared between local markets; allocated with the immediate community and securing regular off takes for bumper crops.

FTFA has successfully exited 6 farms in the last 2 years – a testament to the ability of FTFA to mentor and complete the 3 to 4-year development of a commercial organic vegetable farm.

Market Gardens

The smaller scale FEED Africa projects have been labelled the “Market Gardens”. The aim of these gardens is to produce crops for income and hence sustain the community from an economic stand point. With infrastructural inputs of at a lower demand than that of a FEED Africa Farm, we manage to design these gardens on a smaller budget. We currently have 16 market gardens that are

in their first phase of support. We have sunk 2 boreholes, installed 32 water tanks and delivered close on 100 tonnes of organic material across these gardens. The basic bed design and soil health training has been completed; already assuring the farmers a small, growing income and consistent production. The initial stages of projects are prosperous. We continue to support and work with these gardens to grow their income and markets to a sustainable level.

Producing vegetables in an organic manner, for market, is a beautiful dynamic challenge to growers and distributors. FTFA has collaborated with a young bright logistics outfit in the organic space. This group and the Malobanyane Co-op along with multiple smallholder farms supply fresh veggies and herbs in the City of Johannesburg. It's been a creative, learning endeavour that has driven the Enterprise Development strategy for FTFA this year.

FTFA KwaZulu-Natal Branch

FTFA KZN Branch continues to groom in excess of 850 farmers to become leaders in the agricultural sphere. Agricultural productivity in the EThekweni region has grown steadily since the intervention of FTFA. During this period 88% of the 60 gardens have experienced sustained production levels; economic viability; adequate access to food for household consumption and have established linkages between the farmers and markets. There has been



THE PLAN FOR SUCCESSIVE YEARS IS TO DIRECT THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN SUCH A MANNER THAT IT MAKES A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE PROMOTION OF AN ECONOMICALLY SOUND FARMING COMMUNITY.

a 25% increase in average monthly returns at sites over an 8 month period. The markets accessed include a bulk market; farmers markets; small scale retailers; gate sales; supermarkets; social grant pay-out points; clinics and on-site offtakes to NSNP and crèche's.

FTFA KZN Branch focus is truly adding value in individual lives towards growing sustainable agricultural ventures. FTFA has emerged as a significant role player in Agro-Ecology, skills transfer, agricultural - business management, agricultural productivity and mentorship. The intensive training,



FEED (continued)

especially the practical activities are tangible at sites.

FTFA was selected by The World Economic Forum on Africa 2017 as the official Carbon Offset partner. 1260 trees were pledged towards greening Durban by the staff and delegates attending the Forum in May 2017. A presentation showcasing the FEED Africa programme was conducted at the C40 Cities conference held in Stockholm, Sweden by an EThekweni Municipality representative.

The beneficial relationship with our stakeholders impacts positively on our beneficiaries. We have received continued support from DAFF; NSNP; EDTEA; EThekweni PLC; DARD; Durban Botanical Gardens; Clairwood Municipal Market; Imagine Durban; Wes Grow; Umgeni Water; Project Ten; ACWW; ACRP and tertiary institutions (In-service training offered to two students).

Youth

Youth employment in agriculture is a source of great economic potential. To date, more than 100 youth have been provided with intensive training. The training included 3-day introductory Agro-Ecology workshops, plant-nursery skills, co-operative governance, business management, value-adding, plant nursery establishment, market access and small-scale farming. Emvelo-Wise youth group in Folweni township have been supplying the Clairwood bulk market regularly. Inkululeko Youth co-operative from Inchanga has received 5-days of International business skills training from SAG SEED. The Inkululeko youth team has commenced with the development of a plant nursery.

Successes

The successes of the FEED Africa programme were showcased at the Sustainable Living Exhibition 2017 and the Deputy Minister's Imbizo held at Comtech High School in Umlazi. Imagine Durban conferred a bronze award at the Sustainable Living Exhibition in the category of Food Security and Greening. The Associated Country Women of the World acknowledged the positive impact of FTFA on the Yezanathi Community Upliftment Project and contributed to the development of water infrastructure at the site. Public Investment Corporation brought drought relief to Siphikilekhona Cooperative in Umbumbulu through the installation of a borehole and water infrastructure at the site. FTFA's work was showcased in 12 print media publications and 1 electronic media.





African Climate Reality Project

The African Climate Reality Project (ACRP) was established as the African branch of the international Climate Reality Project initiated by Al Gore, and is Food & Trees for Africa's chief climate change advocacy campaign. The ACRP works towards mobilising individuals and organisations to take climate action now. ACRP's strategic focus during 2017 was to support the implementation of South Africa's mitigation efforts of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement. To achieve this ACRP lobbied for the South African Government to implement carbon pricing and round four of the renewable energy independent power producers programme (REIP4).

During this time ACRP worked with the South African Renewable Energy Council (SAREC) to create awareness of the political complications around the renewable energy programme (REIP4) with a social media campaign and Thunderclap during December 2016. We exceeded our Thunderclap goal by 58%, with a social reach of

250,000 people. In addition to this African Climate Reality Project has developed four infographics and two feature stories to illustrate the advantages of renewable energy in Africa.

The South African political situation required us to adjust our strategy somewhat from National level to Municipal level where the political will to shift to renewable energy is more probable. Subsequently, ACRP and Climate Action Network (CAN) International began the campaign 'Joburg CAN' in March 2017 to inform and empower the residents of the City of Johannesburg about the benefits of renewable energy. The aim of this campaign is to shift Johannesburg to 100% renewable energy by 2050. A two-part radio drama supported Joburg CAN together with outdoor billboards, radio interviews and a social media campaign. ACRP directly lobbied ward councillors, Mayoral Members

of the city, and held meetings with the Environmental and Infrastructure Services Department.

The two-part radio drama broadcasted climate science and information about renewable energy in South African vernacular.

Due to high data costs and low levels of literacy in SA, radio is one of ACRP's key education and advocacy tools. The radio drama was produced in English, Sesotho and isiZulu.

These have been broadcast on five community radio stations in South Africa, reaching a total of 1,2million listeners.

In March 2017, ACRP participated in the #BreakFree Campaign together with Greenpeace and 350.org to lobby against fossil fuels in South Africa. Following this, ACRP joined a very successful global coalition in September 2017, The Big Shift, to lobby the World Bank Group and other public finance institutions to stop funding fossil fuels. ACRP belongs to the steering committee of the Just Energy Future Coalition - a national campaign to stop the nuclear deal and fight for a clean energy future.

From a policy-perspective, throughout 2017 ACRP participated in and provided input to policies and processes for various government departments in South Africa. These include input to the Department of Environmental Affairs on carbon budgeting and target setting; the National Climate Change Mitigation System; the Climate Change



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Mitigation Framework; participation in the National Climate Change Committee meetings; lobbying the Department of Energy to extend the public participation period of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and Integrated Energy Plan (IEP), followed by providing input on the IRP and IEP so that the South African government will be aligned to a low-carbon future. ACRP also participates in the Gauteng Provincial Climate Change Forum on a regular basis.

In addition to our strategic commitment to the implementation of South Africa's commitment to the Paris Agreement, African Climate Reality Project supports the approximate 600 Climate Leaders (volunteers trained by The Climate Reality Project) across 25 African countries, who mobilise individuals and organisations to take climate action. As part of our grassroots mobilisation ACRP has designed a portable A3 flipchart presentation, together with written scripts, in English and French that allows our Climate Leaders to present the visual impact of climate change using a 'low-tech' option.

Throughout 2017, ACRP has liaised with Climate Leaders and continue to share their stories on our website and social media channels. During May and June 2017 Climate Leaders in the DRC, Nigeria, Uganda and Zambia focused on presenting and mobilising Youth in Africa through school-based initiatives.

ACRP held various events during 2016-2017. These include:

- A panel discussion on 24 November 2016 on the least-cost

optimised scenario for energy in South Africa by 2050, which makes the case for 70% renewable energy by 2040.

- A Climate March in Lagos, Nigeria on 28 October 2016 to submit their Big Five Green Asks for the Climate to the Governor.
- In Uganda, Climate Leader Timothy Mugerwa organised a dialogue on climate change in Kiboga district ahead of COP22 international climate negotiations.
- On 13 September 2017, ACRP hosted four premiere screenings of Al Gore's latest movie, 'An Inconvenient Sequel'. A number of high profile guests attended in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town and Durban.

We aim to increase public awareness and mobilisation on climate change through improved communication, and thus ACRP partnered with the Institute for the Advancement of Journalism (IAJ) and some of our Climate Leaders from EcoForum Africa. Together we organised Climate Change Reporting capacity building workshops for the

media in South Africa. The overall objective was to build on public awareness and conversations about the reality of climate change without making the concept too scientific, i.e. how climate change manifests, its impact on people's lives and possible solutions to climate change. The training was conducted by one of our Climate Leaders and president of the South African Science Journalists' Association, Mandi Smallhorne, and feature writing and social media expert, Gus Silber. Training took place in March 2017 in Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town and a total of 37 people participated.

ACRP's social media statistics continue to rise, particularly on Facebook, as our followers increased from 60 000 followers in October 2016 to 135 000 followers at the end of September 2017.

African Climate Reality Project will continue to mobilise individuals and organisations to take climate action during 2018 and more specifically, aim to increase engagement and support of our Climate Leaders working throughout Africa.





Branching Out: A Tribute to our Territory

FTFA has been growing for the last 27 years and has thrived over the last 2 years; allowing many associations and connective collaborations. One such example emulates this perfectly. Three young women from three different high schools were part of their Eco Clubs. We heard through the grapevine that Wits was hosting the SAIIA Environmental Sustainability Project for high schools; where learners could enrol to write a climate change mini-thesis. These girls enrolled and are now in the process of wrapping up their projects. FTFA provides a conduit for many under-resourced heroes to learn about nature, themselves and funding opportunities.

FTFA is proud to support smaller organisations such as co-ops and civic groups who are doing the most incredible work on a local level. Some of these include – Modimo O Teng who told us about Ma’am Violet and her team at Malobanyane in Alexandra. Her interest in herbs and culinary delights have resulted in a profitable small business. In the dawn light, they can often be seen feverishly packing heaps of fresh, organic produce for Sandton markets.

This year, FTFA has had the capacity to increase green

happenings and allow for additional activities – the Investec Amazing Race at the Alex gardens emboldens young corporates to exit their high rises and dig new garden plots, while rambling for clues as part of their team building.

International acknowledgements often catch our attention; the SWITCH Africa Green (SAG) SEED awards training in Durban allowed for a team of our young farmers to travel to the city. They were accommodated by the City Lodge Hotel Group and then mentored on organic markets by a German team of experts.

The FTFA eco-system, on this our green grid, has so many moments that extend like tendrils. All it takes to make a real lasting change - is the will to help; the eye to connect, and try. Our volunteers and employees share a love for people, South Africa and the green spaces we share. The need to protect and care for, and work on behalf of our planet, continues to shape our actions, projects and partnerships.

Just like a leaf, that brings life and sustenance to a tree, each of the project members clothe FTFA’s endeavours. We would not be here without your ambition – our beneficiaries consistently strive to be

better, to look after their neighbours – to be part of something bigger than themselves. The exchange of training and learning is one that breathes life into South Africa’s most forgotten places.

Thank you to all our pro bono sponsors and partners.

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14. Werksmans Attorneys

We would also like to acknowledge and thank three key government departments who support our work throughout the country:

1. Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
2. Department of Basic Education - NSNP
3. Dept of Economic Development (eThekweni)



CITY LODGE HOTEL GROUP



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Department:
Basic Education
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

FTFA's Real Resource is our Staff, Facilitators and Volunteers



FTFA prides itself on empowering and retaining staff. Year after year we have seen our staff, interns and volunteers flourish in their roles at FTFA. Our experienced and passionate facilitators, spread throughout South Africa, ensure our projects are sustainable and impactful.

The passing of our dear friend, and founding facilitator, Joe Matimba in May 2017, shocked and saddened us. Joe passed away in a tragic bus accident. FTFA celebrated Joe's life by hosting a tree planting ceremony at St Manche Masimola Anglican Church in Alexandra on 2 September 2017.

As always, the powerhouse of FTFA is our staff. Programme managers run their individual departments and take full responsibility for successes and failures. Robyn Hills is responsible for Food Gardens for



Africa; Emily Jones runs the Trees Department; Tshepiso Senetla is the coordinator for EduPlant; Bharathi Tugh is the branch manager for the eThekweni branch of FTFA; and Gill Hamilton is the Branch Manager for the African Climate Reality Project. Assisting them have been Jeminah Mkhize, Pat Anderson, Sylvia Mokete, Leigh-Ann Luthuli, Thando Jafta, Sylvester Nzimande, Noelle Garcin.

FTFA's management team is comprised of our Executive Director, Chris Wild, supported by Jane Olivier (Financial Manager) and Kate Sheldon (Operations Manager); as



well as the Board of Directors.

Other support staff included Irene Kerby, Elton Nzimande, Noma Moyo, Mary Masuku and Eugene Mahabeer. Volunteers help with phone calls and general admin. Thank you to Curtis, Lerato and Itumeleng for volunteering your time throughout the year.

Interns are sponsored individuals who learn with us at FTFA. Teboho Mosehle joined the African Climate Reality Project in May 2017 as an intern; while Memory Nakazwe and David Maduri, who are sponsored by



Cummins, joined in September 2017.

Towards the end of 2016, selected staff and facilitators were rewarded with the opportunity to undertake a Permaculture Design Course (PDC), which every Permie knows, is the beginning of a significant journey in learning and sharing all things "Permaculture".

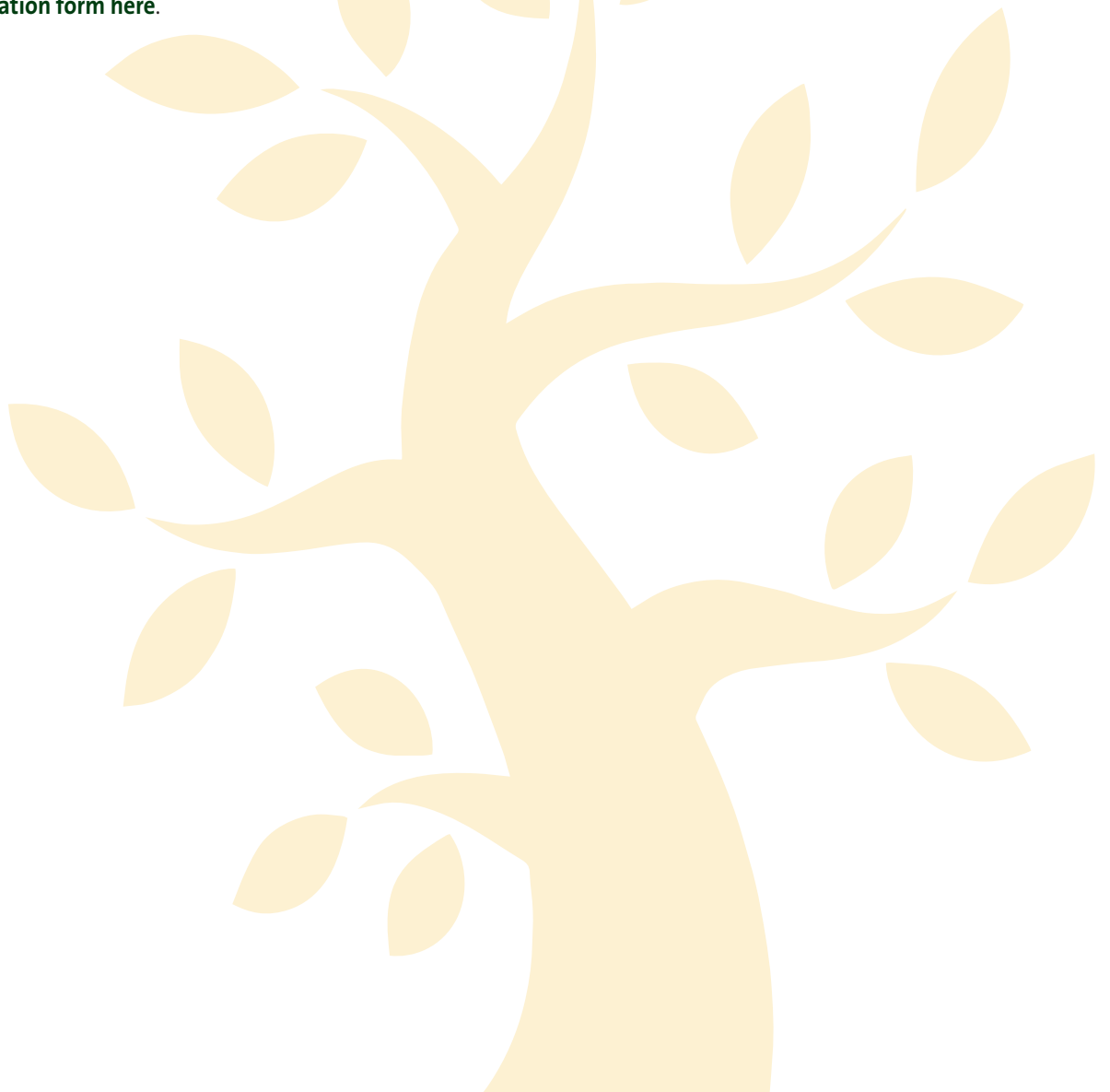
A long-term supporter of FTFA, Investec, donated office furniture to us in May 2017. This brightened up the office considerably, and with a new coat of paint, received in December 2016, our offices look professional and inviting to all who visit and spend time there.

Arbor Day is always a highlight in the FTFA calendar. This year we celebrated the beginning of Spring by dressing in brightly coloured clothing and sharing in the Spring delights.



How you can get involved in FTFA?

1. **Offset your carbon emissions** generated by your lifestyle, office, school, church, business or event by planting trees in under-resourced 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 trees or a food garden with us and team build at the same time.
5. Donate a percentage of your product sales, savings on paperless billing or recycling income to one of FTFA's greening programmes.
6. **Plant trees as gifts** to commemorate or acknowledge someone and receive a personalised certificate.
7. **Donate to any of FTFA's programmes or projects** directly via Paypal.
8. If you're a beneficiary who would like to receive assistance in establishing a food garden or planting trees, **please fill out the application form here.**





FOOD & TREES FOR AFRICA APPLICATION FORM



Registration Number: 1991/00106108 · PBO Number: 18/11/13/4520

Vat number: 4320133962

Address : 94 Bessemer Street, Wendywood, Johannesburg, 2090

Fax: 011 656 6987 Email: info@trees.org.za

Thank you for your interest in partnering with Food & Trees for Africa (FTFA)
Congratulations on your initiative towards a greener, cleaner and more sustainable life for all

*Please fill in the information below and fax, post or email to FTFA
Please fill in with as much detail and include pictures if possible*

Please print clearly. On receipt of funding for your application, the relevant programme administrator will contact you for further details of your project

Name of Beneficiary or Project: _____

Are you a: Community Group School Youth Group Other (not an individual) _____

Street address: _____

Town: _____ Code: _____

Province: _____

Postal Address: P O Box: _____ Town: _____ Postal code: _____

Telephone: (code) _____ (number) _____ Fax: (code) _____ (number) _____

Email Address: _____

Website: _____

Project Leader's name: _____

Project Leader's telephone: (code) _____ (number) _____ (cell) _____

Please select the programme you are applying for by ticking the appropriate box below and answering a few questions:

TREES FOR ALL greens with indigenous and fruit trees for communities and includes climate change and environmental awareness and education

1. Have you applied for trees before? yes no
2. How many trees are you requesting? _____ Where will the trees be planted? _____
3. Is the land where trees will be planted fenced-off from animals? _____
4. Please indicate preference: Indigenous trees Fruit trees
5. Why do you need trees? _____
6. Who will benefit from the trees? _____
7. Who will plant and maintain the trees? _____
8. Their Name and Cell number: _____
9. Are there additional groundsmen on the property who can care and maintain trees? _____

10. Is there water available for the trees? rainwater spring dam/river borehole municipality
11. Are there other gardens on the property? Who cares for these? _____
12. If you have planted trees with us before how many are surviving? (Please include pictures) _____
13. What are the potential challenges to the project? _____
14. Does the school principal / head of your organization support the tree planting initiative? _____
15. Their Name and Contact Number: _____
16. Will the School Governing Body be involved in the tree planting initiative? _____
17. Do you know of a nursery in your area that would be able to deliver trees to you? yes no If yes, please supply details: Nursery Name _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

TREES FOR HOMES *provides fruit or indigenous trees for residents to plant at their RDP homes. It includes short term employment for some and climate change and environmental education.*

1. How many houses are in the area? _____ Number of trees requested: _____
2. Please indicate preference: Indigenous trees Fruit trees
3. Local councilor's name & surname: _____ Contact number: _____
4. Why do you believe you need trees in your area? _____

5. Do you know of a nursery in your area that would be able to deliver trees to you? yes no If yes, please supply details: Nursery Name _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

FOOD GARDENS FOR AFRICA *assists projects to start or develop permaculture food gardens by supplying resources and training.*

AND

FARMER ECO ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT *assists co-operatives to start or develop organic farms by supplying resources and training.*

1. What type of garden/farm do you need assistance with? School Garden Community Centre Garden Co-Operative Farm
2. Has your project/farm already started growing vegetables, herbs and fruit? yes no
3. When did the food garden/ farming project start (year) _____
4. How many people are currently involved at the project? _____
5. How many are men/woman and youth? _____
6. What are the age groups of the members? _____
7. How often do members work in the garden? _____
8. Where does the project get water from? rainwater spring dam/river borehole municipality
9. Do you have written permission to use the water? yes no
10. Is the land fenced? yes no
11. What is the soil type and condition? _____
12. What is the size of the land? _____
13. Who owns the land? _____
14. Do you have written permission to use the land if it does not belong to you? yes no
15. If at a school are the principal and SGB involved in the garden? _____
16. Principal's Name and contact details? _____
17. Is there electricity on the land? yes no
18. What is the road access to the farm/project like? E.g. Tar, gravel, dirt road _____
19. How far is the farm/garden from where you live? _____

20. What are the potential challenges that the project could face? _____
21. How long have you been selling produce to the local community and local businesses? What produce do you sell? (if applicable) _____
22. What kind of assistance are you requesting:
Training seedlings water tanks tunnel structures additional infrastructure Please expand:

23. Is your co-operative registered? Is your farm a registered business? (FEED applicants only) Please supply details:

24. Do any other organizations support your project? Government, NGO's, other funders?

GENERAL INFORMATION

Have you applied to FTFA before? If you received support – what was it for? When was it? _____

Please include pictures of the project where possible.

What are your expectations of FTFA? _____

Do you have any other comments? _____

Thank you for your application. Please note FTFA is a non-profit company and will only be able to help you if funding is available.

Please note that FTFA's programmes DO NOT apply to INDIVIDUALS OR GOVERNMENT, but will consider support for community groups, schools, orphanages, hospices, churches etc.