


# AfriOCAT is Launched!

## Connecting Africa's Sustainable Land Management Community

 **Date & Place:** October 23, 2025 – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

 **Event Overview:** The official launch of **AfriOCAT**, the African Regional Cluster of WOCAT, marked the successful conclusion of a 4-day training-workshop. The event gathered over **50 representatives** from governments, research institutions, CSOs, NGOs, and the private sector, representing more than **20 countries** from all five African regions. The launch was organized by the WOCAT Executive team, AUDA-NEPAD, and the Water and Land Resources Center (WLRC) in Ethiopia.

### About WOCAT

- The World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT) is the **Global Sustainable Land Management (SLM) network** established in **1992 at the Rio Summit**
- WOCAT supports the compilation, documentation, evaluation, sharing, dissemination, and application of **SLM knowledge for decision making**
- Learn more: [WOCAT website](https://www.wocat.net)

### The focus of AfriOCAT



#### Document & Build Capacity

Identify, document, disseminate Africa specific SLM/ Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) practices and build capacity through peer-to-peer exchange and a community of practice such as focused training, study tours and South-South learning events.



#### Accelerate Uptake

Accelerate uptake of context-specific, tailored SLM solutions by land users to strengthen climate resilience, improve biodiversity and reduce land degradation.



#### Influence Policies

Inform policies at local, national, regional, continental and global levels using evidence from African SLM/LDN cases and experts, in direct support of AU's Agenda 2063 and other initiatives.

### What makes AfriOCAT unique?

- **Regional Focus:** *Africa-led and Africa-owned.*
- **Knowledge Hub:** *Hub for practical SLM solutions for Africa.*
- **Network:** *Strong community partnerships and community of practitioners.*
- **Collaboration:** *Turning knowledge into action.*

### Who can join AfriOCAT?

AfriOCAT is open to organizations and individuals based in Africa who are working on SLM and LDN.



Join the AfriOCAT community and contribute to a sustainable future for Africa's land and community livelihoods!

