

URBAN NATURAL ASSETS FOR AFRICA RIVERS FOR LIFE

ABOUT THE PROJECT

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability Africa Secretariat, which hosts ICLEI's global Cities Biodiversity Center, together with project partners SwedBio and the Stockholm Resilience Centre, have designed a cutting edge programme to support the local implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets to conserve and protect nature in cities in sub-Saharan Africa under the auspices of the Urban Biosphere Initiative (URBIS). The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) through SwedBio at Stockholm Resilience Centre has provided generous funding for the UNA Rivers project.

ABOUT ICLEI

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability is the leading global network of over 1,500 cities, towns and regions committed to building a sustainable urban future. ICLEI promotes local action for global sustainability, supporting cities to become sustainable, resilient, resource-efficient, biodiverse, and low-carbon.

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability - Africa Secretariat is the Sub-Saharan office of ICLEI and serves member local and sub-national governments across the region in line with the ICLEI Strategic Plan.

TARGET CITIES:



OUR PARTNERS:

Stockholm Resilience Centre
Sustainability Science for Biosphere Stewardship



SwedBio

A programme at Stockholm Resilience Centre

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UNA RIVERS AIMS TO:

Mainstream biodiversity and ecosystem services into land use planning and local government decision-making processes around urban river systems.

This is done through better coordination and community-based activation, contributing to strengthening sustainability and resilience at the local level, enhancing human well-being and poverty alleviation.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The UNA Rivers programme is co-produced by ICLEI, programme partners and city stakeholders. UNA Rivers aims to be responsive to the local context and utilise participatory and reflexive approaches.

EXPECTED RESULTS INCLUDE:

- Blue-green infrastructure maps
- Institutional map (who does what where)
- Improved coordination of key stakeholders
- On the ground implementation



“This is a very welcome development, being one of the fastest growing cities in Malawi, there are a lot of activities taking place that have resulted in increased demand and pressure on natural resources.”

-Mayor Chipondera, of Lilongwe, Malawi, on being included in UNA Rivers



Lilongwe, Malawi



Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



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