

# AFRICAN LEADERSHIP GROUP (ALG) ON BIODIVERSITY MAINSTREAMING

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# What is the African Leadership Group?

A **community of practice** that involves:

- Officials from biodiversity, environment, **development** and **finance authorities** & NGOs
- From 8 African countries
- Plus a **few invited independent members** from across Africa with high experience expertise and experience
- Together, acting as champions & leaders in biodiversity mainstreaming
- Established in 2012



# The ALG's work

- Peer-to-peer experience sharing & learning
- Peer reviews of NBSAPs, NDPs & mainstreaming plans
- Consensus Statements & Declarations at each meeting
- Co-production & testing guidance and tools
- Joint advocacy & side events at CBD CoPs, UNEA & AMCEN

WCMC & IIED support for **coordination** and communication/website/profiling



# Some lessons

- Started small to build trusting personal relationships
- No substitute for in-person meetings & workshops
- Informal approach & light coordination appreciated by members
- We did a lot with a few resources but ultimately limited by project-only budget
- Even so, we have stayed active when opportunity arise
- Clear ‘window of opportunity’ matters – e.g. NBSAP revision & implementation, & momentum provided by SDGs
- Two post graduate theses written on the ALG experience
- It gave me hope ...

