

Kenya's 10 Percent Tree Cover commitment

Kenya continues to lose about 12,000 hectares of forest each year. Accordingly, about 12 percent of the land area which was originally covered by closed canopy forests has been reduced to some 1.7 percent of its original size due to demand for fuelwood, charcoal and wood products, population pressure for settlements, infrastructure development, and conversion of forests to farmlands.

To avert a crisis, the Government, through the Ministry of Environment and Forestry and with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Kenya, has adopted a coordinated approach to manage, conserve and expand forests sustainably to attain a minimum 10 percent forest cover nationally by 2022. This is also expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The 10 Percent Tree Cover Strategy involves partnerships with both state and non-state actors towards implementing tree planting and growing initiatives that are ultimately aimed at inculcating a countrywide culture of nurturing trees.

This infographic simplifies this commitment.



THE TARGETS

5.1 million ha

The Government has committed to restore 5.1 million ha of degraded landscapes as a contribution to the **Africa Forest Landscape Initiative (AFR100)**.

50%

The Government has committed to reduce greenhouse gases through the forest sector by 50 percent by 2030 as part of its **Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)** to climate change.

Land Degradation Neutrality

The Government has committed to achieve land degradation neutrality by 2030 as a commitment to **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)**

10% by 2022

The year by which Kenya aspires to have attained the **10 percent** national tree cover. Towards this, the Government has set a target to have produced **1.8 billion** quality tree seedling by then.

