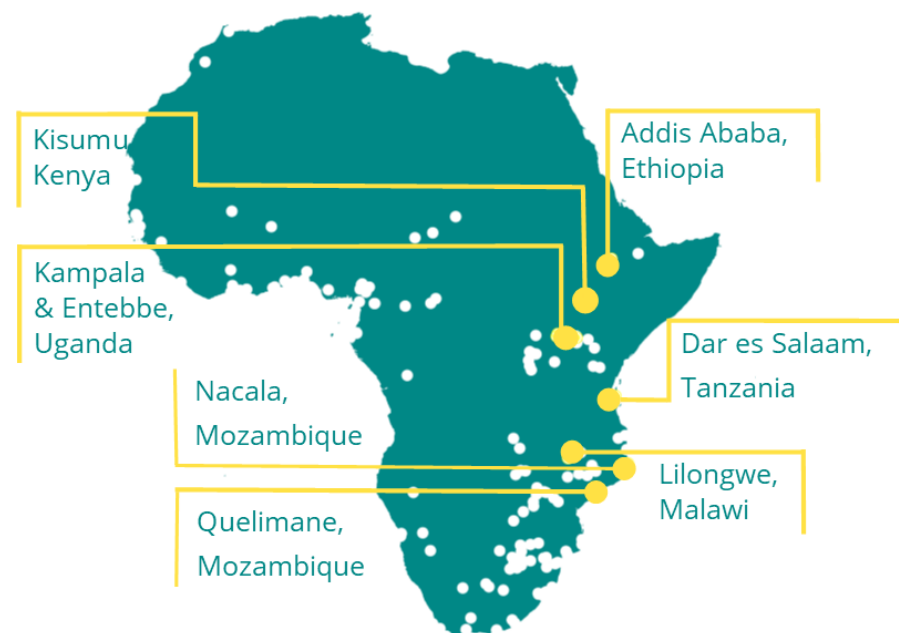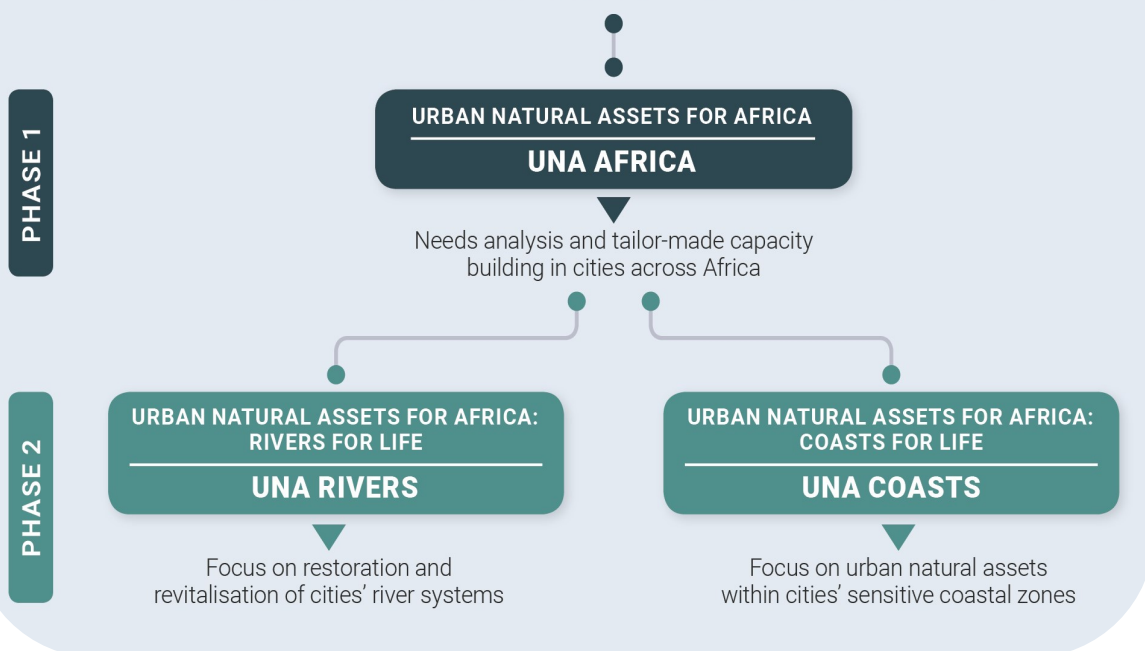# URBAN NATURAL ASSETS FOR AFRICA (UNA)

Building climate resilience through alternative planning & nature–based solutions at multiple governance levels

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

URBAN NATURAL ASSETS FOR AFRICA (UNA) PROGRAMME

PHASE 1

URBAN NATURAL ASSETS FOR AFRICA
UNA AFRICA

Needs analysis and tailor-made capacity building in cities across Africa

PHASE 2

URBAN NATURAL ASSETS FOR AFRICA: RIVERS FOR LIFE
UNA RIVERS

Focus on restoration and revitalisation of cities' river systems

URBAN NATURAL ASSETS FOR AFRICA: COASTS FOR LIFE
UNA COASTS

Focus on urban natural assets within cities' sensitive coastal zones

Kisumu Kenya

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Kampala & Entebbe, Uganda

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Nacala, Mozambique

Lilongwe, Malawi

Quelimane, Mozambique

Implementation of **10** locally appropriate on the ground activities (with a specific focus on community-based art and culture activation & connecting people/urban communities with urban nature)

Over 345 tweets

Over 80 video interviews to document change enacted by UNA

UNA showcased at **over 75** high-level events & **over 25** global webinars

Close to **40** articles/case studies/blogs written

- Waste management in Lilongwe through
  - ⇒ Awareness and capacity building of **over 2000** community members
  - ⇒ Training of **12 women** in composting in order to improve human well-being through livelihood creation
  - ⇒ Generating **over 15 tons of compost** through collecting over 6 tons of organic waste from the degraded river system
- Addressing flooding and erosion challenges through re-planting of indigenous plant species on the banks of a severely degraded portion of the Lilongwe river
- Improving the quality of life via a multi-functional ecological corridor in central Addis Abba
  - ⇒ **Over 200** indigenous seedlings planted
  - ⇒ 300m² bike lane implemented
  - ⇒ Trained **100 unemployed youth** and **400 women** in the area in relevant business skills
- Hit song produced by Malawian pop star, with over **6000 downloads**, galvanizing community action
- Transforming dreary urban landscapes via impactful murals in the busy streets of Dar es Salaam: Showcasing the value of nature in visually appealing ways
- Piloting new socio-ecological approaches to urban development control: Giving national government the data they need to roll out new ways of doing things
- Improving mental health by bringing green spaces into neighborhoods where children the need the space to play
- Inspiring the youth to value natural assets through education and art campaigns
  - ⇒ **8 schools, 12 teachers** and **over 300 youth** exposed to nature-based solution implementation through the THRIVE mobile application
- **5 schools** and **over 50 youth engaged** in coastal natural asset awareness raising

IMPACT PATHWAYS

- Cutting-edge tools and methods developed for
  - ⇒ Gaining an in-depth understanding of urban decision contexts
  - ⇒ Analysis of challenges, needs, opportunities and solutions for improving natural asset management in African cities
- Enabled co-production and transdisciplinary processes, advancing mainstreaming in practice
- Enabled institutional (culture) transformation in 8 African cities
- Built capacity of over 2000 African stakeholders, complimented through providing appropriate natural asset information to decision makers to harness nature for resilience
- Localised 3 key international frameworks, Paris Agreement, Sendai Framework and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, in African cities, influencing these frameworks with on-the-ground knowledge and experience as well as ensuring alignment and synergies between these frameworks
- Tested new concepts to assess local applicability, as well as influence the theoretical and practical development of new knowledge areas, e.g. urban tinkering
- Up and out-scaled UNA developed methods and tools via:
  - ⇒ ICLEI Africa and ICLEI's Cities Biodiversity Center programmes and projects
  - ⇒ Partnering with UNHabitat, Robert Bosch Stiftung, WWF, UNDRR and others for alignment and expansion

Over 20 online trainings, capacity building dialogues & engagements

Supported the exchange & co-production of knowledge through **over 80** dialogues between key stakeholders in participating cities

5 dialogues specially focused on improving national – local governance

2 city-to-city learning exchanges

Reflection

Knowledge sharing

Networking

Relationship building

Integral to the process of making transformative change

Learning

Knowledge generation

Capacity Building

Developed a community

Strategically linked to **14** networks

Over **2000** People actively included in UNA activities

African cities face numerous challenges and often have very unique and dynamic contexts. Development challenges are exacerbated by the rural-urban continuum of African cities. Although fast growing, not all UNA cities are primary/typical.

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