

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM JEAN-PAUL, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Better Globe Forestry is renowned as a trailblazer in the realm of dryland afforestation, with over 20 years of dedication to establishing trees in the most challenging environments, primarily in collaboration with our partner farmers and also in plantations. We are privileged to work alongside distinguished clients—companies, and organizations from various global locales—who are committed to investing in forestry for the preservation of biodiversity or carbon sequestration. It is with great honor and responsibility that we execute forestry projects on their behalf, ensuring their trees reach full maturity. Our commitment is to not only to realize the environmental visions of our clients but to go above and beyond to foster a world where biodiversity thrives and sustainability is the norm, leaving a lasting positive imprint on our planet.

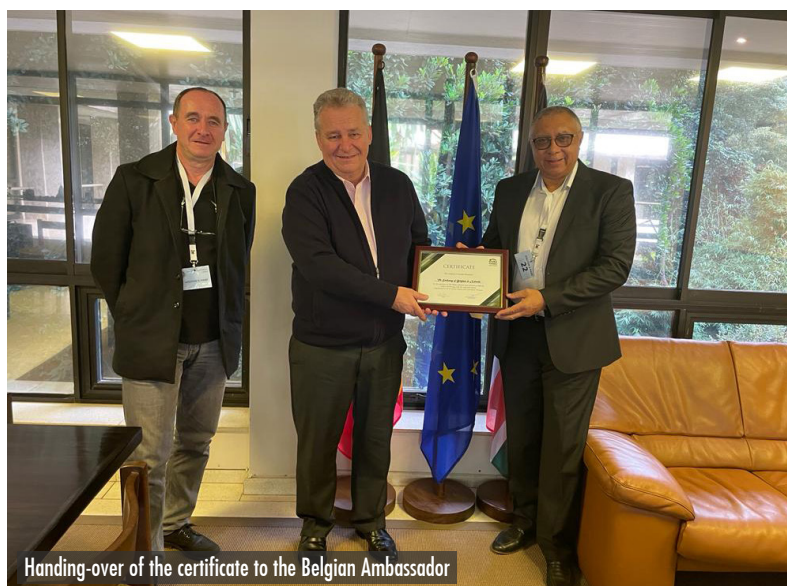
CARBON SEQUESTRATION

The Embassy of Belgium in Nairobi off-sets part of its emissions

Through the initiative of His Excellency Peter Maddens, current Ambassador of Belgium in Nairobi, Better Globe Forestry planted 250 *Melia volkensii* seedlings in Kiambere, to off-set part of the Carbon emissions of the Embassy. This is expected to fix 91 metric tonnes of Carbon over the next 20 years. In a little ceremony, a certificate was presented to the Ambassador on 24th of June. This initiative is part of a programme by the Embassy to become Carbon-neutral, compensating for its air flights, travels and other activities.



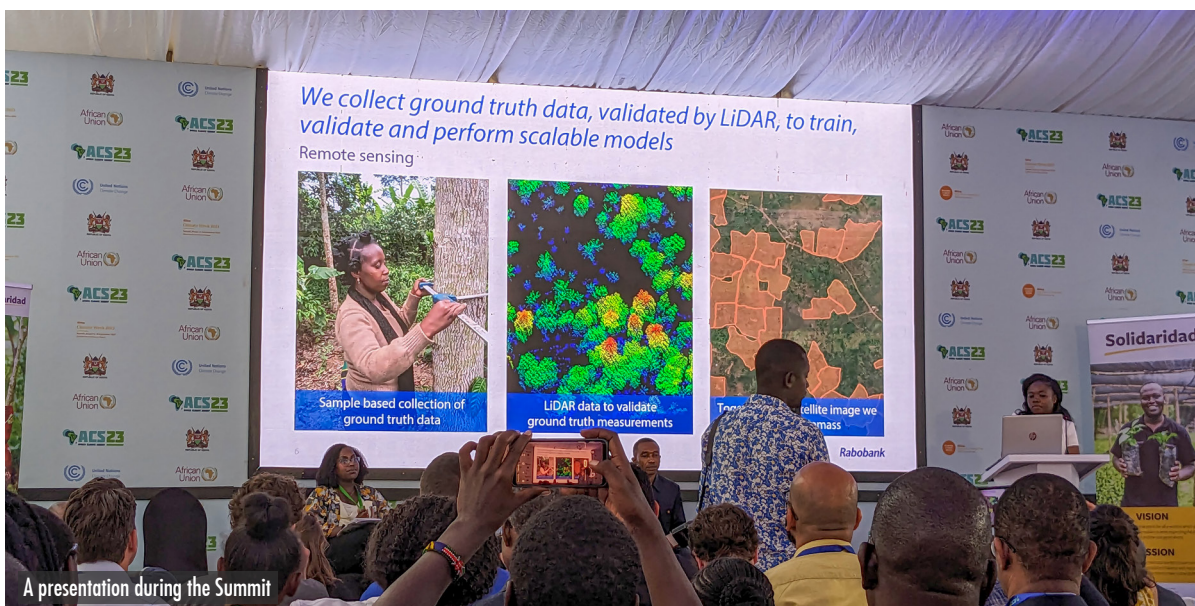
The first kilograms of Carbon being sequestered



Handing-over of the certificate to the Belgian Ambassador



The certificate



A presentation during the Summit

THE AFRICA CLIMATE SUMMIT 2023

Background

The Africa Climate Summit 2023 (Nairobi, 4-6 September) came at a time when the world starts realizing the severe consequences of climate change. Africa is particularly vulnerable to these impacts (droughts, floods and the food insecurity they bring), despite having a minor share in the emission of greenhouse gases that provoke it. It was organized by the African Union Commission in collaboration with the Kenyan government. The theme of the summit was “Driving Green Growth and Climate Finance Solutions for Africa and the World”.

The summit gathered leaders, experts, and stakeholders to explore solutions that can bolster Africa’s resilience and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Main Objectives of the Africa Climate Summit

The summit aimed to provide a platform for African countries to define plans, shape their associated tools and investments, inform and push for reforms of the international financial architecture, share innovation, knowledge, experience, and practical approaches to deepen and expand understanding of climate challenges and opportunities.

Opportunities for Better Globe Forestry (BGF)

BGF was represented by its Executive Director of Forestry. Why were we there?

- **Increased Visibility and Partnerships:** The summit provided a platform for networking with international organizations, government agencies, and investors interested in climate mitigation and sustainable development initiatives like ours.
- **Access to Funding and Grants:** BGF had the opportunity to explore access to climate finance mechanisms, grants, and funding channels that support afforestation, reforestation, and sustainable land management practices.

- **Policy Advocacy and Support:** This was an opportunity for BGF to engage with policy makers and advocate for policies that promote sustainable forestry.
- **Capacity Building and Training:** The summit included interesting sessions. For instance, the presentation by Solidaridad-Uganda on unlocking carbon incentive opportunities for smallholder farmers provided useful ways on how they can access the ever-elusive carbon market.
- **Technology and Innovation:** The summit provided an opportunity to explore innovative forestry and agroforestry techniques, such as remote sensing for forest monitoring, to improve project efficiency and environmental impact.

Conclusion

BGF made useful contacts and learned the latest on efforts to mitigate climate change, including finance mechanisms, to strengthen its position as a key player in climate resilience and environmental conservation efforts.



Samuel Nakhone in the Africa Climate Summit



BGF's farmer programme in Northern Uganda