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## A NOTE FROM THE COUNTRY COORDINATOR

Dear members and Partners,

I am delighted to present the first issue of PE-LUM Kenya e-newsletter which will serve as an additional communication channel between PE-LUM Kenya members, development partners and our growing base of stakeholders.

The aim of this e-newsletter is to reach all stakeholders with information and give a little glimpse on what PELUM Kenya is doing as a network. The e-newsletter contains information of interest about PELUM Kenya work as a network.

On behalf of PELUM Kenya Secretariat, I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made this e-newsletter possible. I thank Ms. Rosinah Mbenya for pioneering the e-newsletter.

PELUM Kenya looks ahead with confidence, great optimism and believes that this e-newsletter is yet another milestone that will show what we are doing. We believe that the best of PELUM Kenya is yet to come!

I appreciate you taking the time to read our enewsletter.

Zachary Makanya, Country Coordinator, PELUM Kenya

## EDITOR'S NOTE

I am honored to introduce the first issue of PELUM Kenya e-newsletter, the goal of which is to provide our growing base of stakeholders with a concise yet comprehensive picture of PELUM Kenya news generated from the Country secretariat, zones and Member Organizations and partners.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to this first issue of this e-newsletter.

Please feel free to bring any comments, suggestions or new stories to my attention for future editions. I want to remind all members and partners that this e-newsletter is like a tree planted in the PELUM Kenya garden. For it to grow and prosper, we all must water the tree with articles about success cases and what is happening in the network.

I therefore welcome articles from all the members and partners. Considering the good work you are doing, this tree will never dry. I am sure we are all eager to share our work, successes among us and the rest of the world. Here is a forum for this.

Sit back, and enjoy the read.

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## **EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH FARMER LED DOCUMENTATION**

Farmer Led Documentation (FLD) is an empowering process in which local communities take the lead role in the documentation process.

Farmer Led Documentation (FLD) in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management workshop

On 17<sup>th</sup> to 20th February 2016, PELUM Kenya held a Farmer Led Documentation (FLD) in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management workshop at the Laikipia Permaculture Centre.



FLD sessions

The main workshop participants were from the Maasai community in Laikipia County.

Different tools of FLD such as the use of pictures, books, cell phones, computers, manuals, minutes and work plans were discussed.



Farmers during FLD pen to papers sessions

The benefits and importance of FLD were also emphasized.

Farmers also learnt about the Farm Records Management Information System (FARMIS). FARMIS is an application designed to provide web and mobile based farm record management capabilities to support a wide variety of activities that farmers and other stakeholders need while carrying out farming as a business.

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## **ECOLOGICAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE IN EASTERN AFRICA**

Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative (EOAI) is a continental initiative that was borne following the decision by the Heads of States and Government to promote organic farming in Africa.

The EOAI 2025 strategic goal is to mainstream EOA into national agricultural systems, policies and practices by 2025 in order to improve agricultural productivity, food security, access to markets and sustainable development in Africa.

EOA Governance, Leadership and Management Workshop



The Ecological Organic Agriculture (EOA) Initiative Governance, Leadership and Management workshop was held on 26th - 28th January 2016 at Sports View Hotel Kasarani, Nairobi - Kenya.



The 3 days' workshop was organized by PE-LUM Kenya with support from Swedish Society for Nature Conservation.

The meeting was attended by 22 participants including the Regional Steering Committee members drawn from Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya.

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