AUSTRALIAN LANDCARE INTERNATIONAL

ANNUAL REPORT

2018/2019

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Acknowledgement

Australian Landcare International acknowledges and thanks the First Peoples as the traditional custodians of all lands in which we meet, collaborate and work.

We acknowledge elders past, present and emerging in our communities across the globe.



Australian Landcare International (ALI) is a not for profit community group which the spreads the values and practices of Landcare across the globe.

By empowering communities, Landcare promotes the transfer of skills and knowledge, better use of natural resources, and collaborative involvement in land and water management and restoration. Landcare is a very effective enabler in the global campaign to improve food security, mitigate the impacts of climate change and increase biodiversity. It also helps afflicted communities to recover after disasters.

ALI began in 2008 and many of its members have been involved in Landcare in Australia at policy, program and operational levels for more than 20 years. Some have international experience in agricultural, forestry and environmental management.

Our goal is to use our collective Landcare experience to help people in other countries manage their land and water resources more sustainably by:

- Promoting Landcare to national and international organisations as a sustainable way to manage natural resources for food production and resource conservation;
- Supporting a Landcare approach within local communities in various countries;
- > Training overseas participants in Landcare within Australia and in home countries; and
- > Making connections between people and projects in Australia and overseas.



It was a great honour to take over the role of Chair from Rob Youl in October 2018. Our new team has been able to work well together to enhance the fantastic foundation Horrie Poussard and Rob set up in the past 10 years. Our focus this year has been on strengthening our position and being prepared to grow.

With Rob relieved of the bureaucratic responsibilities of office, he has been free to spend more time developing projects and partnerships that will benefit our overseas Landcare friends and provide a focus for our future.

This Annual Report showcases the results of our achievements for the 2018/2019 financial year.

With changes to our communications and the ability to raise funds through social media campaigns, we ran three major campaigns – Bikes for Landcare, Christmas Giving, and the Massive Murray Paddle. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who gave so generously. Our Overseas Program and The ALI Fund's small projects fund has now raised \$65,000 for 40 small projects in 15 countries.

We are also very pleased with our new membership arrangements. Making it *'free to all'* allows our friends from across the globe to show their support through formal membership without the burden of fees and international transactions and we were able to meet our membership target as part of our obligations to The ALI Fund – the registered Deductible Gift Recipient fund that supports projects overseas. Instead of membership fees we now ask for donations from those who wish to give.

Australian Landcare International was nominated for the Australian Government Partnerships for Landcare Award and we await the result in August 2019. We owe so much to those original members of ALI who understood the benefits of our Australian Landcare model and saw the opportunities for this to be adopted in other countries. Those pioneers include, but are not limited to, Rob Youl, Horrie Poussard, Mary Johnson, Bob Edgar, Sue Marriott, Bruce Lloyd, Sandy Mackenzie, Vick Mack, Geoff Lodge, Jane Starey and Alain Purnell.

We also lost one of our great Landcare warriors this year. Bob Hawke was instrumental in supporting Landcare at the national level in the beginning before he went on to become our Prime Minister – his legacy is continued bipartisan support for Landcare in Australia. We will now strive to build on these excellent foundations as we move further into the realms of global Landcare.

Our training continued with a three-person ALI team (Belinda Brennan, Jason Alexandra and David Curry) travelling to eastern Uganda in August 2018. The aim was to train small landholders in marketing farm produce, Landcare co-ordinators in network management, and to explore multi-country revegetation projects in southern Africa - part of a three-year project with our partners ICRAF/WAC funded by ACIAR and supported by the Crawford Fund.

We hosted several visitors again to help mentor and share knowledge including Dr. Prossy Isubikalu from Makere University, Uganda. Thanks to the team at the National Landcare Conference in Brisbane for supporting our session on international Landcare where our friends Joy Tukahirwa from Vice Chair, Uganda Landcare Network and Nikki Cordova from the Philippines were able to promote successes in other projects around the globe.

Thank you also to the Port Phillip EcoCentre where we have always had a warm welcome for our meetings.

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ALI Committee of Management

Chairperson - Andrea Mason

Sustainability and Environment Consultant with a few other skills thrown in! Long time Landcarer, former Facilitator, former Chair Victorian Landcare Network and Leigh Catchment Group. Founding Chair of Bunanyung Landscape Alliance. Based near Ballarat and live on a small property with my husband. ALI projects include Jamaica, Fiji, Japan, Zambia and St Kitts Nevis.





Vice-Chair - Rob Youl OAM

Retired forester working in the farm forestry/Landcare/community project arena since 1981. Founding member and first chair of ALI> Rob stepped down as Chair in October 2019.

Landowner St Arnaud district. Last overseas venture a week-long training exercise in St Kitts and Nevis in 2018 with Andrea Mason

Treasurer - Phil Horner

Retired systems developer and systems auditor. Active Landcare networker in Ovens Valley NE Victoria. Secretary, Ovens Landcare Network; Treasurer, Victorian Landcare Council. Strong governance background with passion for the landcare movement. Past project manager of North East Regional Landcare Facilitator Initiative. Overseen riparian restoration projects along the Ovens River around Bright.





Secretary Belinda Brennan

Involved in Landcare, Natural Resource Management and Community Engagement fields for close to 30 years, in Victoria and Western Australia in both a professional and volunteer capacity. Belinda was the Network Coordinator for the South Gippsland Landcare Network for 6 and a half years, before taking on the role as Partnership and Engagement Team Leader for WGCMA. In 2017, Belinda undertook a Diploma of Business in Governance to better serve the Landcare and rural community. She was recently appointed the Gippsland Southern Health Services Board.

Clinton Muller

Clinton Muller previously coordinated the Africa Landcare Network and Landcare International, hosted at the World Agroforestry Centre in Nairobi, Kenya. In this capacity, Clinton was working with smallholder farmer groups through collective action and institutional strengthening for improved natural resource management and livelihood outcomes through a Landcare approach. Currently working as a Senior Consultant with RM Consulting Group, a regional environmental and agricultural consultancy in Victoria, Clinton works on a range of horticulture industry research, development and



extension projects, whilst continuing to work on international Landcare activities.



Darryl Ebenezer

Brings to ALI his experiences in the non-Government community and environment sectors. With his partner and two children he has lived on the Sunshine Coast Qld for more than 18 years. Participation in the life of his community has been many and varied with roles in groups such as the Maleny Community Centre, Maleny Neighbourhood Centre and Maleny Unwired. Darryl is also a non executive director of the Maleny Credit Union and its Charitable Trust. He is currently in the role of Executive Officer with Queensland Water and Land Carers, a State peak body with

more than 400 member groups. Two main areas have occupied Darryl's attention over the long-term – activating and mobilising people to become involved in worthwhile projects and seeking long-term sustainable outcomes to assist people to achieve those aims.

Liddy Nevile

Liddy Nevile is a retired academic whose interests have included law, mathematics, computer science, children's education, Aboriginal Rock Art, developing the World Wide Web and making sure everyone, even those with disabilities, can use it, and more, in many countries - easy when one has lived a long life! Caring for land is a basic concern and helping people see how people power can do this, the Landcare way, is a priority.



Megan Rowlatt



Megan has worked in Landcare and natural resource management for the last ten years and specialises in community engagement, environmental awareness, leadership and community building, conservation and sustainability. Her passion is finding creative, innovative, and inspiring ways to connect people to people, people to culture, and people to nature, in particular young people. In 2015 she cofounded Intrepid Landcare, a national organisation dedicated to supporting the next generation to lead the change they want to see for their local environment through the support of the Landcare movement.

Sandra McPhee

Ecologist with Rural Ecology. For past 5 years has been facilitating on ground local Landcare biodiversity and land management projects and supporting community engagement programs. Living at Neerim in Victoria with a background in farming and legal administration, she brings passion and commitment to her volunteer roles.





Christine Brooke Landcare Victoria Incorporated representative.

ALI has achieved so much in its first 10 years with Landcare partnerships and training delivered in so many countries. As we move forward, we are at a crossroad. In order to grow we need to have a range of policies and strategic documents in place and improve our branding, communication and promotion. This will take time and effort from all involved.

There are many opportunities on the horizon for ALI and we must be ready to make a considered decision to maximise those opportunities. The reward may be sufficient funding and resources for a paid coordinator/executive position. This in turn would help ALI to grow and expand even further.

To improve our governance, we have separated our operations into 6 key areas:

- 1. Governance
- 2. Overseas Landcare Program
- 3. Communication, Promotion and Education
- 4. Collaboration and Partnerships
- 5. Memberships
- 6. Finances

All areas are intrinsically linked but are presented in this annual report as separate sections for clarity of reporting.

1. Governance

Good governance is essential in any not for profit organisation. In 2018-19, ALI commenced the process to update its policies and procedures. As the policies are adopted, they are uploaded to our website.

In 2018-19, ALI Board developed and adopted the following policies:

- ALI Board Code of Conduct all Board members have signed
- ALI Board Confidentiality
- ALI Board Conflict of Interest
- ALI Board Dispute resolution
- ALI Membership Policy

Australian Landcare International (ALI) has an Overseas Landcare Program (OLP) focused around three core project streams which we aim to allocate funding from The ALI Fund. The ALI Fund is administered via The ALI Fund Committee of Management which has 6 members: Rob Youl (Chair), Belinda Brennan, Daryl Ebenezer, Clinton Muller, Phil Horner and Christine Brooke.

1. **Small grants program** – provision of \$AUD 500 grants to support international Landcare activities.

Projects eligible for funding include:

- on-ground works (such as tree planting, agricultural improvements, forest protection, soil conservation);
- infrastructure such as local nursery, garden plots, water systems, protective shade and fencing;
- capacity building such as training courses, visits to other Landcare groups; and
- education on Landcare issues at primary and secondary level.
- 2. Landcare capacity building program support for skills and training development for international Landcare partners including training courses, conferences and workshops.
- 3. International Landcare Focus Program The ALI Fund undertakes an annual review of a priority Landcare program or initiative to support. This is a strategic approach to ensure a coordinated and concerted effort to targeted Landcare programs.

In 2018/19, the priorities for the ALI International Landcare Focus Program were:

- Bikes4Landcare, Zambia
- Massive Murray Paddle
- Landcare in Uganda.

The ALI Fund committee meets at least annually to review funding applications as received. Projects are assessed on essential and desirable criteria including:

- Applicant must be able to show a history of local, community-based activity around the protection of natural resources and/or sustainable production;
- Community groups eligible for funding must be willing to carry out the project within 12 months of receipt of the grant and provide a written report, including photos, to The ALI Fund; and
- Applicant must identify a local organisation in their area (NGO, Govt dept, Church group, school, research organisation, farming collective, etc) or person accepted by ALI that will act to oversee the funding flow and outcomes of the project.



Donors/Supporters July 2018 – June 2019

Thank you to the following people and organisations who have donated or contributed funding to The ALI Fund in 2018/19.

- Amy Carpenter, Andrea Mason, Andrew Campbell, April Seymore, Belinda Brennan, The Crawford Fund, Daryl Ebenezer, F. Williams, Francis Smit, Ian Oxenford,
- J & JJ Grubb, Jemima Milkins, Lecki Ord, Ken Keith, Ken Mason, Michael Bond, Marnie Ellis, Mellett, Mirinda Thorpe, Neil Blake,
- NZ Landcare, H. Poussard, RMIT, Rob Youl, Rodney Keenan, Roy Murray-Prior, Scott Elliott, Vic Mack, Yvonne Everett,

Overseas Landcare Program Grants Summary January 2019

Fourteen of 15 applications from 9 countries were complete and funded.

Projects funded included:

DRC (Congo)

- Socio-economics through training and seeds & tools after floods in Uvira
- Supportive forestry in the East including training GIERI &Landcare Network

Timor Leste

 Conserving the Degraded Land and Introducing Agrofrestry on the upland Area - Institutu Matadalan integradu (IMI)

<u>Nigeria</u>

 Community based conservation of Asanting Ibiono Sacred Forests in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria - Nigeria Landcare

<u>Kenya</u>

• Landcare for Climate Change mitigation – Kyanda Landcare

<u>Zambia</u>

 Strengthening biodiversity conservation through environmental education in schools and communities in Chemebe bird sanctuary" - Conservation and Tourism Management of Zambia

<u>Zimbabwe</u>

 Living Fences and green walls for Bangira demonstration plot" – Zimconserve



<u>Pakistan</u>

- Program for smallholders through vegetables cultivation in five villages – IRDC
- Pilot project to promote fruits among Landcare Farmers for Balance and Nutritious food and diet - Doctorwala Agriculture Extension Program
- Establishment of Landcare Pakistan Program Farmers Fruit Plants and Vegetables Nursery at Khushpur Farm -Landcare Pakistan

<u>Uganda</u>

- WAN Junior Landcare Project Wakiso Agroforestry Network
- INSPIRE, a school program Kabale Agroforestry Network
- Enhancing and scaling out long -term sustainability of landcare as a movement and practice through collective approaches" -Kapchorwa District Landcare Chapter
- Fruit trees for schools Masaka District Landcare Chapter



#bikes4landcare

In December 2016, a team of three Australian Landcare International trainers – Andrea Mason, Jason Alexandra and Keith Bradby - visited the region to assist in delivering a Landcare training program. They were asked to raise funds for bicycles for the lead farmers.

In mid-December 2018, the District Farmers Association of Solwezi travelled to Lusaka to pick up their delivery of bikes from Buffalo Bikes who were able to offer a fantastic price so donations helped us raise enough for 20 bikes.

On behalf of the farmers from Solwezi and Australian Landcare International, we thank those who donated once again for their generosity. #landcare #solwezi World Bicycle ReliefBikes4Landcare_Zambia.



3. Collaboration and Partnerships

ALI is a partnership organisation and we couldn't exist without our amazing partners.

- African Landcare Network,
- Australia-Japan Foundation,
- Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR),
- Beyond Subsistence,
- Crawford Fund,
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade,
- Global Agribusiness Alliance,
- ➢ Kain Foundation,
- Landcare Australia Limited,
- > Landcare International,
- Landcare Victoria Inc.,
- National Landcare Network,

- Port Phillip and Westernport
 Catchment Management Authority,
- > Port Phillip Eco Centre,
- > RMIT University,
- Secretariat for International Landcare,
- The Hanover & Wolverhampton Link
 Project,
- Uganda Landcare Network,
- University of Wolverhampton,
- World Business Centre for Sustainable
 Development,
- West Gippsland Catchment
 Management Authority,
- World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF),

Current and developing partnership projects include:

- Nepal with Aussie Aid Abroad, Federation University and Masters student Subesh Panta establishing a Landcare network in a Nepalese municipality;
- Pakistan assisting Mubarak Yaqub and his Landcare team around Lahore;
- ALI's small projects fund has, over five years, raised \$65,000 for 40 small projects in 15 countries. Landcare groups and networks, individuals and local organisations provide resources. Donations are tax-deductible and welcomed;
- December 2018, we were finalising the transfer of \$5,200 for bicycles for Landcare co-ordinators in the Zambian Copperbelt, and raising funds for Japanese Landcare via the Murray River Paddle;
- Application to Australia-Japan Foundation to run agroforestry information sharing activities in central Japan in 2020 with the Master Tree Grower team;
- Considerable work on East Uganda SW Kenya revegetation concept with African partners applying for Darwin Foundation funds to launch the program and to Queens Canopy (Duchy of Cornwall);
- Considerable work done also on an exchange next year in Mindanao a Mekong Delta group would visit Landcare Foundation of the Philippines Inc groups and farms; and
- Well advanced plans for Landcare tours around Canberra for diplomats and senior public servants.

Hosting overseas Landcare partners and showcasing what we are doing is a wonderful opportunity to share the Landcare message.

ALI was involved in hosting two overseas visit groups in 2018-19.

In October 2018, two international Landcare delegates visited Gippsland as part of a program to share ideas and extend the Landcare movement worldwide.

Pictured are John Crosby and Marnie Ellis (Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network), Charlie Pinch (President Tanjil Valley Landcare Group), Dr Mary Johnson (RMIT), Joy Tukahirwa from Uganda and Nikki Cordero from the Philippines.



The tour involved visits to Blue Rock Lake with the Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network, Corner Inlet with the South Gippsland Landcare Network, Paul Speirs and Daryl Hook's properties with the Bass Coast Landcare Network. Our guests were extremely impressed to see the volunteer effort to protect and improve tracts of land throughout Gippsland.



Australian Landcare International and West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority would like to thank ACIAR for sponsoring the visit, RMIT for helping host the event along with the Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network, South Gippsland Landcare Network and Bass Coast Landcare Network.

Pictured above is Joy planting a tree on local landholder, Paul Speirs' property, helped by Dave Bateman from the Bass Coast Landcare Network.



In November 2018, ALI and Rob Youl hosted two overseas scientists, Dr Prossy Isubikalu from Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda and Dr Nghia Nguyen of Can Tho University in Vietnam's Mekong Delta. Both were in Australia under an ACIAR fellowship program. Prossy, who lectures in agricultural extension, participated in the recent Landcare training in eastern Uganda with Belinda Brennan, Jason Alexandra, David Curry and ICRAF staff led by Mieke Bourne.

Rob took her to Maroondah catchment, Bass Coast and Yarram Yarram Landcare Networks, Bob and Anne Davies' farm 'Bimbadeen' near Cowes, Paul Speirs' restored streamsides at Archies Creek, David MacAulay's dairy farm on the Albert River at Staceys Bridge, Doug and Julie

Parke's smallholding at Mardan, Westgate Park, Ballarat Tree Growers' AGM and Andrea and Ken Mason's property. She made friends everywhere and shared her own experiences freely.

4. Communication, Promotion and Education

ALI has developed a draft communications plan to enable us to communicate consistently and over a number of platforms to our many members and those around the globe who follow and offer support to our programs. We were also involved in several projects promoting Landcare.

1) 2018 National Landcare Conference, Brisbane, Australia Presentation

Presenters: Rob Youl OAM, Andrea Mason, Jane Curnow (ACIAR), Joy Tukahirwa, (ULN) and Nikki Cordero, Philippines.

We were grateful to have the opportunity to facilitate this session at the conference:

"Global Landcare – Our greatest export. What it offers right now to Australian Landcare".

Landcare operates in over 25 countries globally. This panel session introduced a new study to assess how Landcare is working in different country contexts; shared Australian Landcare International (ALI's) global activities; showcased key Landcare approaches by delegates from the Philippines and Uganda and discussed global Landcare opportunities.



2) A new research project: What is the potential for international Landcare?

Led by RMIT University Research Fellow Dr Mary Johnson, and partnering with RMCG Senior Consultant Clinton Muller, the applied research project will investigate the lessons and common factors for success based on the different modalities of Landcare in countries where the Landcare approach has been introduced.

The Australian Landcare model is global, having been adapted in up to 30 countries worldwide, but what exactly does Landcare look like in these countries? This is the question being tackled through a new research project, funded by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), to *investigate the potential of international Landcare*.

3) Uganda Landcare Facilitator Training

The training was held Monday 13th – Friday 17th of August 2018. It focused on:

- Enhancing the capacity of about 45 facilitators involved in the ACIAR funded Value Chain Innovation Project VIP4FS (Value Chain Innovation Platforms for Food Security);
- Facilitating shared learning between the Landcare network and the value chains project to build the capacity of Innovation Platform facilitators; and
- Build linkages and regional networks to enhance local learning.

We were there to deliver training for farmers in Uganda and Zambia. In eastern Uganda it is working to enhance small farmers' incomes from coffee, dairy and honey. This project and those that established Landcare in the region are transforming livelihoods and landscapes by demonstrating and promoting adoption of sustainable techniques for land management.

Belinda Brennan was sponsored by World Agroforestry Centre, David Curry and Jason Alexandra was sponsored by The Crawford Fund.



5. Memberships

Official membership support is still essential for ALI to operate our Overseas Landcare Program and to maintain The ALI Fund with Deductible Gift Recipient status.

In 2019, ALI removed the membership fee with an increased focus on donations for the overseas Landcare Program rather than memberships.

It also encourages support from our many friends across the globe – many of whom cannot afford to pay a membership.

We had an immediate response to this strategy and our membership increased to 75 for 2018/19.



6. Finances

Australian Landcare International

ABN 77 081 537 703

Financial Report 2018-19

Current @ 30-Jun-19

INCOME						
Membership			\$540.00			
Donations	ALI Fund	\$4,835.00				
	Bikes4Zambia	\$5,465.00				
	Murray Paddle	\$761.86	\$11,061.86			
Grants	Crawford#	\$6,700.00				
	PPWCMA*	\$500.00	\$7,200.00			
Admin			\$70.00			
Interest			\$48.09			
		TOTAL INCOME		\$18,919.95		
		XPENSES				
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Affiliations	(insurance)	\$483.40				
	Port Phillip Eco Centre	\$62.70	\$546.10			
Projects	Uganda Facilitator Training		\$7,222.02			
Sponsorship	Overseas Grants		\$14,863.49			
Fees	Bank Aust	\$225.00	Ş14,003.45			
	Bendigo Bank	\$2.00				
	Paypal	\$271.06				
	Pozible	\$585.18	\$1,083.24			
Admin	CAV Statutory Return	+000110	\$57.80			
		TOTAL EXPENSE		\$23,772.65		
		SURPLUS/LOSS		-\$4,852.70		
	30-Jun-18	Income	Expense	30-Jun-19		
Operating	\$7,469.80	\$12,392.76	\$18,072.92	\$1,789.64		
Account						
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Bank)	A4 000 00		A	40.000.00		
The ALI Fund	\$1,869.38	\$15,558.09	\$14,593.67	\$2,833.80		
(Bank Aust) PayPal	\$242.50	\$960.00	\$1,096.96	\$105.54		
Total Funds	\$9,581.68	\$28,910.85	\$33,763.55	\$4,728.98		
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		NETT CHANGE				

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Financial Report Comparison							
2017-18 vs 2018-19							
	2017-18	2018-19					
INCOME							
Membership	\$1,040.00	\$540.00					
Donations	\$16,590.00	\$11,061.86					
Grants	\$36,951.75	\$7,200.00					
Interest	\$26.46	\$48.09					
Admin		\$70.00					
TOTAL INCOME	\$54,608.21	\$18,919.95					
EXPENSES							
Affiliations LVI	\$457.50	\$ 483.40					
Affiliations: PPEC	\$222.20	\$ 62.70					
Conference	\$27,824.24						
Projects	\$2,186.00	\$ 7,222.02					
Sponsorship	\$26,356.00	\$ 14,863.49					
TT Fees	\$315.00	\$ 227.00					
PayPal	\$57.76	\$271.06					
Pozible		\$585.18					
Admin	\$523.80	\$57.80					
	\$57,942.50	\$23,772.65					
SURPLUS/LOSS	-\$3,334.29	-\$ 4,852.70					

BALANCES					
	30-Jun-18	30-Jun-19			
Operating Account	\$7,469.80	\$1,789.64			
The ALI Fund	\$1,869.38	\$2,833.80			
PayPaL		105.54			
Total Funds	\$9,339.18	\$4,728.98			

Notes:

Australian Landcare International, (ABN 77 081 537 703) and its public fund **The ALI Fund** has been entered into the Register of Environmental Organisations and is entitled under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 item 6.1.1 of subsection 300-55910 to receive tax deductible donations for the specific purpose of supporting the environmental objects/purposes of ALI.

ALI is a not-for-profit organisation, and any unspent overhead expenditure is reinvested back into The ALI Fund to support overseas communities adopt a Landcare approach.

What Next for Australian Landcare International?

Upcoming activities and focus for ALI for 2019/20

Victorian State Landcare Awards

Australian Landcare International has been nominated for the Australian Government Partnership Award. The Awards are being held at Government House on 30th August 2019.

- Update the ALI constitution to more accurately reflect the operations and bring in line with model rules for Victoria.
- Develop and adopt more policies and procedures to help guide our operation e.g. child safe policy.
- Sponsorship of the Uganda Landcare Network to help run its first national Landcare conference. (Note that Landcare is a national program in Uganda.). The conference is to be held in November 2019 in Kabale, SW Uganda.
- > Facilitate discussion regarding the development of a single Global Landcare entity.