



# Circular Bioeconomy Innovation Hub

... United for accelerated and sustainable progress



## HUB HIGHLIGHTS

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### Updates

**1. Welcome IUCN!** 🌱: We are excited to welcome the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as our newest co-owner! With their global expertise and extensive reach across 11 regions and 160+ countries, we are set to achieve even more in initiatives. Let's give a warm welcome to IUCN! 🎉

**2. New Focal Persons:** The University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD) has appointed new focal persons in the persons of Dr. Andrew Manoba Limantol and Dr. Theodora Akweley Asiamah. Stay tuned for updates as we integrate them into our team!

**3. Training Manual Development:** IWMI is currently developing a training manual for the RRR schools and youth program. Come on board, let's collaborate to create impactful training materials together!

**4. EWB-KNUST Mobilizing Volunteers :** As a co-owner of the hub, EWB-KNUST is on a mission to make a difference! To support the implementation of the RRR Schools and Youth Program, they are mobilizing student volunteers for training to mentor school children in implementing circular bioeconomy solutions in their schools. 🌱 Volunteer registration is now open! Download the flyer [here](#) or see below for more details. 🌍



### Continuously Building Our Hub: Ongoing Activities

**1. Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning:** We are developing the framework for Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, Learning, and Impact Assessment. Stay tuned for updates!

**2. MoU in Progress:** The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for our co-owners is taking shape, following the outline agreed upon during our kickoff workshop. 🤝 📄

**3. Website Development:** Our hub's website is almost ready to launch! We're at 80% completion and can't wait to share the link for your input. 🌐 🖥️

**4. Marketing materials:** Get ready for some eye-catching materials! We're in the process of crafting a one-pager, brochure for our living labs, pull-up banner, retractable backdrop, and even a snazzy 10-second animated video to showcase all that we have to offer. Stay tuned for the big reveal.

### Flashback

**1. 📰 Exciting Publication News!** Dive into our 2023 journey with our comprehensive Annual Report. Click [here](#) to read. And don't miss our feature in Urban Agriculture Magazine. Discover the hub's impactful work on Page 14 click [here](#) and stay inspired! 🌱 📖

**2. 2024 Workplan and Budget Finalized:** 2024 workplan and budget, now fully polished and ready to go.

**3. RRR Schools and Youth Program Progress:** On March 8th, the working group convened to discuss the program framework and implementation plan base on learnings from 2023 pilot program.

**4. CRFS Knowledge Exchange Webinar:** The Hub participated in the CRFS Knowledge Exchange Webinar Series organized by FAO, RUAF, and the CGIAR Resilient Cities Initiative on March 27, 2024. Our coordinator delivered a presentation on "Multi-stakeholder Platforms for Promoting Innovations in the Circular Bioeconomy, highlighting our Hub and its work as a case study. Missed it? Watch [here](#) 📺 and read the full article [here!](#) 📖

**5. Policy Influence:** The hub contributed to the National Environmental Sanitation Policy review, under IWMI's leadership alongside the following co-owners: BNARI, RWESCK, Safisana, IESS, UESD and CSIR-IIR.

**6. Exhibition:** The hub took center stage at the IWMI open house exhibition as part of IWMI Regional Engagements. [\[Check out the snapshots!\]](#) 📸

**7. Planning the Peer-to-Peer Learning Event:** Recently a meeting for the research for innovation and scaling working group took place, where plans for the upcoming learning event took shape.



The innovation hub coordinator engaging visitors at the exhibition stand.

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Co-owning institutions, Jekora Ventures Limited, Trimark Aquaculture Centre, and University of Environment and Sustainable Development, represented at the open house event.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Peer-To-Peer Learning Event

Are you a co-owner and a partner eager to:

- 🌱 Dive into Ghana's Circular Bioeconomy Landscape?
- 🔍 Design and conduct cutting-edge research for circular bioeconomy innovation?
- 📦 Optimize your business operations for maximum impact?

Join us for this immersive learning experience at our living labs starting June through July 2024. Let's drive positive change together!

📅 **Event Itinerary:** [Click Here](#)

The Circular Bioeconomy Hub is a multi-stakeholder platform serving as a one stop for training, research, advisory support, and knowledge sharing. Our co-owners and scaling partners contribute resources to support CBE for a shared impact. Meet our co-owners and scaling partners!



We want to hear from you!!  
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