

Practical Action organizes a sub-regional forum on Nature-based Solutions in West Africa

Faced with the intensification of climate and environmental risks in West Africa, Practical Action West Africa is organizing a **sub-regional forum for capitalization and knowledge sharing on Nature-based Solutions (NbS)**, around the theme: **"Making Nature a Driver of Resilience, Adaptation and Sustainable Development in West Africa"**.

Scheduled for **9 and 10 December 2026 in Senegal**, the Forum will bring together researchers, practitioners, communities, public authorities, local authorities, civil society organisations, the private sector and development partners. It aims to promote the sharing of experiences and knowledge on NBS, to strengthen dialogue between stakeholders and to identify levers to scale up local solutions.

The discussions will focus in particular on the contribution of NbS to climate risk management, the production of knowledge and evidence, inclusive governance, the integration of NbS into public policies, their financing as well as the conditions for their replication and scaling up in West Africa.

The Forum will draw on the lessons learned from the [PRECABE project in Thiès](#) and [the RESILAO project in Diogué](#), while promoting experiences from other territories in the sub-region. It will thus provide a space to bring together **research, practice and public decision-making** and contribute to strengthening the resilience of communities and ecosystems to climate risks.

Call for papers

Interested researchers are invited to submit their application by **October 20, 2026** to westafrica@practicalaction.org, with a CV, an expression of interest, a 1,500-word long abstract of their paper, and a list of relevant publications.

For more information:

- [Download the terms of reference \(French\)](#)