



RESTORATION ACADEMY

uniting for ecosystem restoration

Concept Note

The Restoration Academy is a tailor-made workshop format enabling restoration implementers on the ground to contribute to the global UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (UN Decade) – conceptualized and implemented by GIZ “DEER”¹ in close cooperation with partner projects.

Background and rationale

Launched in 2021, the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (UN Decade) delivers a clear message to all of us: Only with healthy ecosystems we can enhance people’s livelihoods, counteract climate change, and stop the accelerated loss of biodiversity. That is why the global *#GenerationRestoration* movement is underway to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of our ecosystems worldwide.

The *Restoration Academy* provides participants with the training and knowledge they need to elevate their work and contribute to the global UN Decade as well as regional initiatives like the *African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative* (AFR100) in Africa or the 20x20 Initiative in Central America.

Objectives

- Introduce the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and its link to regional initiatives
- Connect the UN Decade’s global framework with local implementation efforts and support participants to join the global *#GenerationRestoration* movement
- Provide room for peer-to-peer exchange, knowledge sharing, joint learning, and thematic discussions on topics crucial to the success of ecosystem restoration projects
- Support participants to find new funding and implementation possibilities to upscale their work

Concept and content

The *Restoration Academy*’s format and content are tailored to the participants’ needs. Over the course of virtual and in-person sessions, it covers technical training as well as various interactive formats, in which participants (who themselves are restoration experts) are invited to share their knowledge and exchange on issues they consider important. Additionally, the *Restoration Academy* invites a number of resource persons from different organizations from across the UN Decade partner network to contribute with their expertise. The *Restoration Academy* covers a variety of topics crucial to the success of ecosystem restoration projects (details in module overview below).

Participants

In the spirit of the multifaceted global *#GenerationRestoration* movement, the *Restoration Academy* aims at bringing together a broad range of stakeholders, including representatives of civil society, government agencies and academia. Certificates of attendance can be awarded.

Editions:

- “RA Central America series”: June – December 2022, in Spanish, [Webstory](#)
- “RA Summer School“ (in Lomé, Togo): October 2022, in French,
- “RA Africa series”: November 2022 – March 2023, in English, [Webstory](#)
- „RA @ AFR100 APM7 / Lagos“: June 2023, in English and French
- Upcoming: “RA India”: December 2023 – February 2024, in English

Resources (available upon request):

- Concepts for each module
- Manual with briefs on each interactive format
- Design templates

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Modules overview

The following catalog of modules has been developed. Individual modules can be selected depending on participants' needs.

Module Outline

Module 1: Unite for ecosystem restoration

- Introducing the Restoration Academy's objectives and structure
- Introducing the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and regional initiatives (e.g. AFR100 or 20x20 Initiative)
- Getting to know each other

Module 2: Be part of #GenerationRestoration

- Welcome to the #GenerationRestoration movement
- Connect with the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and learn about its communication approach

Module 3: Share your knowledge

- Document and disseminate your best practices on global platforms to showcase actions

Module 4: Foundations of ecosystem restoration

- Learn about the 10 Principles on Ecosystem Restoration developed by the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and examples of good practices
- Learn about effective approaches for awareness raising in Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR)

Module 5: Measure your impacts

- Learn about the UN Decade's monitoring approach and how you can contribute
- Measure your impact with up to date methods and easy-to-use monitoring tools

Module 6: Find your funding

- Get in-depth information of available funding for ecosystem restoration
- Learn about suitable funding sources and speak to the donors

Module 7: Training on Restoration Project Development

- Improve your skills in project development and proposal writing

Module 8: Open space

- Set the agenda to have meaningful discussions on topics that are most relevant to you

Module 9: Wrap up and outlook

- Share your vision for #GenerationRestoration and discuss next steps of the Restoration Academy's alumni network
 - Receive your certificate of attendance and give us feedback on the Restoration Academy
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