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My Background

Ecosystem Restoration

Current Environmental Challenges in Nigeria

The UN Sustainable Development Goals & Ecosystem Restoration Priorities

The AU Agenda 2063 Goals & Ecosystem Restoration Priorities

Ecosystem Restoration in Nigeria - Management and Regulatory Frameworks

Ecosystem Restoration in Nigeria - Research Group Contributions

How You Can Be Involved

Disclaimer

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The views in this presentation are **personal** and not necessarily representative of my institution's, international or national government agencies' views on **Ecosystem Restoration.**

My Background

Education

- BSc (Hons) **Zoology**
- MSc & PhD **Environmental Toxicology and Pollution Management**

Work/Professional/Projects Experience

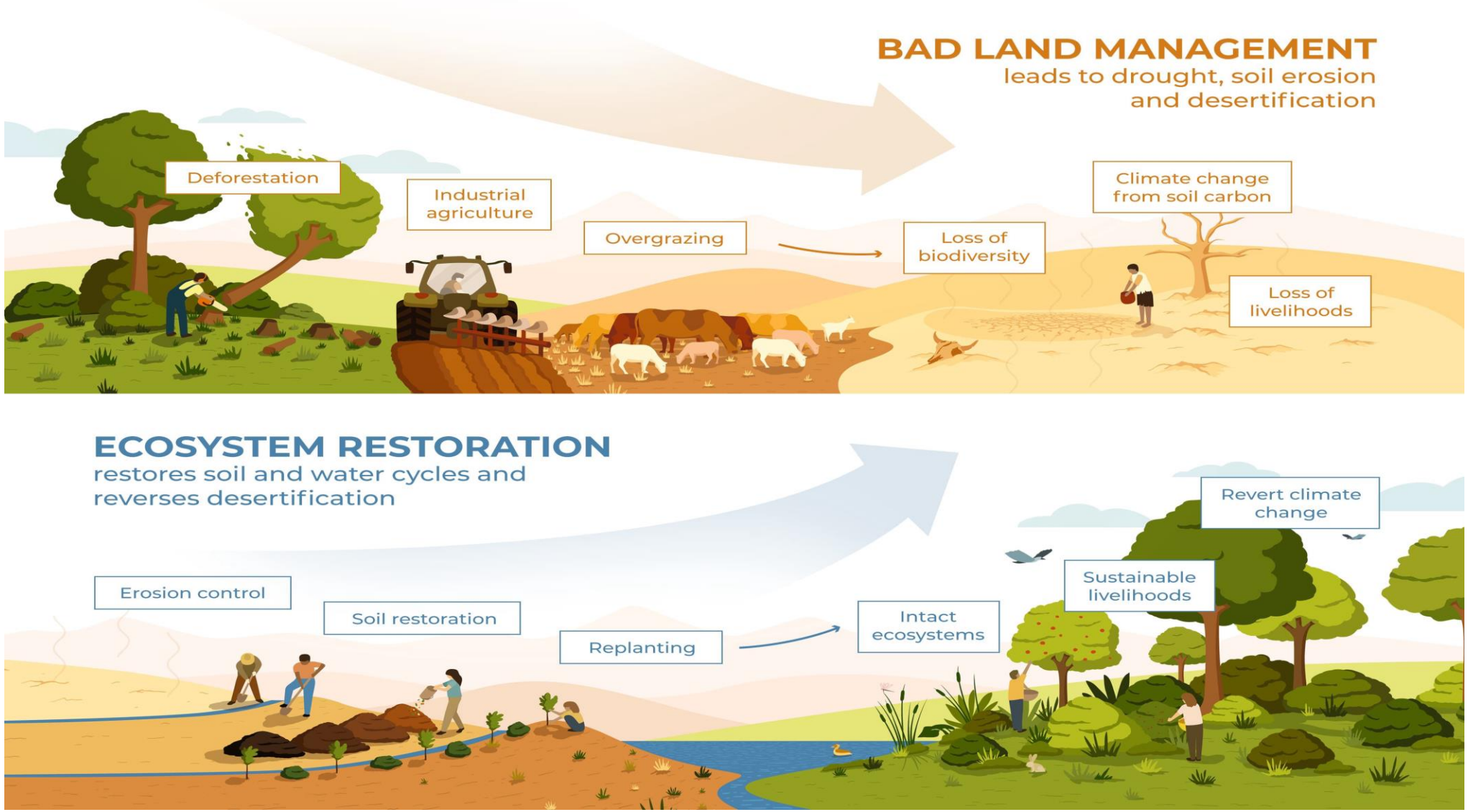
- **Lecturer,** Dept. of Zoology, University of Lagos
- **Project Lead**, Evidence Use in Environmental Policymaking in Nigeria (EUEPiN)
- **Lead**, Environmental Evidence Synthesis and Knowledge Translation (EESKT) Research Group, TETFund Centre of Excellence in Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Management (TCEBCEM)
- **Panel Reviewer** (Ecology/Waste Management) – FMENV EIA
- **SAP Fellowship** – Federal Ministry of Science and Technology
- **Industry Experience** – EPNL, DPR, MDS

My Background, Cont'd

Current Research Interests/Projects

- **Effect-Directed Analysis** of sediments and wastewaters
- Development of low-cost **wastewater treatment** methods
- Method development for **Fish EmbryoToxicity** using indigenous species
- **Ecological risk assessment** of PAHs, pesticides and wastewaters
- **Climate change-pollutant** interactions and effects on aquatic biota
- **Environmental risk communication** to stakeholders and policymakers

Environmental Restoration



Ecosystem Restoration, Cont'd

"aims to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems on every continent and in every ocean," according to the UNEP

Ecosystem restoration can take many forms: Growing trees, greening cities, rewilding gardens, changing diets or cleaning up rivers and coasts. This is the generation that can make peace with nature.

Source: https://www.unep.org/events/un-day/world-environment-day-2021

Current Environmental Challenges in Nigeria

- Solid waste
- Industrial waste
- Water pollution
- Air pollution
- Deforestation
- Climate Change
- Flooding
- Desertification
- Oil Spillage

A girl walks on a dump in Bariga shanty fishing community, Lagos, Western Nigeria in 2019.
Source: AFP

Kaduna, a city in northern Nigeria also renown for its high pollution rate

Onitsha, a city in eastern Nigeria, was rated as world's most polluted city according to data from WHO in 2016

Nigeria generates more than 32 million tons of solid waste annually, out of which only 20-30% is collected(Bakare, 2020)

UN SDGs Linkage with Environment

Source: https://www.decadeonrestoration.org/what-ecosystem-restoration

UN SDGs Targets & Indicators – Ecosystem Restoration Priorities

Targets

- **6.3**: By 2030, **improve water quality** by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials

Indicators

- **6.3.1:** Proportion of wastewater safely treated
- **6.3.2:** Proportion of bodies of water with good ambient water quality

UN SDGs Targets & Indicators – Ecosystem Restoration Priorities, Cont'd

Targets

- **12.4**: By 2020, achieve the **environmentally sound management of chemicals** and **all wastes** throughout their **life cycle**, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and **significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil** in order to **minimize their adverse impacts on human health** and the **environment**

Indicators

- **12.4.2:** Hazardous waste generated per capita and proportion of **hazardous waste treated**, by type of treatment

UN SDGs Targets & Indicators – Ecosystem Restoration Priorities, Cont'd

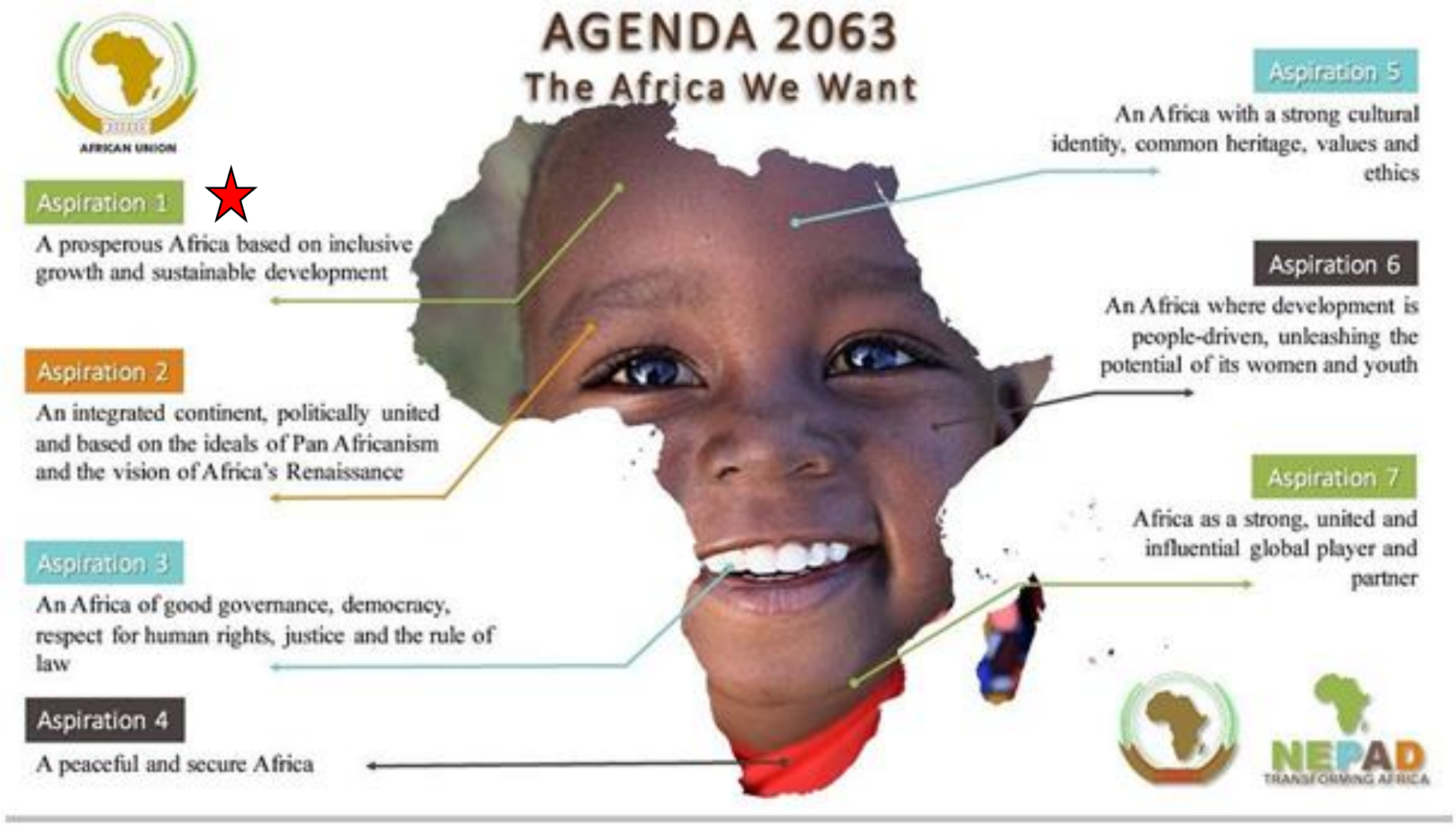
Targets

- **14:1** By 2025, prevent and **significantly reduce marine pollution**, in particular from **land-based activities**

Indicators

- **14.1.1:** Index of coastal eutrophication and floating plastic debris density

The African Union Agenda 2063 Aspirations



Overview

- 7 Aspirations
- 20 Goals

Source: AU Watch

AU Agenda 2063 Goals & Ecosystem Restoration Priorities

Aspiration 1: A prosperous Africa

Goal 1: A High Standard of Living, **Quality of Life and Well Being** for All Citizens

Goal 7: **Environmentally sustainable** and climate resilient economies and communities

Priority Area: Modern and Livable Habitats and Basic Quality Services

Priority Area: Water security

Priority Area: Climate resilience and natural disasters preparedness and prevention

Ecosystem Restoration in Nigeria – Management and Regulatory Frameworks

Regulatory & Development Approaches

- Federal Ministry of Environment
  - NESREA
  - NOSDRA
  - National Parks
- State Ministries of Environment
- National Emergency Management Agency
- Office of the Special Assistant to the President on SDGs in Nigeria

Action Points

- Open Access and Centralized database of Monitoring and Data
- Strong and productive collaborations between industries

Our Research Efforts towards Ecosystem Restoration

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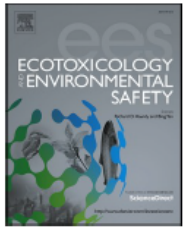

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Antibiotics, algal evaluations and subacute effects of abattoir wastewater on liver function enzymes, genetic and haematologic biomarkers in the freshwater fish, *Clarias gariepinus*

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How You Can Be Involved

REIMAGINE. RECREATE. RESTORE.

This is our moment.
We cannot turn back time. But we can grow trees, green our cities, rewild our gardens, change our diets and clean up rivers and coasts. We are the generation that can make peace with nature.
Let's get active, not anxious. Let's be bold, not timid.
Join #GenerationRestoration

Source: https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/

How You Can Be Involved, Cont'd

Join the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration Hub

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African Union

African Knowledge Base (AKB) Platform

Sustainable Development Goals Knowledge Platform


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