

Mission and Goals

The APEDIA sees its primary mission in building higher educational capacities for sustainable land use, environment and development. This should not only serve academic purposes but will have a practical impact on the ground.

The network's approach is based on the assumption that the problem solving capacity of academics and decision-makers on different levels must continuously be improved, with the aim of dealing with the challenge of sustainable development. APEDIA activities are hence built on the potential of Higher Education to facilitate effecting and significant change and aim to make this potential available for the respective region's sustainable development.

The focus of the network is therefore placed on

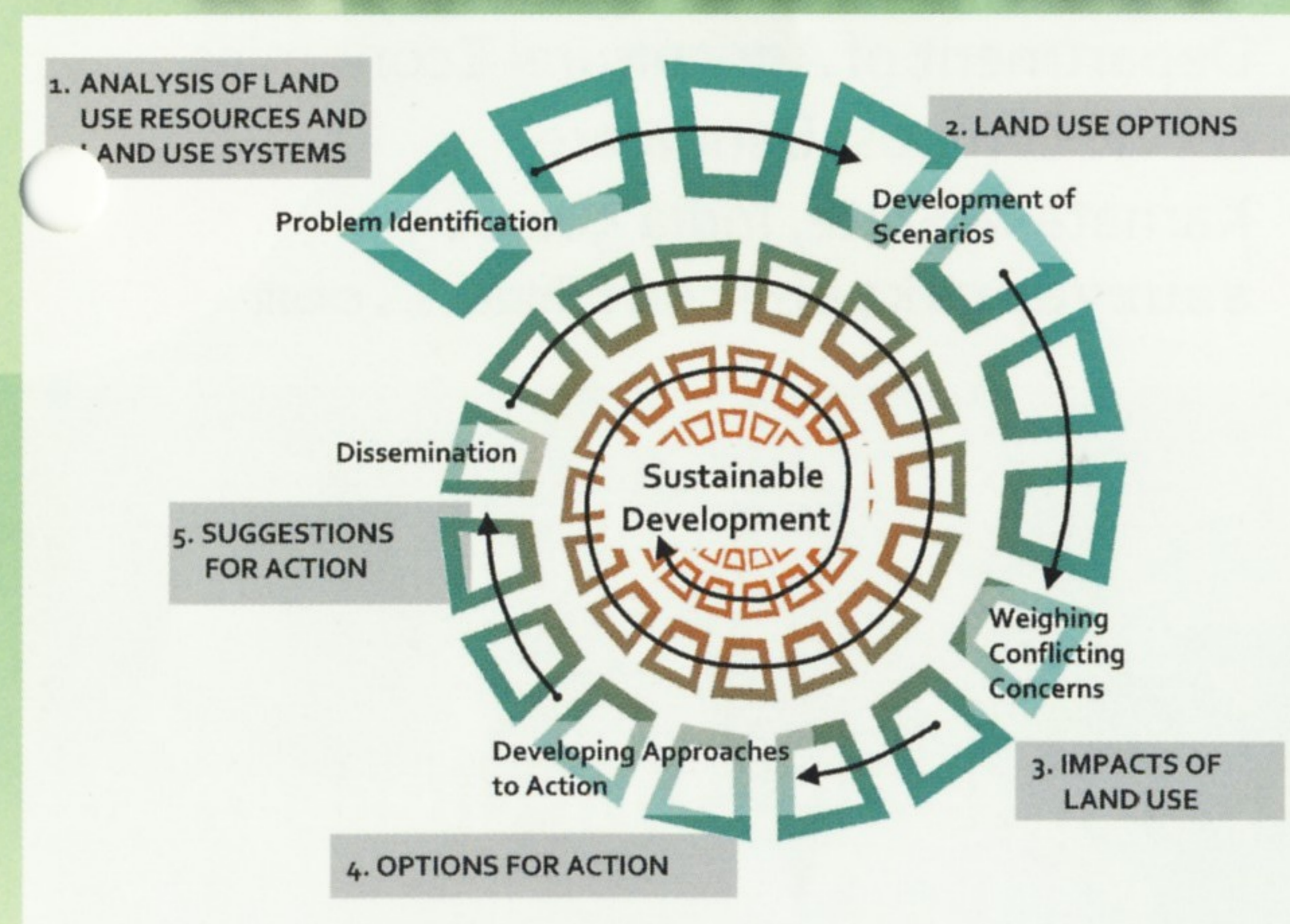
- multidisciplinary approaches to environment and development and
- the development of innovative solutions to the existing problems.

Thematic Focus

Given the fundamental importance of land issues for Africa the project seeks to contribute to the development of innovative approaches to the management of land use conflicts by addressing the most important challenges and dynamics of political, legal, socioeconomic, cultural, ecological and technological aspects of land use in Africa.

A chosen high-priority topic guides the APEDIA activities on an annual basis. Activities in 2009 were orientated towards "Land Use and Conflicts: Sources and Solutions". The work of 2010 is dedicated to "Land Use and Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities for Adaptation Strategies".

APEDIA's Basic Idea



Main Activities

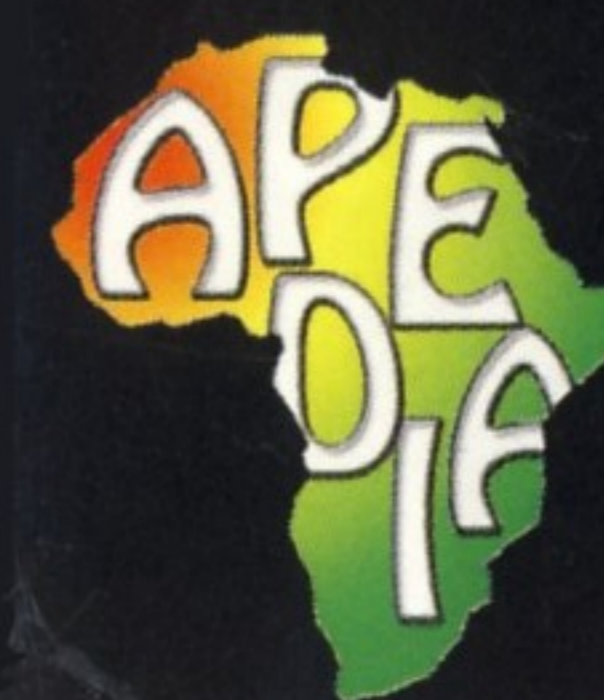
Main APEDIA activities include

- organization of annual conferences in the framework of the APEDIA conference series on sustainable Land Use in Africa,
- expansion of staff and student exchange between the partner institutions,
- development of third-party-funded joint research and professional training programmes,
- organization of workshops and summer schools and
- development of innovative, integrated and application-orientated modules for graduate training.

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The APEDIA is an international academic network that was launched in 2009 in order to stimulate academic collaboration and research in the field of sustainable land use, environment and development in Africa.

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