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ECOTOP: Dynamic Agroforestry Training and Field Implementation in Ghana

ECOTOP is strengthening practical Dynamic Agroforestry (DAF) implementation in Ghana through recent field missions under the Sankofa 2.0 and KOA collaborations. In June 2026, ECOTOP trained 80 youth workers as well as ICOs and supervisors in DAF principles, participatory teaching methods and practical installation. Two DAF systems were established at Dadiesoaba. The training focused on high diversity, succession, biomass cycling, stratification, no burning and reduced dependence on external inputs. A complementary KOA mission in May 2026 focused on monitoring, management and extension of so-called DAF islands¹, highlighting the importance of correct biomass management, farmer participation and availability of key planting material. Together, these activities contribute to more resilient cocoa landscapes, stronger local training capacity and practical pathways for biodiversity-friendly production systems.

Key facts: May–June 2026 | Ghana | Sankofa 3.0 and KOA collaboration | 80 youth workers trained | ICOs and supervisors trained as future DAF trainers | Two newly installed DAF systems | DAF island management and extension



Photo 1: Training participants during Sankofa 2.0 Module 2. © ECOTOP, 2026

¹ DAF Islands: Small DAF plots established within existing cocoa farms to introduce biodiversity, biomass production and diversified income opportunities while restoring ecological functions.



Photo 2: Practical DAF installation and field learning in Dadiesoaba, Ghana. © ECOTOP, 2026



Photo 3: KOA-ECOTOP DAF island management and extension mission. © ECOTOP, 2026

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