Landscape Restoration: A case of nature or nurture?
That this Council views with the gravest concern the widespread destruction of the African soil by erosion consequent on wasteful methods of husbandry which strike at the basis of rural economic Native Welfare, and it is of opinion that immediate steps should be taken for the adoption of a common policy and energetic measures throughout British Africa in order to put an effective check upon this growing menace to the fertility of the land and to the health of the inhabitants. (52)
Reaching the heart of the restoration matter in 5 (not very easy) steps
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Step 1: Make it pay

Pick the right moment politically, and make sure the initiative benefits livelihoods and economies directly
Step 2: Create incentives

Create viable business cases and bring in public support as much as possible, at least initially.
Step 3: Build trust as well as technology

Discuss, plan and agree every step with all members of the community
Step 4.
Include **all** the community decision-makers

Pay extra special attention to women and youth, they underpin long term success
Embrace complexity, break free of the past and bring in new partners
Thank you!

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