

## A word from Jean-Paul Deprins, CEO

*This month, we had the pleasure of welcoming the CEO of our main stakeholder, Tree Partner Solutions (TPS), Mr. Andreas Forssell. Forestry is a long-term endeavour, shaped by patience, collaboration, and trust. His visit provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen our partnership, deepen our shared understanding of ongoing activities, and reaffirm our joint commitment to sustainable forestry. Our engagements were constructive, focused, and forward-looking. Together, we reviewed*

*project progress, explored improvements, and aligned on priorities for the months and years ahead. I extend my sincere appreciation to the entire BGF team for their professionalism, preparation, and engagement, both in the field and at headquarters. Strong partnerships create lasting impact. Open and honest communication keeps collaborations thriving and goals aligned. As we move forward, let's carry this same spirit of clarity, teamwork, and consistency, continuing to build a forestry model that benefits communities, investors, and the environment.*

## TPS CEO VISITS KENYA: STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP AND SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY COLLABORATION

### Nairobi, Kenya — November 2025

Tree Partner Solutions (TPS) Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Andreas Forssell, visited Kenya from 3–7 November 2025 to meet with the Better Globe Forestry (BGF) team and review progress on ongoing initiatives under the TPS–BGF partnership.

The visit marked an important step in deepening collaboration, evaluating field operations, and charting a shared path toward long-term sustainability and impact. Mr. Forssell was warmly welcomed at Better Globe Forestry's Head Office in Nairobi by CEO Jean-Paul Deprins and the management team.



TPS CEO Mr. Andreas Forssell with BGF CEO Mr. Jean-Paul

The introductory session provided an overview of BGF's operations, organizational structure, and strategic direction across Kenya and Uganda. Discussions centred on project performance, sustainability, and alignment with international standards that guide ethical and responsible forestry investment.



TPS CEO meets the BGF management team



The team visited the Kiambere Plantation to review field operations, nursery activities, and the progress of the agroforestry pilot project.



## Field Visit to Kiambere:

Accompanied by BGF CEO, Chief Forestry Officer Samuel Nakhone, and Chief Finance and Operations Officer Lawrence Muema, the TPS CEO visited the Kiambere plantation to assess progress on the 10,000-tree agroforestry pilot and acquire a deep understanding of the forestry activities. The visit included a tour of the nursery,

The team provided an in-depth discussion on the production of *Melia volkensii* (Mukau) and *Acacia senegal* (Gum Arabic) seedlings. They explained the processes of seed extraction and propagation, as well as organic soil enrichment methods that improve seedling quality and survival rates. The discussions highlighted BGF's compliance efforts with FSC and EUDR standards and the urgent need for certification.



*At Kiambere Plantation, the team shared insights on field operations and the progress of the agroforestry pilot project.*

**Community Engagement:** Mr. Forssell met community partners involved in BGF's outgrower and livelihood programmes, including the Nguni Financial Services Association (FSA) and farmers' groups in Musovo and Ukasi. The Nguni FSA shared its achievements in financial inclusion, serving over 4,500 members through its microfinance network.

The Musovo farmers' group presented its successful table banking initiative, managing over KES 2.5 million and supporting education and food security projects. These initiatives support the community while the trees are growing towards harvesting. Mr. Forssell commended these partnerships as effective examples of social and environmental impact.



FSA Village bank

Community meeting

Farm visit and Interactions with farmers

Kiambere plantation

Back in Nairobi, both teams reviewed progress on tree maintenance and long-term plantation management. Discussions focused on consistent field upkeep, traceability systems, and sustainability reporting. Harvesting and post-harvesting were also broadly discussed.

The visit concluded with a joint commitment to operational excellence and transparent collaboration. The week's engagements reinforced the shared vision of TPS and BGF: building sustainable forestry as a long-term investment that benefits communities, investors, and the environment.



*Work session at the BGF Head Office with TPS CEO Mr. Andreas Forssell and the BGF management team after the field visit.*