



# SAFIRE

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# SAFIRE Joins Forces with CUZ



SAFIRE recently had a strategic partnership with The Catholic University of Zimbabwe. This collaboration will focus on advancing research, advocacy, and capacity-building efforts in key areas such as sustainable development, rural and peri-urban development, food security, and climate change.

Together, SAFIRE and The Catholic University of Zimbabwe will undertake joint research projects, advocate for policy changes, and provide training and capacity-building opportunities to stakeholders.

This collaboration will contribute to the development of evidence-based strategies and solutions that can be implemented at both local and national levels.

SAFIRE extends its gratitude to the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education for their support and encouragement of this partnership.

The partnership aligns with SAFIRE's mission to create positive change in communities. By working together with The Catholic University of Zimbabwe, SAFIRE aims to leverage their expertise and resources to address pressing challenges and promote sustainable solutions.



# MUTASA FARMERS GO GREEN

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As the 2024/2025 rainy season approaches, farmers in Ward 19 are taking proactive steps to enhance their agricultural resilience. A nursery project has been established, nurturing

a diverse range of 50,000 trees, including peaches, apples, and gum trees.

This initiative is already yielding positive results, as farmers diversify their agricultural practices. Inspired by the nursery project, many farmers have recognized the potential of fish farming.

As shown in the accompanying image, construction of a fish pond is underway, marking the beginning of a new venture for these enterprising individuals.



This shift towards more sustainable and diversified agriculture demonstrates the community's commitment to improving their livelihoods and



protecting the environment. The TerraFund project has played a crucial role in promoting sustainable forest management in Mutasa District.

Through this initiative, over 200,000 trees have been successfully planted, contributing to the restoration of the region's natural resources.



These efforts are a testament to the community's dedication to building a more resilient and sustainable future.



# SAFIRE CHARTS A NEW NEW COURSE

SAFIRE recently held a productive strategic planning session in Buhera, they collaborated with the talented team at Maliasili to develop their 2025-2029 organizational strategy.



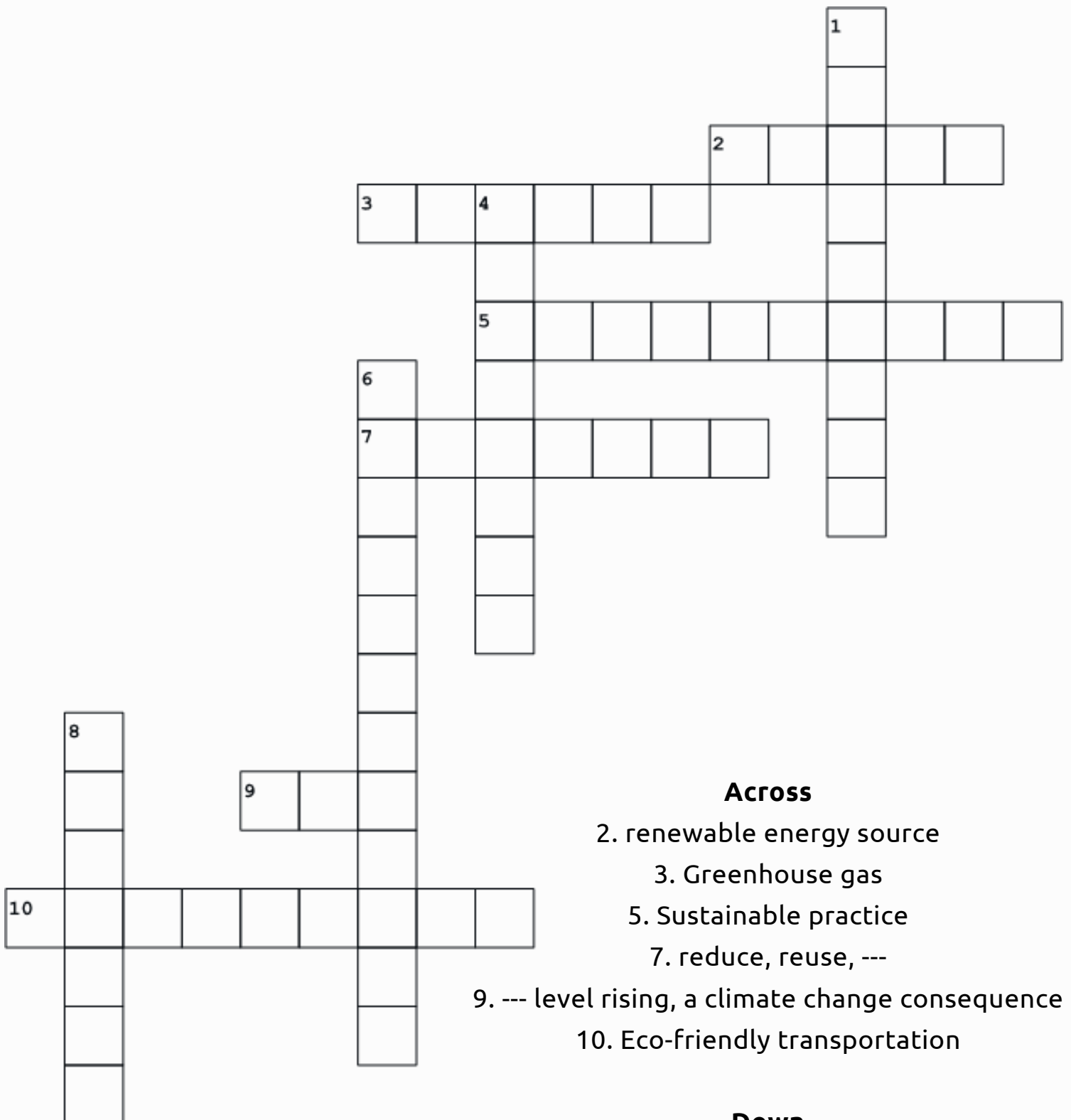
The strategic planning session provided an opportunity for SAFIRE to chart its course for the next five years and align its goals and initiatives with its overall mission. The expertise and guidance offered by Maliasili were instrumental in developing a comprehensive and actionable strategy.



SAFIRE extends its sincere gratitude to Maliasili for their valuable support and contributions to the strategic planning process. Their partnership was essential in ensuring the success of the session and the development

of a robust organizational strategy. As SAFIRE moves forward with its 2025-2029 strategy, the organization is committed to achieving its goals and making a positive impact in the communities it serves.

# Environmental Crossword Puzzle



## Across

- 2. renewable energy source
- 3. Greenhouse gas
- 5. Sustainable practice
- 7. reduce, reuse, ---
- 9. --- level rising, a climate change consequence
- 10. Eco-friendly transportation

## Down

- 1. Environmentalist's concern
- 4. paper Sustainable resource
- 6. Endangered species protection
- 8. Conservation goal

# Our partners

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## About us :

SAFIRE is a regional NGO whose focus is to improve rural livelihoods and resilience through sustainable utilization of their natural resources in Zimbabwe.

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