

Green to Scale: Bridging the Emissions Gap in Kenya

Thursday 25 October 2018

Time: 13.00 – 14.30 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room 9

Refreshments will be served

Description of event:

Green to Scale is a series of projects that have highlighted the potential of scaling up existing climate solutions. In 2015, the project looked at 17 solutions from five sectors and around the globe. In 2016, Green to Scale focused on 15 Nordic solutions. Previous phases have uncovered a vast emission reduction potential at affordable costs simply using solutions proven to work and readily available.

Nordic Green to Scale 2 zooms in on selected countries, analyzing the potential of scaling up existing climate solutions in two regions: Kenya and Ethiopia in East Africa; and the Baltic States, Poland and Ukraine in Europe. For both groups, ten different solutions particularly promising for the region have been selected out of the ones included in the previous studies.

The analysis on Kenya covers emission reduction potential, costs and savings as well as co-benefits of scaling up the selected solutions. In addition, the study looks at the barriers to and enablers for implementing the solutions, including providing policy recommendations tailored to the needs of each country.

Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM) has included Green to Scale in its Prime Ministers' Initiative and NCM Climate and Air Pollution group has served as the advisory council for the project. The Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra hosts the project secretariat. CONCITO (Denmark), CICERO (Norway) and University of Iceland have been represented in the steering group. Analysis was carried out by Stockholm Environment Institute Africa Centre with the support of local experts.

The results of the analysis for Kenya are summarized in this event. The event focuses on discussing the key findings, policy recommendations and business opportunities for Kenya from scaling up effective climate solutions in the context of the Paris Agreement and the recent IPCC 1,5 report.

Programme:

Time	Item	Presenter
13:00	Opening and welcoming words	Erik Lundberg, Ambassador, Finnish Embassy; Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment Programme (TBC)
13:20	Tackling climate change: The Emissions Gap	Niklas Hagelberg, Climate Change Programme Coordinator, UN Environment Programme
13:30	Green to Scale project: the potential of scaling up climate solutions	Tuuli Hietaniemi, Climate Specialist, Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra
13:40	Green to Scale Kenya: main findings of the report	Mbeo Ogeya, Research Fellow and LEAP tool specialist, SEI Africa Centre
14:00	Discussion	Moderator: Niklas Hagelberg, Climate Change Programme Coordinator, UN Environment Programme
14:25	Closing words	Tuuli Hietaniemi, Climate Specialist, Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra