



SWITCH AFRICA GREEN QUARTERLY REPORT

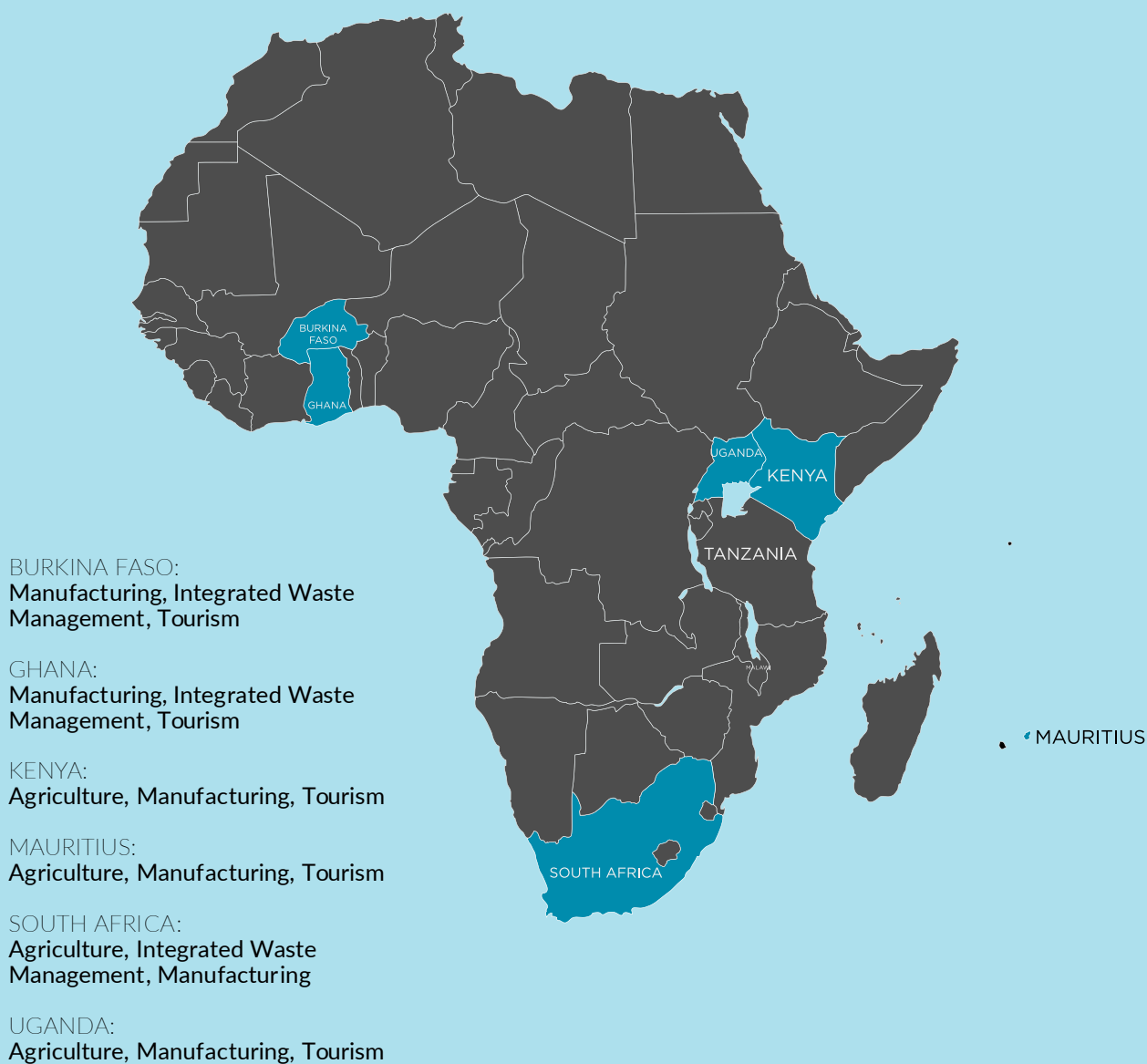
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WHERE WE ARE IN AFRICA

The overall objective of SWITCH Africa Green is to support 6 countries in Africa to achieve sustainable development by engaging in transition towards an inclusive green economy.



In addition to the selected priority sectors for each country, the country-specific projects will have to address the following cross-cutting themes that were identified as critical: Energy-efficiency, Labelling and standards, Water efficiency, Eco-innovation, Sustainable trade.



Kenya's Green Road company showing sorting of polythene bags
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Staff from City Waste Recycling Ltd from Ghana undertaking processing cable granulation
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BURKINA FASO



“OPERATION NEERE “ in the town of Koudougou

GRAAD Burkina has partnered with Koudougou Municipality in implementing this project through SWITCH Africa green. The Operation NEERE (meaning pretty and clean) aims to contribute to creating a healthy living environment and pleasant in the town of Koudougou and drive change in the modes of production and consumption of the populations. During on 19-24 September 2016 a waste management exercise in Koudougou was led by the mayor of Koudougou.

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*First day of AJSDV regional forum October 20th.
Elimination of uncontroled dump site with Ouahigouya
municipality
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KENYA



Capacity Enhancement for Green Business Development and Eco-entrepreneurship in the agricultural sector. Project by Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) and Kenya Agribusiness and Agroindustry Alliance (KAAA).

Selected MSMEs:

1. Shauri Vision Women Group producers of potato, cassava and sorghum processing
2. Nyaga Products which specialises in yoghurt making.

*Kenya's Safi Organics showing preparation of their products
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Through the SWITCH Africa Green project and support by KEPSA and KAAA, the two MSMEs are taking steps to improve material and water efficiency with notable improvement in product certification and marketing, waste management and record keeping.

The Shauri Vision Women Group which has 13 members and practices table banking has managed to secure the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) certification for their potato crisps with other products under consideration. They are also working towards acquiring barcodes for all their products (potato crisps, cassava biscuits and sorghum queen cakes). This will enable the group to sell products in supermarkets and hence access to a wider market.

The group has designed marketing brochures for their products and through their outreach programme they have attracted support from the county government which has donated potato peeling and cutting machines.

The group is looking to purchase a frying machine to enable them produce better crisps. For quality control & standardization the enterprise sources its potatoes from its members only. The enterprise still uses firewood for its energy needs something they are looking to change in the near future.

Some of the areas that the MSME still require support from partners include access to affordable capital for purchase of better and efficient equipment.



To improve access to safe drinking water, SPOUTS manufactures and supplies an affordable ceramic water filter, called the Purifaaya, which is made with local resources and materials easily found in Uganda.
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Magiro Hydroelectric Ltd from Kenya showing the wooden shed used to house the equipment
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SOUTH AFRICA



Michael from South Africa's Green Acre Living showing a harvested cabbage

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SWITCH Africa Green Industrial Symbiosis Training

The National Cleaner Production Center, South Africa (NCPC-SA) held an interactive training session on Industrial Symbiosis to enable MSMEs to track input and output materials in their production processes and identify areas they can reduce or reuse waste, improve resource productivity and reduce cost of production. The workshop equipped companies to identify opportunities to exchange waste with others who can use it as input material.

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GHANA



Ghana's EcoShoes staff at the workshop

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Switch Africa Green NTCC Meeting With Project Grantees

SWITCH Africa Green Ghana NTCC met with project grantees and partners to review the progress of the grantees in Accra Ghana. They determined areas of synergy and potential upscale and also to explore how to relate to policy work at the national level. They also discussed putting in place processes for the hosting of the national networking event

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MAURITIUS



Belle Verte aims to create a national closed loop waste management system and raises awareness on the need to reuse and recycle waste through creative workshops.

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Enhancing Resource Productivity and Environmental Performance of firms in Mauritius through Industrial Symbiosis.

The Solid Waste Management Division, Ministry Of Environment, Sustainable Development And Disaster And Beach Management held a collaborative training session on Industrial Symbiosis to enable MSMEs to track input and output materials in their production processes. This is part of the SWITCH Africa Green multi country project on Industrial symbiosis with African Round Table on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARSCP) and Industrial Symbiosis Limited. The workshop trained firms on how to identify opportunities to exchange waste with others who can use it as input material.

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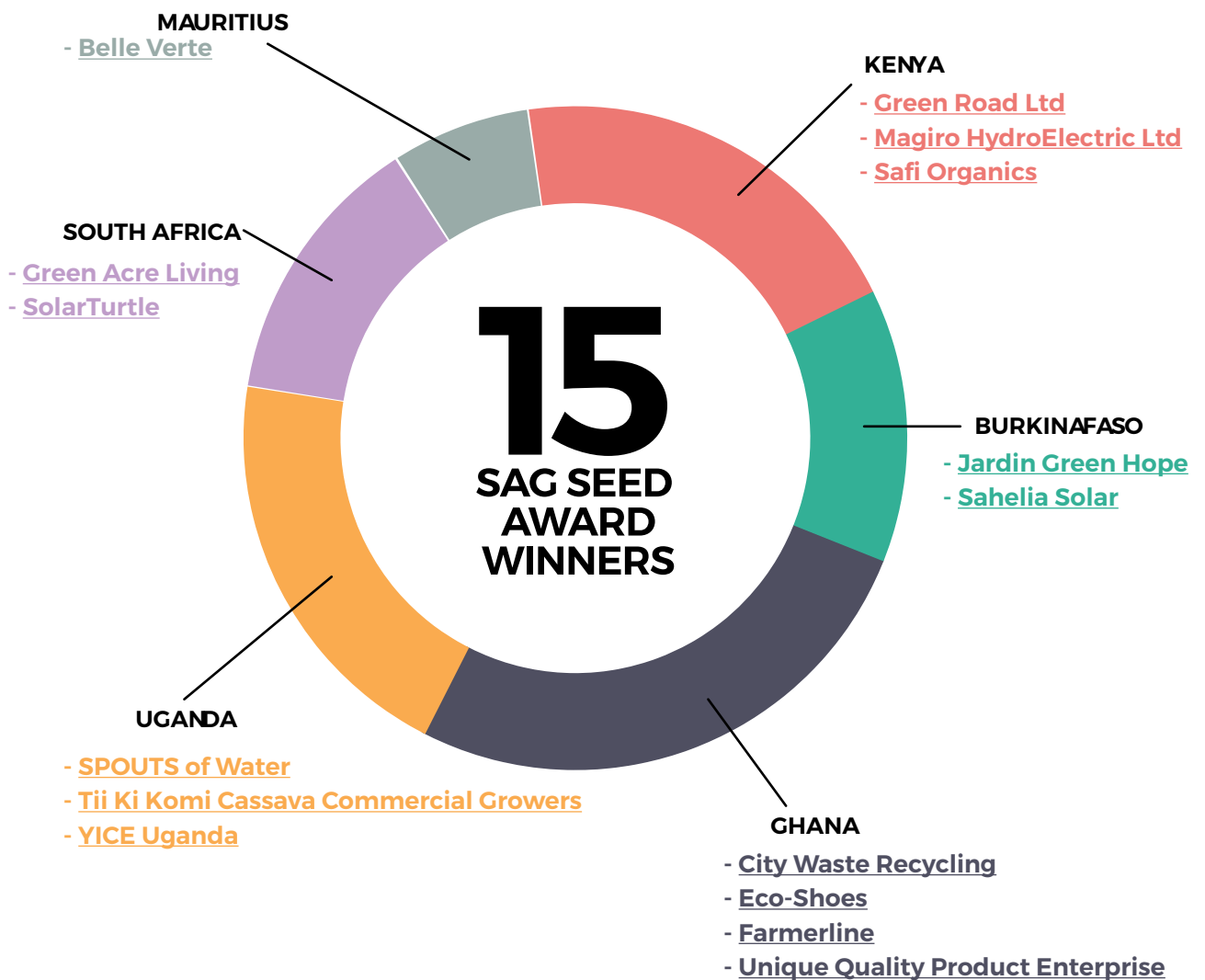
REPLICATING SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MODELS FOR IMPACT, SEED AFRICA SYMPOSIUM 2016

The SEED Africa Symposium is an annual international forum for sharing knowledge and experience, establishing partnerships, and developing solutions to stimulate the growth of social and eco-entrepreneurship across the African continent.

This year's topic "From Innovation to Imitation" brought together around 436 participants (enterprises, researchers, practitioners, investors, policy makers and representatives of the civil society) on 28-29 September 2016 to discuss the replication of business models for successfully contributing to green growth and sustainable development in Africa.

The SEED Award Ceremony 2016 honored outstanding social and environmental enterprises with the SAG-SEED Awards supported by SWITCH Africa Green project and funded by the European Union.

SAG SEED Award winners by country Click each award winner for more information



SWITCH TO GREEN COORDINATION MEETING BRUSSELS, 26 - 27 SEPTEMBER, 2016



The meeting was convened by DG DEVCO on 26-27 September in Brussels and was attended by approximately 40 participants from the main EU funded programmes on inclusive Green Economy (IGE), including Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) and Circular Economy actions. It was organised in the context of the development of the EU SWITCH TO GREEN initiative, which aims to provide a framework to improve the coordination, visibility and overall impact of EU international cooperation on IGE. Specifically, the meeting aimed at building bridges between partners involved in EU funded actions, with a view to improving coordination and sharing lessons-learnt.

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DEVCO is supporting work at the intersection of environment, economy and business in its partner countries to avoid the polluting pathway of many industrialised countries and develop green businesses from the outset. It means working at many levels - training entrepreneurs, sharing best practices, effecting large-scale policy change and mobilizing investment.



Farmerline (Ghana) staff provides information and services needed by farmers like best agronomic practices, weather data, literacy training and market prices through its developed mobile software technology.

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