



SWITCH Africa Green

Regional Sector Meeting on Sustainable Agriculture

Nairobi, Kenya

27-28 November 2019

Concept Note and Agenda

Introduction

The transition to a green economy requires actions and significant technological, behavioural and systemic change in all levels of the society including citizens, public sector and the private sector. It has been established that more radical innovations come from the micro small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). They play a key role in the transition to green economies and sustainable development in general. They do so by creating business models that are not only economically profitable but also create environmental and social inclusiveness.

SWITCH Africa Green supports these MSMEs by supporting green business projects in 4 sectors (agriculture, tourism, manufacturing, integrated waste management) targeted by the programme with strong opportunities for advancing green business and Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) practices. Sectors selection was based on assessments of partner countries (Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, South Africa and Uganda) context and country level consultations with key stakeholders.

Green business development projects focus specifically on supporting MSMEs in greening their business ventures with focus on energy efficiency, labelling and standards, water efficiency, eco-innovation, sustainable trade, conservation of environment (including biodiversity); and businesses that increase resource efficiency and decrease pollution over the full life cycle of products (i.e. from 'cradle to cradle'). Support is delivered through activities, such as awareness raising and capacity-building for MSMEs to apply SCP practices. Results achieved include increased incomes, cost savings, job creation, improved time efficiency, improved health and increased productivity. More than 3000 MSMEs have been supported in the uptake of SCP through SWITCH Africa Green so far.

Projects in the sustainable agriculture sector focus on areas such as organic farming, weed and pest control and management, organic disease control and management, pre-harvest and post-harvest management, composting, use of waste for mulching, and/or fuel, permaculture, certification, standards, market requirements, rangeland management, animal nutrition and health. Main findings from the interventions indicate that the sector is labour intensive and can generate a large number of jobs, reduce negative environmental impacts and create better livelihoods, especially for women and youth-owned/led enterprises.

To complement the financing of green business programmes and support to policy development, SWITCH Africa Green actively promotes networking among all project partners and other stakeholders with an



interest in SCP practices. After a series of national and regional networking activities, the programme is now organising a series of sector events which will cover the 4 priority sectors. A regional meeting on sustainable agriculture will be held on Nairobi, Kenya on 27 - 28 November, 2019.

Objectives

The main objective of this workshop is to consolidate and share the knowledge generated by SWITCH Africa Green in the Sustainable agriculture sector and to promote the scale- up and replication of best practices identified.

The specific objectives are to:

1. Provide a platform for consolidating and sharing lessons on best practices identified / supported by the SWITCH Africa Green programme in greening the agriculture sector.
2. Validate the findings of the SWITCH Africa Green survey results on sustainable agriculture focusing on green business development.
3. Promote networking among SWITCH Africa Green programme partners as well as stakeholders working in the sector in order to encourage scaling-up and replication of best practices in the participating countries, and Africa as a whole.
4. Formulate recommendations to strengthen regional and national mechanisms for uptake of SCP practices in the agriculture sector.

Participants

Participants will include the SWITCH Africa Green grantees and beneficiary enterprises involved in green business projects focused on sustainable agriculture as well as programme partners including the EU, UN Agencies and national focal points from the 7 participating countries.

The workshop will also involve stakeholders with interest in sustainable agriculture, including national and local government representatives, Regional Economic Communities, other SWITCH / SCP programmes, development partners, UN agencies, private sector, financial institutions, research institutions and academia, and non-state actors.

The workshop is funded by the European Union through the SWITCH Africa Green Programme and jointly organised by the Kenya Ministry of Environment and Forestry; Kenya Ministry of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries; United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), the SWITCH to Green Facility of the European Commission and National focal points in the SWITCH Africa Green participating countries.



Agenda

Day 1: 27 November 2019	
8.00-9.00	Registration
9.00-10.00	<p>Session 1: Introduction and opening remarks:</p> <p>Welcome remarks from the Ministry of Environment and Forestry</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Lucy Nganga, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Kenya</p> <p>Remarks from United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Juliette Biao, Director and Regional Representative, Africa Office, United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP <p>Welcome speech by European Union Delegation in Kenya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Sebastian Gil, European Union Delegation, Kenya <p>Key note address from Ministry of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eng. Laban Kiplagat, Director Land and Environmental Management, Ministry of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries, Kenya
10.00 - 11.00	<p>Session 2: Setting the Scene: This session will set the scene about the importance of agriculture in sustainable development including job creation, improved livelihoods and a clean environment. The session will also touch on how agriculture could support the achievement of global commitments such as the Agenda 2030, Agenda 2063, among other global, regional and national commitments.</p> <p>Following a brief introduction from the moderator, the results from the Switch Africa Green programme survey on the agriculture sector will be presented followed by discussions from the participants.</p> <p>Moderator: Patrick Mwesigye, UNEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the Regional Sector Report on Sustainable Agriculture: Focus on Green Business Development. <p>Rhoda Wachira, Programme Management Officer, UNEP</p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Dr. Dickson Khainga, UNEP</i></p>
11.00-11.40	Break, including Group photo and exhibition visit.
11.40-13.30	<p>Session 3: Some Good Practices</p> <p>This panel discussion session will highlight examples of good practices in green business and Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) practices from selected enterprises to identify opportunities for scale up and replication as well as challenges to be addressed.</p> <p>Moderator: Lambert Faabeluon, Ghana National Cleaner Production Centre (GNPCPC), Ghana</p> <p>Presentations:</p>



	<p>Meat Naturally Initiative: Embedding sustainability in South Africa's emerging red meat sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caroline McCann, Market Specialist, Meat Naturally Initiative, South Africa <p>Eco-Agriculture–Sesame Livelihoods and organic-green business Opportunities For Young Rural people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lay Laban, National Organic Agriculture Movement Uganda (NOGAMU) <p>Capacity enhancement for green business development and eco-entrepreneurship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pauline Kimani, PAMAT foods, Kenya <p>Transformation of waste to organic fertilizer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OUEDRAOGO Albert & brothers, Burkina Faso <p>Promoting Sustainable Local Agriculture through Green Retail and Green Hospitality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAREI and SKC SURAT & CO LTD, Mauritius <p>ECO food dehydrators to curb post-harvest losses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ahmed Megahed Abdallah, CEO ECO food dehydrators, Egypt <p><i>Rapporteur: Ms. Vivian Njogu, UNEP and Norah Mugita, UNEP</i></p>
Lunch	
14.30-16.30	<p>Session 4: Sustainable Agriculture programmes and projects</p> <p>This session will showcase some sustainable agriculture interventions/programmes and projects being implemented in the countries.</p> <p>Moderator: Becquet Polycarpe BATIONO, Director of the Promotion of Entrepreneurship and Green Investments, General Direction on Green Economy and Climate Change, Burkina Faso</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One Planet network Sustainable Food Systems Programme Ms. Marina Bortoletti , UNEP - Ecosystem based Adaptation for food security in Africa Assembly (EBAFOSA) Patrick Luganda, Uganda - Enhancing Africa Green Economy through Eco Geographical Indication for Coffee Aeden Kaggwa, National Union of Coffee Agribusinesses & Farm Enterprises (NUCAFE) Uganda - Inclusive Green Horticultural Processing Sector in Kenya Marion Villacampa, Fundación Sustalde - Smallholder access to high value horticultural markets, Johnson Bungu, Solidaridad network SA Trust, South Africa <p><i>Rapporteur: Ms. Norah Mugita, UNEP</i></p>



16.30-17.00	Tea/coffee Break
17.00-19.00	<p>Closed door session: Review of the Regional Sector Report on Sustainable Agriculture: Focus on Green Business Development. (Session by invitation only)</p> <p>Moderator: Patrick Mwesigye, UNEP</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewer 1: Olivia Makumbi, Principle Agricultural Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) 2. Reviewer 2: John Ereng, Rikolto 3. Reviewer 3: James Lomax, UNEP 4. Reviewer 4: Boniface Kiome, Hivos <p>The participating countries will be represented by the SWITCH Africa Green national focal points and National Technical Coordination Committee (NTCC) members on Agriculture.</p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Dr. Dickson Khainga, UNEP and Ms. Rhoda Wachira, UNEP</i></p>
Day 2: 28 November 2019	
9.00-13.00	<p>Session 5: Parallel working groups: Creating an enabling environment for sustainable agriculture in Africa (tea/coffee break during sessions)</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Fabienne Pierre, UNEP</p> <p><i>The moderator will provide a recap of Day 1 and an introduction to the working groups.</i></p> <p><i>The working groups session will present and discuss the key issues as well as the lessons learned from implementation of the Switch Africa Green programme in the Agriculture sector. The session will validate the findings of the survey report and formulate recommendations for the strengthening of regional and national mechanisms for uptake of SCP practices in the agriculture sector. The moderator will present some lessons from the SWITCH Africa Green survey report followed by two 15 min presentations that will support/inform the discussions in each group. Rapporteurs to be selected within the groups.</i></p> <p>Group 1: Financing for Enterprises in the Sector</p> <p><i>Lesson: Green financing mechanisms are needed for small enterprises, including support for MSMEs to help them develop sustainable business models and bankable proposals for implementing identified green options in their enterprises.</i></p> <p><i>Discuss: What financing mechanisms can be adopted in the region to promote sustainable agriculture</i></p> <p>Moderator: William O. Ojwang, WWF KENYA</p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Tbc</i></p> <p>Presentation from two existing financing models:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Africa Agriculture and Trade Investment Fund (AATIF), Samuel Ndonga, Co-founder and Managing Director, Samawati Capital Partners Limited. - African Guarantee Fund (AGF), Maureen Kayamba, Region Head, Business Development – Eastern Africa. <p>Group 2: Policies to promote Sustainable Agriculture</p>



	<p><i>Lesson: National and local Governments in the region need continuous support to appreciate, develop and implement sustainable agriculture policies.</i></p> <p><i>Discuss: Which policies, laws and institutions are required/missing for promoting businesses in the agricultural sector.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Evelyne Lutalo, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda</p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Tbc</i></p> <p>Presentations by countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture Sector Transformation and Growth Strategy (ASTGS), Kenya. Veronica Ndetu, Ministry of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries, Kenya - Policies to promote sustainable agriculture, Uganda Felix Okurut, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda <p>Group 3: Technical Assistance Models for Enterprises in the Agriculture Sector.</p> <p><i>Lesson: MSMEs require up-to-date and innovative solutions, knowledge, capacity and access to successful SCP models and/or skills for making their business processes greener and adopt SCP practices.</i></p> <p><i>Discuss: What models can be adopted to support MSMEs to green their business and adopt SCP practices</i></p> <p>Moderator: Michel Takam, EBAFOSA Cameroon</p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Tbc</i></p> <p>Presentations from implementing institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Smart Agriculture guideline, South Africa Elizabeth Ntoyi, Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) South Africa - A Revenue Generation Approach for SCP Dissemination in Kenya, Ranieri Portilho, Etimos Foundation <p>Group 4: Sustainable Trade and Markets</p> <p><i>Lesson: There is need to build appreciation for green products by consumers (both public and private consumers). Support for developing sustainable public procurement policies and raising greater awareness of sustainable products is needed.</i></p> <p><i>Discuss: How can we support/develop markets for green/sustainable products?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mrs Jaynita O-Hurhangee, Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change, Mauritius</p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Tbc</i></p> <p>Presentations by Enterprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoting Sustainable Local Agriculture through Green Retail and Green Hospitality (SUS-AGRI), Mauritius Mr, Sylvain, Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI), Mauritius - Promoting Agri-entrepreneurship in Kenya. Mercy Kinoti, CEO Rena Farms.
Lunch	
	Session 6: Plenary Discussions



14.00-15.30	<p>Moderator: Olivia Makumbi, Principle Agricultural Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF)</p> <p><i>This session will be an interactive discussion following brief presentations from the moderators from the five working groups on the lessons learned from each of the thematic areas in each group. It will further discuss the next steps to align the discussions in the SWITCH Africa Green sustainable agriculture sector report as well as to formulate recommendations for strengthening of regional and national mechanisms for uptake of SCP practices in the agriculture sector.</i></p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Kingsley Bekoe, UNDP, Ghana</i></p>
15.30-16.15	<p>Session 7: Policy recommendations for an enabling environment to strengthen regional and national mechanisms for uptake of SCP practices in the agriculture sector</p> <p>Moderator: Patrick Mwesigye, UNEP</p> <p>Presentation of the draft recommendations for strengthening of regional and national mechanisms for uptake of SCP practices in the agriculture sector.</p> <p>Panel Discussion: The role of the regional economic communities and partners in implementing the recommendations to strengthen regional and national mechanisms for uptake of SCP practices in the agriculture sector.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- AUC- EAC- ECOWAS- SADC <p><i>Rapporteur: Rhoda Wachira, UNEP</i></p>
16.15-16.30	<p>Session 8: Closing remarks and way forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Closing Remarks – UNEP- Closing remarks – Ministry of Agriculture, Kenya
16.30-17.00	<p>Tea/coffee Break</p>