



SWITCH AFRICA GREEN PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

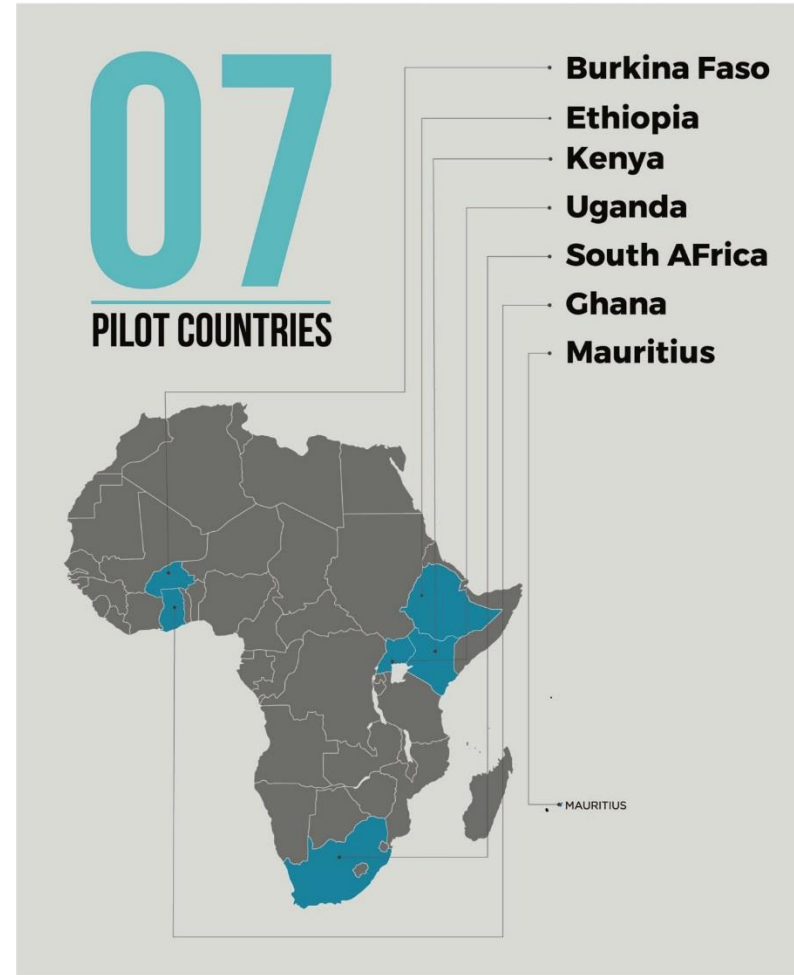
Regional Meeting
24 February 2020

Patrick Mwesigye
Regional Coordinator, Resource Efficiency
Africa Office, UN Environment Programme

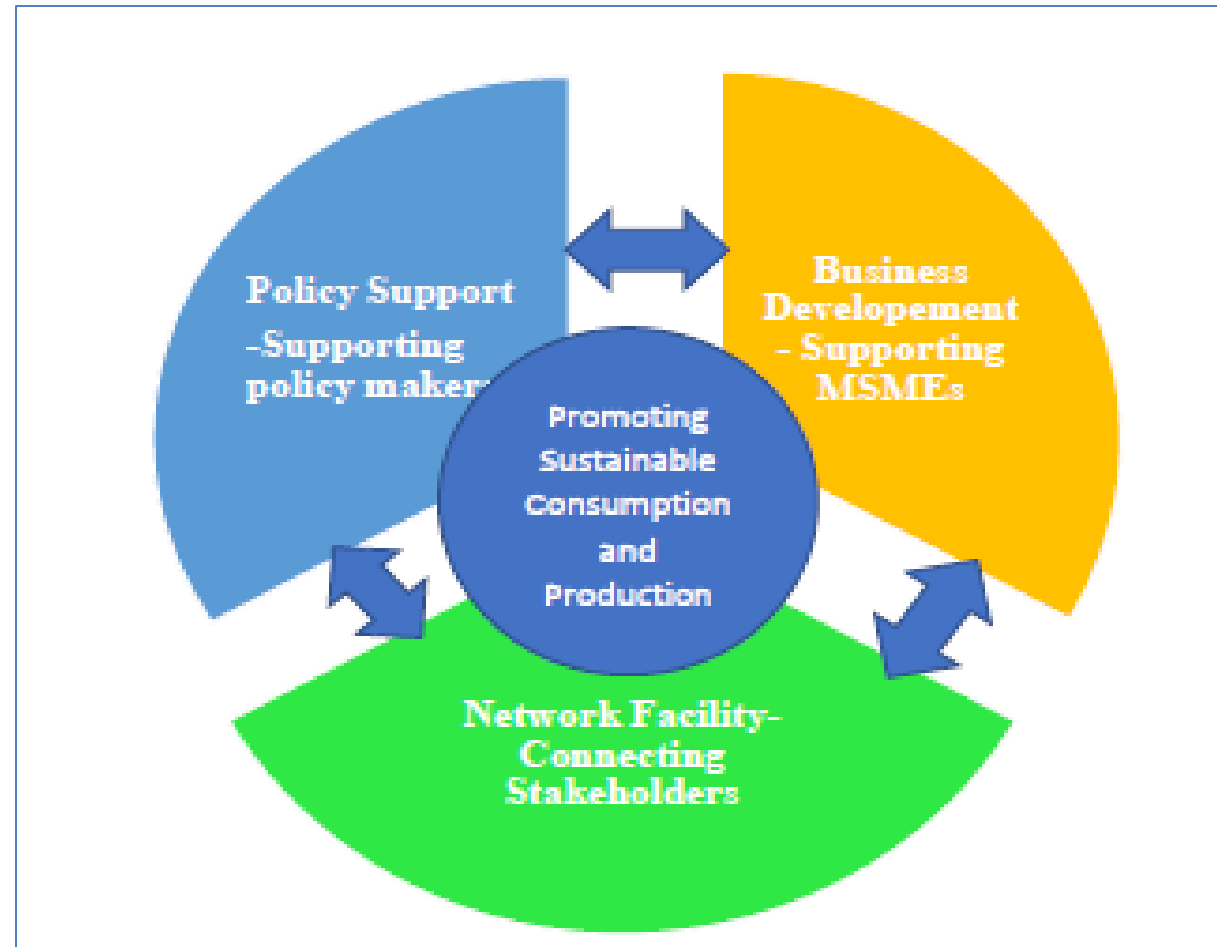


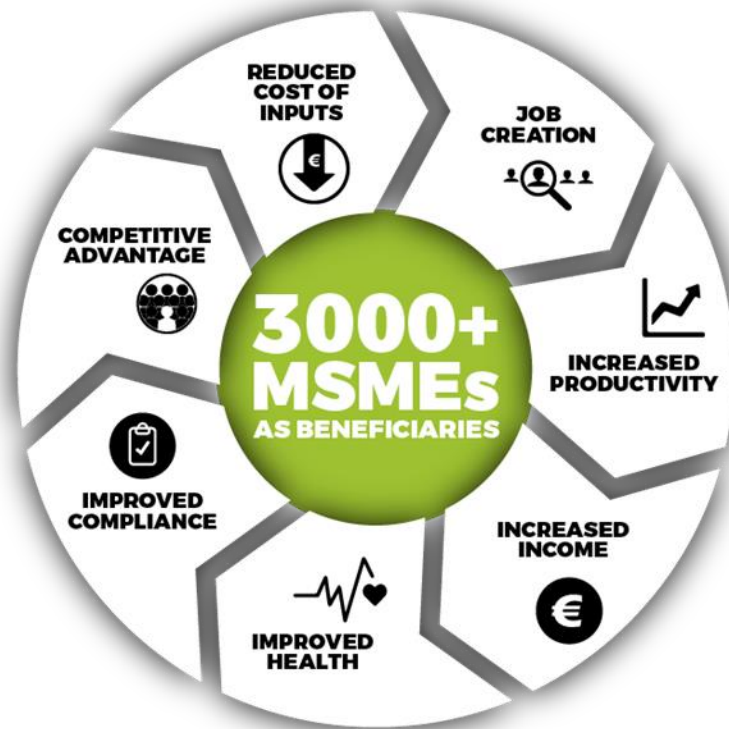
About SWITCH Africa Green

The overall objective of SWITCH Africa Green is to support countries in sub Sahara Africa to achieve sustainable development by engaging in transition towards an inclusive green economy, based on sustainable consumption and production patterns, while generating growth, creating decent jobs and reducing poverty.



Linkages Between Programme Components





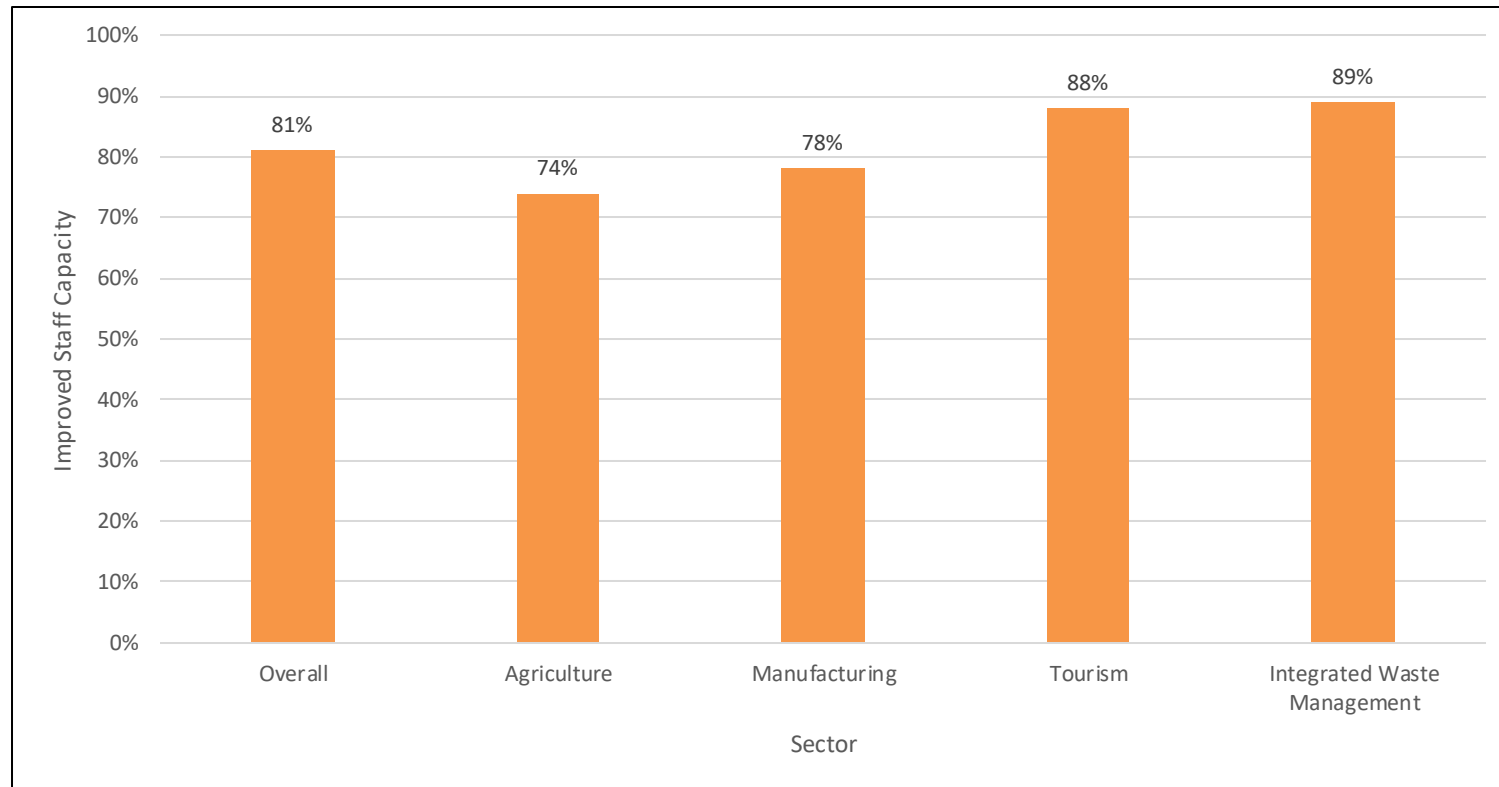
The **Green Business** component aims at supporting transformation towards an inclusive economy by providing services to MSMEs that enable them to start and develop resource efficient and green business based on sustainable production practices.

Interventions: Water efficiency, energy efficiency, sustainable trade, sustainable agriculture practices, labels and standards, eco innovation, business skills -record keeping, costing and pricing, packaging, etc.

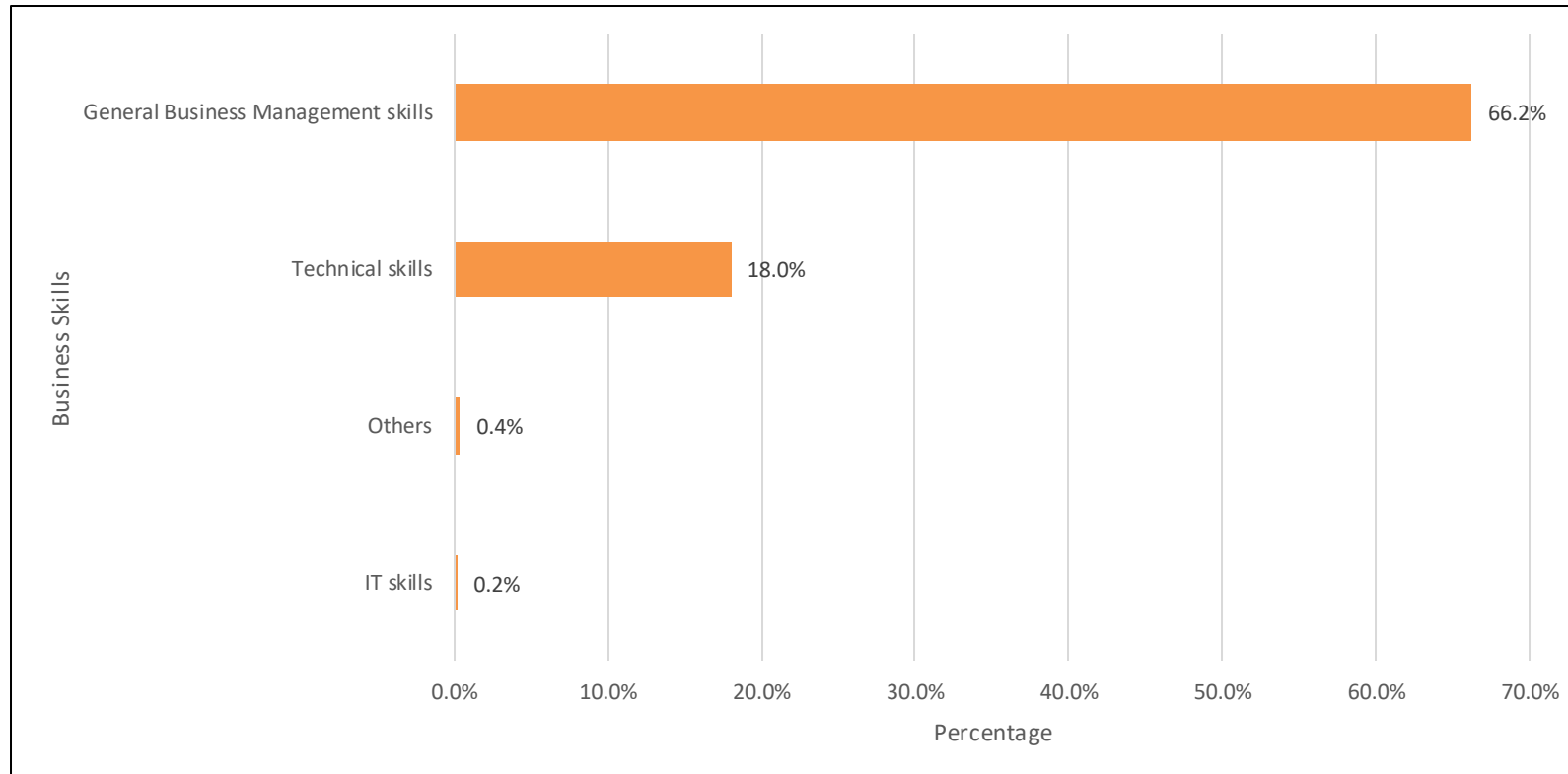
How: Toolkits, customized training and mentorship by grants through intermediary organizations.

Some Programme Results...

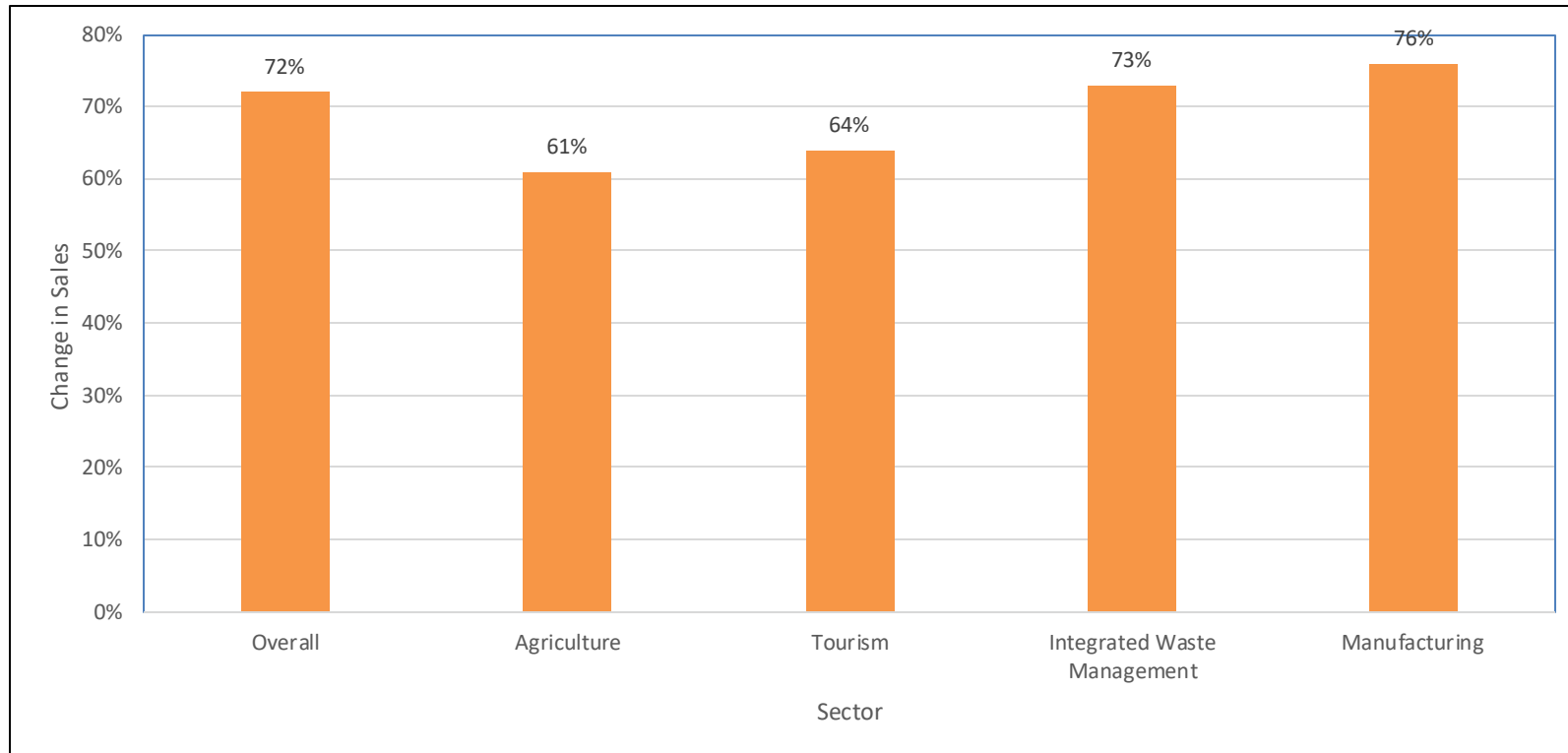
Enhanced capacity of Existing staff



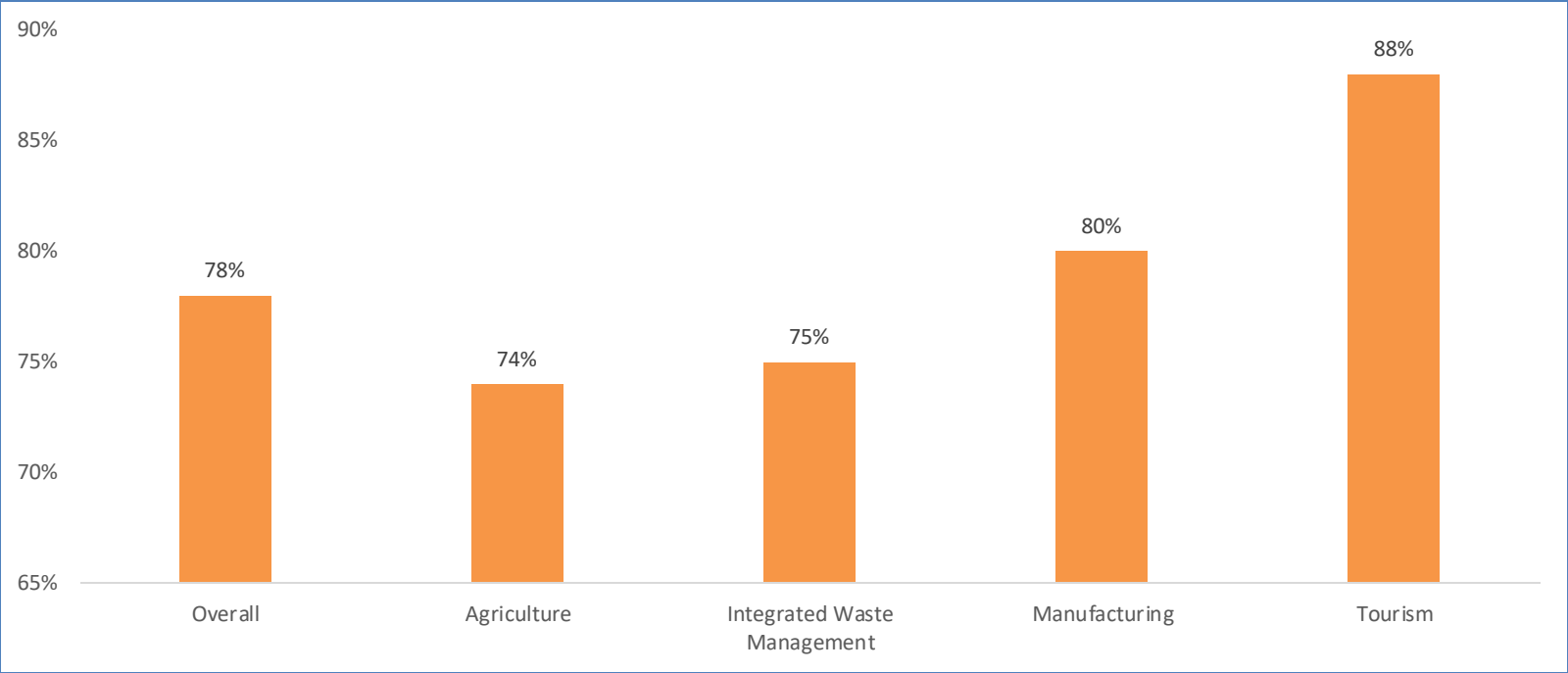
Improved Business skills



Change in Sales



Percentage of MSMEs reporting Cost Savings

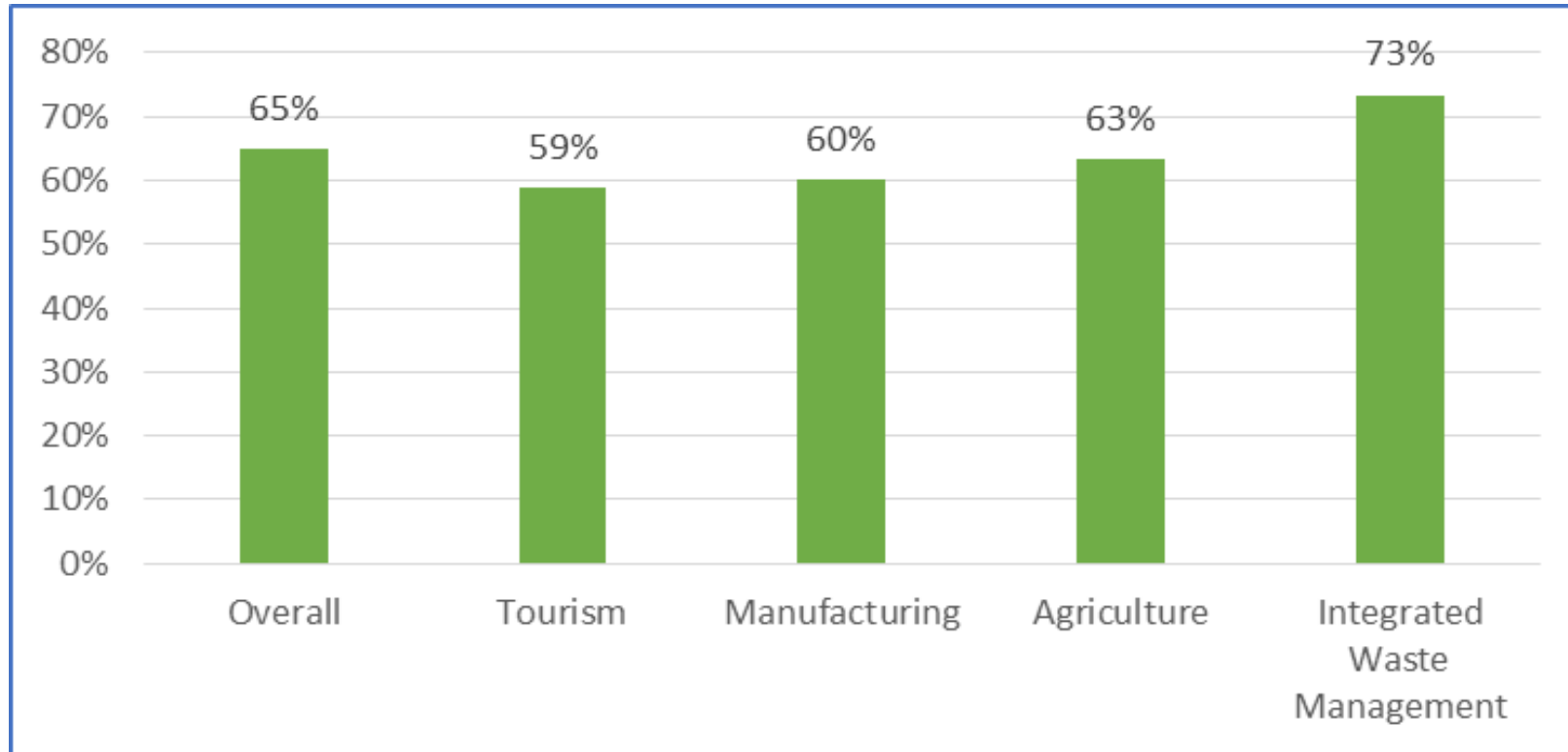


Employment by Gender

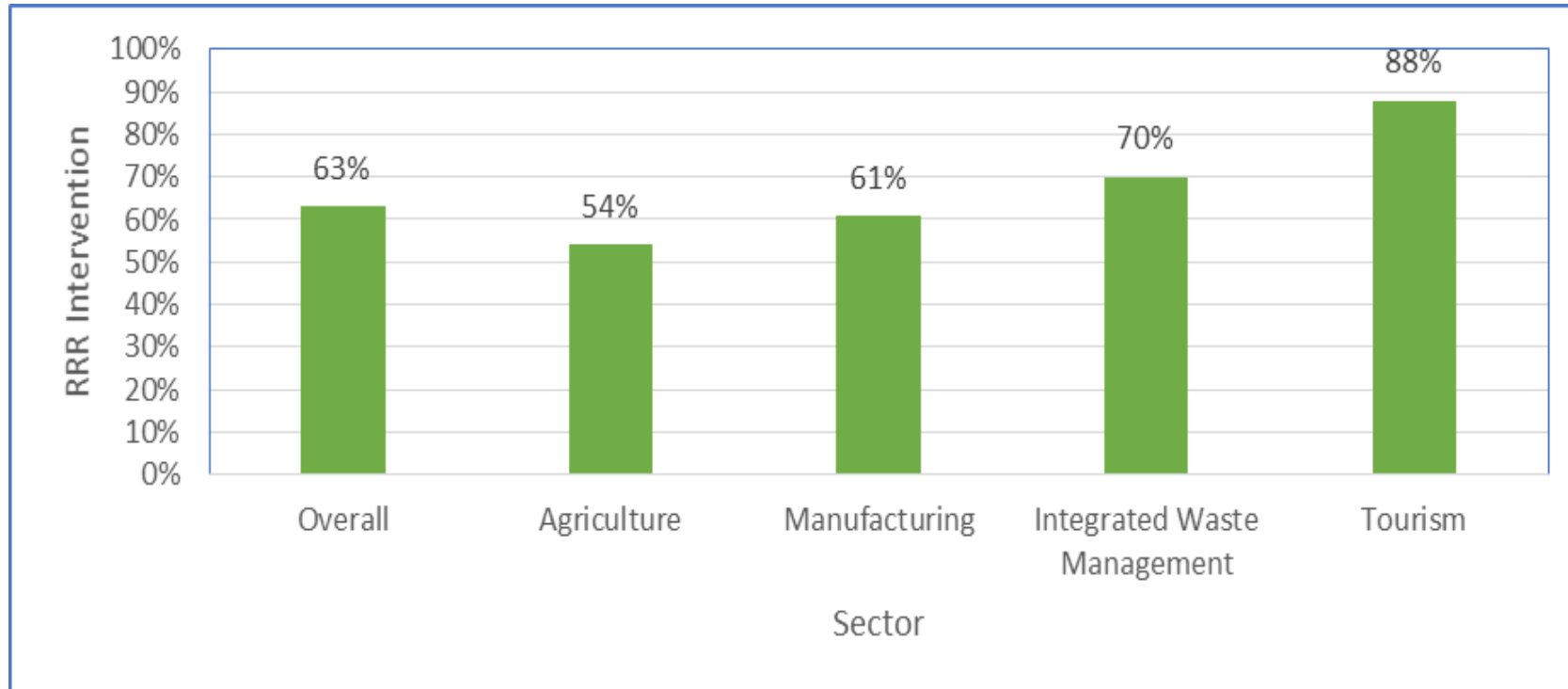
According to the survey data, about 4,979 new jobs were created during the project implementation period plus about 181 casual and part-time jobs. The new jobs represent about 9 percent of the existing staff in the surveyed enterprises.

Country	Female Employees	Male Employees	Youth Employees
Burkina Faso	79%	21%	30%
Ghana	12%	88%	40%
Kenya	57%	43%	45%
Mauritius	34%	66%	23%
South Africa	29%	71%	21%
Uganda	27%	73%	34%
Total	32%	68%	36%

Health and Safety Procedures and Use of PPEs



Implementation of Waste 3R Interventions



Water use interventions

Water Use Intervention	Agriculture	Integrated Waste Management	Manufacturing	Tourism	Total
Installation of Water Saving Devices	20%	9%	16%	6%	14%
Others	2%	3%	3%	0%	2%
Rainwater Harvesting	16%	4%	4%	6%	7%
Regular Maintenance and Monitoring	3%	4%	7%	12%	5%
Reuse	4%	9%	8%	53%	9%
Water Conservation	8%	7%	8%	6%	8%



The **policy support component** objective is to create an enabling environment for green business development in the region. This component aims to respond to the specific needs of each pilot country, building on and scaling up activities to strengthened institutions and appropriate tools and instruments. Priority sectors: Agriculture, Manufacturing, Tourism, Integrated waste management.

Lesson Learnt: Policies developed from results of the green business development component have been most effective. They have been taken up faster by the governments. Example Ghana e-waste control and management Act 2016 leading to the commissioning of the e-waste recycling plant by the president.

POLICY SUPPORT

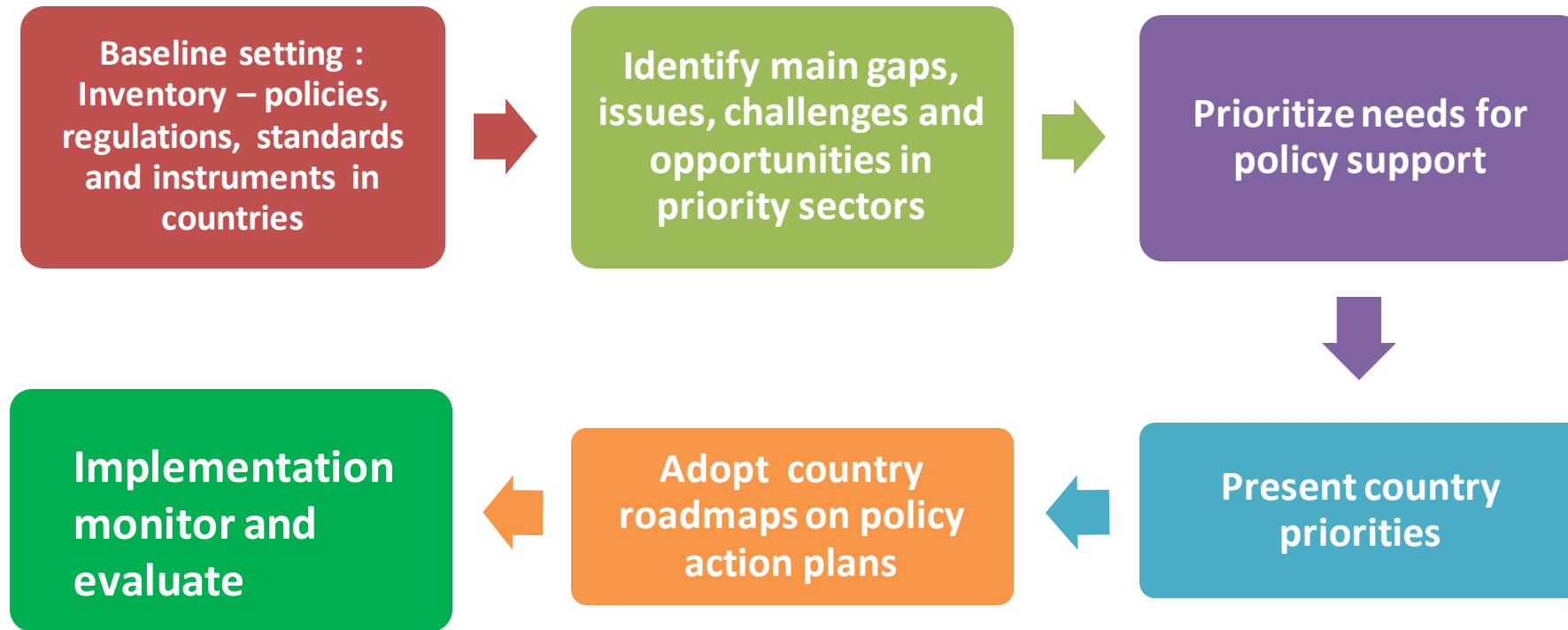
Aims : to accelerate private sector led inclusive green growth

Mechanism : complement and strengthen existing national planning and strategic frameworks for transformation towards green economies

Focus : interventions that will promote green entrepreneurship, eco-innovation and sustainable production and consumption actions

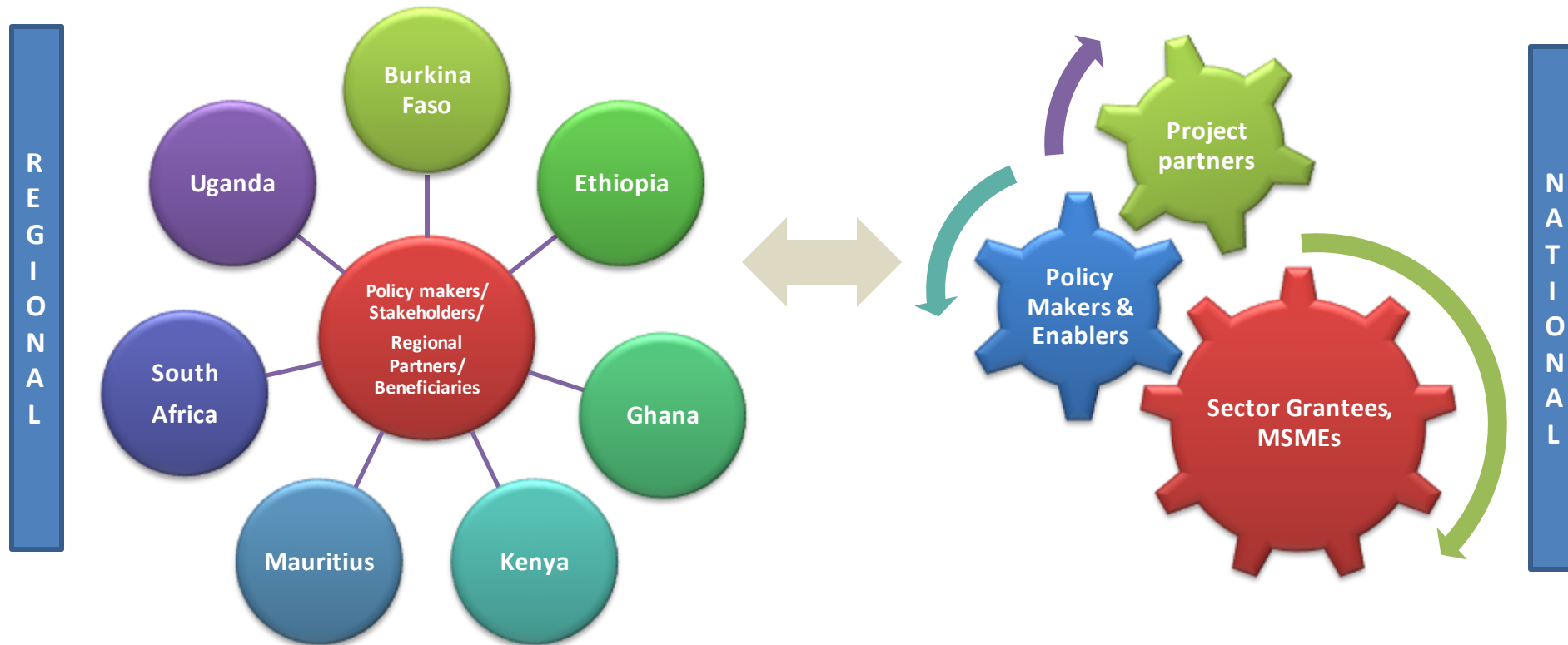
Objectives : Policy actors in pilot countries are better informed and equipped with **information, strengthened institutions, appropriate tools and instruments** such as policies, regulatory frameworks, incentive structures, tax and market- based instruments and green financing

Policy Implementation steps



Each step is guided by the National Technical Coordination Committee (NTCC) and stakeholders consultations

Policy Networking



***1st Regional Policy Dialogue
Ghana – 2017***

National Policy Dialogues:

- ***Burkina Faso – July 2018***
- ***Ghana – Feb 2019***
- ***Uganda – October 2019***

Policy Support projects

Enhancing/ strengthening existing policies / strategic documents

Objective : to strengthen existing policy documents by incorporation of sustainability and greening indicators

Specific interventions : sensitizations / expert meetings with policy makers, policy mobilizers and technical experts on greening policies, enhance / edit policy documents with the greening guidelines

Projects :

- **Greening Agriculture Sector transformation and growth Strategy (ASTGS) in Kenya**
- **Promoting Green and Sustainable Public Sector Procurement Policies in Uganda**

Development of specific guidelines

Objective : to facilitate the **implementation** of specific policy objectives and strategic documents that exist. Guidelines also serve to further develop training materials for target beneficiary

Specific interventions : engagement of expert consultant to develop the guidelines

Projects :

- **Development of Climate Smart Agriculture Strategy in South Africa**
- **Circular Economy Guidelines for the Waste sector in South Africa,**
- **National Action Plan for Integrated Waste Management for Burkina Faso**
- **Post Harvest Management Strategy in Rodrigues Island**
- **Guidelines (4) to Operationalize Greened Tourism Bill, Uganda**
- **Guidelines for Circular Economy in the Tourism Sector, Kenya**

Development of new policy tools

Objective : to address gaps that exist in implementing green economy policy

Specific Interventions : engagement of experts, establishment of multi- institutional technical committee

Projects :

- **Green Manufacturing Strategy - Uganda**
- **Greened Tourism Bill - Uganda**
- **Standards for Manure from Farm Animal Waste - Mauritius**
- **National Sustainable Tourism Strategy – Burkina Faso**
- **Waste source segregation to support and sustain recycling and upcycling - recover clean secondary raw materials –Ghana**
- **Support redesigning the contracts of franchised Waste contractors PPP recycling - Ghana**

Conduct capacity building/ training sessions

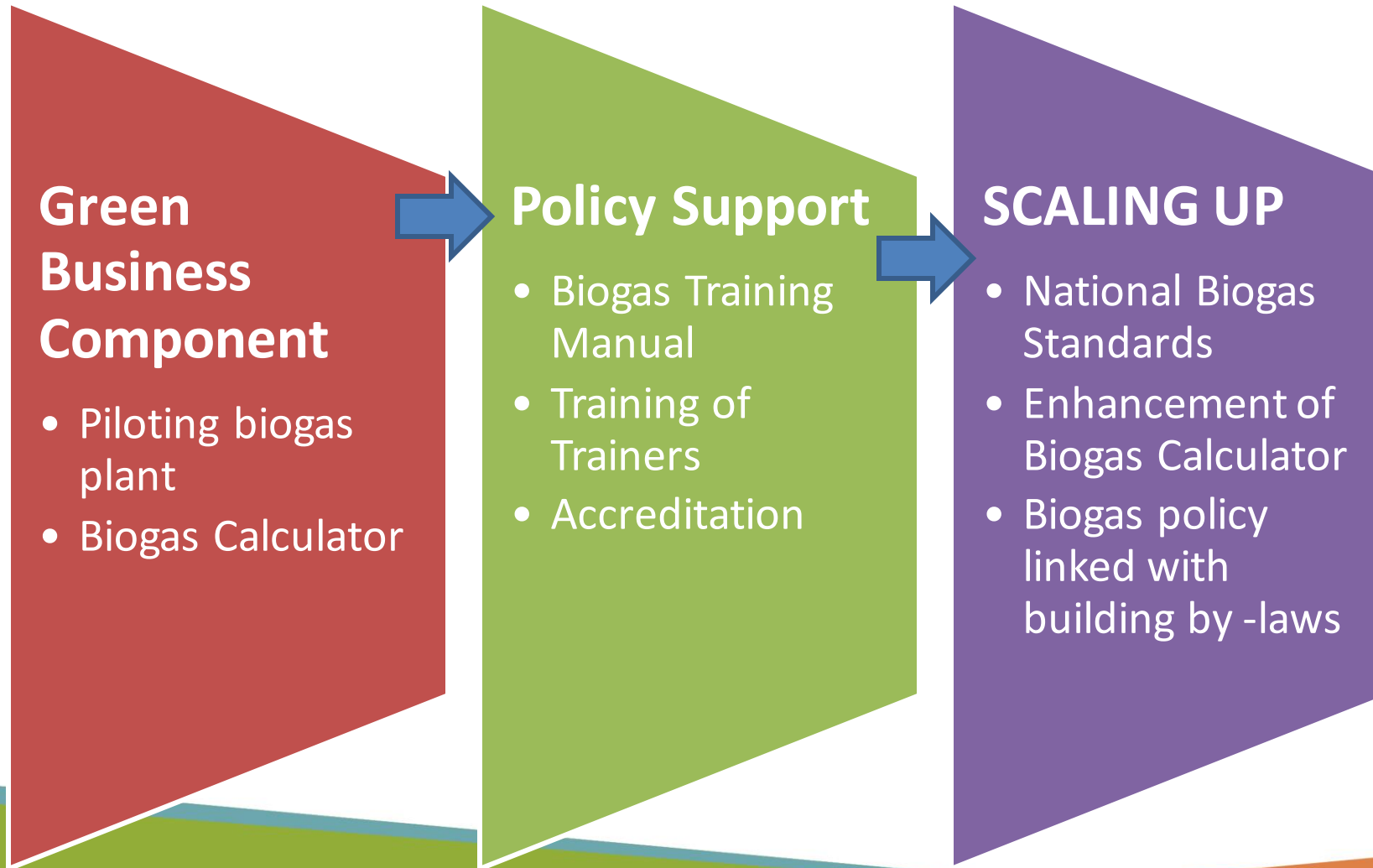
Objective: to develop skills and knowledge on resource efficiency, green policies implementation and application of SCP technologies

Specific Interventions : engagement of experts, develop training manuals, certifications

Projects :

- **Biogas Technology / Waste Technology in Ghana,**
- **Training and sensitization of farmers on making manure from farm animal waste- Mauritius**
- **Training of Planning Officer on Green Economy and Sustainable Development in Ghana**
- **Biogas demonstration in Mauritius**

CASE STUDY : SCALING UP GREEN BUSINESS and CIRCULAR ECONOMY THROUGH BIOGAS TECHNOLOGY



1st and 2nd SCP in Africa E-learning course

The **1st e-learning course** on “Introduction to Sustainable Consumption and Production in Africa” was held between 5 Sep – 28 Oct 2016 in collaboration with 10YFP and UNITAR. A total of 94 fellowships were awarded to policy makers and SCP practitioners in the region. The course attained a 90% certification rate.

The **2nd SCP in Africa E-learning course** was held on 29 April - 21 June 2019 in collaboration with UNITAR . The course generated about 300 applications and over 500 expressions of interest. Fellowships were awarded to 80 participants from 48 countries in Africa. The course attained an 81% certification rate.



The **Networking Facility** component aims at fostering the networking and communication within and across countries, distilling knowledge from project implementation for wider replication and facilitation of policy uptake.

- How can we best learn from each other? Regional forums, national forums, global forums? Social media?
- How can we best package the information for those who need it the most?
- How can we support leapfrogging so we don't repeat the same mistakes made by others?
- How can we support countries to scale up and replicate successful interventions?



NATIONAL NETWORKING FORUMS



SWITCH Africa Green National Networking Forum, UGANDA



SWITCH Africa Green National Networking Forum, SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL NETWORKING FORUMS



**SWITCH Africa Green National
Networking Forum, KENYA**



**SWITCH Africa Green National
Networking Forum, GHANA**

National Networking Forums



SWITCH Africa Green National Networking Forum, MAURITIUS



European Development Days (EDD) 2017

- SWITCH Africa Green partnered with SWITCH 2 Green Facility, SWITCH MED and SWITCH Asia to showcase green business development in the 3 programmes.
- The participants also participated in a project lab titled: **Building a global community of sustainable enterprises improving livelihoods.**



AFRICA'S ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS DISCUSS GREEN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

16th African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN 16)



(Second from left) Klaus Rudichauser (Deputy Director-General for Development, European Union) making a point during the side event at AMCEN. On his right is Juliette Biao (Director and Regional Representative, Africa Office, UN Environment) and on his left is Patrick Mwesigye (Regional Coordinator, Resource Efficiency, UN Environment)

SWITCH AFRICA GREEN BENEFICIARIES PARTICIPATE IN THE SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION EXPO AT THE THIRD SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY (UNEA-3)



1st Regional Networking Forum



The first SWITCH Africa Green Regional Networking Forum was held in Kampala, Uganda on 28-29 May 2016. About 250 participants including: Grantees, Selected MSMEs (Champions), National Focal Points, National Coordinators and 10YFP national focal points among others. Awareness on other SWITCH programmes was incorporated to promote sharing of experiences between the regions.

2nd Regional Networking Forum



The second regional networking forum was held in Burkina Faso on 3-4 October 2018. The forum attracted about 300 participants from participating countries as well as EU commission, Switch Asia and Switch Med programme. The regional forums provide a networking opportunity for green entrepreneurs, industry leaders, government officials, development partners and non-state actors.

Regional Sector Meetings 2019



IWM meeting in Accra, Ghana and Manufacturing meeting in Entebbe, Uganda

Regional Sector Meetings 2019



Tourism meeting in Kigali, Rwanda,

Agriculture meeting in Nairobi, Kenya



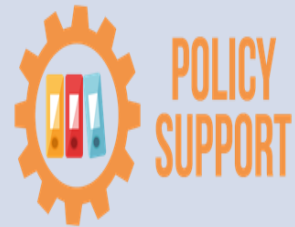
Improved Programme Website



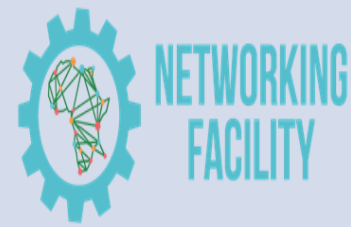
SWITCH Africa Green Phase II



14 grants –
Total of Euro
15.5 million
awarded in 7
countries in
2018



Specific policy
support
&
Policy
dialogues



Joint
networking
activities with
phase I –
regional &
national
meetings

Project Partners

SWITCH Africa Green is developed and funded by the European Union and implemented by **UN Environment Programme** in collaboration with EU delegations and National Technical coordination committees (NTCCs) in the countries.



SWITCH Africa Green
is funded by the
European Union



Other partners:



*Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.*



THANK YOU!

www.unenvironment.org/switchafricagreen



SWITCH Africa Green
is funded by the
European Union

