Climate, Food, Trade Nexus
Linking East African Issues to the Global Context

19-20 June 2014, Geneva, Switzerland
Graduate Institute (IHEID), Maison de la Paix, Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2, Geneva, Room S8

Programme
About

This international conference by CUTS will bring into the global discussions lessons learnt from East African Community on the policy linkages between climate change, food security and trade.

The importance of policy linkages and coherence is regularly recognized by different governments and organizations. Taking into consideration policy linkages contribute not only to inclusive policy-making, but also to the creation of positive spillovers to weigh divergent policy objectives and to enhance the capacity of policy makers.

Mutually reinforcing policy actions help to avoid conflicts among different types of public policies, thus to achieve the realization of agreed objectives. On the other hand, overlapping and incoherent policies ignore synergies and trade-offs within policy areas, risking to misunderstand priorities and to disturb agendas. For the realization of a holistic national, regional, and international development, policy linkages must be paid much attention by the policy makers.

CUTS International has been implementing a 3-year project titled “Promoting Agriculture-Trade-Climate Linkages in the East African Community (PACT EAC)” with funding support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) to build capacity of relevant stakeholders to synergise policies and practices related to trade, climate change and food security, and to assist EAC delegates in the relevant WTO discussions.
Thursday 19 June

0900-0930 REGISTRATION

0930-1000 HIGH LEVEL OPENING

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
  Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International

- Project Introduction and Conference Objectives
  Protase Echessah, Representative of Sida
  Rashid S Kaukab, Director, CUTS International, Geneva

- Keynote Addresses
  Hon. Jesca Eriyo, Deputy Secretary General EAC (invited)
  H.E. Yonov Frederick Agah, Deputy Director-General, WTO
  Hon. Flavia Munaaba, Minister for Environment Uganda

- Official Opening of the Conference
  Hon. Flavia Munaaba, Minister for Environment Uganda

1000-1030 TEA/COFFEE

1030-1300 SYNERGIZING INTERNATIONAL AGENDAS ON CLIMATE CHANGE, FOOD & TRADE

Discussion and negotiating agendas of international organizations, such as WTO, FAO, and UNFCCC are often conscious of climate change, food security, and trade linkages. For example, Article 2 of UN Convention on Climate Change advised that stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere should be within a timeframe, which “ensures that food production is not threatened.” However, much more could be done at the international level to ensure policy coherence in the three areas, including an agriculture work-programme at the UNFCCC/UNEP, keeping equitable agriculture trade issues at the heart of the WTO, and greater integration of climate change and trade dimensions in the agriculture and food security work by FAO. This session will look at the climate, trade, and food security nexus in the international negotiations and discussions. The panellists will address the specific questions indicated for them while elaborating further the efforts by their respective organisations to deal with the issue linkages.
Chair: Jamie Morrison, Senior Economist, Trade and Markets Division, FAO

- **Why climate change, food security, trade linkages matter, particularly in Africa?**
  Aziz Elbehri, Senior Economist, FAO

- **UNEP: What are the dimensions of its work programme on trade, agriculture and environment?**
  Asad Naqvi, Economic Affairs Officer, Economics and Trade Branch, UNEP

- **WTO: What can be the key issues for the Post-Bali Food Security Agenda?**
  Diwakar Dixit, Economist, WTO

- **UNCTAD: Can Green Exports be a positive link between trade and climate change?**
  David Vivas Eugui, Legal Officer, and Robert Hamwey, Economic Officer, UNCTAD

1300-1430    LUNCH

1430-1800    EAC AND CLIMATE, FOOD, TRADE NEXUS

In the East African Community (EAC), with the increase in the intensity and frequency of extreme weather events due to climate change, agricultural and trade patterns are drastically changing. This has a potential to result in additional large-scale hunger in the region. Harnessing the potential of trade by putting in place appropriate policies to ensure affordable food is the continuous necessity. This session will bring to us the perspectives of the EAC stakeholders on the status and implications of climate-trade-food security linkages in the policies, negotiations, and implementation of programmes in the EAC. The panellists will contextualise the following issues with respect to the ground realities in their countries/region while outlining further possible work and actions.
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**Chair:** Joyce Mapunjo, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of EAC, Tanzania

- **Role of trade policies in the EAC in ensuring food security**
  Christopher Onyango, Trade Policy Analyst, KIPPRA

- **EAC regional trading environment and its impact on business and food security**
  Gerald Massila, Director EAGC

1600-1630  TEA/COFFEE

- **Multidimensional analysis of the EAC Food Security Action Plan and EAC Climate Change Policy**
  Catherine Mungai, Programme Specialist, CCAFS-CGIAR

- **Climate adaptation (& mitigation) in agriculture: Lessons for the EAC**
  Alexander Kasterine, Head of Trade & Environment Programme, ITC
The climate change, food security, and trade nexus is complex. It requires research and analysis to build a clear understanding of the linkages and adequately inform policies. The PACT EAC project has undertaken research in each of the five EAC countries, which engendered policy recommendations. In each of the EAC countries, one of these recommendations was taken up and an advocacy campaign was built up on it to achieve various policy and practice changes. In this session, all the five advocacy campaigns will be presented in a broader thematic context, featuring also the beneficiaries of these campaigns to better understand the achievements and constraints.

**Chair:** Hon. Flavia Nabugere Munaaba, Minister for Environment, Uganda

- **Trade and environmental sustainability**
  - **Speaker**
    Dr. Oswald Mashindano, Senior Lecturer at University of Dar es Salaam, ESRF
  - **Discussant**
    François Munyentwari, Country Director, ACORD, Rwanda

- **Climate early warning systems for food security**
  - **Speakers**
    Godefroid Nshimirimana, Geographical Institute of Burundi
    Paul Kere, Director, Ministry of Environment, Water, and Natural Resources, Kenya
  - **Discussant**
    Godefroid Manirankunda, Director ADIR, Burundi

**1100-1130** TEA/COFFEE

- **Mainstreaming environmental issues into trade policy and negotiations**
  - **Speakers**
    Jane Nalunga, Director, SEATINI Uganda
    Prudence Sebahizi, Coordinator, RCSP Rwanda
EAC countries are active participants in international negotiations and discussions related to trade at the WTO and climate change at the UNFCCC. Both these fora are engaged in critical discussions and negotiations that are expected to lead to important outcomes in the coming months and years. For example, negotiations under the UNFCCC aim to complete an international agreement by next year to follow the Kyoto Protocol. Similarly, at Bali in December 2013, the WTO Members agreed to a ‘Bali Package,’ as well as to develop a work programme for the remaining issues on the Doha Development Agenda by the end of 2014. The PACT EAC project has been supporting the EAC Delegates to the WTO with some capacity building assistance on topics and issues that emerge in discussions and negotiations at the WTO which may need to be strengthened to effectively respond to the needs of the EAC countries. This Session will focus on issues of interest and concern to the EAC countries in trade and climate change as well as their needs for assistance.

Chair: Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi, Director, Development Division, WTO

- **Trade and climate change: issues of interest and concern to Tanzania as an EAC country**
  H.E. Modest Jonathan Mero, Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations in Geneva

- **Participation in the WTO: challenges and opportunities for the LDCs and their needs**
  Mr Michael Wamai, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva (coordinators of the LDC Group)
Negotiating as a bloc at the WTO: challenges and opportunities for the EAC
Mr. Edouard Bizumuremyi, Commercial Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Rwanda to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Julian Mukiibi, Senior Programme Officer, CUTS International, Geneva

EAC Secretariat: its role for developing common EAC negotiating positions
Ms. Marie Angelique Umulisa, Regional Trade Officer, EAC Secretariat

1600-1715   LESSONS & RECOMMENDATIONS: WHAT NEXT?

The PACT EAC project is scheduled to end this year. While the impact on policies and practices through stakeholder capacity building is being felt, continued efforts will be needed to deepen and strengthen this impact. Project stakeholders through feedback in the National Reference Group (NRG) meetings in March 2014 have strongly advocated for follow up activities and have also indicated specific areas for this purpose. An external evaluation of the project has also been carried out recently. The final session of the conference will discuss this feedback/evaluation with a view to identifying the main elements of PACT EAC follow up.

Chair: Peter Kiuluku, Executive Director, trapca

PACT EAC project lessons learned and recommendations through an external evaluation
Elisha Wandera, Director, EOW Associates, Kenya

Stakeholder feedback/requests for PACT EAC follow up in the EAC
Rashid S Kaukab, Director CUTS International, Geneva
Clement Onyango, Director CUTS Nairobi

CCFST linkages: Future prospects of PACT EAC in ECOWAS
ECOWAS Representative (invited)

Thanks and closing remarks
Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International

1715   TEA/COFFEE