A Momentum for a Pro-Development and Sustainable Agro-Industry in East Africa

September 17-18, 2018 | Silver Springs Hotel, Kampala, Uganda

This regional meeting will review ongoing and upcoming national and regional policy efforts geared towards making agro-processing more climate-aware, trade-driven and food security enhancing in East Africa. Three years into the PACT EAC2 project, stakeholders in all the five countries are engaging policy makers through advocacy campaigns, at both national and regional levels. Besides sharing some efforts and early successes in terms of holistic policy revision and implementation, regional stakeholders will be briefed on the status of current multilateral trade and climate negotiations, and will be invited to undertake a scenario-planning exercise to discuss ins and outs of a 2030 sustainable agro-industry for development in the region.

08:30 REGISTRATION

09:00 – 10:00 OPENING

High Level Opening Session

WELCOME REMARKS
Jane Nalunga, SEATINI, Uganda
Rebecca Ygberg Amayra, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)
Rashid S Kaukab, CUTS International, Geneva
Clement Onyango, CUTS Africa Resource Centre, Nairobi

HIGH LEVEL KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND RELEASE OF COUNTRY RESEARCH STUDIES
Hon. Christophe Bazivamo (invited)
Deputy Secretary-General, Productive and Social Sectors
EAC Secretariat

HIGH LEVEL OPENING ADDRESS
Hon. Mrs Amelia Kyambadde or representative (invited)
Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives (MTIC)
Uganda

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY WOMEN AGRO-PROCESSORS
Christine Lewatachum (Kenya) - Member of a beekeeping women group
Regina Nakayenya (Uganda) - Small scale agro-processor who processes juice from hibiscus extracts

10:00 – 10:30 COFFEE BREAK
Success & Remaining Barriers Towards more Holistic Agro-Industrial Policies in the EAC region

Moderator: Flavia Nabugere Munaaba, Uganda

Over the past year, advocacy in the five EAC countries have engaged policy makers towards making specific agro-industry policies more climate-aware, trade driven and food security-enhancing. These include: (i) Burundi’s new Industrial Policy, through devising its implementation strategy; (ii) Buy Kenya, Build Kenya Policy; (iii) Implementation of Rwanda’s Industrial Policy, through launching a National Agro-processors’ Forum (NAPF); (iv) Revision of Tanzania’s Sustainable Industries Development Policy (SIDP); (v) Uganda’s National Industrial Policy (NIDP). In this session, policy-makers at the forefront of the policy revision in their countries will be sharing an update, reflecting on the successes and the challenges, and what remains to be done.

INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION (15 MIN)
“Bringing About Better Policies: Project Approach to Advocacy”
Faith Lumonya, SEATINI

MODERATED DISCUSSION (max. 7 Min each)
- Mr. Richard Okot Okello, Uganda
- Mr. Peter Nyang’ombe, Tanzania
- Mr. John Bosco Kanyangoga, Rwanda
- Mr. Lucas Mwago, Kenya
- Mr. Serge Birizanye, Burundi

PLENARY DEBATE

Contributing to EAC Private Sector Development Strategy (2018-22) Development

Moderator: Moses Ogwal, EABC

The EAC is currently embarking on the development of the Private Sector Development Strategy (PSDS) 2018-2022, which aimed to create a conducive business environment that facilitates private sector competitiveness for increased investment, productivity and trade. Since 2006, important regional developments have taken place and should be taken into account, such as the EAC Climate Change Policy as well as the EAC Industrialisation Policy which prioritises agro-processing. Starting in August 2018, the EAC PSDS development process will involve national stakeholder consultations where the PACT EAC2 project could provide inputs to ensure the new PSDS contributes to climate-aware, trade-driven and food security-enhancing agro-processing. This session will also present and aim to discuss the national declarations adopted at PACT EAC2 NRG meetings in August 2018 for submission during the PSDS development process.

PRESENTATIONS
“PSDS 2018-2022: Mandate, Process and Expectations”
Jennifer Gache, EAC Secretariat

“PSDS 2018-22 Development – Process and Perspectives”
Jackline Wanjia, CUTS Nairobi, Kenya

Country Partners of Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda (from the floor) (15 MIN)
Presentation of the main points of Declarations adopted at the respective NRG meetings

PLENARY DEBATE (50 MIN)
International trade and climate change negotiations play an important role in framing the policy space available to governments in developing their agriculture and agro-processing sectors despite climate change. In this session, East African negotiators will discuss key issues at the interplay of the two negotiating fora, as well as explore ways to achieve more coordinated positions across trade and climate change negotiations which are increasingly interlinked. For instance, while agriculture is now on the agenda of UNFCCC negotiations, some climate issues like eco-friendly goods are being negotiated at the WTO.

MODERATED DISCUSSION (proposed speakers)
- Stephen Muwaya, Senior Range Ecologist, Uganda Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (invited)
- Bonose Nionzyma, Advisor to the General Directorate, Burundi Geographical Institute (IGEBU)
- Elia Mtweve, Minister Counsellor Trade, Tanzania Mission in Geneva
- Tabitha Namulinda, Second Secretary, Uganda Mission in Geneva

PLENARY DEBATE (45 MIN)

Launch of EAC Agro-Products Exhibition
Hon. Mrs Amelia Kyambadde (invited)
Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives (MTIC), Uganda

Towards A Pro-Development and Sustainable East African Agro-industry by 2030?
Opportunities, Challenges & Needs

Introduction: Julien Grollier, CUTC International, Geneva

As the PACT EAC2 project will start its last implementation year, this session will be the occasion for the different stakeholders (both public and private) to get together and reflect on the current state and future opportunities of the agro-industrial sector. Different focus groups will discuss how, in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the ongoing technology trends and the job crisis, the agro-industrial sector can be sustainably leveraged in the next decade. Going through a set of questions, each focus group will have to undertake a scenario-planning exercise on the needs and the challenges (i.e. specific to each type of stakeholders) to be overcome to achieve a sustainable agro-processing sector by 2030 in the region.

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS
- Group 1: Employment
- Group 2: Technology
- Group 3: Women and Youth
- Group 4: Food Security
- Group 5: Trade
- Group 6: Climate Change
Towards A Pro-Development and Sustainable East African Agro-industry by 2030?

Opportunities, Challenges & Needs

* Moderator: Rashid S. Kaukab, CUTS International, Geneva*

The focus groups will reconvene in a plenary session to share the main points of their scenario-planning exercise. Each group’s moderator will present how they have envisaged the future agro-processing sector to add value to agriculture, without harming the environment, using available technology and enhancing job creation and livelihoods (including being gender-sensitive) in the EAC region.

**REPORTS BY GROUP MODERATORS** *(5-7 MIN EACH)*

**PLENARY DISCUSSION**

13:00 – 13:45  **LUNCH BREAK**

13:45 – 14:00  **TRAINING ON ONLINE TOOLS**  
Julien Grollier, CUTS International, Geneva

14:00 – 15:30  **SESSION 5**

What’s Next for PACT EAC2 and Beyond?

* Chair: Peter Kiuluku, trapca*

Since its inception, the PACT EAC2 project has kept its stakeholders closely involved in the implementation of activities designed for them, by them. In this session, highlights for the next year will be presented, with particular focus on how the project will further promote stakeholder’s awareness and collaboration, support negotiations, and champion policy changes towards mainstreaming climate change, food security and trade aspects into agro-processing development. As this year will be the last year of the PACT EAC2 project, the session will also be the opportunity to bring in opportunities and perspectives on other ongoing initiatives in the sub-region to strengthen and sustain the impacts. Finally, it will be used to present a summary of the progress that has been made towards achieving the project objectives and how this can be sustained and built upon in the years to come.

**PRESENTATION**

“Three Years On – Progress, Lessons, Challenges and Way Forward”  
Collins Oweti, CUTS Africa Resource Centre, Nairobi  
Leslie Debornes, CUTS International  
Julian Mukiibi, CUTS International

15:30 **CONCLUDING REMARKS**