CONTINUE PROMOTING AGRICULTURE, CLIMATE, TRADE LINKAGES IN THE EAC
Focus on Agro-Processing

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ABOUT

The still infant agro-processing industry in East Africa has been earmarked as having huge potential for poverty reduction, growth and regional integration. The region’s success in realising this potential will partly depend on its ability to factor in the ever-increasing challenges posed by climate change, and work in synergy with its own trade agenda.

In an ideal scenario, trade policies should ensure the availability of inputs despite climate change, markets for the processed products and access to cleaner technologies; while climate change policies support this effort through targeted adaptation and mitigation initiatives. The role of international trade and climate negotiations in framing the policy space for such policies should not be overlooked.

The PACT EAC2 project, led by CUTS International Geneva in collaboration with CUTS ARC Nairobi, aims to build the capacity of individuals, networks and institutions to identify and promote appropriate policies for climate-aware, trade-oriented, food security-enhancing agro-value-addition in the EAC region. In this context, it more specifically aims to improve:

- Stakeholders’ knowledge and capacity to identify better policy options, make recommendations, and advocate for holistic policies on agro-value-addition vis-à-vis climate change, food security and trade realities;
- Negotiators’ capacities for coherent participation in the WTO and UNFCCC on issues related to agro-value-addition;
- Stakeholders’ communication and coordination across national, regional and multilateral levels for holistic approaches to agro-value-addition development.

The PACT EAC2 project is a four-year project built on the work undertaken during PACT EAC project from September 2011 to October 2015. The follow-up project is also based on the experience gained by CUTS International Geneva since its establishment in July 2008 with the aim to assist developing countries in their better understanding of trade and related issues, and strengthen Geneva-grassroots linkages.

The main objective of the project inception meeting is to draw the baseline for PACT EAC2. To do so, the specific objectives to achieve in those two days are:

- Presenting the PACT EAC 2 objectives and activities, to be achieved in the next year and during the overall course of the project for stakeholders’ feedback;
- Assessing the current state of play in the EAC regarding coherence and linkages among policies related to agro-processing, climate change, food security and trade, to identify policy and capacity gaps related to these issues to focus project activities;
- Assessing the training and research needs of EAC stakeholders;
- Start building a critical mass of informed stakeholders towards future advocacy work;
- Providing a networking opportunity to the relevant national, regional and international stakeholders that will be actively participating to this event.

Participants in this Meeting will include all relevant stakeholders from each of the EAC country, including national Ministries of East African Affairs, Trade, Industry, Agriculture and Food Security, Climate Change and Environment, the private sector representatives, media, CSOs; key regional actors such as the EAC Secretariat, trapca, EACSOF, EABC, EAGC; and relevant international organisations, such as FAO, UNFCCC, WTO, UNEP, etc.
MONDAY, 29 FEBRUARY

0830-0900  REGISTRATION

0900-1000  HIGH LEVEL OPENING

- **Welcome remarks**
  Prof. Fortunata Makene, Head of Research, ESRF

- **Opening Remarks**
  Rashid S. Kaukab, Executive Director, CUTS International Geneva
  Johannes Svensson, Embassy of Sweden, Regional Development Cooperation Section, Nairobi, Programme Manager

- **Keynote Address**
  Hon. Flavia Nabugere, Minister of State for Environment, Uganda
  Moses Marwa, Principal Agricultural Economist, on behalf on the Secretary General of the EAC Secretariat

- **Presidential Address and Official Opening of the Meeting**
  Hon. Joelson L. Mpina (MP), Deputy Minister of State, Vice President’s Office – Union Affairs and Environment

1000-1030  TEA/COFFEE

1030-1230  FROM PACT EAC TO PACT EAC 2: BUILDING ON IMPACT AND LESSONS

CUTS International, Geneva, in partnership with CUTS Nairobi and national partners, has implemented the PACT EAC project for the last 4 years in the EAC region as well as in Geneva. The project contributed to the building of knowledge and capacity of relevant EAC stakeholders on the linkages between trade, climate change and food security policies. This was done through a set of organically linked research, advocacy, networking and training activities at the national, regional and multilateral levels.

Based on external and internal evaluations, CUTS International, Geneva, with funding support from Sida, is undertaking a follow-up project for another 4 years to ensure that the impact created thus far is built upon for long term policy and practice changes. This session will be the occasion to draw the links between the first and the second phase of the project, and present specific objectives and activities of PACT EAC 2.

**Chair:** H.E. Mr Modest Jonathan Mero, Permanent Mission of Tanzania to the UN and WTO in Geneva

- **Integrating key lessons and stakeholders’ demands from PACT EAC in PACT EAC2**
  Leslie Debornes, Assistant Programme Officer, CUTS International Geneva

- **Presentation of the PACT EAC 2 project objectives and main activities**
  Julien Grollier, Programme Officer, CUTS International Geneva
That agro-industry through value-addition can lead to economic growth is undeniable. No more do we view agriculture and industry separately, terming the former the first stage and the latter as the next higher stage of development. Agro-Industrial Development (AID) and agro-industry (AI) have become crucial instruments to fight poverty.

To achieve the objective of a sustainable growth, there should be policy synergy concerning climate-food-trade and agro-industry. PACT EAC 2 aims to achieve more policy coherence in the region on these issues. The project is conceived to promote climate-friendly and trade-driven agro-value-addition in the EAC to reduce poverty and improve food security through holistic national, regional and multilateral policies and agreements dealing with trade, climate change and agriculture.

The session will assess the state of play of current policies in the region to address the gaps, and allow the participants to better understand the regional and national challenges and opportunities.

Chair: Peter Kiuluku, Director, Trapca

- Conceptual Framework & Overview of Linkages in the current Policies related to CCFST-AI
  Martha G. Bekele, CUTS Nairobi

- State of Play of Linkages & Policy Gaps on these Issues at National Level
  Jane Nalunga, SEATINI, Country Director
  Peter Nyaronga, Tanzania Ministry of Environment
  François Munyentwari, ACORD Rwanda

Plenary discussions

16:00 – 16:30 | TEA/COFFEE

December 2015 was a critical month for the multilateral world. The climate negotiators from all over the world were discussing the first universal climate agreement in Paris, an historic step to be taken against climate change by all nations. A few days after that, trade negotiators gathered in Nairobi for the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference.

The session will assess the state of play of current negotiations within the WTO and the UNFCC, and the impacts of Paris Agreement and Nairobi Ministerial decision for the region. The speakers will brief
the participants on the future of these organizations, how the Paris and Nairobi outcomes will impact their region and their countries in the next months/years.

Chair: Agnès Kirabo, Uganda Food Rights Alliance (TBC)

- **WTO Nairobi Ministerial Conference: main outcomes & future of the organization**
  Rabson Wanjala, Senior Trade Officer, Kenya Mission in Geneva

- **UNFCCC Paris Universal Agreement: main decisions & future impacts for the EAC region**
  Renilde Ndayishimiye, IGEBU, and PFN Climat, DG

- **Plenary discussions**

**TUESDAY, 1 MARCH**

0830-0900    REGISTRATION

0900-1300    IDENTIFYING KNOWLEDGE GAPS: SCOPE & CONTENT OF PACT EAC 2 RESEARCH STUDIES

PACT EAC 2 research activities will aim at filingl in the gaps in the knowledge on climate change-food security-trade linkages with agro-value-addition among the stakeholders in the EAC. The research studies will be undertaken to identify gaps or contractions in the various policy documents in relation to each other. Sectors, opportunities and gaps that are of particular interest to women small and medium enterprises and/or cooperatives will be developed in the research studies.

The actual focus of national research studies will be discussed during this session in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, based on the Terms of Reference developed by CUTS International, Geneva.

Chair: Aziz Elbehri, FAO

- **PLENARY DISCUSSIONS**

  **Presentation of Draft Research Plan and Template Terms of Reference**
  Julian Mukibi, Assistant Director, CUTS International Geneva

  *After a 15-minute presentation to set the scene of the research activities under the project, and the objectives of the national research studies, participants will gather in country-wise groups to discuss the proposed research plan and terms of reference. Discussions will ensure that research gaps and needs will be taken into account by research teams in each EAC country.*
GROUPS’ DISCUSSIONS
EAC National Points of View: Comments and Discussions

11:00 – 11:30 | TEA/COFFEE

PLENARY DISCUSSIONS
Presentation of the main outcomes of the groups’ discussions

13:00 – 14:00 | LUNCH

1400-1600 HIGH LEVEL CONCLUDING SESSION

The final session will hear the concluding remarks by the representatives of CUTS International and the EAC Secretariat. By providing summary points of the meeting deliberations as well as their perspectives and thoughts, this session will link the Project Inception Meeting outcome with the subsequent implementation.

Chair: Hon. Flavia Nabugere, Minister of Environment, Uganda

Closing Remarks and Reflections
Bipul Chattopadhyay, Executive Director, CUTS International, Jaipur
Eng. Jennifer Gache, Senior Industrial Engineer, Industrial Development Department, EAC Secretariat

Word of Thanks
Clement Onyango, Director, CUTS African Resource Centre

16:00 – 16:30 | TEA/COFFEE