



WE SUPPORT



Communication on Progress

Year: 2009


Statement of Continued Support of the UN Global Compact

I am pleased to confirm that KENFAP supports the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact in respect to Human Rights, Labour rights, the environment and Anti-corruption. With this communication, we express our intent to support and advance those principles within our sphere of influence. We commit to making the Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our company and undertake to make a clear statement to our employees, partners, clients and to the public of this commitment.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (COP) that describes our effort to implement the ten principles. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within one year of joining the Global Compact Network, and annually thereafter according to the Global Compact COP policy.

Sincerely Yours

Signature & Name

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Date: 6TH October 2009

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

KENYA NATIONAL FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS

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Sector: Agriculture

Number of employees: 80

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Brief description of nature of business

The Kenya National Federation of Agricultural Producer (**KENFAP**) is the umbrella organization representing farmers in Kenya's agriculture. It's the recognized "Voice of Kenya farmers" whose key role is to articulate issues specifically affecting farmers and players in the agriculture sector in Kenya.

KENFAP's core business is:

- i)** lobby and advocacy
- ii)** service provision
- iii)** information and communication
- iv)** Agricultural market linkages and branding services
- v)** profiling and development of strategic orientation of farmers' organization
- vi)** representation in research and policy dialogue
- vii)** research to develop evidence supported lobby cases

Scope of this COP

KENFAP is a membership organisation dominated by smallholder farmers and currently representing farmers in 50 districts of the country covering all the provinces. The federation offers various benefits to its members through services delivery based on its main departments which comprise: projects and programmes, lobby and advocacy, membership and services and information and communication.

The scope of this COP will initially concentrate more on the Federations services to membership. Membership is categorised as farmer groups/common interest group, cooperatives and commodity associations. Services offered to members include:

- Lobby and advocacy
 - o Representation in policy dialogue
 - o Representation and participation in research dialogue and agenda setting
- Information communication
- Capacity building
- Agricultural Market Linkages
- Collective procurement of inputs
- Business operations and advisory services
- Institutional development and organization strengthening
- Profiling and development of strategic orientation

It's important to note from the onset that Lobby and Advocacy is the key function of the federation and that the services it offers to members cut across the four themes of Human Rights, Labour Rights, Environment and Anti-corruption. Specifically we will address the human rights and environment issues.

Human Rights

UN Global Compact principles covered:

Principle 1: Business should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights

Principle 2: Business should ensure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses

Human Rights Current

Commitment:

KENFAP's mission is "to empower Kenyan farmers to make informed choices for improved and sustainable livelihoods" with a vision of "empowered Kenyan farmers with a strong voice".

Systems:

KENFAP ensures it is accountable to its members and to stakeholders in the sector by ensuring transparency within its operations through various policies. These policies include the membership policy, Information and communication policy, training policy, partnership policy and staffing policy. The federation has also put in place a financial management structure for its operations. The finances are approved by the NEC through a finance committee guided by finance Management manual. There are also additional policies to cater for specific groups in the membership. These are the youth policy, gender policy and the HIV/Aids policy.

Membership policy: Defines the relationship between members and other stakeholders

Gender policy: establishes a clear guideline and cohesive framework for gender friendly organization and gender responsive policies, programmes, and projects for suitable development.

Youth policy: Focuses on youth involvement in the federations' activities.

HIV/Aids policy: Its provides a framework for the HIV/AIDS management at work place and the prevention of further spread of HIV/AIDS and mitigation of the social-economic impact of HIV/AIDS within the farming sector

Activities:

Lobby and advocacy for favourable environments: Maize pricing, Livestock take off, irrigation, formation of apex commodity association; Access to affordable credit and farm inputs

Strengthening farmer organizations through capacity building on various issues

	<p>geared to promotion of best practices in production of produce, branding etc.</p> <p>Information and communication: websites, E-bullets, Newsletters, magazines, Brochures etc.</p> <p>There has been production and distribution of Farmers voice magazines after every two months. Some of the topic that have been published for the last one year are: Famine and hunger in Kenya: what role do farmer organisations play?, Coopworks: Computerizing agricultural co-operatives and producer organizations, Early recovery Agriculture: interventions to avert food crisis in Kenya, KENFAP nature Farmers' initiated and owned micro projects.</p> <p>Partnership and networking: have a sitting in the prime ministers round table meetings, we are in partnership with several government ministry E.g. ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Livestock</p> <p>Involved in tackling of cross cutting issues e.g. HIV/AIDs, gender, youth etc</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>In Lobby and advocacy we he lobbied for three issues that is Maize prizing by the government to farmers prices went up from 1750Ksh to 2380KSh</p> <p>Livestock off take: Kenya meat commission</p> <p>Irrigation policy for rice farmers in particular Mwea irrigation schemes</p> <p>Formation of Commodity associations Particularly in Potato commodity association now known as KENAPOFA and Poutery ("KEPOFA)</p>
Human Rights Future	<p>Poverty Alleviation through the Farmers Fighting Poverty Programme by initiating income generating activities for the farmers</p>

Environment

UN Global Compact principles covered:

Principle 7: Business should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges

Principle 8: Business should undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility

Principle 9: Business should encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies

Environment Current

Commitment:

KENFAP'S strategic aim six aims "to improve benefits from agricultural value chains by promoting objective engagement of women, youth and redressing environmental, HIV/AIDS, Gender and other cross cutting concerns". One key objective is to promote sustainable agriculture development through establishing, promoting and strengthening linkages in environmental conservation.

Activities:

Climate change :KENFAP is a member of the Kenya climate change working group (KCCWG) A forum that brings together Civil Society Organizations in Kenya and donor partners, government departments and agencies working for climate justice, for the purpose of creating synergies, harmonizing and strengthening of efforts in the design and implementation of activities that address Climate Change and lobbying and advocating for favorable national policies in the promotion of climate justice for all, especially the most vulnerable. KENFAP is spearheading the research on impacts of climate change to agriculture, livestock and fisheries, has conducted various climate hearings aimed at sensitization on climate change and is participating in the process of the development of a global warming bill for Kenya. KENFAP is also a member of the Road to Copenhagen committee that is consolidating the development of a position for the country and Africa on climate change to the Copenhagen meeting in December 2009.

Promoting Environmental conservation through:

- Training on Sustainable agriculture
 - o We have developed a manual on sustainable agriculture practices
- Promoting use of Renewable energy i.e. Biogas and use of improved stoves

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dissemination information on environmental conservation - Tree planting and agro forestry activities
Environment Future	<p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reached approximately 4000 small holder farmers in the trainings -Created awareness of the farmers role in mitigating effects of climate change

How do you intend to make this COP available to your stakeholders?

The COP will be uploaded on KENFAP's website and included in KENFAP's information dissemination tools which are the bi-monthly farmers' voice magazine, newsletters and E-Bulletin.

Share the COP as it is a form of report for all the activities undertaken by the federation during planning workshops where we invite our partners and stakeholders.