



January 25, 2019

To our stakeholders:

**RE: Communication on progress (COE) with respect to UN Global Compact – Uganda Local Network for the period Jan 2018 to January 2019.**

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual preparation and posting of a Communication on Progress (COP). **We thus commit our continued support for the UN Global Compact.**

Our period has been based on implementation of the CapSEM project in Uganda, funded by European Commission; and AGRI-QUEST Project funded by Netherlands government. Below is a summary description of practical actions that we undertook in a way that reflect on achieving the principles of the UN Global Compact, and a measurement of outcomes or expected outcomes.

1. **Sustainability & Environmental Management** <https://capsem.wordpress.com/>

UCCSRI has worked with nine universities to implement a project titled: CapSEM (Capacity building in Sustainability and Environmental Management). Capsem is funded **by European Commission Erasmus+: Higher Education** - International Capacity Building program through the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) Office, for a research: "Capacity building in sustainability & environmental management" (CAPSEM), Research project No: 574218-EPP-1-2016-1-NO-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP. The **CapSEM** project is coordinated and centrally managed by: The Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) and its implemented jointly by these other nine (9) universities in Netherlands, Portugal, Nepal, India and Uganda. The CapSEM Project aims to create a multi-regional network for knowledge exchange and capacity building in Sustainability and Environmental Management, between program countries (Norway, Netherlands and Portugal), partner countries (India, Nepal and Uganda) and partner country regions of Asia and Africa through both physical and electronic methods. In Uganda, this project was jointly implemented by Makerere University Business School (MUBS), Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) and Makerere University.

The project addressed the regional priority of environmental protection and the overarching goal of sustainable development by asserting the strategy of cleaner production (CP) and environmental management. Over 50 people (university staff and students) combined, have been enhanced with skills to promoted knowledge on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and cleaner production. The outcome is to help companies in Uganda to respect environmental protection and responsible production and consumption

2. **AGRI-QUEST project:** Strengthening agribusiness Ethics, Quality Standards & ICT usage in Uganda's value chains? (AGRI-QUEST) funded by Netherlands Government.

**UCCSRI has worked with:**

- [MUBS - Makerere University Business School](#) , Uganda
- [VU - University Amsterdam, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration](#) , The Netherlands
- [Kibeedi & Co. Advocates](#) , Uganda
- [The Ssemwanga Center for Agriculture and Food Ltd](#) , Uganda



**The cooperation enabled implementation of the AGRI-QUEST project which** was funded by The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO)-WOTRO Science for Global Development a body which funds top global researchers to run national knowledge infrastructure. <http://www.nwo.nl/en/research-and-results/research-projects/i/30/14130.html> for having a best research proposal: "Strengthening Agribusiness Ethics, Quality Standards and ICT Usage in Uganda's value chains (AGRI-QUEST)" Research Project No. W 08.270.317.

Details of the project impact and outcomes can be accessed on: <https://knowledge4food.net/research-project/arf2-agri-quest-uganda/>

This supported and promoted responsible production and consumption of agricultural product and processes in Uganda. This was achieved through multisectoral stakeholder engagements that enabled answering one main business processes question:

- How can we have a better business climate that fosters a permanent or positive gradual change in practice & attitude towards agribusiness ethical behavior and quality standards in food security initiatives

We request our stakeholders to visit these websites for detail of the impact created by these two main activities UCCSRI participated in:

- a. <https://knowledge4food.net/research-project/arf2-agri-quest-uganda/>
- b. <https://capsem.wordpress.com/>

**We thus commit our continued support for the UN Global Compact.**

Sincerely yours,

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**Chairman**