

Partnership Market Place

Bio Innovate Africa

When: Wednesday, 13 May, 17:00-18:30

Where: Tent in the fountain area

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What is the green growth challenge you are trying to overcome? What are the key barriers to change?

Implementation of recommended resource efficiency measures after carrying out audits. What are the key barriers to change?

- Inadequate technical capacity within industries
- Limited access to financing options due to high interest rates
- Limited access to latest energy efficient technologies
- Lack of commitment from senior level management

What is your partnership approach / hypothesis?

The partnership approach is all inclusive i.e. relevant environment and energy sector stakeholders project partners and financing institutions. This involves having forums together to discuss the challenges experienced and propose solutions as well as develop Monitoring and Evaluation mechanism to assess progress of agreed actions.

Who are the partners involved and how? Who are the other stakeholders?

The partners involved include the Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources and Ministry of Energy and Petroleum with their respective sector players as well as development partners in the green growth sector. These partners are involved from policy making stage to implementation stage.

Other stakeholders include financing institutions, Civil Societies and Academia.

What are your partnership objectives and what achievements have there been to date?

The partnership objective has been to reduce costs and increase competitiveness and profitability of enterprises while protecting the environment for sustainable development. The achievements so far include:

- Over 350 energy audits carried out throughout the country in industries, public institutions and SMEs.
- Carried out specialized energy efficiency and renewable energy trainings: Over 700 personnel technical personnel trained, 121 Certified Energy Managers (CEMs) and 10 Certified Measurement and Verification Professionals (CMVP).
- Technology transfer done amongst companies through 15 exchange visits carried out so that companies could learn from each other.
- Introduced water & waste water audits. 4 pilot audits done with 6 more to be completed this year.
- Participated in the development of Climate Change Policy and Bill and Green Economy Strategy and Implementation Plan (GESIP)
- Invested USD39 million in debt finance and USD58 million in capital expenditure was into eight projects under the Regional Technical Assistance Programme which is funded by the Agence France de Development (AFD).
- Trained Credit officers of partner banks to analyze renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. There had been a challenge in the ability for credit officers to analyze technical projects because the facility was a first of its kind in Kenya. We had to offer the training so that bankable projects could be approved for financing.
- Promoted renewable energy and energy efficiency financing as a new area of business for financiers.
- Worked with County Governments in developing county energy legislation for 7 counties in the country.

- Held the Inaugural Sustainable Energy Day was held which hosted the 1st CEOs forum on sustainable energy management to make CEOs take lead in the sustainability debate and the 11th Energy Management Awards (EMA) to recognize and promote sustainable energy practices.
- Planning to host the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency exhibition on 1st-3rd July 2015 at Safari Park Hotel.

What is the potential of this partnership to achieve impact and scale?

The potential to achieve impact and scale is very high due to impacts of climate change being felt nationally and increased sensitization on benefits of green economy to individual industries, the country and globally. The policies being developed also support the increased impact as they clearly state roles of all implementing agencies and the expected outcome of each role. Public-private partnership policy framework is also a key driver to high impact and scale.