



REPORT OF THE AFRICA FOOD SYSTEMS FORUM (AGRF) 2023 HELD IN DAR ES SALAAM FROM 5 TO 8 SEPTEMBER 2023.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- i. EABC engaged GIZ Business Scouts Programme Advisor Ms. Lydia Koch on improvements to be made in implementing the programme on Enhancing Food Security and Mitigating
- ii. The German Agri-Business Alliance (GAA) Manager Mr. Robin Walter in implementing the EABC – BSF Programme. Notably, GAA agreed to be the implementing partner in the capacity-building webinars by providing facilitators to present solutions and topical issues to Agri-actors during the webinar sessions.
- iii. EABC engaged the China Africa Business Council (CABC) on future areas of collaboration under the China-East Africa South-South Industrial Promotion Project supported by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO).
- iv. Visited exhibition booths to identify agricultural solutions that can be promoted and presented to Agri-actors during the webinar series. A list of 23 companies/institutions and 27 contact persons was prepared and **Annexed** here for reference.
- v. EABC was represented by Mr. John Bosco Kalisa (CEO) and Mr. Frank J. Dafa (Manager).

1. BACKGROUND

EABC in collaboration with the Business Scouts Fund Programme (BSF) through the support of sequa gGmbH attended the Africa's Food Systems Forum 2023 Summit (AGRF 2023) in Dar es Salaam from 5 to 8 September 2023. AGRF 2023 enabled EABC to participate in strategic networking with key agri-actors including research institutions, promotion & investment authorities in the EAC to identify interventions to enhance food security and mitigation of global crises.

AGRF 2023 was organised in Dar es Salaam by AGRA and its partners under the theme, "Recover, Regenerate, and Act: Africa's Solutions to Food Systems Transformation".

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE FORUM

The Forum, aimed to host various side events highlighting initiatives, solutions, and possibilities for transforming African Food Systems on the continent and outside. The events featured various speakers and programs centred around the main theme of the Summit and the principle of diversity and inclusion.

3. ENGAGEMENTS WITH PARTNERS

EABC attended numerous sessions for awareness and engaged key project implementing partners during AGRF 2023. More specifically the following outcomes were achieved:

- i. EABC engaged GIZ Business Scouts Programme Advisor Ms. Lydia Koch and the GAA Manager Mr. Robin Walter on the implementation of the EABC – BSF Programme. Notably, GAA agreed to be the implementing partner in the capacity-building webinars by providing facilitators to present solutions and make key presentations of concepts to agri-actors during the webinar sessions.
- ii. Visited exhibition more than 10 exhibitors to identify agricultural solutions that can be promoted to Agri-actors during the webinar series.
- iii. Exhibitors showed interest in participating in upcoming engagements organised by EABC with the aim of enhancing the capacity of agri-actors to mitigate the impact of climate change and promote food security in the region.

4. LESSONS LEARNT

During the engagements with relevant stakeholders, EABC learned the following lessons:

- i. Strengthening collaboration with GIZ BSF and GAA in the implementation of the programme including the participation in the upcoming German Africa Agribusiness Forum scheduled for January 2024.
- ii. EABC could use the EABC-BSF sequa programme to engage agriculture solution providers in the region to build resilience among agri-actors and disseminate relevant low-cost solutions.

5. NEXT STEPS FOR EABC

Following the discussions, EABC will implement the following steps:

- i. Write an official letter to request sequa gGmbH with the request for a no-cost extension and review the EABC – BSF Programme Implementation Schedule by modifying and reallocating the remaining budget and activities.
- ii. Develop a concept note for the webinar series on Enhancing the competitiveness of the Agri-food industry and mitigating the impact of global crises to improve food security in the EAC region. The topics for discussion should be Smart Agriculture, Post Harvest Loss management and Sustainable agriculture practices.
- iii. Engage the selected solution providers identified during AGRF 2023 to seek their confirmation to participate in the webinar series on Enhancing the competitiveness of the Agri-food industry and mitigating the impact of global crises to improve food security in the EAC region.

ANNEX

LIST OF KEY IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS IDENTIFIED DURING THE NETWORKING EVENT

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