

The IA of the OA sub- Sector in Uganda: The Process, Key Issues and Policy Recommendations

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Introduction

- The IA of the OA sub sector in Uganda is part of the Regional Project- Promoting Production & Trading Opportunities for OA in E. Africa supported by UNEP, UNCTAD-CBTF.
- The major objective of the IA is to inform and influence the ongoing OA policy development process and other associated national development strategies, plans and initiatives in the areas of Agriculture and Trade.

The Process

- MoU btwn UNEP & UCTAD on one hand and ACODE & UEPB on the other (Jan,2005)
- Constitution of the Multi-stakeholder NSC to provide technical guidance. It comprises of representatives from, MAAIF, MTTI, NEMA, UEPB, NPA, UNBS, President's Office, ACODE,NOGAMU, EPOPA, Ugocert, Parliament,Nkozi University and UNFF
- First NSC meeting (Briefing about the IA, TORs and Presentation of the Draft Participatory Process) August , 2005
- Second NSC meeting (Presentation of the draft background study to the IA)
- First National Stakeholders' Workshop-October, 2005 (IA and its relevance to OA sub sector, the status of OA production & Trade in Uganda, PP for conducting the IA, and Tools and Methodology for the IA)

IA Process cntd

- Constitution of the AT (Agric Economist, Economist, Environmentalist and a Policy Analyst/Lawyer)
- The AT and the NIT have had 4 meetings to review progress and deal with emerging issues
- Comprehensive outline of the IA Report was developed, discussed and agreed upon btwn & among the AT, NIT and UNEP & UNCTAD
- Draft IA Report was produced in October and shared with UNEP & UNCTAD. It was peer reviewed, and comments provided
- Third NSC meeting (Nov, 2006) considered the draft IA Report. Gaps identified and recommendations on the report made
- The AT is back to the field to finalize the assessment- Final report expected before end of this year.
- The final IA Report will be presented to the Second National Stakeholders' Workshop scheduled for end of Jan, 2007

The IA

- Linkage between OA, Environment and Poverty (Socio-Economic wellbeing)
- Focused on coffee and dried fruits
- Based on Scenario Building i.e Over drive OA scenario-growth rate of over 20%, Plateau OA scenario -growth rate of btwn 10-20%, Slumber OA scenario -growth rate of btwn 3%-10%
- Economic, Social and Environmental impacts of each scenario based on certain key indicators e.g. export revenue, new jobs, food security, additional land required , amt of chemicals avoided etc.

OA Scenario Drivers

- **Exogenous drivers** e.g. market premiums, market demand, trends in market growth/market expansion, market access and penetration
- **Endogenous drivers** e.g. OA productivity, Organic certification, Property Rights and Land tenure Policies, Incentives and Subsidies, Value addition, National Trade and Marketing policies, and Technology & Research

Specific Recommendations

- Include growth targets of OA in the national long-term plan
- Establish separate HSC code for OA exports
- Establish OA production zones in selected districts
- Establish a designated department for OA in the Min responsible for Agriculture
- Require all line ministries to designate desk officers for OA
- Monitor budgetary allocation to OA production and trade as a % share of the agriculture budget

Conclusion

- OA production and Trade holds great potential to turn around the decline of the agriculture sector which in turn could spur economic growth, employment and rural livelihood security
- An integrated strategy to scale up the production and trade in OA should be informed by social and ecological conditions that underpin OA development
- The IA of OA sub sector in Uganda has provided an opportunity for making informed policy choices for the integrated development of the sub sector.

End of Presentation



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