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IRISH POTATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

On 21st September 2023, the State Department of Agriculture and Horticulture of Ethiopia, in partnership with CIP, EARI, SNV, Self Help Africa, Concern Worldwide, Vita, NPCK, and the Irish Embassy, launched the Irish Potato Research and Development Association. The association's objectives include, among others: to enhance coordination among business, science and development actors in the potato industry; to ensure actions and initiatives reflect the voice and needs of potato farmers; to facilitate knowledge transfer and learning; and to collect, synthesize, and share technical and market information. The event was graced by the Ambassador of Ireland to Ethiopia.

Theory of change

Exchange ideas and informations in potato production, share technologies and innovations within the industry and ensure a Linkage between the farmers and the market actors alongside exploring the business opportunities within the industry at the county and beyond

Company Growth: Incorporate new innovations to better Serve Growing Demands in the potato industry.



Farmer group leaders during Training



Newsletter Highlight

The 20th edition of the marathon was held on Sunday 29th October 2023 at Uhuru Gardens, Nairobi. The marathon hosted about 25,000 runners from across the globe. The main objectives included; Celebrating 20 years of running, Identifying and providing opportunities for local athletic talent to excel, Raising the profile of Kenya internationally, and also Creating a community event for everyone's enjoyment as part of giving back to the community through the Future Makers Initiative. The potato industry was also not left behind, Partners like Sereni Fries, Agrico PSA, and NPCK represented the industry under the branding "Potato Team 2023"

Potato issues Discussion

- On 7th Nov 2023, the NPCK, FIPs and, Nandi County held a potato stakeholder meeting at Allens Hotel in Kapsabet. The objective of the meeting was to discuss seed potato issues and how potato farmers in the region can be supported to access quality seeds. In attendance were Nandi County Government, the Department of MoALD; WAOs from all the wards, KENAFF, AFA, and others.
- One way of ensuring information Symmetry within the industry is through having stakeholders' engagement meetings. NPCK has been playing a very key role in ensuring that the actors within the value chain get to meet and discuss matters appertaining the industry performance through various forums like the farmers' field days, Trade fairs and workshops.

Linkage Discussion with Farmers



On 21 September 2023, NPCK on behalf of the potato farmers attended the B2B forum organized by CGA at waterbuck hotel Nakuru County. The forum aimed towards; allowing the participants to Exchange ideas and informations in potato production, share technologies and innovations within the industry and ensure a Linkage between the farmers and the market actors alongside exploring the business opportunities within the industry



Potato Seed Technology Field day

- In line with their efforts to introduce the new technologies and innovations in seed production, Solynta Ltd and NPCK successfully held a field day on 29th November 2023 at Molly farm in Tigoni. The Participants comprising of NPT (National Performance Trial Committee), KEPHIS, Biovision, Viazikings and Potato Farmers were able to see the performance of HTPS (Hybrid True Potato Seed) and the different varieties with targeted attributes like resistance to late blight in a sprayed and non-sprayed condition. The event also allowed the participants to see how a local grower is using HTPS to produce own seed tubers and develop her business. This technology promises a lot in the seed industry including addressing the issue of seed shortage, saving on cost and also reducing the bulk on transportation.

Food Systems Transformation Workshop



PASGR convened the FST (Food Transformation System) Utafiti Sera introduction and inception workshop in August 2023 to mobilize support from key stakeholders in creating a community of practice around food systems research and policy in Kenya. The workshop provided a platform for stakeholders to deliberate on key policy issues around Kenya's food systems and assess stakeholders' capacity to access and use research evidence for policy and practice.

POTATO BLIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING



On 26th September 2023, convened a late blight resistance steering committee meeting at Movenpick Restaurant. The members discussed on the terms of Reference of the committee, looked in to the active ingredients that are commonly used by farmers to control blight, discussed way of regrouping the fungicides for easy identification by the farmers and proper usage based on color codes. The committee still looks forward to have a series of engagement discussions in matters pertaining late Blight resistance and the amicable solution to address this. Organization present were PCPB, KEPHIS, KALRO, Corteva Agriscience and Kevian Limited.



Are you a hazardous products packaging manufacturer, user, or importer?

Do not be left out in this great initiative to manage hazardous products packaging waste in Kenya. Join the Kenya Hazardous Waste Producer Responsible Organization Initiative!

About the Kenya Hazardous Waste Producer Responsible Organization Initiative (KEHAPRO)

Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM), in partnership with aak-GROW, has formed the Kenya Hazardous Waste Producer Responsible (KEHAPRO) Initiative. It seeks to support the collective efforts of manufacturers to address and manage waste from hazardous products packaging, in line with the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Regulations, 2021.

The National Waste Policy outlines measures for handling various waste streams in Kenya.

One of the ways through which the private sector drives sustainable waste management is Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). The Regulations aim to provide the country with a synergized approach and outline the need for active private sector engagement in driving sustainable waste management. To this end, the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) alongside other stakeholders have been working on the EPR Regulations that will see the country have 5 Producer Responsibility Organizations



POTATO WASTE UPCYCLING IMPROVES REVENUE

“Developing the Potato Value Chain in Kenya”

The amount of waste and by-products of the potato industry is estimated to be around 12-20% of their total production volume. Potato processing generates waste in the form of peels, pulp and rejects. Potato peels, pulp and unmarketable potatoes can further be processed in starch plants, incorporated into animal feed formulations, or turned into ethanol. Thus the attempts to up-cycle the industrial potato waste will provide additional feed options for the livestock and make potato growing and processing more economical

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