

## **Capitalizing on Emerging Opportunities for Agricultural Production and Trade under Climate Change in Africa**

***Date: Tuesday, 15 Nov 2016***

***Time: 17.30-19.00 hrs***

***Venue: Africa Pavilion, Salle 1***

**Organizers:** Economic Commission for Africa

### **Context:**

Erratic shortages in food supply triggered by climate variability and climate change impacts on agricultural production systems have often generated escalations in food prices exacerbating livelihood insecurity in Africa. Following climate-induced shifts in agro ecosystems and matching areas of high production to those of low production using suitability mapping of different crop species, could create the mechanism for de-risking agricultural investments and transactions. This has the potentials to generate new opportunities for agricultural trade and expanding the internal markets for agricultural commodity at different spatial and temporal scales. Trade could therefore provide the crucial pull factor required in transforming African agriculture from the realms of subsistence, into a business that generates wealth. Lessons from East and West Africa that used the nexus approach to diagnose the emerging opportunities for agricultural production and trade under climate change will be used in illustrating the potentialities in boosting crop productivity at a landscape level and trade demands for agricultural commodity.

### **Objective:**

The main objective of the high level discussion is to explore ways to capitalize on the opportunities emerging from the nexus of climate change, agricultural production and trade, in incentivizing business investments in agriculture in transforming the sector in Africa into a business that enhances food security and generate wealth for smallholder farmers.

### **Opening remarks:**

**H.E. Madam Rhoda Peace Tumisiime**, Commissioner, AUC, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (TBC)

### **Chair:**

**H.E. Dr. Habdallah Hamdock**, Executive Secretary a. i. of UNECA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (TBC)

**Moderator:**

**Dr. David Luke**, Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, UNECA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Speakers:**

Setting the Scene & Key Findings from Regional Case Studies

**Dr Johnson Nkem**, African Climate Policy Centre, UNECA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Dr Elias Ayuk**, Director, United Nations University, Accra, Ghana (TBC)

**Ms. Nancy Laibuni** Policy Analyst KIPPRA, Nairobi, Kenya (TBC)

**Dr Carlo Fadda**, Country Representative Bioversity, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Professor Thomas Hertel, Purdue University, IN, USA (TBC)

**High Level Discussion**

**Mr Paul Stranger**, Local Sourcing Director for Africa Heineken (TBC)

**Ms. Joy Kategekwa**, Head of Regional Office for Africa UNCTAD (TBC)

**Ms. Ingrid Jegou**, Director of Climate Change programme at ICTSD (TBC)

**H.E. Adan Mohamed**, Minister of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Kenya (TBC)

**H.E. Francois Kanimba**, Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda (TBC)

**H.E. Abdallah Kigoda**, Minister of Industry and Trade, Tanzania (TBC)

**H.E. Youssouf Soumahoro**, Minister of Trade, Côte d'Ivoire (TBC)

**H.E. Abdoulie Jobe**, Minister of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment, Gambia (TBC)

**H.E. Ekwow Spio-Garbrah**, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana (TBC)

**H.E. Mamadou Diop**, Minister of Trade, Senegal (TBC)

**Expected Outcomes:**