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From: The KENAFF Secretariat

To: All KENAFF Members and KENAFF Partners

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In the KENAFF Strategic Plan, 2022—2026, titled "*Watering the Tree for Growth*," seven (7) key pillars form the critical components of the federation's day-to-day planning framework. The Secretariat is pleased to inform all KENAFF members and KENAFF partners about the significant developments and progress the federation achieved in the month of May 2024.

Pillar 1: Lobby, Advocacy and Policy Action

KENAFF Advisory Mandate at the National Level

National Technical Advisory Committee (NTAC) Meeting on Emergency Locust Response Program (ELRP) which aims to restore the livelihoods of households affected by drought and desert locust invasion and to strengthen Kenya's system for preparedness.

Courtesy calls to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries in the Counties

Courtesy call to the County Executive Member (CECM) for Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries Bomet County, Chief Officer for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, and Irrigation, Taita Taveta County, and Sub-County Agricultural Officers (SCAO) in Msambweni, Matuga, and Kinango Sub counties, Kwale County. The courtesy calls aimed to foster partnerships and collaborations in activities and programs that aim to improve the farming environment and enhance farmers' livelihoods.

Public participation and Talk Shows

Participation in preparation of the **Uasin-Gishu County Government 2024/25 Financial Year Budget** on May 8, 2024, to lobby for more funds to be allocated to agricultural initiatives that aim at improving farmers' livelihoods.

KENAFF Uasin-Gishu County Farmers' Association leaders participated in Kass and Changei TV Media talk shows; to articulate farmer issues including the shortage of maize seeds and farmer-driven research innovation and technology; **on May 3 and May 10, 2024**, respectively.

Pillar 2: Enhanced Member Services

Capacity Building and Member Mobilization and KENAFF Farmer Health Insurance (FHI) Sensitization

31 Member mobilizations, recruitment and KENAFF Farmer Health Insurance (FHI) sensitization exercises were carried out in different KENAFF counties. During these meetings members were sensitized on the importance of **speaking in one voice and belonging to a National Farmers' Organization; KENAFF**, in order to articulate their interests to relevant stakeholders. The members were also sensitized on the importance of acquiring farmer health insurance.



Pillar 3: Contribute to a Sustainable Kenyan Agri-food System

KENAFF joined **Dairy Value chain** stakeholders in celebrating 2024 **International Milk Day** themed “*Celebrating the Vital Role Dairy Plays in Delivering Quality Nutrition to Nourish the World*” at KCSEED Dairy Plant in Nakuru County on May 30, 2024; **Potato Value Chain** stakeholders in celebrating the **International Day of Potato** themed “*Harvesting Diversity, Feeding the Future*” at KALRO, Ol-Jorok, Nyandarua County on May 30, 2024; and, Exhibitions and Trade Fair for the two events on May 31, 2024.

Pillar 5: Farmer-Driven Climate Action and Resilience Building against Shocks and Emergencies

KENAFF Tree Planting exercises during March-April-May (MAM), 2024 Rainfall cycle

In the month of May, **over 8,000** tree seedlings of diverse mix of indigenous species, fodder plants, and fast-maturing species were planted in various Counties: Taita Taveta, Makueni, Meru, Nakuru, Kwale, Siaya, Uasin Gishu and Nairobi Counties. Tree planting activities was in collaboration with the Nas Servair in Nairobi County, and the County Governments of Makueni and Kwale.

Pillar 6: Data Innovation and ICT in Agriculture

On May 20, 2024, at a panel discussion on the Farmers Show at KTN TV, KENAFF highlighted the role of ICT in agriculture towards enhancing food security amid climate change crisis, and how farmers can use ICT to revolutionize farming, present opportunities in ICT in Agriculture and their accessibility.

Pillar 7: Partnerships and Collaborations

Welthungerhilfe (WHH): KENAFF Partnership

Capacity Building Workshop of Duty Bearers at the National Level under the Sustainable Food Systems (SUSTFARM+) Project held at Nakuru ATC on May 28, 2024. The duty bearers from Nyamira, Bomet, Baringo, Uasin Gishu, Nakuru, and Nandi Counties were sensitized on components of food systems; the policy framework and governance; and the role of different stakeholders in food systems.

Solidaridad East and Central Africa Expertise: KENAFF Partnership

On May 13- 25, 2024, **500 lead farmers** from coffee cooperatives in Kericho, Bungoma, Bomet, Kisii, Nandi, Nyamira, and Trans-Nzoia under the Pathways to Prosperity (P2P) Coffee Programme were trained. The training, conducted by Coffee Research Institute, was on: climate-smart farming, fertilizer use, pest control and agroforestry and afforestation in coffee farming.

Between May 6-16, 2024, **registration of coffee farmers** from 10 coffee cooperatives in Kisii and Nyamira counties, 7 coffee cooperatives from Kericho County, 6 coffee cooperatives from Bungoma County and 12 cooperatives from Trans Nzoia was carried out under the Pathways to Prosperity (P2P) Coffee Programme.



Transform Trade: KENAFF Partnership

On Tuesday, May 21, 2024, KENAFF trained **33 members** of the Nyeri Chai Farmers' Association (NCFA) and farmer representatives on stakeholder mapping and analysis.

KENAFF Chief Executive Officer Official Meetings

- Dr. Sophia Baumert; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) and Sustainable Agricultural Systems and Policies (AgSys) Project Coordinator at the GIZ Offices in Nairobi on May 29, 2024.
- The Warehouse Receipt System Council (WSRC) on May 2 and May 24, 2024 at Radisson Blu Hotel, Upper Hill and WRSC Nairobi offices (Tea House) respectively.
- Courtesy call to Ms. Eva Okoth, the International Land Coalition (ILC) Interim Coordinator, Africa Region on May 23, 2024.
- Ms. Wanjira Mathai, Managing Director for Africa and Global Partnerships at the World Resources Institute (WRI) on May 23, 2024.
- Mr. Stijn van Geel, Agriterria East Africa Region Director, May 22, 2024.
- Dr. Kim Ji Gang, Director, Korea Partnership for Innovation of Agriculture (KOPIA Kenya Centre), at the KENAFF Headquarters, Kikuyu on May 22, 2024.
- Hon. John Mutunga, the Chair Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture & Livestock on May 6 and on May 20, 2024.
- Virtual meeting of the African Constituency of the World Farmers' Organization (WFO) on May 20, 2024.
- Mr. Philip Kisoyan, Natural Resource Management Officer/Global Environment Facility (GEF), Focal Point/National Forest and Farm Facility (FFF) Facilitator at FAO Kenya on May 20, 2024.
- Food Forward NDC meeting in Naivasha on May 16-17, 2024.
- Invitation to the launch of Additional Funding (AF) for Accelerating the Impact of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa (AICCRA) Project and Public forum at the KICC on May 14, 2024.
- Ms. Tiina Huvio, Executive Director, Finnish Agri-Agency for Food and Forest Development (FFD) on May 14, 2024.
- Mr. Daan Vreeburg of Agriterria May 14, 2024.
- County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries, Bomet County on May 13, 2024.
- Mau Tea, Kericho County on May 13, 2024.
- Tree-planting in Kaplamai, Trans Nzoia County on May 12, 2024.
- Tree-planting in Kapseret Forest, Uasin Gishu County May 11, 2024.
- United Nations (UN) Civil Society Conference on May 9 and 10, 2024.
- Reception Dinner on the occasion of the visit of State Secretary Jennifer Morgan and Germany's Permanent Representative to the UN and Co-Facilitator of the UN Summit of the Future, Antje Leendertse; and, Ambassador Sebastian Groth at the German Residence, Muthaiga on May 10, 2024.
- Project Manager, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Prosoil, Dr. David Kersting, on May 8, 2024.
- Hon. Nduati Kariuki, former KENAFF National Chairman on May 7, 2024.
- Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Summit (AFSH24) at KICC on May 7 -8, 2024.
- Ma'aden Gala Dinner at the AFSH 2024 at Radisson Blu, Upper Hill on May 7, 2024.
- KTN media interview May 6, 2024.



Looking Ahead: Key KENAFF Dates

Inclusive Agribusiness Club (IAC) Sharing and Learning Event

June 6, 2024 - KENAFF headquarters, Thogoto

KENAFF Young 2024, Preparation Workshop

June 7, 2024 - KENAFF headquarters, Thogoto

World Farmers' Organization General Assembly 2024

June 18-20 - FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

Market Access Africa

June 25– 26 – Landmark Centre, Lagos, Nigeria.

Oslo Tropical Forest Forum (OTFF)

June 25-26 - Oslo, Norway

Thank you for being part of KENAFF Community