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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 June 2024.

Pillar 1: Lobby, Advocacy and Policy Action

Courtesy Calls in Counties

As part of KENAFF's broader mission of empowering farmers across Kenya through strategic partnerships and advocating for their welfare at both local and national levels, KENAFF's CEO, alongside KENAFF County Associations leadership in the Lake and Western Regions, engaged in courtesy calls and meetings with various county officials to foster collaboration between KENAFF and County Governments to enhance sustainable agriculture in the counties between September 9 and 11, 2024.

Public Participation in Counties

KENAFF Nandi County Farmers' Association participated in a County Stakeholders' Engagement Forum, in Kapsabet, Nandi County, on September 24, 2024, aimed at strengthening engagement with the Nandi County Government and other relevant stakeholders.

On September 3, 2024, the KENAFF Uasin Gishu County Farmers' Association took part in the County Agriculture Sector Steering Committee (CASSCOM) meeting at Chebararwa Agricultural Training Centre (ATC), Uasin Gishu County, focusing on increasing the capacity for policy action by the Uasin Gishu County Government.

On September 3, 2024, the KENAFF Nakuru County Farmers' Association engaged in the development of an Agroecology policy for Nakuru County at the Nakuru Agricultural Training Centre (ATC) in Nakuru County, aimed to address issues of food safety in the County.

Pillar 2: Enhanced Member Services

Capacity Building Workshops and Training

On September 25, 2024, KENAFF Nakuru County Farmers' Association participated in a Plant Health Clinic training at Jacaranda Children's Home in Nakuru Town West, focusing on equipping the community with knowledge on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), focusing on plant health and the safe and effective use of chemicals and herbicides in crop management.



A three-day KENAFF Leadership Transformation and Change Management Workshop for KENAFF leaders took place from September 17-19, 2024 at the KENAFF Headquarters, Farmers' Conference Centre, Thogoto, Kikuyu. It aimed to enhance strategic leadership abilities to improve decision-making, planning, and accountability across KENAFF's County Associations.

KENAFF leaders from various KENAFF counties received valuable training on ecological practices from Biovision Trust Kenya at the KENAFF Headquarters, Farmers' Conference Centre, Thogoto, Kikuyu, on September 16, 2024, aimed at empowering them with the knowledge to adopt sustainable farming methods that benefit both their farms and the environment.

KENAFF Uasin Gishu County Farmers' Association, in collaboration with Mama Millers, conducted a farmer leaders' training on alternative value chains, including sunflower, canola, and soybean, at Mois Bridge Farmers' Cooperative Society on September 10, 2024, aimed at enhancing productivity and providing farmers with alternative sources of income.

Capacity-building training sessions on Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) took place at Matuga Agricultural Training Centre (ATC), Kwale County, between September 9 and 22, 2024.

Exhibitions and Agricultural Shows

KENAFF Nandi County Farmers' Association participated in the ***Kenya Agricultural Sector Extension Policy (KASEP) Agribusiness Exhibition*** at Aliens Hotel, Kapsabet, Nandi County on September 25, 2024,

KENAFF Uasin Gishu County Farmers' Association participated in and exhibited at the ***University of Eldoret 2024 Agribusiness Trade Fair***, held from September 12-14, 2024, at the University of Eldoret, where information, skills, knowledge, and technology transfers were facilitated in collaboration with the University and other key stakeholders.

On September 6, 2024, KENAFF Kwale County members took part in the ***2024 Mombasa International Show*** at KALRO Matuga, which focused on farming technology transfer and strengthening market linkages for farmers.

Strengthening KENAFF County Farmers' Associations

KENAFF National Farmers' Assembly

On September 16, 2024, KENAFF leaders from various KENAFF Counties participated in the National Farmers' Assembly at the KENAFF Headquarters, Farmers Conference Centre, Thogoto, Kikuyu, focused on enhancing member mobilization, sensitization and recruitment.

Various KENAFF counties held County Board meetings to strengthen their County Farmers' Associations between September 1 and 27, 2024.

Member Mobilization, Recruitment, and KENAFF Farmer Health Insurance (FHI) Sensitization

19 Member mobilization, recruitment, and KENAFF Farmer Health Insurance (FHI) sensitization exercises were conducted across various KENAFF counties. Members were sensitized on the importance of unified representation and belonging to a National Farmers' Organization; KENAFF, to articulate their interests to relevant stakeholders. Additionally, members were sensitized on the importance of acquiring Farmer Health Insurance.



Pillar 4: Leverage the Energy, Enthusiasm, Innovation, and Knowledge of the Youth and Women to Drive Value Chain Development and Commercialization

KENAFF National Youth Convention

KENAFF Young in collaboration with Andreas Hermes Akademie (AHA) held a two-day **KENAFF National Youth Convention** themed “*Youth as Change Agents for Sustainable Agri-Food Systems*” at the KENAFF Headquarters, Farmers’ Conference Centre, Thogoto, Kikuyu on September 23 and 24, 2024. The conference aimed at empowering young people to drive transformative changes in agrifood systems.

On September 9, 2024, the KENAFF Uasin Gishu County Farmers’ Association conducted a County Youth Forum to empower youth representatives from six sub-counties, along with the County Board, to identify and articulate the key issues affecting young people in the County.

International Leadership Workshop

KENAFF was well represented at the International Leadership Workshop themed “*Rural Women Get a Voice.*” in Herrsching, Germany from September 1-14, 2024. The workshop intended to empower women volunteers in rural areas by strengthening their representation, fostering mutual understanding and solidarity for sustainable organizational growth, expanding their scope of action, enhancing their leadership skills, and facilitating networking opportunities beyond their local communities.

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

On September 20, 2024, KENAFF Uasin Gishu County Farmers’ Association participated in the ***Green Planet Initiative 2050*** at EKA Hotel in Eldoret, focusing on the establishment of resilient landscapes, increasing forestry, and enhancing farmer income through carbon credit mechanisms as part of the Ecosystem Restoration 2030 initiative.

Third Meeting of the Board of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage

KENAFF was represented at the ***Third Meeting of the Board of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage***, in Baku, Azerbaijan from September 18-20, 2024. The meeting aimed to assist developing countries particularly vulnerable to adverse effects of climate change.

Kenya Feed and Fodder Emergency Planning meeting participation held on September 23-25, 2024 to enhance the Country’s preparedness, response and mitigation measures towards La Ninna Drought according to the National Drought Management Authority. KENAFF advocated for the government to use all available channels to disseminate weather forecasts to ensure the farmers, pastoralists and cooperatives receive timely information.

Tree Planting Activity

KENAFF Vihiga County Farmers’ Association engaged in tree planting activities across several members’ farms in Vihiga County on September 16, 2024.



Pillar 6: Data Innovations and ICT in Agriculture

On September 20, 2024, KENAFF, in partnership with Mastercard, Microsoft, and Unconnected.org, launched the **Airband Initiative by Microsoft** at Ainabkoi Farmers' Cooperative, Uasin Gishu County. This initiative aims to connect smallholder farmers to the internet, enhancing their participation in the digital economy. Additionally, the project has successfully connected Mwea Rice Multipurpose Cooperative to the internet.

Pillar 7: Partnerships and Collaborations

Kenya Chapter of the Making Access to the Digital Economy (MADE) Alliance: KENAFF Partnership

On September 23, 2024, KENAFF officially became a member of the **Kenyan Chapter of the Making Access to the Digital Economy (MADE) Alliance** which aims to provide digital access to critical services for 5 million farmers in Africa over the next 10 years. The KENAFF CEO attended the launch of the MADE Alliance Kenyan Chapter during a reception held on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York. During this event, KENAFF's partnerships with Mastercard Community Pass and Microsoft were announced, highlighting efforts to bring connectivity and digital access to critical services for farmer cooperatives.

Andreas Hermes Akademie (AHA): KENAFF Partnership

KENAFF, in collaboration with an AHA consultant, under the Nurseries for Youth Development Project (NYDP), conducted site visits to the main nurseries in Bomet, Nakuru, Murang'a, Kwale and Meru counties between September 16 and 25, 2024.

Welthungerhilfe (WHH): KENAFF Partnership

KENAFF, under the Sustainable Food Systems (SUSTFARM+) Project conducted capacity-building sessions for duty bearers in Siaya County on September 23-24, 2024, and Bungoma County on September, 25-26, 2024. The training aimed at capacitating duty bearers to effectively lobby and advocate for food system policies that foster an enabling environment for sustainable food systems.

On September 19 and 20, 2024, KENAFF MEAL team under the SUSTFARM+ Project visited a demo site by direct beneficiaries and conducted a monitoring exercise in Lurambi Sub-County, Kakamega County and Kimilili Sub County in Bungoma County. Monitoring aimed to backstop the implementation of SUSTFARM+ project activities at the counties.

On September 16, 17 and 20, 2024, KENAFF held a one-day Multi Stakeholder Engagement under the SUSTFARM+ project in Siaya, Kakamega and Bungoma Counties respectively. The MSP aimed to bring together key stakeholders in the food system to discuss food system policies and the challenges that hinder an enabling environment for sustainable food systems.

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO): KENAFF Partnership

KENAFF, under the Forest and Farm Facility (FFF) project's Radio Programme Initiative, conducted a series of radio programs with Farm Forestry Producer Organizations (FFPOs) from Bomet, Baringo, Bungoma, Nakuru, Nyandarua and Laikipia counties on local radio stations including Radio Maisha, Emoo FM, West FM, MBCI radio, Kameme FM, and Maiyan FM respectively between September 16 and 27, 2024. The initiative aimed to highlight project activities and share knowledge and information of interest to targeted farmers.



Capacity Needs Assessment and Stakeholder Engagement activities were conducted under the FFF Project for FFPOs in Bomet, Bungoma, Baringo, and Nakuru counties between September 3 and 11, 2024. The assessment focused on identifying the gaps and challenges of FFPOs in Communication for Development and the Farm Forestry Market Information System (FFMIS).

Solidaridad East and Central Africa: KENAFF Partnership

KENAFF, under the Acting Now Project, in collaboration with the County Government of Taita Taveta's Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Cooperative Development, and Blue Economy, alongside partners from the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP), Solidaridad East and Central Africa, the Cereal Growers Association (CGA), Bayer, and D-BASF, hosted a **Farmers Exhibition/Field Day** on September 27, 2024, At The Horticultural Processing Centre (HPC) In Wundanyi, Taita Taveta County. The event, themed ***“Enhancing Productivity for Smallholder Farmers through Adoption of Climate-Smart Agricultural Technologies,”*** aimed to showcase climate-smart solutions to improve the productivity of small-scale farmers.

From September 16-18, 2024, KENAFF, under the Pathways to Prosperity (P2P) Coffee Project conducted a three-day capacity-building training for project-participating Farmers' Cooperative Societies on cooperative management leadership in Kisii/Nyamira/Bomet, Kericho, Nandi and Bungoma Counties, focusing on governance, leadership, and financial management.

KENAFF Chief Executive Officer Official Meetings

- Meeting with Mastercard and African Development Bank (AfDB) at Mastercard Offices on September 30, 2024.
- Speaker; on behalf of World Farmers' Organization (WFO), on ***Enhanced Climate Finance Pathways for Smallholder Farmers*** at the 2024 G7 in Siracusa, Sicily, Italy, on September 25-27, 2024.
- Bilateral meetings with Ford Foundation; Rockefeller Foundation; and, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on September 24, 2024.
- Participated in a panel on ***Hungry for Change: food security and cross-sectoral collaborations*** at the UN Headquarters.
- Bilateral meetings with Mr. Joseph Murabula, KCIC CEO; UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF); and Mott Foundation on September 23, 2024.
- 2024 United National General Assembly (UNGA) in New York from September 22-24, 2024.
- Bilateral meetings with Mr. Mathias Mogge, WHH CEO and Mr. Michael Gabriel WHH Director of Strategic Partnerships; Dr. Andrea Porro, WFO Secretary General; and Ms. Luisa Volpe, WFO Advocacy, Policy and Partnerships Practice Lead on September 22, 2024.
- Financing Agrochemical Reduction & Management (FARM) Project Steering Committee meeting at Tribe Hotel, Nairobi and bilateral meeting with Solidaridad Global Executive Director at KENAFF Headquarters on September 13, 2024.
- Inclusive Agribusiness Club (IAC) high-level meeting at KENAFF Headquarters on September 12, 2024.
- Courtesy call to Hon. Paul Chirchir, MCA Kapsoit Ward, Kericho County on September 11, 2024.
- Courtesy call to Hon. Kenneth Onyango, CECM for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation for Kisumu County on September 10, 2024.
- Courtesy calls to Hon. Lucas Mosenda, CECM for the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries & Blue Economy for Migori County on September 9, 2024.
- The Africa Food Systems Forum (AFSF) in Kigali, Rwanda from September 2-4, 2024, where he was on the panel to discuss ***“Scaling Soil Health Action: Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships and Policy Innovation”***.
- Bilateral meetings with Ms. Katja Vuori, AgriCord CEO; Mr. Nico Janssen, IKEA Foundation; Mr. Federico Ronca and Mr. Levi Orero of the Food and Water Programme, World Economic Forum; Mr. Philipp Conze-Roos AHA; Mr. Cees van Rij, CEO, AgriGrade and Ms. Marise Blom, SCOPEinsight; Mr. Mathias Mogge WHH CEO, International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC) and Food and Land use Coalition (FOLU); Mr. Leonard Kubok, Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock Development; Hon. John Mutunga, the Chairman,



Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock of the Kenyan National Assembly, between September 2-4, 2024.

Looking Ahead: Key KENAFF Dates

- KENAFF Young participation and representation at the World Food Forum, 2024 in Rome, Italy and speaker at the United Nations Decade of Family Farming Mid-term Forum from October 11-19, 2024.
- World Tree Planting Day on October 30, 2024

Thank You