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## NATIONAL SPICE CONFERENCE

ACT participated in the National Spice Conference which was held at Masai Sunset Beach Resort, Chake Chake- Pemba on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021, coordinated by AGRI-CONNECT (European Union Funded Project). The conference was on the “Revitalization and Expansion of the Tanzania Spice Industry for Export Promotion in the Global Market”. The meeting was concluded with a number of remarkable resolutions, just to mention a few;

- i. Strengthen and capacitate established dedicated agency to oversee the development of spice sector in the country,
- ii. Strengthen Research and Development (R&D) in spice development processing, market access as well as related extension services,
- iii. Harmonization of spice Development Strategy (Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar),
- iv. Strengthen germplasm banks at Tropical Pesticides Research Institute (TPRI) and World Vegetable Centre (WVC)

ACT was represented by Mr. Khalid Ngassa, a Membership and Communication's Manager.



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## PRIVATE SECTOR ASSOCIATIONS DELIBERATE ON CHALLENGES

On 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021, ACT Executive Director Mr. Timoth Mmbaga attended the meeting that was organized by Tanzania Revenue Authority Commissioner General (CG) through Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) to dialogue and share insights on various tax-related issues and propose best practices to improve the business environment. Issues raised by ACT during the meeting include but are not limited to; - private sector participation on tax reform commission, long-term fiscal policy reform, review of tax estimates (uplifting), and withholding tax. The CG-TRA assured Private Sector Associations to have many dialogues of that nature.

## EASTERN AFRICAN FARMERS FEDERATION CONGRESS

On 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021, the Eastern African Farmers Federation held its 5<sup>th</sup> Congress in Nairobi, Kenya (Hybrid event). This event which is held every four years was attended by 200 participants who represented 13 member countries. Tanzania was represented by three institutions: TFC, MVIWATA and ACT. The Congress was organized around the theme: “Inclusivity in Productivity, Competitive Markets, Resilience and Digitization for Building forward better: What Next for Farmers”. After serious deliberation, it was concluded that to forge ahead with agricultural transformation, EAFF members are in dire need of vision, conducive policies, innovation, knowledge, and partnerships. The main activities of the Congress were to: i. receive EAFF activity report, ii. Provide space for business exchange between EAFF members and the private sector, iii. Conduct elections for Council members and the Board for the next 4 years. Mr. Omary Mwaimu (ACT Board Member) from AMSHA Institute of Rural Entrepreneurs was elected as a new member of the EAFF Council.

## NATIONAL RESEARCH AGENDA WORKSHOP (NARA)

ACT participated in a two-day stakeholder’s workshop (on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021) to prepare the National Agricultural Research Agenda (NARA) of a period of five years (2022-2026). The workshop was facilitated by the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) through Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) and was held at the Institute of Rural Development Planning in Dodoma. ACT was part of the task force formulating the Agenda.

## FO4ACP ANNUAL STAKEHOLDERS WORKSHOP

On 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021, ACT supervised an annual stakeholders' workshop (Farmers Organization for Africa, Caribbean and Pacific-FO4ACP National Coordination Meeting) which was held in Arusha to discuss issues that emerged during the implementation of the FO4ACP Project, the achievements, and the next steps. The annual event was attended by 10 institutions including ACT, TAHA, MVIWATA, MVIWA Arusha, MVIWA Manyara, Tanzania Federation of Cooperatives (TFC), Food and Forest Development Finland (FFD), AHA, Trias and We Effect. The meeting reached a consensus of signing the MoU (National Level Coordination) between the Agricultural Council of Tanzania (ACT) and the AgriCord Alliance. The Farmers' Organization for Africa, Caribbean, and Pacific (FO4ACP) is a program funded by the European Union (EU) through the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The overarching goal of the program is to increase the incomes and improve the livelihoods, food and nutrition security, and safety of organized smallholders and family farmers in African, Caribbean, and Pacific countries by strengthening regional, national, and local farmers' organizations.



Cross section of participants at the FO4ACP Workshop at TAHA Office, Arusha



## FARMERS TRAINING ON SRI IN MVOMERO DISTRICT

From 02<sup>nd</sup> to 05<sup>th</sup> November 2021 ACT-Project Officer, Mr. Obedi Abraham and the ACT-Project Advisor Mr. Hendry Mziray delivered a five-day training on ***“System of Rice Intensification (SRI) and Effective Use of Agro-chemicals”*** to farmers in Mvomero district, (Dakawa and Mkindo Irrigation Schemes), Morogoro Region. The training was attended by 110 participants just to name a few; Extension Officers, lead farmers, input suppliers, etc. The five-year FO4ACP project (2019- 2023) is funded by SACA and targeted to reach at least 16,000 smallholder farmers including women and youth in Mvomero district by offering climate smart-practices training (System of Rice Intensification and Conservation Agriculture)



A training session on SRI in Dakawa, Morogoro.

## VALIDATION WORKSHOP ON POULTRY VALUE CHAIN

On 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021, ACT organized a stakeholders' workshop in Dar es Salaam (at Golden Prak Hotel) to validate a report which was tabled by a Consultant, Mr. Joesph Longo from AB Consult. The Consultant was commissioned to study and analyze “*The extent of Inclusiveness of Youth Agripreneurs in the Poultry Value Chain in Tanzania*”. The workshop was attended by 40 youth agripreneurs working in the poultry value chain mention a few; production, input and service delivery, logistic and marketing, processing, and packaging of poultry products who were interviewed while conducting the study. The study was funded by the Southern Africa Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) through the SFOAP project. SACAU and ACT intend to develop a regional platform which will connect youth in the poultry value chain across the SADC countries to exchange experiences and forge business linkages. Registration to the platform can be accessed through <http://survey.actanzania.or.tz>



**Group Photo: Some of the participants who attended a validation workshop**





**ACT Director of Program (Mr. Mark Magila) delivering a closing remark during the Poultry Value Chain Workshop**

## TANZANIA-USA TRADE ON AGRIBUSINESS

On 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021, the Agricultural Council of Tanzania (ACT) in partnership with Sister Cities International (Tanzania Sister Cities), Southern Agricultural Growth Corridors of Tanzania (SAGCOT) Ltd, Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University, and Embassy of Tanzania in the USA organized agribusiness forum to discuss trade opportunities through AGOA. This inaugural Virtual Tanzania – USA Trade Forum on Agribusiness marks the launch of cluster partnerships for strategic food value chains to boost trade between the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America under the AGOA partnership agreement ahead of the 2025 deadline. The December 2021 Trade Forum prepared and equipped the Tanzania and US private sectors with the knowledge and networks to be successful in importing and exporting food produce under AGOA facilitated by the existing bilateral cooperation agreements between the Tanzanian and US governments, as well as regional initiatives between USA and Africa. Over the coming 12 months, the Embassy of Tanzania will convene a series of virtual and physical trade missions in the USA and Tanzania to advance trade ties.

## Mission and Vision

### MISSION

To advocate, coordinate and provide support for a competitive and sustainable agribusiness.

### VISION

A vibrant and prosperous sustainable agricultural sector which is competitive and ensures food and nutrition security; and is private sector driven.

## ACT Strategic Objectives

- ❖ To advocate for improved agri-business environment.
- ❖ To strengthen the technical and managerial competencies of ACT members so that they can improve service delivery to their respective members.
- ❖ To provide and receive relevant information from and to ACT Members and other stakeholders for development of the agricultural sector in Tanzania.
- ❖ To support and strengthen the Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) at national and district level.
- ❖ To coordinate the Public and private sector initiatives towards the development of agribusiness in Tanzania.

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## This is PFS

Partnership for Scale project, coordinates and facilitates different value chain actors and stakeholders under a Public Private Partnership (PPP)> The project intends to complement and upscale achievements made during the previous phase (popularly known as TAP II). TAP II (October 2014-October 2019) thrived to stimulate agricultural growth in Tanzania through commercially oriented interventions and investments. The project is being implemented for 3 years i.e., from October 2020 to September 2023. It is managed by the Agricultural Council of Tanzania.

### PFS Goal

The PFS goal is: Improved Food & Nutrition Security and Poverty Reduction. Income poverty is expected to be reduced by 17 percent and child malnutrition decreased by 5 percent.

### Approaches

The TAP program, since its inception, has focused on working through partnerships that greatly contributed to its success in the preceding phases. PFS will adopt a similar approach where the key mode of operation will be guided by partnership building. The PFS Management, under ACT, will coordinate and assume a more facilitative role with minimal direct field presence to ensure that these partnerships are strengthened and desired outcomes are delivered.

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