COLLABORATION

ACT collaborates with many local and foreign organizations / institutions.

Major local partners:

TPSF, SAGCOT, ANSAF, ESRF, REPOA, RUDI, TCCIA and MVIWATA.

Major international partners:

SACAU, EAFF, EABC, IFAP, AGRA, NORAD, Bill and Belinda Gates Foundation.

MEMBERSHIP

ACT is a member based organization. Members represent a broad spectrum of the agricultural private sector actors. By August 2021, the membership was 200, with individual members exceeding 4.5 million. Membership is in four categories: Full, Associate, Corporate and Honorary.



LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY

ACT is conscious of the dynamics of Tanzanian polices and their impact on the economic development of the agricultural communities. It engages with the Government after conducting in depth research and analyzing issues impacting agricultural development, thence recommends appropriate actions to be taken.

INFORMATION SERVICES

ACT has established good relationship with the Media Community to realize cooperation. It utilizes a wide range of media tools to create awareness about policy issues. The major tools include: ACT Newsletter, fliers, newspapers, television and radio, database, website and agricultural shows.



ACT has set-up ICT tools to facilitate faster flow of information among actors. It is connected to several social media: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Linkedin and Instragram. ACT has a special position in the Government. In 2017 it signed a MOU with the Ministry of Agriculture to make consultations regulary.



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Agricultural Council of Tanzania

INTRODUCTION

Agricultural Council of Tanzania - ACT is the agricultural private sector apex organization in Tanzania. It is a member-based representing a wide spectrum of actors in the agricultural private sector: producers, inputs suppliers, processors, researchers, academicians, and traders.

ACT was established in 1999 as the Tanzania Chamber of Agriculture and Livestock - TCAL and was officially launched in 2000. It adapted the name - ACT in 2005 to reflect its authority, independence, and democratic nature. It is non profit, non political, and non partisan.

Vision:

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

Mission:

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

MAIN DUTIES

- (i) Strengthen evidence-based lobbying and advocacy work on key policy issues impacting the agriculture sector.
- (ii) Strengthen its ability to develop and deliver organizational, technical and management capacity to members.

ACT envisions a strong, productive, profitable and sustainable agriculture sector, which is supported by good policies, laws and directives. It works very closely with partners from public and private institutions to address challenges that impede agricultural growth.



ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

Annual General Meeting:

It is the supreme body. It makes final decisions and appointments.

Board of Directors:

It oversees operations of the Secretariat. The Board is elected by members at the AGM.

Board Sub-Committees:

The Board has 4 Sub-Committees: Executive, Policy and Planning, Fund Raising, and Audit.

Secretariat:

The Secretariat is responsible to the Board. It is composed of the following units: Administration and Finance, Policy and Planning, Membership and Partnership, Communication and Coordination. Executive Director is the overall in-charge, and Secretary to the Board of Directors.

ACT STRATEGIC PLAN

ACT activities are guided by its five-years Strategic Plan that provides the direction, content and framework for its operations. The current Strategic Plan (2019-2024) is inclusive, proactive and focuses on the following strategic goals;

- 1. To advocate for and support improved agri-business environment;
- To strengthen the technical and managerial competencies of ACT members to improve service delivery to their members;
- To provide and receive relevant information from and to ACT Members and other stakeholders for the development of the agricultural sector in Tanzania;
- 4. To support and strengthen the Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) at national and district levels;
- 5. To coordinate the Public and Private sector initiatives towards the development of agribusiness in Tanzania.

CORE VALUE

- i. Member-centered
- ii. Inclusiveness
- iii. Transparency
- iv. Innovativeness
- v. Professionalism
- vi. Integrity
- vii. Non-partisan.

