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## **CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE YOUTH NETWORK (CSAYN), TANZANIA CHAPTER**

### **THE FRUIT TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN LAUNCHING REPORT**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN) is a voluntary global youth movement and network with a goal to improve climate smart agriculture for better and sustainable environment across the world. CSAYN Tanzania is voluntary hosted by Tanzania Agricultural Modernization Association (TAMA), the national registered non-governmental organization whose focus is to increase agricultural productivity, improve food security and ensure climate resilience in the country. The National Executive Committee of CSAYN Tanzania is comprised of five persons: The Country Coordinator (CC) – Mr. Paschal Nchunda; Deputy Country Coordinator (DCC) – Ms Dahlia Majid; ICT Officer – Mr. Placidius Rwechungura and Planning Officer – Ms Eva Daudi.

The launching event was made possible on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 in collaboration with Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS), Kagera Regional Commissioner's Office, Bukoba Municipality and other stakeholders including owners of fruit tree nurseries. The Kagera Regional Commissioner, Hon. Rtd. Maj. Gen. Salum Kijuu officiated the event in the presence of representatives from United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), UN Habitat, government representatives, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), private and public institutions, secondary schools in Bukoba, religious leaders and individuals. About 68 various stakeholders attended the launching which was backed up with fruit tree planting exercise across all roads in Bukoba Municipal Council. About 450 fruit trees were mobilized from various stakeholders and they have been planted along the identified roads.

## **2.0 THE EVENT THEME**

CSAYN Tanzania Chapter was launched in Bukoba to advocate for climate change mitigation and adaptations in an innovative way towards domesticating the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development by translating the SDGs in respective 17 local languages in Tanzania. In addition to this, we seized the opportunity to engage school young youth and most marginalized communities including people with disabilities to partake in the MY World 2030 Global Survey by voting for their top six priority SDGs which are more meaningful to them and their families.

The officials and community members who participated in the launch event took part in planting 450 varieties of fruit trees including mangoes, oranges, tangerine and guava along the high ways, main roads and feeder roads in Bukoba Municipality, Kagera Region. The objective of this campaign is to improve the environment of town and cities in the country, ensure climate

resilience, improve food security and provide a learning platform for other development actors and stakeholders in Kagera region and across the country to plant environmental friendly fruit trees as source of shadow, clean air, food, health and nutrition across the country.

### **3.0 ACHIEVEMENTS**

At the launch, CSAYN Tanzania made a special request to the central government and the local government authorities to re-enforce laws on the sustainable management of the planted fruit trees and ensure community members, public and private institutions are fully engaged in planting fruit trees in cities and towns. In his welcome note, Mr. Paschal Nchunda, the CSAYN Tanzania Country Coordinator, insisted that, “the planted trees along roads must be managed, irrigated and owned for the total gains and benefits of local community members, individuals and/or institutions living in those particular areas. It is expected that, this launch will result into many benefits including the yield of fresh air, produce locally grown food and mitigate impacts of climate change through carbon sequestration. As another advantage, fruit trees grow well in urban and suburban settings. From a social aspect, fruit trees help people become connected to the growing process while also providing a nutritious food source and food security. Planting fruit trees also has many helpful environmental benefits, from cleaner air to reduced energy costs and green jobs for youth and people with disabilities.” He concluded. The, he added, “CSAYN Tanzania is also launching the use of **mobile app (GreenApp)** for introduction to all agricultural producers, policy makers and stakeholders to ensure youth are actively involved in a modern and smart agriculture across the country through technological agricultural transformation”.

In response, the Guest Speaker’s Remarks made the event very successful. In his address, in the presence of all media stations, the Regional Commissioner appreciated Tanzania Agricultural Modernization Association (TAMA) for voluntarily hosting CSAYN Tanzania and for the event to be launched. Our environment is facing big challenges including unreliable rain sessions and drought. We must plant trees especially fruit trees to ensure sustainable management of our environment and to make our town clean, safe and attractive for future investments. He said, the region has only one juice processing company. But fruits are insufficient. We need to promote fruits production to increase business opportunities but at the same time improving our environment, ensuring climate resilient and improving food security for the people of Kagera Region. He insisted. In view of that, the Regional Commissioner, while addressing all participants, he made the following official government directives and said:

- This campaign is part of implementing government orders from the Vice President Hon. Samia Suluhu Hassan whereby each district needs to plant 1 million trees each year. I urge every public, private and individuals in Kagera Region to plant fruit trees for the benefits already highlighted above.
- Each district should establish orchard tree nursery for the next financial year 2018/19.
- Each district council should plant 1,000 fruit trees each year.

- Every government institution including schools, hospitals should plant at least 10 fruit trees per institution.
- The local government authorities to ensure each household in Kagera Region has at least 5 fruit trees.
- Each district council should plan how to identify best institutions or individual persons engaged in planting fruit trees in order for regional rewards each year.
- For any buildings or construction permit, one should ensure that at least 5 fruit trees have been planted at the site.

Hon. Kijuu concluded his strong speech by informing local government authorities that, for every his official visit at district level, he will be interested to get feedback on fruit trees and verify the district strategic plan on fruit tree planting per district. He concluded by a planting tree as a sign to officially launch CSAYN Tanzania.

Following these Guest Speaker's remarks, various stakeholders have taken extra mile efforts to join the campaign as follows:

- Kagera Lake Zone Driving School has shown its interest to plant 700 fruit trees in Bukoba Municipal by March 2018.
- Chama Cha Mapinduzi, Youth Committee in Kagera Region has organized a campaign to plant 10,000 fruit trees in towns of Kagera Region.
- The Islamic Council of Tanzania (BAKWATA) has ordered every BAKWATA council in each district to develop action plan to plant fruit trees each year.

#### **4.0 THE WAY FORWARD**

Given these achievements, CSAYN Tanzania hereby makes the following way forward:

- CSAYN Tanzania and TAMA to work very closely with local government authorities to ensure sustainable management of the planted trees.
- CSAYN Tanzania and TAMA to develop written partnership with Kagera Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS) on sustainable environmental management for climate resilience and food security.
- CSAYN Tanzania and partners to work with RAS Kagera and development a Joint Environmental Committee to coordinate and evaluate the effectiveness of the orders of the Regional Commissioner on the regional campaign to plant fruit trees.
- CSAYN Tanzania, its partners and the Regional Commissioner's Office to build capacity district environmental committees to ensure sustainable environmental protection and management.



## 5.0 THE LAUNCH IN PHOTOS



*The Regional Commissioner, Hon. Rtd. Maj. Gen. Salum Kijuu, launching CSAYN Tanzania. Others are Hon. Pius Ngeze, TAMA Board Chairman (right) and Acting Regional Administrative Secretary (left). Photo by TAMA, January 2018*



*Bukoba Secondary School Student's Environmental Club members demonstrating 17 SDGs translated in various local languages before CSAYN launch on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Photo by TAMA, Jan 2018.*



*Mr. Paschal Nchunda, CSAYN Tanzania Country Coordinator delivering a welcome note before the official launch of CSAYN Tanzania. Photo by TAMA, Jan 2018*



*Hon. Rtd Maj. Gen. Salum Kijuu, the Kagera Regional Commissioner, planting a mango tree during CSAYN Tanzania Launch in Bukoba, Tanzania. Photo by TAMA, Jan 2018*



## **6.0 THANKSGIVING NOTE**

CSAYN Tanzania and TAMA gratefully wishes to thank the Kagera Regional Commissioner's Office, TANROADS and Bukoba Municipal for the tireless efforts and technical support rendered to ensuring the success of CSAYN Launch. With our continued engagement, we are certain that our efforts and activities will go a long way in ensuring that the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 and especially response on SDG No 5 is achieved *without "Leaving No One Behind"*. We have recorded remarkable regional support to ensure that fruit trees are planted across the region and the country at large. These successes need to be replicated and scaled to reach more areas in the region and in three years we shall see in our eyes the outcomes of the launch. While we prove our determination to achieve more, we thank you all of our partners, the regional government machinery, development partners such as UN systems in Tanzania and stakeholders for making this possible and for your participation in one way or another! Once again, your efforts and technical support is greatly appreciated, receive our heartfelt gratitude and we look forward to more collaborations going forward.

## **7.0 CONCLUSION**

Our climate is changing and communities all over the country are affected. In Kagera Region, changing climates have severe negative impacts on natural resources and consequently on food and livelihood security. Weather conditions are unstable and rains are no longer reliable and highly becoming unpredictable. Societies consequently need to learn to cope with the changes predicted, warmer temperatures, drier soils, changes in weather extremes and rising sea levels.

This situation needs attention and effective mitigation measures. Climate change governance requires all stakeholders to change their practices and shift perceptions and accepted norms. Such change processes can only be successful if a practical learning oriented approach to climate change governance is adopted. It requires dedicated, motivated individuals and stakeholders that can promote and facilitate change through practical learning. We, CSAYN Tanzania and TAMA as the host institution, call upon all development partners including the UN agencies such as FAO, UNEP, IFAD and other stakeholders to join hands the Kagera Regional Commissioner to realize his vision and mission of ensuring green environment and particularly planting fruit trees for the best Kagera and the country at large.