Facilitating Efficient, Structured, Inclusive and Profitable Grain Trade in Eastern Africa and Beyond

Service Pillars
Executive Director’s Summary:

Dear Member,

Welcome to the September’s member updates.

This month, EAGC has made notable progress pursuant to its vision of being “the leading voice for the grain industry in Africa” through its four key functions; Structuring grain Trade Systems, provision of market information, trade policy and advocacy work as well as capacity building through the Grain Business Institute with the aim of delivering trade, more trade and better grain trade.

This year, we have hosted the 8th Africa Grain Trade Summit on the 3rd to 5th October 2019, at Sarova Whitesand’s Hotel in Mombasa.

The summit brought together over 250 high level grain value chain stakeholders across the world to discuss and commit to programs, investments and policies to transform grain trade across the continent. I sincerely thank you all for taking part in the summit either as a delegate, speaker, exhibitor or sponsor. Your contribution has positively impacted the outcome of the summit and will be instrumental in transforming grain trade in the continent.

Having been on the forefront in the development of Hermetic Storage Technologies (HSTs) Standards in the East African Community to cushion our members from counterfeits and inferior hermetic storage products, I am happy to inform you that the standards have been officially launched after being gazetted in Kenya for implementation in an effort to address post-harvest losses.

The month of September has realized grain aggregation of over 21,064 MT of grain through the Grain Trade Business Hubs that have linked farmers to markets where cross border trade of over 240MT of maize took place between Tanzania and Rwanda.

The Grain Business Institute has been keen to build the capacity of grain value chain stakeholders to uphold grain quality standards especially in the control of aflatoxin that has become a recurrent challenge facing the industry. The institute equipped grain millers with the skills to detect, test and handle aflatoxin in an effort to enhance food safety.

More updates on EAGC interventions throughout the month of September are shared in detail in this members update.

We wish you a Happy Reading!
Engaging in partnerships towards climate smart grain value chains in Kenya and Uganda

EAGC recently partnered with the Climate Development and Knowledge Network (CDKN) on a one year project towards “Mitigating the effect of climate change on grain quality and post-harvest losses in Uganda and Kenya”.

The project will support packaging and dissemination of climate change mitigation and adaptation information as well as technologies that promote the use of climate information to reduce post-harvest losses, increase grain production and increase market access to achieve food and improved livelihoods. To effectively implement the project, EAGC held a workshop to assess the climate information needs within the grain value chain which was attended by EAGC members and partners who are also users and providers of climate information. The assessment will inform the type of information, form of packaging and how to disseminate climate information and the type of technologies suitable to the grain value chain actors.

EAGC to facilitate grain trade partnerships with the Polish business community

Grain value chain traders are set to benefit from a Business to Business (B2B) forum that will engage the Polish business community which is committed to support Kenyan grain traders, as they largely import wheat from Poland, to increase food availability through grain production and value addition. This support will balance trade between the two countries.

The agreement was reached in the Polish - Kenyan Economic Cooperation Forum held in Nairobi to support Kenya’s Food Security and Food Processing development under the Big 4 Agenda. The forum brought together County Governments, Private Sector and a delegation from Poland’s food security and processing sector.

EAGC calls for the inclusion of the private sector in Africa’s trade in services

The private sector has called for a free movement of business people in Africa and its involvement and inclusion in trade deliberations. The call was made in the African Union’s African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Trade in Services Signaling Conference, held in South Africa.

The conference brought together representatives from AU member States, regional economic communities (RECs) and the private sector, who discussed priorities for service sector commitments under the AfCFTA Agreement.

The priorities were then presented to selected African Ministers of Trade, asking for the inclusion of the private sector representatives in technical working groups and the establishment of specific technical working groups on trade in services among others.
REGионаl Program Updates

Formalizing cross border trade between Kenya and Uganda

Grain processors in Kenya and grain producers in Uganda held grain trade facilitation meetings in an effort to improve trade quality between the two countries, supported by their governments, following earlier Government to Government talks to facilitate grain trade.

EAGC hosted a meeting between EAGC member grain processors in Kenya and grain producers in Uganda at the regional office attended by the Marketing Task Force of the Operations Wealth Creation of Uganda (OWC), a Presidential Initiative supporting quality grain production. Similarly, Uganda Grain Council, Uganda’s Ministry of Agriculture and OWC team hosted EAGC Kenyan grain processor members at Kapeeka, Uganda. The meetings identified challenges facing grain traders between the two countries and their possible solutions.

Both trade facilitation meetings included experiential field visits to grain processing industries such Mama Millers, Capwell Industries, Unga Ltd and Umoja Flour Mills in Kenya and Grain Bulk Handlers, Export Trading

EAGC, CUTS partnership to enhance trade in agro value products in the EAC region

EAGC has partnered with Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) International to continue offering support to regional trade and the development of the East Africa Community private Sector Investment Policy.

The project which will share knowledge and experience on the World Trade Organization (WTO) trade negotiations, will also build the capacity of individuals, networks and institutions to identify and promote appropriate policies for climate-aware, trade-oriented, food security-enhancing agro value addition in the EAC region.

Partner organizations in the East African Community will offer support in building the capacity of East African stakeholders in achieving the project's goals in their respective regions.
Over 250 high level grain value chain actors convened at the 8th African Grain Trade Summit to brainstorm and deliberate on strategic directions that the grain sector should take towards the much needed transformation of grain trade value chains in Africa.

The Summit themed, “Transforming Grain Trade Value Chains for a Prosperous Africa” attracted high level delegates from 40 countries across Africa and the world that engaged in a three day intensive discussions geared towards commitments and policies to achieve transformed grain trade value chains across the continent.

The summit discussions were based on the potential of grain trade in the African continent where stakeholders discussed ways in which the grain industry can leverage and harness the existing opportunities to align the sector accordingly. Among the high level discussions that were featured included the grain industry global trends, notable drivers of transformation in the value chain, safety and quality standards, food security and structured trade, trade challenges and investments opportunities in the region, trade finance and the latest innovations in grain logistics.

Unique to this year’s summit was the business lounge which hosted delegates for pre booked business to business discussions on the sidelines of the 8th African Grade Trade Summit. EAGC will be following up on initial discussions among the parties to see to it that the business discussions at the lounge are actualized.

Several innovations on best practices in Post Harvest Management, agro processing and value addition, increasing yields in grain production were showcased at the summit by 20 companies drawn from different parts of the world.

The summit resolved that the solutions towards sustainable value chains in the grain sector are available among stakeholders in the region. Stakeholders cannot therefore succeed in isolation but in partnerships to increase investment and complement each other’s contribution towards food security and a prosperous Africa.

REGIONAL PROGRAM UPDATES

Grain stakeholders deliberate on an action plan to transform grain trade in Africa

Dr. Andrew Tuimur, Chief Administrative Secretary Ministry of Agriculture officially launches the opening of the 8th African Grain Trade Summit on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Agriculture, Hon. Mweangi Kiunjuri
The Hermetic Storage Technology (HSTs) Standards in Kenya which provide quality requirements for all hermetic bags sold in Kenya are expected to protect farmers from sub standard hermetic bags, currently dumped in the market.

The HSTs were gazetted to be Kenya Standards with effect from 9th August 2019 meaning that any manufacturer, distributor or agro-vet selling hermetic bags that do not meet the standard would be committing an offence.


The Standards were launched by the Chief Administrative Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Dr. Andrew Tuimur during the 8th Africa Grain Trade Summit held at the Sarova White Sands hotel in Mombasa held on the 3rd to 5th October 2019.

EAGC launched the initiative to develop HSTs standards in Kenya which began with a stakeholder inception workshop that produced a broad consensus amongst stakeholders on the need for HSTs standards.

The Kenya Standards, have formed the basis of the East Africa Community Standards whose review is in process with by a technical committee drawn from East Africa’s partner states.

In readiness to embrace the African Free Trade Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA) and its implementation for a single market, these standards are also expected to form the basis for African Standards for HSTs under the African Organization for Standardization (ARSO) and eventually international standards under ISO in the near future.

The implementation phase of the HST standards will entail the capacity building of the grain value chain stakeholders to invest in the right quality of the Hermetic Storage Technologies. The standards enforcement mechanism will involve a certification scheme and a regular market surveillance as well as creation of awareness in the public.
KENYA PROGRAM UPDATES

Equipping farmers to improve grain productivity

Private field extension service providers from Kilifi & Kwale Counties have been equipped with training skills in readiness for farmers’ mobilization and training under the EAGC–Ministry of Agriculture KCEP-CRAL partnership program on Postharvest management, group organization and market linkage for Small Holder Farmers.

The program aims at supporting farmers to capitalize productivity gains to reduce avoidable post-harvest losses through better storage and infrastructural rehabilitation to allow better market access.

The 84 Private field extension service providers will be the Trainer of Trainers (ToTs) expected to mobilize and train over 14,000 registered farmers. They will also support in the collection of marketing data and grain volumes available for trade by respective farmer groups.

EAGC supports digitization of the food balance sheet to enhance food security in Kenya

In efforts to enhance food security in Kenya, the Ministry of Agriculture has identified 15 key stakeholders to support the development of a digital food balance sheet.

An accurate food balance sheet in Kenya will address food security concerns by providing stock of food availability which will promote timely and informed decision making to avert food crisis and price volatility. The tool will also enhance certainty as the private sector has been the most affected whenever key trade decisions on importation need to be made.

In order for the FBS to work effectively at the Ministry of Agriculture level, there will be need to institutionalize the new proposed process, harmonize the methodology of arriving at each data set at Subcommittee level but also ensure commitment by each member of the committee towards accurate data collection using Standard procedures and data contribution to the platform.

EAGC is among the stakeholders identified to support the initiative and will provide data on stocks held by traders, lead the sub committee charged with the compilation of maize prices in Kenya and will support FEWSNET in data collection on Informal Cross Border Trade (ICBT) where FEWSNET will be the key provider of ICBT data.
Grain value chain stakeholders in Kenya, Tanzania and Malawi have benefited from the Agribusiness Investment for Market Stimulation (AIMS) Program, implemented by EAGC in partnership with the USDA Global Communities through agricultural lending, capacity building for agribusiness Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and building of buyer-seller relationships.

107 representatives of financial institutions have been trained on Warehouse Receipt Systems while loans amounting to US$ 560,686 have been issued against aggregated grains as collateral. To facilitate buyer-seller relationships, 41 B2B forums have been conducted where 736,986MT of grain valued at US$ 236,960,802 has been traded. Additionally, trade linkage forums have resulted in 20,911 MT of grain trade in new market linkages valued at US$ 17,262,245. 21 SMEs have been mentored and coached on business plans development, financial management systems and Warehouse construction design. 281 farmer organizations have benefitted from EAGC Technical Advisory Services (ETAS) where 2,099 MT of grain valued at US$ 439,716 has been directly linked to markets.

In a close out meeting of the program, EAGC affirmed its continued support in engaging with the beneficiaries for more growth especially through Grain trade business hubs to enhance access to farmer based services.

Promoting Beans value chain in Makueni County

A beans value chain forum held in Makueni county identified lack of certified seeds, informal bean markets, erratic rains, pest and diseases as well as soil infertility as the main challenges facing bean cultivation in the county.

New opportunities were also identified in the value chain among them aggregation and transportation, seed multiplication and distribution as well as manufacture of a variety of beans such as pre-cooked beans, beans flour, noodles and beans biscuits (kiroma).

Farmers are encouraged to use the preferred bean varieties; CAT B1 and Nyota which will be stocked in county agro shops and urged to keep records as well as consolidate aggregate input demands from their groups with the help of their leaders.

EAGC and CGA will promote aggregation and commercialization of the grain commodity in the county.
Warehouse Receipt System implementation gains traction at county level

Farmers in Tharaka Nithi County (TNC) are set to benefit from structured grain trade through a model that shall integrate both the EAGC Grain Trade Business Hub and the Warehouse Receipt System / Inventory Financing Concept, targeting green grams, maize and beans value chains.

TNC is one of the leading producers of green grams in the country, which is considered as a cash crop in the county.

In a partnership meeting held between EAGC and TNC Government both parties agreed to ink a partnership on Warehouse inspection and Certification for awareness and the digital registration of farmers.

The TNC government has welcomed the actualization of the WRS concept to help boost the county’s economy through increased access to funds which will raise the county’s revenue streams.

The Concept will be operationalized by February 2020.

Mitigating the effects of mycotoxins through capacity building

Grain safety and implementation of aflatoxin control measures is expected to improve following continued interventions by EAGC to mitigate the effects of mycotoxins.

The EAGC capacity building arm - Grain Business Institute trained warehouse operators on Aflatoxin detection, testing and control skills.

The participants were exposed to grain quality standards checks on the presence of aflatoxin, preparing aflatoxin samples, testing and detecting aflatoxins and the use of different acceptable and reliable methods to test aflatoxin in a laboratory set up.

The training attracted participants from Unga Limited, Karibu Millers, Afro Grains and National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB).

About two per cent of the maize produced in Kenya is infected with aflatoxin posing a health risk to consumers. Besides maize, aflatoxin also affects wheat, barley, peanuts, and sorghum. The training took place at a time when recent reports indicated that peanut butter had excess aflatoxin, 24 parts per billion instead of the recommended 10. The training is expected to help detect such instances for food safety.
Leveraging in ICT to strengthen private sector market position

Following increased levels of digitization in the economy, various industry stakeholders anticipate the rise in the demand for embedded and mobile systems. In such anticipation, GIZ in partnership with Centre for Excellence for ICT in East Africa (CENIT@EA), EAC, EABC and PSFU hosted a workshop to access the ICT needs for the private sector.

The workshop shared methods of increasing collaboration between the ICT institution and the market and served as a networking platform for CENIT@EA to establish ways of serving the needs and interests of the private sector. The participants were also equipped with ICT skills and the know-how to easily access ICT to effectively benefit from new technologies and strengthen their positions in the market.

Strengthening EAGC membership through trade facilitation

The country team in Uganda has welcomed on board a new member, Healthwise U Ltd. The team commended the progress made by the member and further sampled their maize grain for pre-qualification analysis for regional grain trade. Grain samples were also collected from Kiganda High Investments, an EAGC member for the pre-qualification exercise.

The exercise will determine the suitability of the quality of the maize from the two members to trade within the East Africa Community and beyond. EAGC affirmed their support to the members particularly in trade facilitation to ensure that the members meet the requisite trade standards and ensure an efficient trading process.

Engaging stakeholders in farm preparation for more and better yields

Farmers in Kapeeka District have been sensitized on the existing regional grain market opportunities in the East Africa region particularly in Kenya. The sensitization took place through a meeting organized by Namunkekera Agro Processing Industries Limited (NAPIL) to enlighten farmers on farm preparation ahead of the coming planting season.

More and better yields are expected from the farmers who were also sensitized on farm products needed for the factory at the industrial park, in addition to other services provided by NAPIL.

NAPIL, an EAGC member and a member of the Grain Council of Uganda is a farm service center that processes and supplies maize flour and assorted grains to local and regional markets of East Africa.
EAGC member honored for spurring development in Tanzania

Super Seki Investment, an EAGC Member in Iringa Municipal specializing in food and drinks processing, has been recognized for numerous contributions made to the agricultural sector through creation of employment in the Municipal Council and the Region at large. The National Torch, accompanied by the EAGC Iringa team, paid a visit to Super Seki Investment as an honor, during the *Mwenge wa Taifa* ceremony, translated as the National Torch, which is a Tanzanian national symbol of love, peace, solidarity and development. The Torch pays special visits to celebrate and honor those that make key contributions in Tanzania.

Building on grain qualities in Tanzania for better trade

Representatives from Milling companies in Tanzania participated in the Grain Business Institute - the EAGC capacity building arm, training on grain quality and standards.

The three day training has equipped the grain value chain stakeholders with knowledge & skills on grain quality standards for selected grains, laboratory testing of samples and determination of grades as well as grain quality control. Additionally, the participants can now set grain safety standards for human consumption amid the increasing cases of mycotoxins. Held in partnership with the Tanzania Bureau of Standards, the training also addressed grain classification in respect to grades which help determine the value and the price of the grain.

Promoting grain aggregation to improve access to markets

20,864.8MT of maize has been sold in and beyond the country at a price range of Tsh450 to 600Tsh per Kg through grain aggregation and market linkage to Farmer Based Organizations (FBOs). Africa Improved Foods of Rwanda procured 240MT of maize from the FBOs that were linked to markets in Songea. Further, EAGC has linked FBOs with service providers in Mbeya and Songwe regions.

12 FBOs with at least 100 members have been visited for farmer registration with the help of FBO leaders. The monitoring of aggregated volumes and market linkage to farmers is ongoing in Iringa, Njombe and Ruvuma regions while data collection on volumes aggregated and traded by 400 farmers in the AGRA-TIJA project is ongoing. EAGC supports farmers to aggregate their produce for efficient marketing.
Farmer Based Organizations in Malawi have been empowered through training to aggregate and supply quality grains for local and export markets in an effort to support structured trading of soybeans and groundnuts in Malawi under the Green Innovation Centre for Agriculture and Food Sector (GIAE) project.

The FBOs capacity was built through a training conducted by EAGC’s Grain Business Institute (GBI), in partnership with GIZ Malawi and Agro-Inputs Supplies Ltd (AISL) in a two day Training of Trainers Workshop.

The key focal areas of the training were structured trading systems, Post-Harvest Management, warehouse management and operations, grain storage as well as quality management among others.

AISL will buy soybeans and groundnuts from 35 Farmer Based Organizations which will be stored in their centralized certified warehouse and later transacted through EAGC’s online trading platform G-Soko.

The Training of Trainers took place at the AISL office in Lilongwe, with the support of AISL field officers.

The country report, which is a program progress report was tabled for review of the third quarter to improve service delivery in the country programs.

The objective of the Country Program Committee is to assist the EAGC Board in discharging its responsibilities with respect to Country Programs and Services.

The new CPC members elected were as follows; Traders- Rwanda Grains & Cereals Cooperation represented by Alphonsine Mutako, Farmers- KOTUKA Cooperative represented by Faustin Niyibizj, Processors- SOSOMA Industries represented by Diane Ndagijimana and Service Providers- AGRIFOP represented by Safari Jean Bosco.
Investing in Sanitary and Phyto Sanitary (SPS) standards to enhance market access

Rwanda is among the developing countries that face many demands to improve Sanitary and Phyto Sanitary (SPS) standards’ capacity to boost agri-food exports and support other public policy objectives.

In an effort to improve these standards, EAGC made contributions in a high level stakeholder dialogue meeting themed ‘Mainstreaming SPS priorities into national policy and investment frameworks to enhance capacity building’.

The meeting deliberated on the use of the Prioritizing SPS Investment for Market Access (P-IMA) framework, which helps inform and improve SPS planning and decision-making processes, in an effort to enhance the country’s access to markets. The framework offers an evidence-based approach to inform and improve SPS planning and decision-making processes. It helps to link SPS investments to public policy goals such as export growth, agricultural productivity and improves the economic efficiency of investment decisions. SPS standards are measures that sets out the basic rules for food safety and animal and plant health standards.

EAGC appointed as agricultural extension service provider

The government of Rwanda has expressed interest in working closely with EAGC as it appointed the Council as one of the key extension service providers in Rwanda.

The appointment took place in a meeting between Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI) and extension service providers in Rwanda that deliberated on the role of extension service providers in implementing and achieving the Fourth Transformation of Agriculture Sector Program (PSTA4).

The PSTA 4 is the Strategic Plan for the Agricultural Sector in Rwanda, covering the period 2018-2024 goals whose objective is to promote the commercialization of agriculture value chains in Rwanda.

At the national level, PSTA4 is involved in putting into practice the updated National Agriculture Policy with a vision of having a productive, green and market-led agriculture sector.
**Straining membership through member visits**

The South Sudan Office has welcomed a new member, Doshi Motors.

Located in Hai Malakal in South Sudan, Doshi Motors Limited (SS) is one of the leading enterprises that deal with automotive and Smart Farming Machinery.

The EAGC country team has continuously engaged with the company’s management in an effort to understand the company’s needs so as to offer tailor made solutions.

**Food insecurity on the rise in South Sudan**

Food prices and the USD exchange rates continue to rise sharply in the country.

The USD was sold at 162.2401 SSP and bought at 157.4448 SSP with an indicative rate of 159.8425 SSP at the beginning of the week while at the end of the week, the dollar sold at 162.2603 SSP and bought at 157.4645 with an indicative of 159.8624.

According to the World Food Program, acute food insecurity is driven by localized conflicts, climatic shocks, pests and diseases, lack of economic opportunities, eroded livelihoods and low coping capacity.

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report published in September 2019 indicates that more than 4.5 million people (39 percent of the population) need food assistance. The populations are dependent on emergency food and nutrition interventions, expanded access to safe drinking water and livelihoods interventions including agricultural training for farming households.

**South Sudan drums up support for the 8th African Grain Trade Summit**

The civil war in South Sudan (SS) has caused reduced crop production and dependence on imports, which is undermining people’s ability to secure sufficient and nutritious food.

World Food Programme (WFP) in SS works to ensure that the vulnerable people can meet their food and nutrition needs including food distributions and provision of meals.

Through the use of the provision of food assistance as a tool, WFP is working towards initiating peace building, development and community empowerment, to foster increased resilience and self reliance.

In this effort, WFP in SS sponsored three delegates from the Ministry of Agriculture in the country to the 8th AGTS to boost the transformation of grain trade for a food secure SS and Africa at large.

The delegates were drawn from the ministry’s Food Reserve and the Plant Breeder Directorate of Research.
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GRAIN TRADE MISSION to ETHIOPIA
22nd - 25th October 2019

The trade mission will include a business-to-business meeting in Addis Ababa, a field visit to a grain handling/processing facility and a visit to a commercial farm in Bahir Dar.

ITINERARY FOR THE GRAIN TRADE MISSION

Day 1  22nd October 2019
- Kenyan Delegation Travel to Addis Ababa
- Courtesy call to the Kenya High Commission in Ethiopia
- Cultural Dinner for Kenyan Delegation at Yod Abyssinia Traditional Restaurant

Day 2  23rd October 2019
- Half-day Business to Business (B2B) session at Best Western Plus Hotel
- Visit to Alpha Trading, a grain processing and handling facility

Day 3  24th October 2019
- Visit to Agri-CEFT farm in Bahir Dar

Day 4  25th October 2019
- Kenyan Delegation travels back to Nairobi

YOUR INVESTMENT:
USD 1000 FOR EAGC MEMBERS AND
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This will cater for air fare, airport transfers, conference facilities, accommodation (Bed & Breakfast Board) for 3 nights and local travel in Addis & Bahir Dar

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EAGC’s key products and services include promotion of structured trading system (STS) through the warehouse receipting systems (WRS), and Regional Grain Trading platform (G-Soko), Market Information Systems (MIS) offered through the Regional Agricultural Trade Intelligence Network (RATIN- (www.ratin.net), evidence-based Policy Advocacy and Training and Capacity Building through the Grain Business Institute (GBI).

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