



CEO Roundtable of Tanzania

Ethical Leadership for Growth and Prosperity

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CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE FINANCING WORKSHOP

Dar es Salaam. 16th October 2018: The CEO Roundtable of Tanzania (CEOrt) in collaboration with International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and SAGCOT Centre Limited (SCL) will host a workshop on Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Financing at Ramada Beach Resort, Dar es Salaam.

Countries in East Africa are vulnerable to climate change and are currently experiencing the negative impacts of climate change. In Tanzania, the drought episodes of 2003, 2005 and 2009 resulted in the drying out of key water bodies with severe consequences for watersheds, wetlands and underground water and for agricultural activities in general.

Climate change in Tanzania threatens agricultural production, consequently endangering food security, ecological stability, and sustainable development. Therefore, the purpose of this workshop is to raise awareness, share experiences and identify financing opportunities for scaling up CSA approaches in Tanzania and to identify opportunities for Private Sector investment in sustainable Agriculture.

CEOrt and IUCN believe that finance is a necessary and strategic tool, which plays a pivotal role in the development of a resilient economy in Tanzania.

Therefore, as part of this initiative, IUCN, SAGCOT and the CEOrt are working with key actors of Tanzania's financial sector on responsible finance principles with a vision of mainstreaming biodiversity conservation and sustainability within financial services in Tanzania. In the long-term, this initiative is expected to facilitate the emergence of a financial sector, which is responsive to biodiversity conservation.

In line with the above and to ensure a collaborative way forward in addressing the existing challenges, the workshop on Climate Smart Agriculture Financing will bring together key stakeholders from Government, Private Sector and Development Partners.

About the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania

The CEOrt is a policy dialogue forum bringing together CEOs of leading companies in Tanzania. Established in 2000, the CEOrt fosters close cooperation between the public and private sectors in Tanzania with the view of accelerating expansion and growth of the Tanzanian economy in a sustainable manner.

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