

Sustainable Finance Principles for Tanzania (DRAFT)

Background

The draft Sustainable Finance Principles for Tanzania have been developed by SUSTAIN-Africa and CEOrt with technical research and input from VBDO, the Dutch Association of Investors for Sustainable Development. These principles result from preliminary engagement of financial sector actors from Tanzania during 2018 and are intended as a starting point for a process to develop, adopt and implement Sustainable Finance Principles in Tanzania. The principles have been inspired by a number of national, regional and global initiatives striving to guide financial sector contributions to sustainable development especially the Nigerian, South African and Kenyan Banking principles as well as the UNEP FI principles for responsible banking.

Overview of Principles

Principle 1

Environmental, Social and Governance

Environmental and social considerations are integral to decision-making in the entity and reflected in its policies and practices.

Principle 2

Financial Inclusion

The entity strives for financial inclusion through increased access to finance for individuals and communities that traditionally have limited or no access to the formal financial sector.

Principle 3

Risk Management

The entity's risk management procedures prevent investment in environmentally and socially harmful practices.

Principle 4

Land and Water Stewardship

The entity incentivises corporate land and water stewardship in land- and water-intensive sectors.



Principle 5

Business Innovation and Microfinance

The entity supports business innovation through preferential investment in businesses and sectors which offer bankable solutions to environmental and social challenges, including through impact investment and microfinance.

Principle 6

Business Ethics and Value

The entity conducts its business with a high level of integrity and compliance adhering to responsible business practices.

Principle 7

Transparency

The entity is transparent in alignment with internationally recognized reporting standards.