

Centre Commercial Agriculture & Market Access

"Value over Volume: Cold-Chain for Market Access"

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Who is International Trade Centre (ITC)

The International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (ITC) is the joint technical cooperation agency of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization (WTO) for business aspects of trade development.

Target: Export Impact for Good



How ITC Provides Technical Assistance

ITC contributes by assisting

- *Trade Support Institutions* to support
- Small and Medium-sized Enterprise by
- i. building their international competitiveness
- ii. supporting their access to new markets



ITC Approach

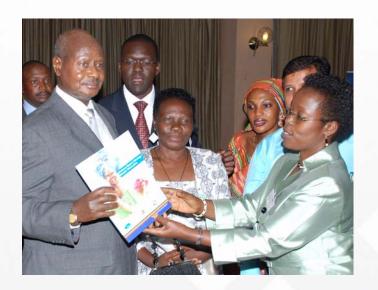
- 1. Building capacity to design and implement regional and national strategies for facilitating business partnerships in Cold Chain management within and with international counterparts in the agro-industry areas
- 2. Enhance the capacity of agro-producers (SMEs) to deal with commercial operations in the cold-chain and supply chain systems



Policy Support and TSI Leadership



Consultative solutions in VC, WTO, Geneva, 2008



Full endorsement of strategies by national/sectoral leadership Kampala, October 2009



Africa is ITC priority

Regional trade integration

- Reduce regional costs of doing business
- Private sector business partnership development
- Strengthening intra-regional private sector institutions

Sector: Agribusiness Cold Chain Development

- Develop knowledge on sector value chain management
- Building expertise and sharing knowledge across sectors
- Training SMEs on product/market competitiveness
- Improve FFVs exports through better Cold Chain Management

Emphasized Targets: Women and Youth.

Linking vulnerable communities to global market chains



Perishable home processed products: for Hotels & Supermarkets





Bumper Harvest: Good basis for Poverty Reduction in Africa



Focused on Value Addition, Quality & Volume: Mushrooms





Lets head for the Market





End-product: Dried packed vegetables from an SME in Zambia





Where is Value in Food? Dried African Food Customs Story

 A traveller had dried food impounded by customs officer believing it was some contraband-drugs. This traveller argued that this was his own food and not drugs. After the DEA completed their own tests on this dried food this is what they reported:

Weight: 10kgs

Drug content: zero

Medicinal Value: zero

Nutrutional Value: zero

Customs Valuation: €15



What is the ITC Future Agenda

- Focus on projects that involve global Retail Organizations seeking business linkages with Africa Producers
- Deliver mentorship programmes that will link current SMEs to an international business mentorship initiative with target markets, which will include technological and business investment in the targeted African entities
- Consolidate Agro-industry strategy development assistance towards making Cold-Chains an integration part of the supply/value chain in Africa
- Strengthen role of TSI and IPAs to anchor and partner with ITC in future delivery of capacity building support to the agriculture sector.



Thank You!!

Merci Beaucoup!!!

