

Action to unlock commercial fibre potential

Multi-stakeholder consultation in conjunction with the joint meeting of the intergovernmental group on hard fibres and the Intergovernmental group on jute, kenaf and allied fibres

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SISAL RESOURCE FOR DEVELOPMENT – DISCOVER SISAL

“After more than a decade of intensive sisal products and markets research and development, it is quite clear that the Sisal Resource can contribute much more to the development of its producers and consumers. The sisal plant is very drought resistant and can grow well in very poor soils, helping in soil conservation and rejuvenation. The fibre, which is only 2% of the plant, has a significant array of utilisations because of its technological, renewability and environmentally friendly qualities. The 98% residual biomass, hitherto thrown away as “waste”, has considerable commercial utility in producing renewable energy, fertilisers and pharmaceuticals. The issue at hand now, is how to accelerate investment in production and processing for the benefit of all involved in the sisal value chain.”