

## FOOD GOVERNANCE PROJECT 2015

Policy priority	Clear justification for the policy priority	What is expected to be achieved in 2015, by addressing this policy priority (e.g. change in policy/law/regulation, increase in agriculture budget, etc)	Actions to address the policy priority	Proposed dates (from Feb 2015 – Oct 2015)
<p><b>Comprehensive Agriculture Policy</b></p>	<p>There is need to have a comprehensive agriculture policy that will guide the process of harmonization of the National and County policies and regulations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be a common agriculture policy for Kenya with counties only customizing the regulations through by laws to meet the specific unique requirements of the counties</li> <li>• The customization will be based on the priority value chains chosen for that particular County</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Engaging with membership through continuous consultations to sharpen the issues</li> <li>❖ Present positions to the Senate Agriculture Committee convening's when invited</li> <li>❖ Participate in KEPSA meetings (agriculture sector board meetings, and the agriculture technical committee meetings)</li> <li>❖ Participate or present positions to the Ministerial Stakeholder Forums with the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries</li> <li>❖ Contribute during Public/stakeholder participation convening's</li> <li>❖ Validation Workshops for positions proposed at National and County Level</li> <li>❖ Participate or present positions to the Council of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Quarterly consultations with membership</li> <li>➤ Scheduled Senate meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</li> <li>➤ Monthly KEPSA meetings</li> <li>➤ Scheduled Ministerial Stakeholder's Forums meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</li> <li>➤ Public participation where these policies are being presented</li> <li>➤ County validation on a quarterly basis and national validation during the next NEC meeting</li> <li>➤ Invitation to attend the Council of Governors (based on the 2015 schedule)</li> </ul>

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<b>County levies/Taxes</b>	<p>There are contradicting levies from different counties that affect inter-county trade. Most counties have put in place own determined levies which are making the cost of production to be high which translate in high cost for consumer products</p>	<p>Discussions have been started aimed at creating a harmonized system that will help farmers and stakeholder plan in advance what kind of agribusiness to engage in</p> <p>The harmonized levy system will also promote inter-county trade as farmers and other stakeholders can trade with ease</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Engaging with membership through consultations to sharpen the issues</li> <li>➤ Participate in Ministerial stakeholder forums where these discussions are being held</li> <li>➤ Participate and follow discussions of the Council of Governors agriculture committee concerning the same</li> <li>➤ Participate or present positions to the County parliament proceedings concerning county levies through KENAFF county coordinators</li> <li>➤ Write Media briefings or positions regarding the same</li> <li>➤ Present positions to the Senate agriculture committee meetings</li> <li>➤ Present positions to the Deputy Presidential and Presidential round table meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Quarterly consultations with membership</li> <li>➤ Scheduled Ministerial Stakeholder's Forums meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</li> <li>➤ Invitation to attend the Council of Governors (based on the 2015 schedule)</li> <li>➤ County Agriculture parliamentary meetings organized on a quarterly basis</li> <li>➤ Three media positions shared in the newspapers in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter</li> <li>➤ Deputy President and Presidential round tables are held twice in a year, based on availability of the Two leaders</li> </ul>
<b>Taxation on raw materials for</b>	<p>There is a countrywide cry over the high cost of animal</p>	<p>Reduced importation tax that will enable the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaging with membership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly consultations with</li> </ul>

<p><b>agricultural inputs such as animal feeds formulations</b></p>	<p>feeds and other agricultural inputs such as agrochemicals</p> <p>Manufacturers are finding it inhibiting to procure raw materials for manufacturing agricultural inputs because the importation tax duty is very high</p>	<p>manufacturers lower the cost of the animal feeds and other agricultural inputs being sold to farmers</p>	<p>through consultations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in KEPSA agricultural sector board meeting and the special agriculture technical committee meeting at KEPSA</li> <li>• Participate in the Agriculture Industry Network monthly meetings</li> <li>• Present positions to the Senate agriculture committee meetings</li> <li>• Participate and or Present positions to the Parliament agriculture committee meetings</li> <li>• Participate or present positions to the Ministerial Stakeholder Forums</li> <li>• Media coverage</li> </ul>	<p>membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled Senate meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</li> <li>• Monthly KEPSA meetings</li> <li>• Scheduled Ministerial Stakeholder’s Forums meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</li> <li>• Public participation where these policies are being presented</li> <li>• County validation on a quarterly basis and national validation during the next NEC meeting</li> <li>• Invitation to attend the Council of Governors (based on the 2015 schedule)</li> <li>• Monthly AIN Meetings</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sorghum Lobby issue (50% excise duty on beer made from sorghum)</b></p>	<p>Due to recent government directive to impose a 50% excise duty over and above the 16% VAT on the beer made from sorghum, East</p>	<p>Removal of the excise duty completely or reduced excise duty to allow for consumers of the beer to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Engage the Kenya Sorghum and Millet Growers Association in packaging the issues</li> <li>✚ Participate in KEPSA agricultural sector board meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Quarterly consultations with membership</li> <li>✚ Scheduled Senate meetings normally on quarterly basis</li> </ul>

	<p>African Breweries Limited stopped purchasing the sorghum from farmers most of whom they had contracted to supply the sorghum. This is because the beer stock has not been sold by EABL. This has affected the farmers who had huge stocks and who had aggregated for purposes of producing as a group</p>	<p>continue buying</p> <p>This will give reprieve to the EABL to continue purchasing the sorghum from the contacted farmers</p> <p>Once the market is vibrant again , then more farmers particularly in the ASAL areas will produce for EABL</p>	<p>and the special agriculture technical committee meeting at KEPSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Participate in the Agriculture Industry Network monthly meetings</li> <li>✚ Present positions to the Senate agriculture committee meetings</li> <li>✚ Participate and or Present positions to the Parliament agriculture committee meetings</li> <li>✚ Participate or present positions to the Ministerial Stakeholder Forums</li> <li>✚ Participate or present position to the Council of Governors convening's</li> <li>✚ Media coverage</li> </ul>	<p>(1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Monthly KEPSA meetings</li> <li>✚ Scheduled Ministerial Stakeholder's Forums meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</li> <li>✚ Public participation where these policies are being presented</li> <li>✚ County validation on a quarterly basis and national validation during the next NEC meeting</li> <li>✚ Invitation to attend the Council of Governors (based on the 2015 schedule)</li> <li>✚ Monthly AIN Meetings</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tobacco Lobby Issues</b></p>	<p>Tobacco advertisement, promotion and sponsorship have received a worldwide ban being advanced by the WHO, on the international market and also regional and local markets. Farmers are wondering which step to take next. This is an</p>	<p>Smooth transition as farmers are weaned out of tobacco to diversify their agricultural enterprises</p> <p>Search for alternative markets as some farmers still believe the regional markets can still offer them</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Participate in KEPSA agricultural sector board meeting and the special agriculture technical committee meeting at KEPSA</li> <li>○ Participate in the Agriculture Industry Network monthly meetings</li> <li>○ Present positions to the Senate agriculture committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Quarterly consultations with membership</li> <li>○ Scheduled Senate meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</li> <li>○ Monthly KEPSA meetings</li> <li>○ Scheduled Ministerial</li> </ul>

	initiative by the WHO to reduce the consumption of tobacco products which are harmful to the health of humans	opportunities to market their Tobacco	meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Participate and or Present positions to the Parliament agriculture committee meetings</li> <li>○ Participate or present positions to the Ministerial Stakeholder Forums</li> <li>○ Participate or present position to the Council of Governors convening's</li> </ul>	Stakeholder's Forums meetings normally on quarterly basis (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Public participation where these policies are being presented</li> <li>○ County validation on a quarterly basis and national validation during the next NEC meeting</li> <li>○ Invitation to attend the Council of Governors (based on the 2015 schedule)</li> <li>○ Monthly AIN Meetings</li> </ul>
<b>Tea Lobby Issues</b>	There are a myriad of challenges facing the tea industry some of which have been brought forth to the federation for onward passing to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and the Tea Directorate for redress <p>1. Need for better tea clones</p> <p>2. Digitization of EATA</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Better tea clones</li> <li>2. Automated systems at EATA</li> <li>3. Registration of more traders/buyers at the auction in Mombasa</li> <li>4. Fertilizer subsidy extended t tea as a crop</li> <li>5. Good governance and leadership of the KTDA and</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Participate in KEPSA agricultural sector board meeting and the special agriculture technical committee meeting at KEPSA</li> <li>✓ Participate in the Agriculture Industry Network monthly meetings</li> <li>✓ Present positions to the Senate agriculture committee meetings</li> <li>✓ Participate and or Present positions to the Parliament</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Quarterly consultations with membership</li> <li>✓ Scheduled Senate meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</li> <li>✓ Monthly KEPSA meetings</li> <li>✓ Scheduled Ministerial Stakeholder's Forums meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</li> </ul>

	<p>processes/automation</p> <p>3. Opening up registration of more traders at the auction</p> <p>4. Extending fertilizer subsidy to other crops tea included</p> <p>5. Management of the KTDA and factories</p> <p>6. Stabilization of tea prices</p>	<p>the tea factories</p> <p>6. Stabilized tea prices</p>	<p>agriculture committee meetings</p> <p>✓ Participate or present positions to the Ministerial Stakeholder Forums</p> <p>✓ Participate or present position to the Council of Governors convening's</p> <p>✓ Participate in the public/stakeholder forums where the new Tea Policy is being discussed</p>	<p>✓ Public participation where these policies are being presented</p> <p>✓ County validation on a quarterly basis and national validation during the next NEC meeting</p> <p>✓ Invitation to attend the Council of Governors (based on the 2015 schedule)</p> <p>✓ Monthly AIN Meetings</p>
<b>Sugar Industry Issues</b>	<p>The expiry of the COMESA safeguards on the Sugar Industry, December, 2014</p>	<p>Alternative arrangements to counter this and safeguard the Kenyan Industry as there is limited likelihood of extension of the COMESA safeguards</p>	<p>♣ Participate in KEPSA agricultural sector board meeting and the special agriculture technical committee meeting at KEPSA</p> <p>♣ Participate in the Agriculture Industry Network monthly meetings</p> <p>♣ Present positions to the Senate agriculture committee meetings</p> <p>♣ Participate and or Present positions to the Parliament agriculture committee meetings</p> <p>♣ Participate or present positions to the Ministerial Stakeholder Forums</p>	<p>♣ Quarterly consultations with membership</p> <p>♣ Scheduled Senate meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</p> <p>♣ Monthly KEPSA meetings</p> <p>♣ Scheduled Ministerial Stakeholder's Forums meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</p> <p>♣ Public participation where these policies are being presented</p> <p>♣ County validation on a quarterly basis and national</p>

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<b>Livestock Sector</b>	<p>The need to expedite on the establishment of disease free zones, promoting livestock sector as a key sector in economic development, cost of production is high especially with regard to vaccines, feeds and also breeds are of low quality.</p> <p>There is need to establish a livestock common facility to handle livestock processing and branding</p>	<p>Establishment of a livestock common facility at Lamu port (one birth dedicated to livestock handling)</p> <p>Promotion of high quality livestock breeds including harvesting of high quality semen (Kenya Animal Genetic Resource Centre)</p> <p>Reduction in AI services costs</p> <p>Through negotiation with the treasury reduce the taxation on the animal feeds imports</p> <p>Establishment of disease free zones</p> <p>Revamping of the Kenya Meat Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Participate in KEPSA agricultural sector board meeting and the special agriculture technical committee meeting at KEPSA</li> <li>◆ Participate in the Agriculture Industry Network monthly meetings</li> <li>◆ Present positions to the Senate agriculture committee meetings</li> <li>◆ Participate and or Present positions to the Parliament agriculture committee meetings</li> <li>◆ Participate or present positions to the Ministerial Stakeholder Forums</li> <li>◆ Participate or present position to the Council of Governors convening's</li> <li>◆ Media coverage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Quarterly consultations with membership</li> <li>◆ Scheduled Senate meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</li> <li>◆ Monthly KEPSA meetings</li> <li>◆ Scheduled Ministerial Stakeholder's Forums meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</li> <li>◆ Public participation where these policies are being presented</li> <li>◆ County validation on a quarterly basis and national validation during the next NEC meeting</li> <li>◆ Invitation to attend the Council of Governors</li> </ul>

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<b>Potato Sector Issues</b>	<p>Pursue progress on the Potato Produce and g Bill</p> <p>There has been an outcry from potato growing counties to expedite on the policy to have standardized package for potatoes in 50Kgs bag. This was passed and gazette in November, 2014 and is now law</p> <p>Speed up the process of registering our own seed planting material (Shange)</p> <p>Control the importation of too much potato seed from the Netherlands</p>	<p>Developed potato policy to guide the potato sector which was sent to Senate for further advice</p> <p>Public awareness, sensitization and facilitate implementation of the 50 Kgs packaging law</p> <p>County governments in potato growing counties champion the use of the 50Kg packaging of potatoes</p> <p>KEPHIS empowered and facilitated to procedurally register Kenya's own seed</p> <p>Government to regulate importation of seed potato from outside Kenya</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♣ Conduct awareness, sensitization campaigns about the 50Kgs packaging in potato growing counties with the help of the county leadership</li> <li>♣ Lobby for the implementation of the law through enforcement at the county level</li> <li>♣ Participate in KEPSA agricultural sector board meeting and the special agriculture technical committee meeting at KEPSA where potato issues are being discussed</li> <li>♣ Participate in the Agriculture Industry Network monthly meetings</li> <li>♣ Present positions to the Senate agriculture committee meetings</li> <li>♣ Participate and or Present positions to the Parliament agriculture committee meetings</li> <li>♣ Participate or present positions to the Ministerial Stakeholder</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♣ Quarterly consultations with membership</li> <li>♣ Scheduled Senate meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</li> <li>♣ Monthly KEPSA meetings</li> <li>♣ Scheduled Ministerial Stakeholder's Forums meetings normally on quarterly basis (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meetings)</li> <li>♣ Public participation where these policies are being presented</li> <li>♣ County validation on a quarterly basis and national validation during the next NEC meeting</li> <li>♣ Invitation to attend the Council of Governors (based on the 2015 schedule)</li> <li>♣ Monthly AIN Meetings</li> </ul>



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<p><b>County Budgets Tracking (Participation of Farmers in Agricultural Budget Allocation Tracking at County Level)</b></p>	<p>Farmers have been given rights by the constitution to participate in all the Development plans of the county agricultural sector being one of them</p> <p>This tracking will help in enabling farmers apply for some of the declared funds for purposes of developing their agricultural and agribusiness activities (Uwezo fund, Youth fund, special programmes fund, Women fund, CDF e.t.c )</p>	<p>Farmers fully participate in county development plans</p> <p>Farmers participate in holding county officials accountable for the agricultural sector budgetary allocations</p> <p>Farmers pursue the declared funds for development/ improvement of their livelihoods</p> <p>Farmers lobby for more funds to the agricultural sector at the national and county level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Lobby for representation in all county development committees and especially the committee on agriculture</li> <li>❖ Prepare with the help of the county coordinators proposals for funding through the declared funds at the county level</li> <li>❖ Participate or present position to the Council of Governors convening's</li> <li>❖ Participate in Senate and Parliamentary meetings on agriculture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♣ Scheduled County committee meetings</li> <li>♣ Public participation in development initiatives(Farmers participation in these discussions)</li> <li>♣ Scheduled senate meetings</li> <li>♣ Scheduled parliamentary convening's on agriculture</li> </ul>