



SUSTAIN bridging water security and sustainable development

Building sustainable and inclusive growth to improve water and food security and climate resilience



Africa is the next frontier for transformation through rapid economic growth. Governments and businesses, with increasing participation from civil society, are working together to shape investments in geographically-defined development initiatives called 'growth corridors'.

New investment targets infrastructure and activities in the agricultural, mining, and energy sector – natural resource-based industries that provide the anchor for new trade opportunities, job creation and, ultimately, poverty reduction.

To fulfil a shared vision of a sustainable and socially inclusive green economy, SUSTAIN-Africa will demonstrate how climate-resilient solutions for land, water and ecosystem management can be coupled with economic growth initiatives to build and sustain water and food security.

These solutions will both foster and rely on close partnerships among the public and private sectors and rural communities.

SUSTAIN works in African growth corridors on:

Sustainable Solutions – for equitable supply of clean water to people and nature, and for farm, forest and wetland production systems that underpin food security in well-managed landscapes.

Social Inclusion – by linking farm and forest landscapes with business development to expand participation by small-scale producers and processors in income and employment generation.

New Business Practice – by using value chains in diversified landscapes to open new financing streams for communities and ecosystems, and by applying sustainability standards with business

Climate Change Resilience – building carbon stocks through Climate Smart Agriculture and climate resilience using water management, ecosystem services, participation and learning

Partnerships – among communities, business, civil society and governments, to achieve results on the ground, learn and shape better strategies and policies

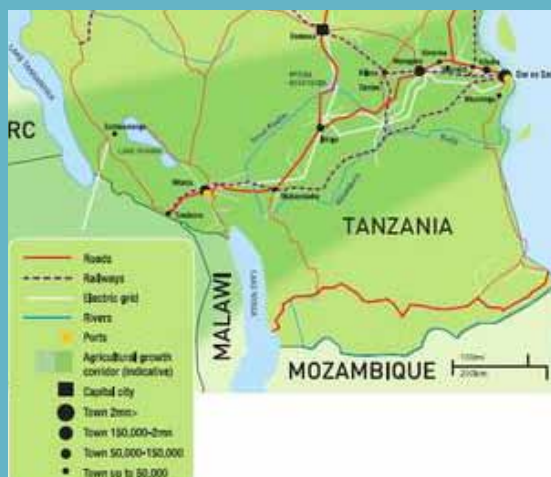


Demonstrating Solutions for Green and Inclusive Growth

Rapid economic growth can risk outpacing policy and action intended to safeguard water and land resources, ecosystems and the livelihoods of local communities. SUSTAIN will support the upfront integration of sustainable water and landscape management into new investment strategies that target the exploitation of natural resources. The programme will fund projects on the ground to demonstrate that solutions for green and socially inclusive growth are practical and deliver results for sustainable development. Examples of activities include:

- Management of water quality and agricultural run-off, and planning for wastewater treatment
- Planning for sustainable water resource management, including natural infrastructure
- Restoration of critical ecosystems such as wetlands and forests
- Implementation of climate-smart conservation agriculture
- Supporting smaller stakeholders to establish sustainable and equitable partnerships with the private sector, emphasising new value chains and access to best business practices
- Establishment of partnerships with large investors and companies to guide mitigation and the implementation of safeguards and standards

SUSTAIN will work with programme partners to translate the success of these solution-oriented activities into durable policy frameworks and business strategies for sustainable growth.



SUSTAIN-Africa is being launched in the **Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT)** to improve agricultural productivity, food security and livelihoods. The region, which has rich agricultural potential, covers a third of Tanzania and extends to northern Malawi and Zambia. Home to 9.5 million people, SAGCOT also encompasses several protected areas, such as the Greater Selous, Greater Ruaha and Greater Katavi landscapes. These critical ecosystems range from forested areas in the Eastern Arc Mountains to wetlands in the Kilombero Ramsar Site. To reduce poverty and tackle income inequality, the Tanzania Government aims to increase agricultural growth from 3.2% in 2009 to 6% by 2015. With SAGCOT quickly developing, SUSTAIN-Africa is working on the identification of a second growth corridor for inclusion in the programme.

Partnership for Green and Inclusive Growth

SUSTAIN will facilitate the work among communities, businesses, governments, civil society organizations and development partners to achieve sustainable and inclusive green growth, food security and climate resilience. By joining a community of local, national and international stakeholders, partners collaborating with SUSTAIN have the opportunity to be part of a pioneering initiative to bring positive change to Tanzania and other parts of Africa.

All partners benefit from full access to a network of knowledge and professional services that our collective experience brings to the table. The strength of the SUSTAIN network provides our partnerships with a range of expertise and viewpoints that give rise to innovative ideas and solutions.

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