

## **Taking Forward the Implementation of National Climate Smart: Agriculture Programmes in East Africa**

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### **Abstract**

In Sub-Saharan Africa, food security is expected to be the overarching challenge affecting the region's agricultural sector, as it suffers from droughts, flooding, and shifts in rainfall. Further warming of 1.5°C to 2°C alone will lead to additional drought and aridity contributing to a 40 to 80 percent loss in productive cropland between 2030 and 2040. This side event will provide an opportunity to dialogue on the appropriate policy and financing mechanism needed to scale-up the adoption of climate smart agriculture (CSA) practices in defined farming systems in Africa. It will build on experiences drawn from the program "supporting preparation of country CSA programs in five countries in eastern and southern Africa" which supports countries in synergizing their national agricultural plans with their respective national climate change strategies. The CSA programs are expected to catalyze increased public-private sector investments to reach more than 100,000 agricultural service providers benefitting 10 million smallholder farmers and small-scale food producers by 2025.