



This series of factsheets describes the National Level Activities supported by INCLUDE, the Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies, to encourage the use of existing and new knowledge by policy-makers and practitioners.

Utafiti Sera: policy-knowledge community on employment creation in Kenya

Despite the formulation of policies to create employment and the increasing evidence generated by research on the challenges involved in creating adequate jobs for those joining the labour market in Africa, the extent to which existing knowledge has informed and influenced employment policies and programmes is unknown. Researchers also find it difficult to reach policy actors and influence policy processes with their findings.

This project aims to establish Utafiti Sera, a community of researchers, policy-makers, practitioners and other actors to deliberate on and use research evidence to inform and influence policy and action on employment creation in agriculture and agro-processing.

Objectives

- Build and sustain a vibrant policy-knowledge community on employment creation in agriculture and agro-processing
- Synthesize new and existing research evidence on agro-processing employment creation and make this evidence available to policy actors
- Engage key policy-makers and practitioners through direct contact, policy advocacy, and use of productive employment and inclusive growth champions
- Provide a platform for researchers, policy-makers and practitioners to exchange ideas and learning on the blockages in agro-employment and the promotion of inclusive growth.

Lead organisation

Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR)

Country of focus

Kenya

Partners

- Other research and practice organizations in Kenya including:
- Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
 - Institute for Development Studies
 - Kenya Institute of Public Policy Research and Analysis
 - Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development
 - AgRisk Research and Advisory
 - Future Agricultures Consortium

Planned activities

- Mapping of key stakeholders/institutions and constituting the 'Utafiti House' through meetings with key stakeholders, March-May 2016
- Mapping of existing studies on employment creation relevant to agriculture and agro-processing, April -June 2016
- Organization of three one-day national forums to discuss specific employment and inclusive growth issues, May, July, and October 2016
- Organization of two breakfast meetings with policy makers and practitioners on employment creation and inclusive growth, June-October 2016
- Production of two policy relevant articles on employment creation schemes and inclusive growth issues in national newspapers, June-October 2016
- Production of policy briefs on selected areas of interest and as agreed during the forum, June-September 2016

