Regional policy initiatives promoting circularity

Ms Christiane HAZIYO, EU Delegation to Zambia
SWITCH TO CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA
(SWITCH 2 CE IN ESA)
Why East and Southern Africa

Source: Footprints Africa, https://www.footprintsafrica.co/
I. The identification Phase (1)

❖ **Switch 2 Green** experts to undertake the identification work.

❖ **Identify key areas of focus**, including selecting the product value chain(s) that the regional CE programme should target.

❖ Provide the necessary knowledge base for the identification of possible EU funded interventions for the **selected product value chain(s)** under the regional CE programme.
I. The identification Phase(2)

- Identification of a set of possible EU interventions for 2 product value chains that were prioritised, i.e., plastics and electronics.
II. The formulation phase(1)

- Through the **EU-Africa Rise facility**, a team of experts undertook the formulation phase. The formulation built on the recommendations from the identification mission.

- **Field missions** in some of the ESA countries: Kenya, Rwanda, South-Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Uganda.

- A succinct **context and situational analysis of CE programme** that takes into account the current trends in the region was developed.
II. The formulation phase(2)

❖ A comprehensive **problem analysis** bringing out the key challenges faced in the area of circular economy in the ESA region.

❖ Clear **priority areas of focus** under the programme linked to the problem analysis

❖ Ensure **mainstreaming of gender, youth and social inclusion** as a cross-cutting theme.
Stakeholder consultations and co-creation…

INTPA A.2 & F.2
DG ENV
EU Delegations
International Organizations
EU Member States

Regional Economic Communities (REC)
Governments
Consulting Firms
NGOs / CSOs

EIB, AfDB & EFDIs
Private Sector

European Union
EXTERNAL ACTION
III. The Programme
SWITCH 2 CE IN ESA
3,2,1..

3 Components
1) Business Enabling Environment, 2) Skills development, 3) Access to Finance

2 Value Chains
Packaging/Plastics & Electronics/E-waste

1 Contract
One pillar assessed entity
Objectives and Programme Components

Overall Objective (impact): To promote sustainable growth and job creation in Africa

Specific Objective: To foster an inclusive transition to circular economy in East and Southern Africa.

SO 1: To establish an enabling policy framework for circular economy across the ESA region

Promote South-South Cooperation & Twinning, across countries within the ESA region.

SO 2: To enhance the participation of formal and informal workers and SMEs, including women and youth, in circular economy models

Peer-to-peer learning / South-South & North-South cooperation, including through e-learning platforms.

SO 3: To improve access to and use of financing by circular economy businesses

Annual calls for sustainable and circular business plans, targeting PVCs across the region.
SO 1: To establish an enabling policy framework for circular economy across the ESA region

- **Improved access to information** and learning materials on best practice policies, strategies and legislation for governments in the ESA region;

- **Increased awareness and knowledge of circular economy principles**, characteristics and benefits among educators, students, consumers, the private sector, financing institutions, formal and informal workers and wider population, with particular attention to gender sensitive approach;

- **Public capacities strengthened** for supporting circular economy models through extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes across the region;
SO 2: To enhance the participation of formal and informal workers and SMEs, including women and youth, in circular economy models

- Topics related to circular economy are piloted, refined and integrated into the regional Higher Education and TVET system, with gender sensitive approach;

- Improved availability of inclusive circular economy training modalities in suitable format to wide range of participants including women, youth and informal workers;

- Knowledge sharing, best practice learning materials and support services related to the circular economy are available via on-line platform(s) and accessible by firms in the region;
SO 3: To improve access to and use of financing by circular economy businesses

- **Increased availability of financial services** to circular economy start-ups and SMEs with regional scalability, replicability and social inclusion potential, particularly those owned by youth and women are able to access risk sharing finance;

- **Increased availability of essential incubation and advisory services** related to financial readiness, business planning and business model development, technology and management systems;
IV. The Implementation part

- **Indirect Management** through **Contribution Agreement** with one (max. two) pillar-assessed entity;
  - **International organisations**
  - **EU MS agencies**
  - **RECs**
- **Strategic partnerships** with Circular Economy players.
Global Gateway Europe – Africa Investment Package:

• Mobilize additional loans for SMEs through Financial Instruments under the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD+);

• Our potential partners:
  • European Investment Bank (EIB);
  • European Finance and Development Institutions (EFDIs);
  • African Development Bank (AfDB);
  …and local banks within the ESA region
V. The Budget

- EU NDICI funds under regional AAP 2023 for SSA: EUR 40 million
- Hope to secure additional co-funding from EU MS
TIMELINE

Timelines:
- Formulation (Q1/Q2 2023)
- Procurement & Contracting (Q1/2024)
- Approval & Adoption (Q4 2023)
- Start Implementation (Q2/2024)

Contacts:
Matthias.Reusing@eeas.europa.eu
Christiane.Haziyo@eeas.europa.eu