

CSAYN Launches its Kenyan Country Chapter

On Tuesday 9th October 2018, the Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN) was pleased to welcome a new member to the CSAYN family; Kenya.

CSAYN Kenya, the 36th country of operation of the CSAYN family, was launched in a colourful ceremony held at the Safari Park Hotel on the side lines of the Seventh Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA).

Attended by agricultural stakeholders including young farmers and agripreneurs, the launch epitomized the youth's desire to get involved in agriculture as well as provide solutions of the some of the perennial problems that exist in the craft. It was noted that using tis cardinal sector, the youth could contribute in solving the global twin challenges of hunger and extreme poverty.



Speaking at the launch, Victor Mugo, the country coordinator of the Kenyan chapter intimated that the ground was shifting and that the youth desire to get involved in agriculture. “The question now is, how we comprehensively support the youth’s journey to agripreneurship?.”

While announcing a partnership to host the CSAYN country office, Evan Girvertz, a senior scientist at CIAT referenced a UN report that warns that by 2040, floods, drought, extreme heat and increased poverty would continue to plague the globe unless radical action was taken to address climate change. He expressed his enthusiasm in seeing the youth taking up a role in climate change adaptation, mitigation and increasing food productivity of young farmers.

To crown the occasion, Catherine Mungai, a policy specialist at the CGIAR research program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CAAFS) urged the network to move into the rural areas and disseminate the climate smart agriculture concepts since this was where the concepts were desperately



needed.



Stay tuned for more news from the Kenyan Chapter.