

GROUP 2: REGULATORS

1. UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
2. CIP- KENYA, MALAWAI, UGANDA
3. USAID- KCDMS
4. KBS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE VALUE CHAIN/ SMES

- Many raw materials but BS too stringent
- Sweet potatoes processing; currently very limited
- No standards for puree
- Training on food safety on development of various products
- Sensitization programs for the various SMEs
- Customized product certification by BSs- Differentiated levels of certification
- Innovations on underutilized crops such as sweet potatoes fully embraced by various BSs
- Regulations for SP value chain

CONSTRAINTS FOR THE VALUE CHAIN/ SMES

- Lack of specified standards for some intermediate products
- Lack of differentiated levels of certification- SME expected to enter at higher level
- Different institutions with similar mandates; food safety – MOH, NEMA need a one stop shop
- Country specific regulations – e,g ban of plastic bags
- Conflicting trade policies at national, intergovernmental and regional level
- Multiple Government levies

SOLUTIONS TO CONSTRAINTS

- Develop standards for the sub-sector
- Enhance coordination of various players- One stop shop
- Develop certification levels for SMEs and other levels
- Regional harmonization of standards
- Development of subsector regulations
- Establish arbitration mechanisms at national, intergovernmental and regional level
- Harmonised Government levies

PARTNERSHIPS & CO-INVESTMENT

- National standards bodies
- Line government ministries
- Local governments
- Consumer bodies
- Research organizations
- International orgs
- Financial Institutions
- SMEs- processors, farmer,