

27th October 2009

Dear Colleagues,

Re: Invitation to the Regional Workshop organized by Michimikuru Tea Company LTD and AdapCC Project Team ,to be held on Friday 27th November 2009 at the Sarova Stanley Hotel Nairobi

Topic: “Implementing Adaptation Strategies to Climate Change in Kenya Small Scale Tea Sub-Sector”

Greetings,

Innovative solutions to cope with climate change are urgently required, and the challenge is being taken up by actors in the Kenyan Small Scale Tea Sub-sector.

Michimikuru Tea Company with support of the British Fair-trade company Cafédirect(CD) and the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) is in a joint pilot initiative which is aiming at implementing its site-specific adaptation strategy to climate change.



To cope with the changing climate conditions Michimikuru is enhancing tea production with a diversified production system. Since the beginning of this year of 2009 Michimikuru farmers have adapted cultivation of other crops other than tea , thus improving their capacity in food security . They have also broadened their income base through sale of extras from these crops in the local markets .

The tea growers are now engaged in reducing their vulnerability to climate change risks by improving their tea and soil management practices. They are replanting deforested land and conserving native biodiversity and energy by adapting use of energy saving stoves (jikos) for households. The factory is currently doing studies in wind energy with a view to establishing a wind farm to generate her own electricity. It is therefore seeking partners to undertake this venture. This will be quite a milestone when implemented as it will also go a long way in further saving of tree cover for better precipitation ,while at the same time increasing profits for the farmers..

As we count down to the our penultimate installment in the series, **Michimikuru Tea Company LTD and AdapCC Pilot Project** in collaboration with the GTZ and CD, wish to invite you to the Workshop which will be held on **Friday, 27th November 2009 at the Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi**, from 8 am - 5 pm.

The achieved results and lessons learnt from Michimikuru`s adaptation strategy could serve as a best practice for more tea producers and small-scale farmers in East Africa. The presentation will highlight on *inter alia*:

- 1. Presentation and Dissemination of results from AdapCC pilot case at Michimikuru, to a wider number of smallholder farmers and their organizations from East Africa and for them to get access to instruments, lessons learnt and results of the project.**
- 2. Identification of partner Institutions to multiply the AdapCC pilot case results and instruments to support the adaptation for tea farmers beyond the AdapCC pilot project**
- 3. Identification of partner Institutions and financing opportunities to widen and implement the AdapCC approach with other Café direct tea and coffee producer partners in East Africa.**

You are cordially invited to participate in this AdapCC Regional Workshop to learn from Michimikuru`s experiences and share in ideas of supporting climate change adaptation in East Africa in future. We expect that the day`s workshop will be enriching for all members and participants alike.

Please confirm your participation before the deadline on **November, 6th 2009** with Ms. Triza Adami, Email twadami@gmail.com, or tripat07@gmail.com Tel: 020 357 0000 or 0721 499 826 or 0733 750 223.

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