



Inclusive Green Growth Guiding Tool for **MEDIUM AND LARGE-SCALE PROCESSORS**









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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACRP	Agriculture Climate Resilience Plan
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
CSA	Climate Smart Agriculture
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
FMA	Environmental Management Act
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GRG	
	Green Reference Group
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
IGG	Inclusive Green Growth
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
NAPA	National Adaptation Programme of Action
NSGRP	National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Authority
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
SAGCOT	Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania
SCL	SAGCOT Centre Limited
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SE4ALL	Sustainable Energy for All
TBS	Tanzania Bureau of Standards
TMDA	Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority
TPHPA	Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature

SECTION ONE

Introduction

The Inclusive Green Growth (IGG) tool has been developed as part of the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) initiative, designed to help SAGCOT's existing and potential investors to better understand, comply with, and adhere to Tanzania national laws and regulation as well as to improve implementation more broadly of sustainable economic, environmental, and social practices. SAGCOT is a public-private partnership initiative with the objective of transforming agriculture in Tanzania's Southern corridor to enhance food security and ensure improved livelihoods for smallholder farmers and communities in a sustainable manner. IGG is a central operating principle of the SAGCOT Initiative as laid out in SAGCOT's Greenprint and within the responsibilities and commitments of its key partnership principles.

Purpose

This document sets out the Inclusive Green Growth (IGG) tool component requirements for *Medium and Large-Scale Processors* of the SAGCOT partnership.

Context and Relevance

The IGG tool aims to galvanize economic growth, environmental sustainability and social inclusiveness through commercial agricultural activity, supporting SAGCOT's strategic objectives and vision. This tool has been formulated with the view to promote responsible investment in a sustainable manner that contributes to food security, supports local communities, reduces conflict, build resilience against climate change, and strengthen networks to address system-level challenges. It is primarily meant to be used as a self-assessment tool.

To ensure consistency and synergies with other processes, the IGG tool is tailored to contribute to the realization of the goals set out under relevant International and national policies, strategies and other development frameworks that include: Tanzania Development Vision 2025; Five Year Development Plan (2021/22-2025/26); National Agriculture Policy (2013); National Investment Promotion Policy (1996); National Environmental Policy (2021); Climate Change Strategy (2021-2026); Nationally Determined Contributions 2021; and Climate Smart Agriculture Guideline (2017).

Structure

The IGG tool is comprised of two components: (1) a main section consisting of a checklist that assesses legal requirement compliance and good practice alignment, and (2) a detailed annex of specific regulatory requirements by institution along with processing times, costs, validity, required documents to be submitted, penalties for non-conformity, and agency contact details.

The main section is divided into three key thematic areas, namely inclusivity and social sustainability, sustainable business, and environmental sustainability. Each thematic area contains a number of compliance and good practice categories, each which contain, first, a series of questions for users to reflect upon and evidence, and second, a scoring table with detailed conditions. Each user should reflect on their individual situation to select the appropriate scoring category and justify and evidence why they believe they fall within that scoring category.

Stakeholders' Engagement

The Inclusive Green Growth (IGG) tool has been developed and revised by SAGCOT partners through a participatory process. Key participants have included technical partners from relevant Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), International union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and CARE International in Tanzania; small, medium and large-scale producers as well as agro-processors. The SAGCOT Green Reference Group (GRG) co-chaired by the Vice President's Office and Private Sector has been instrumental in this process, both at the national and cluster levels. Multiple initial versions were revised and rolled out with SAGCOT partners as well as selected outside companies to increase inclusivity and raise awareness. A multistakeholder IGG Task Force was formed to support awareness raising, initial completion of the IGG tool with investors, and initial recommendations for improving sustainability practice.

Revision of the IGG tool for the current version was also a participatory process that involved feedback and comments from users, the technical partners who supported development of the previous version as well as other stakeholders. The Green Reference Groups at the cluster level spearheaded feedback into this process. Current and past users were interviewed on their use of the tool to better understand what aspects worked well and what needed improvement. A small selected group of users were selected to test the revised versions. A summary of their feedback to the previous version can be found in Annex E of the updated Greenprint 2023.

SECTION TWO

Implementation

The checklist for the guiding tool has been developed in conjunction with an Excelbased version to facilitate the assessment process. Targeting existing investors, the tool enables users to evaluate their own practices.

- Assessments SAGCOT partners are expected to conduct annual self-assessments using the checklist, develop IGG workplans, and annual compare results against their annual IGG workplans.
- Reporting Partners are required to submit their annual assessment reports to SAGCOT by 31st December each year.
- SAGCOT will undertake random sampling of partner reports to review evidence and justification, both to confirm appropriate scoring and to identify priorities for support and improvement. Visits may be conducted with partners for more in-depth discussion and assessment.
- SAGCOT will compile a summary IGG assessment report (based on received reports) to be shared with partners. No individual partner report or related information will be shared to a third party by SAGCOT without prior consent of the partner. When a synthesized assessment report is needed for public use, SAGCOT communication policy will be applied without infringing individual partner's rights to confidentiality.

Review of the IGG tool

- The IGG tool will be regularly revised and that revision should involve key stakeholders. SAGCOT Centre Ltd, or a representative of SAGCOT Centre Ltd., will collate ideas for revision of the tool from existing users, partners, assessment reports and other interested stakeholders.
- The tool will be revised based on stakeholder's input.
- The revised version of the tool will be tested among users, and a representative group of key stakeholders will review and provide comments.
- A revised version will then be circulated to GRG members for feedback for development of a final draft.

SECTION THREE

Characteristics of Medium and Large-Scale Processors

Medium-Scale Processors

Medium-scale producer organizations operate generally with the following key characteristics:

- Fifty (50) to Ninety-nine (99) employees
- Capital investments from TZS 200 million to TZS 800 million
- Moderately mechanized

Large-Scale Processors

Large-scale producer organizations operate generally with the following key characteristics:

- More than one hundred (100) employees
- Capital investments more than TZS 800 million
- Highly mechanized

Requirements for Medium and Large Scale Processors

Inclusivity Principle		
Core Requirements	Applicable laws	
Equal Opportunity and <u>Non-Discrimination:</u> Processors shall be non-discriminatory with high consideration of marginalized groups.	 The Non-Citizens Employment Regulations Act No. 1 (2015) The Business Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, No. 3 (2012) Tanzania Employment and Labour Relations Act No. 6 of 4 June 2004 and revised in 2018. Guidelines for Services for People with Disabilities (in Kiswahili) of 2004 Law of Persons with Disabilities Act (2010) Employment Guidelines (in Kiswahili) (2011) HIV/AIDS Act, 2008 National Strategy for Gender Equality of 2005 National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty 2005-2010 and 2010-2015 (NSGRP I and II) 	
Labour and Employment Laws: Shall adhere to the employment policies of Tanzania.	 Guidelines on Auditing of Human Resources (in Kiswahili) (2009) Employment Guidelines (in Kiswahili) (2011) Tanzania Employment and Labour Relations Act No. 6 of 2004 	

<u>Child Labour:</u> Processors shall refrain from the use of child or forced labour	National Employment Policy & Labour LawsLaw of the Child Act No. 21, 2009
<u>Social Security Statutory</u> <u>Requirement:</u> Processor should comply statutory payment to the govern- ment_	 National Social Security Fund Act, 1997 Workers Compensation Act (Cap 263 Revised Edition of 2015)
Business Linkage with Local Community: Processors shall foster business linkages with local communities.	- The Public Private Partnership (Amendment) Act, (Cap. 103) (2014)
<u>Capacity Building:</u> Processors shall engage in capacity building of small-scale producers so as to ensure quality value chains.	- SAGCOT IGG Principles
Support to Small Pro- ducers: Processors shall endeav- our to provide technical support to raw-materials suppliers as appropriate.	 SAGCOT IGG Principles SAGCOT Partnership Principles Financial leasing Act, 2008 The Banking and Financial Institutions-Act-2006 Cooperatives Act, 2013
Processors shall facili- tate access to financial opportunities.	
Processors shall facilitate access to sustainable markets.	
<u>Shared Value Invest-</u> <u>ment:</u> Processors to_ demonstrate capacity building to local commu- nities to improve social welfare.	- SAGCOT IGG Principles
Local Content Guidelines: Processors shall foster good relations with communities and create business linkage with small scale producers as appropriate.	- Local Content Policy, 2015 (Oil and Gas)

Business Sustainability Principle		
Core Requirements	Applicable laws	
<u>Good governance:</u> Pro- cessors shall endeavour to demonstrate high level of good governance including transparency, accountability and integ- rity with stakeholders and partners as appro- priate.	 The Finance Act,2018 (Tax provisions) The Business Names (Registration) Act, Cap. 213 (2015) National Employment Policy and Labour Laws. The Prevention and Combating of Corruption Act, 2007 	
<u>Legal Status:</u> Processors shall be a legally regis- tered entity in accor- dance with applicable legislation.	 Tanzania Investment Act 1997 (Amendment) Act 2022. The Business Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, No. 3 (2012). The Business Activities Registration Act, 2017. Companies Act, 2002. CAP 212. 	
<u>Management Structures:</u> Processors shall have management structures as provided in their memorandum of under- standing and articles of association.	 The Business Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, No. 3 (2012) The Business Names (Registration) Act, Cap. 213 Companies Act, 2002 cap 212 	
<u>Ownership</u> : Could be a sole proprietor, coop- erative, partnership or a company limited by shares.	 The Business Names (Registration) Act, Cap. 213 (2015) Cooperative Act, 2009 	
<i>Operational Procedures:</i> Processors shall have rules and regulations that will guide the day- to-day operations and conduct of personnel.	 Income Tax Act, 2004 revised 2006. Industrial and Consumer Chemicals (Management and Control) Act, No.3 (2 003) The Employment and Labour Relations Act, No. 6 (2004) Occupational Health and Safety Act no.5 of 2003 The Business Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, No. 3 (2012) 	

<u>Compliance to Financial</u> <u>Laws and Regulations:</u> Processors shall comply with applicable financial rules and regulations.	 Tanzania Investment Act 1997 (Amendment) Act 2022. The Business Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, No. 3 (2012) The Business Names (Registration) Act, Cap. 213 (2015) The Finance Act, 2019 (Tax provisions)
<u>Certification by Reg</u> <u>ulatory Authorities:</u> Processors shall adhere to requirements of Reg- ulatory Authorities as appropriate.	 The Tanzania Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 2003. OHS Act, 2003. EMA 2004. Standard Act 2009.
Occupational Health and Safety: Processors shall adhere to Occupational Health and Safety Regu- latory requirements.	 OHS Act, 2003 EMA, 2004 and subsequent Regulations Fire and rescue force act 2007 Workers Compensation Act 2015

Environmental Sustainability Principle		
Core Requirements	Applicable laws	
	- EMA (2004) and subsequent regulations	
Environmental	- Forestry Act, 2002	
Management prac-	- Water Resources Management Act (2009)	
tices: Processors shall	- Local by-laws.	
have environmental	- Land Use Planning Act, 2007.	
management plan and apply it as appropriate	- Village Land Act, No. 4, 1999	
	 Tanzania Investment Act 1997 (Amendment) Act 2022. 	

<u>Cleaner Production</u> <u>and Efficiency in use of</u> <u>Resources:</u> Processors are knowledgeable and apply cleaner pro- duction and efficient resource use technol- ogies.	 The Tanzania Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 2003 EMA (2004) EIA and Audit Regulations (2005) Biosafety Regulations (2008) Water Resources Management Act (2009) Water Quality Standards (2007) and respective local by-laws.
Waste Management: Processors are aware and knowledgeable on appropriate waste management practic- es to avoid environ- mental pollution and health related prob- lems to the neighbour- ing community.	 Environmental Management Act, 2004 and subsequent Regulations, Water Resources Management Act, 2009. Local by-laws
<u>Conservation of Water</u> <u>Resources:</u> Processors shall endeavour to conserve water sourc- es and water resourc- es including the use of efficient technologies and practices.	 Environmental Management Act, 2004 and subsequent regulations. Water Resources Management Act, 2009 Local by-laws. National Irrigation Act, 2013
<u>Pollution Control</u> (water, Air, Noise and <u>Soil)</u> : Processors shall endeavor to manage all types of pollution that might emanate from processing activ- ities.	 Environmental Management Act, 2004 and subsequent regulations Water Resources Management Act, 2009 Water Supply and Sanitation Act, 2009

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<u>Adoption and Applica-</u> <u>tion of Technologies:</u> Investment shall ad- here to CSA practices.	 National Climate Smart Agriculture guideline 2017. Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority (TPHPA) Act No. 04, 2020. Environmental Management Act, 2004 and subsequent regulations. Water Resources Management Act, 2009.
Investments shall also adhere to use of Na- ture Based Solutions such as soil health management prac- tices.	 Forestry Act, 2002. Water Resources Management Act (2009). Local by-laws. Land Use Planning Act, 2007.
Climate Adaptation and Mitigation: Investment shall ad- here to CSA practices towards achieving Nationally Deter- mined Contribution (NDC). These practices include: Integrated pest and disease management; Conservation of natu- ral resource or ecosys- tem management; Use of improved inputs and equipment; and Use of reliable weath- er information.	 National Climate Smart Agriculture guideline 2017. Nationally Determined Contributions 2021 National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) 2007 Tanzania Agriculture Climate Resilience Plan (ACRP), 2014

<u>Mainstreaming Sustainability:</u> Promote sustainability in business culture to address profits, people, and the planet, managing long-term social and environmental risks as well as reducing negative environmental and social impacts.

<u>Integrating IGG Process into Business:</u> Conduct annual IGG self-assessment, developing an annual IGG workplan with clear and measurable targets for the year to promote continual improvement. Produce annual summarized progress report on implementation of the previous year's workplan and inform SAGCOT.

<u>Vulnerable People and Non-Discrimination</u>: Beyond promotion of employment policies that do not discriminate based on gender or disabilities, practice non-discrimination of other vulnerable groups too, including those disadvantaged who do not yet have legal protection such as persons who are HIV+.

<u>Access to Finance</u>: Processors through linkages to various SAGCOT Partners, are able to access financial support.

<u>Finance for Small producers: Processors facilitate financial access to small producers.</u>

<u>Training Programs:</u> Processors build capacity of employees, small processors and producers on entrepreneurship, marketing, and value addition skills.

<u>Insurance Facilities:</u> Processors subscribe to insurance schemes to cover the enterprise from price fluctuations and disasters

<u>Infrastructures Development:</u> Processors to link Development Partners (Donors and government) to improve infrastructures used by small scale producers.

<u>Voluntary Certification Schemes:</u> Processors shall endeavour to voluntary register ecological labelling schemes to ensure quality products for premium markets and environmental sustainability.

Adoption of Technologies: Promote technologies that efficiently use energy, water, and other resources

<u>Use of Environmentally Friendly Energy Sources:</u> Processors utilizes energy sources that have minimal impacts to the environment.

<u>Business Plan:</u> Processors have business plan in place and implement it for business sustainability.

Highlights of SAGCOT IGG good practice

Partner Details

Organization name	
Investment Type/Ownership	
Area of operation (Region)	
Headquarter	
City/District/Municipality/Town	
Village/Street/Ward/Division	
Name Contact Person 1	
Title	
Mobile phone	
E-Mail address	
Name Contact Person 2	
Title:	
Mobile phone:	
E-Mail address:	

General Information

Num	Question	Response
1	What is the total number of employees?	
1.1	How many are Male?	
1.2	How many are Female?	
1.3	How many are youth? (defined as "young men and women from the age group of 18 to 35")	
1.4	How many are Disabled?	
2	How many seasonal/tempo- rary workers do you hire?	

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3	How many of your employ- ees have formal contracts? (Total number)	
3.1	How many are Male?	
3.2	How many are Female?	
3.3	How many Youth (18-35 years of age)?	
3.4	If some do not have formal contracts, why not?	
4	If you work with outgrow- ers/contractors/suppliers, roughly how many do you engage with?	
5	What are your key challeng- es related to contract farm- ing/outgrowers/ working with suppliers?	
6	What is the land ownership status of your investment?	
7	If your organization has a governing Board, how many Board members?	
7.1	How many are Male?	
7.2	How many are Female?	
7.2	How often does the Board meet?	
7.3	If you do not have a formal management structure, when will you establish one? Do you need SAGCOT support? Specify	
8	What sources of energy do you mostly use? Which one is predominant?	
9	How often do authorities visit your investment?	
10	What are your key chal- lenges in complying with the requirements of your licenses?	

How to rate an investment using the tool

- Provide brief justification to explain your scoring.
- If your situation falls between categories, select the category it most corresponds to and explain why you picked that scoring category.

Scoring reference:

Scores range from Very Poor to Exceeding with Very Poor being the lowest level of achievement in that category while Exceeding is the highest and considered best practice.

- Very Poor. No awareness or actions taken. Requires substantial and urgent improvement action.
- Poor. Minimal action or awareness. Requires improvement action.
- Fair. Limited action or awareness. Minimum conditions. Some improvement should be undertaken, though less urgent.
- **Good.** Generally considered good practice; follows basic standards; while no improvement may be necessary, better practice is often desired. Companies can strive for more in order to become more sustainable and more resilient investments.
- **Exceeding.** Best IGG practice. This is the optimal IGG condition and criteria that is considered most aligned with national and international best practice.

Please indicate the designated score for each criterion in the bracket to show the level of compliance.

SECTION FOUR

Assessment Checklist

1. Form to be filled in for annual submission to SAGCOT Centre

Disclosure Statement

All information provided to SAGCOT as part of the assessment process will be treated as confidential and shall be used for the intended purposes only.

Consent Form for IGG submission and assessment.

Assessments that are shared with SAGCOT with be treated anonymously and confidential data will not be shared. But SAGCOT will contact participating firms for annual updates.

Name of Investment:

Name of focal person

Position / Title

I have conducted the SAGCOT Inclusive Green Growth tool assessment to the best of my/our ability and knowledge (myself, my investment team). We believe all information provided and statements made to be true. I agree willingly to participate in this assessment, whose objective has been well-explained and understood.

I agree that the information gathered in this assessment may YES NO (please circle) be shared anonymously in summary reports.

I agree that an assigned IGG Assessor on behalf of SAGCOT may visit or discuss further the results of my/our assessment YES NO (please circle)

Signature..... Date..... Name of IGG assessor:

Inclusivity and Social Sustainability Principle (30 points)

Labour and employment Policy

- 1. Does your organization have a clear and effective HR function? And can show evidence that:
- Staff have clear formal employment contracts.
- Statutory deductions are correctly administered and recorded.
- The investment complies with the Employment and Labour Relations Act (covering annual leave, sick leave, overtime etc.)
- There are suitable polices in place to prevent child labour
- There are HR policies in place (including but not limited to leave and overtime, recruitment, pay, performance management)
- There is senior oversight to the HR function.
- Employees/workers are aware of these policies and employment terms.
- BONUS (+1) organization has a staff retention scheme and succession plan.

HR manager provides regular (at least annual) updates and notifications to staff regarding employment policies and terms (e.g. notifying annual leave entitlement and dates) to maintain awareness.

Provide explanatory notes:

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
Does not use formal employment contracts (for the majority of staff) and does not follow any HR policies. Not compliant with national / international labour laws.	All staff have employment contracts compliant with labour law but policies covering leave, pay, perfor- mance and recruitment, child labour are lacking or mainly lacking.	Employment contracts are in place, as well as basic policies covering leave, pay, perfor- mance and recruitment and child labour.	All employees have contracts and are aware or their terms. HR function is managed by a member of the senior team). HR policies covering all key areas of HR (including child labour) are in place and followed.	All employees have contracts and are aware or their terms. HR function is managed by a member of the senior team (direct report of the CEO). HR policies covering all key areas of HR (including child labour) draw on best practice for the sector and are regularly reviewed and updated. Orga- nization open to feedback and improvement.

Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination policy

- 1. Does the investment have a non-discrimination policy, particularly one that addresses prevention of sexual harassment, exploitation, and abuse (i.e., PSHEA policy)? What about non-discrimination policy for age, religion or tribe?
- 2. Are the workers aware of the policy?
- 3. Are you an equal opportunity employer? (engagement of women, disadvantaged such as those with HIV-AIDs etc)
- 4. How do you ensure equal employment opportunities?
- 5. Is there a clearly laid-out procedure that ensures that all workers are fairly treated?
- 6. Is there a clear understanding on sexual harassment among staff/workers in the investment?

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
No non-dis- crimination policy; no procedures nor organiza- tional commit- ment for fair treatment of employees or regarding sexu- al harassment	Informal non-discrimina- tion treatment although no policy in place that addresses gender, age, religion, tribe.	Non-discrim- ination policy that does not address all categories of gender, age, religion, tribe. Procedures may not be clear. Staff/ members may not be fully aware of policy.	Non-discrim- ination policy that addresses all categories, and workers aware of the policy. Fair treatment procedures in place, though maybe not well known. Focal point ex- ists for gender issues. Under- standing on sexual harass- ment though more training may be needed	Non-discrim- ination policy that addresses all categories, and workers aware of the policy. Fair treatment procedures in place, clear and understood. Gender and other discrim- ination focal point(s). Clear understanding on sexual ha- rassment with regular aware- ness raising/ trainings on all of the above. Organization has a policy towards active engagement of vulnerable / disabled community members which is being implemented, including wom- en and people with HIV-AIDs

RESOURCES:

- Gender guide to integrating gender into agricultural value chains; developed by USAID https://agrilinks.org/sites/default/files/resource/files/gender_agriculture_value_chain_guide.pdf.
- Gender gender mainstreaming reference guide for agricultural and rural development https://www.jica.go.jp/Resource/english/our_work/thematic_ issues/gender/c8h0vm0000f3jmj6-att/gender_mainstreaming_07.pdf

Social linkage and Conflict management

Food systems are complex, and the same action may span environmental, social, and economic impacts with different consequences to different stakeholders at different scales.

- Are there any functional dispute management, conflict resolution, and/or grievance mechanisms in place? Do feedback channels exist for employees and communities?
- 2. Are employees and/or communities aware of the mechanisms and their procedures?
- 3. Have you considered potential impacts of your actions on other stakeholders, sectors, downstream water users, other value chain actors? How?
- 4. How are you communicating with other actors across the value chain and/ or landscape? E.g., up and downstream of the value/supply chain and up and downstream in the catchment.
- 5. How do you foster relationships and resolve challenges within your organization and with surrounding communities/other actors?

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
No dispute management / conflict resolution / grievance / feedback mechanism. No consider- ation of organi- zation's impact on others. No engagement with other stakeholders unless essen- tial for busi- ness.	No dispute management / conflict resolu- tion / griev- ance mecha- nism. Possible feedback op- portunities exist. Limited awareness. Limited con- sideration of organization's impact on oth- ers. Limited en- gagement with other stake- holders unless directly related to business.	Dispute man- agement / con- flict resolution or grievance mechanism in place. Feed- back oppor- tunities exist. Some aware- ness among employees or communi- ties. Irregular communica- tion with other actors across the value chain and/ or landscape unless direct- ly related to business. Pos- sible irregular participation in platforms, multi-stake- holder work- shops, or sim- ilar initiatives on common is- sues/ challeng- es. Community engagement with some consideration of vulnerable populations.	Dispute man- agement / con- flict resolution / grievance mechanisms in place. Feedback mechanism too. Aware- ness among employees and communities, though more may be needed to clarify procedures. Consideration of investment impact on others and regular com- munication with related actors across the value chain and/or land- scape. Regular participation in platforms, multi-stake- holder work- shops, or sim- ilar initiatives on common issues/ chal- lenges.	Dispute man- agement / con- flict resolution / grievance mechanisms in place and well-function- ing. Feedback mechanism too. Good awareness among em- ployees and communities. Consideration of the invest- ment's broader impacts. Reg- ular commu- nication with other actors across the val- ue chain and/ or landscape. Regular active participation in platforms, multi-stake- holder work- shops, or sim- ilar initiatives on common is- sues/ challeng- es. Exchanges on trade-off related chal- lenges.

RESOURCES

- Building capacity of communities to engage with you in this community capacity assessment: https://ripllandesa.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/ supporting+materials/IGB+SR+6+-+Community+Capacity+Assessment.docx
- Grievance mechanism checklist can be found here: https://ripllandesa.

s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/supporting+materials/GGB+SR+10+-+Grievance+Mechanism+Checklist.docx

 United Nations Guiding Principles on dispute resolution: Guiding principles on Business and Human Rights. 2011. https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/ Documents/Publications/GuidingPrinciplesBusinessHR_EN.pdf

Support for Small-scale suppliers contracted (engaged) by the Investment

- 1. Does the investment support out-growers to produce enough for commercial and their own consumption ensuring food security?
- 2. Does the investment actively encourage participation by Women-led outgrowers'/ small suppliers?
- 3. Does the investment maintain basic data capturing and monitoring systems to keep track of outgrowers/small suppliers?
- 4. Are clear contracts or production agreements maintained with outgrowers/small suppliers that outline the terms of the arrangement?
- 5. Does the investment provide agricultural inputs to outgrowers/contractors/ small suppliers and are the terms (and dispute resolution) processes clear and understood?
- 6. Does the investment provide technical and/or financial extension services to outgrowers/small suppliers.
- 7. Are clear pricing mechanisms and payment modalities in place?
- 8. BONUS (+1) -- The organization has a local content policy to support local businesses.

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
The Invest- ment pur- chases from outgrowers but has none of the above controls and processes in place. Meaning that outgrowers are at risk of unfair treatment and poor pricing and payment terms.	Contracts are in place for some but not consistently applied. Pric- ing is inconsis- tent and not all outgrowers / small suppliers believe their prices are fair.	Contracts are in place and a fair pricing and payment system is maintained. However, ex- tension services and reasonably provided inputs are lacking. No targeted engagement with women outgrowers	Contracts are in place and a fair pricing and payment system is maintained. There is some provision of extension services and inputs although improvements could be made. Some targeted engagement with women outgrowers although no formal plan.	Appropriate outgrowers are selected and the Investment follows a plan to encourage women to par- ticipate. Administrative systems are of a very high stan- dard and main- tained Terms are understood, prices are trans- parent. Inputs and extension services are provided by the Investment.

RESOURCES

- Dealing with outgrowers: This report provides a useful literature review that highlights best practices. https://ripllandesa.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/ supporting+materials/IGB+SR+9+-+Outgrower+Best+Practices.pdf
- FAO Guidance Note: Outgrower Best Practices.docx (fao.org)

Business Sustainability Principle (30 points)

Good Governance

- 1. Is the investment legally registered?
- 2. Does the investment have a formal management structure?
- 3. Does the investment have an active governing board, senior management team (SMT) that meets regularly and can show evidence that it implements resolutions of the Board/SMT?

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
Not legally registered; no formal mgmt. structure.	Organization is legally registered, no formal mgmt. structure.	Legally regis- tered; Formal management structure exists. May have a Board/SMT, but inconsistently implements resolutions.	Legally regis- tered; Formal management structure exists. Board/SMT ex- ists with gender representation, and Board resolutions are implemented.	N/A

RESOURCES:

OECD/FAO (2016), OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains, OECD Publishing, Paris. http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789264251052-en

Sustainability Commitment and Culture

- 1. How is your organization strategically working on sustainability internally? (e.g. mainstreaming sustainability across the different components of your organization's engagements, top management support, Regular training of employees)
- 2. Do you have an annual IGG workplan? Do you revisit your annual performance report from the previous year?
- 3. What are your organization's sustainability reporting procedures that ensure there is effective monitoring and adaptive management in this area?
- 4. Can you describe how your investment aligns with Government of Tanzania development goals/global commitments as well as SAGCOT's mission?
- 5. BONUS (+1) Is the investment working with or certified with an international voluntary standard?

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
Sustainabili- ty not being considered within the organization	Limited interest in sus- tainability within the organization with no expressed commit- ment by top manage- ment.	No expressed commitment by top man- agement to sustainability in the business, though may be implementing some limited sustainabil- ity-related actions. No strategic ap- proach and not mainstreamed. Occasional em- ployee training opportunities. Limited to no effort to align with govern- ment / SAGCOT	Top man- agement has expressed commitment to and supports sustainability aspects. Some strategic consideration of sustainability in the business and inclusion in workplan, but not main- streamed in organization. IGG related improvement actions taken, though no specific IGG workplan. Em- ployee training opportunities. . Some effort to align with government / SAGCOT	Top management has expressed commit- ment to and supports sustainability aspects. Focal point identi- fied for sustainability issues. Clear strategic/work plan that integrates sustainability into the business. Annual IGG workplan. Monitoring system that revisits plans each year to adapt actions. Ca- pacity building plan in place for staff and even affiliates. Strong efforts to align with government / SAGCOT. BONUS +1 – using an- other global voluntary standard.

Operational procedures

- 1. Does the investment have operational manuals and policies? Examples are listed below but not all may be relevant to the investment (Note that HR and diversity are covered in the Inclusivity section above)
 - Financial and Internal Controls Policy (including procurement)
 - Asset Register
 - Due diligence on sub-contractors and staff

- Anti-bribery/corruption (including management of conflicts of interests)
- o Risk Management
- o Whistleblowing
- Health and safety
- Duty of Care/Security
- Information technology/data security
- o Environmental Policy
- Quality assurance

Please make a note of all manuals and polices in place.

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
No written manuals or operational polices	Some docu- mented finan- cial and opera- tional controls and an asset register, but not regularly maintained	At least a finan- cial controls policy, asset register, health and safety policy are maintained and followed	All policies and manuals relevant to the investment are in place and regular- ly revisited and updated, including an environmental policy, and can evidence current best practice. Staff are trained regularly (at least annually) on those rel- evant to their role. Feedback welcomed for constant im- provement	All policies and manuals relevant to the investment are in place and maintained including an environmental policy and can are based on current best practice. Staff are trained regularly (at least yearly) on those relevant to their role

Compliance & Certification

1. Does the investment undertake annual audits as per the laws of Tanzania and file financial reports to the appropriate authorities?

- 2. Does the investment have relevant valid licenses and certificates to conduct its business?
- 3. Does the investment apply accepted accountancy reporting standards (e.g. IFRS)
- 4. Does the investment have an accounting system?

Note any challenges or support needed in maintaining compliance.

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
Not compliant. No plan for compliance.	Not compliant, but plan being developed to meet compli- ance require- ments.	Compliant on audits, report- ing and licenc- es/certificates are in place or have been applied for, and basic account- ing system	Fully compliant and with a suit- able, backed up, computer- ized accounting system (desir- able: following International Financial Reporting Stan- dards)	N/A

Occupational Health and Safety

- 1. Does the investment have an occupational health and safety policy?
- 2. Does the investment have an occupational health and safety policy in line with OSHA requirements? (please provide certificate)
- 3. Are workers regularly trained on the occupational health and safety issues? (please provide certificate (s))
- 4. Do workers use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)?
- 5. Does the investment have a First Aid Kit and Certified First Aider?
- 6. Are safety signs placed in areas with significant risk to health and safety of workers and the public?
- 7. Are workers trained in fire-fighting?
- 8. Do you have an emergency response plan?
- 9. Is there an area designated as an emergency assembly point?

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
No occupation- al health and safety policy	Limited occu- pational health and safety pol- icies; not clear about OSHA requirements	Occupational health and safety policy in place, although not in line with or not clear about OSHA requirements. PPE sometimes used. Basic emergency response plan	Occupational health and safety policy in line with OSHA requirements. Regular train- ings of workers. PPE used.	Occupational health and safety policy in line with OSHA requirements. Regular train- ings of work- ers. PPE used. Good signage of health & safety issues. Emergency response plan in place with regular drills. First aid and fire-fighting skills on-site.

Environmental Sustainability Principle (40 points)

Knowledge and skills on Environmental management

- 1. How knowledgeable are you and your organizational staff about environmental management? How do you support regenerative/restorative agriculture practices and Nature-based Solutions in your supply chain?
- 2. Does the investment have designated personnel for Environmental Management (EM) affairs?
- 3. Do you promote active learning about and build capacity on environmental management and environmentally-friendly practices within your organization? Are you engaged in peer-to-peer exchanges and knowledge-sharing with other stakeholders? (please explain how).

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
Do not have designated personnel for environmental management, nor regularly consult with such expertise or resources	Do not have designated personnel for environmental management; occasional- ly seek out environmental management resources.	Access to environmental management expertise; regu- larly consult	Designated personnel / resources for environmental management; capacity build- ing opportuni- ties	Designated personnel for environmental management; capacity building on EM mainstreamed into staff devel- opment; learn- ing culture in place including engagement in peer-to-peer networks and other knowl- edge-sharing platforms.

Environmental Management Action

- 1. Does the investment have Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or Environment Audit (EA) Certificate? (please provide certificates). If NO, why and what are your plans to get them?
- 2. Have you identified if the investment directly or indirectly results in conversion of natural habitat (native/natural forests, grasslands, wetlands)?
- 3. Does your investment directly or indirectly disturb or impact land of any areas classified as highly sensitive (high conservation value, World Heritage sites, wildlife corridor, etc.)?
- 4. Do you implement the identified mitigating actions to minimize negative impacts? (please explain)

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
Have not conducted EIA/ EA; No/few actions taken yet towards compliance.	Have not con- ducted EIA/EA but with plan to do so. Few actions taken yet towards compliance, but with plan to do so. No active avoidance of conversion of natural habitat.	EIA/EA con- ducted or in process and certificate expected. Planning on how to address weak areas. Some aware- ness of natural habitat and ecologically sensitive areas. Actively try to avoid conver- sion of natural habitat	EIA/EA con- ducted, and certificate secured that includes con- sideration of natural habitat and ecological- ly sensitive ar- eas; Key actions are being taken to address environmental issues raised. Any conversion has been miti- gated, restored, and/or offset.	EIA/EA con- ducted, and certificate secured that includes con- sideration of natural habitat and ecologi- cally sensitive areas. environmental management plan under im- plementation that considers climate smart agriculture, nature-based solutions, and/ or regenera- tive practices where feasible and appropri- ate. Any conver- sion has been mitigated, restored, and/ or offset

Safe use of Chemicals - Agro and Industrial

- 1. Do you have a policy/plan for handling, storage, transportation, use and disposal of agro-chemicals and wastes? (please explain).
- 2. Is the investment aware of prohibited chemicals? Please explain.
- Are your associated outgrowers/small suppliers aware of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for each crop with respect to use of chemicals? (please explain)

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
No aware- ness of prohibited chemicals/ agro-chemi- cals;	Some aware- ness of prohib- ited chemicals/ agro-chemicals; no actions be- ing taken	Awareness of prohibited chemicals/ agro-chem- icals; some actions being taken, but no systematic policy or plan in place.	Policy/plan exists for handling, stor- ing, transporting, use and disposal of agro-chemi- cals and wastes; implementation being rolled out. Company staff and associated out-growers/sup- pliers in process of building capacity on use of chem- icals.	Policy/plan in place for handling, storing, trans- porting, use and disposal of agro-chemicals and wastes; implemen- tation main- streamed into organization's business prac- tices; monitor- ing and con- tinual learning system in place for organi- zation and associated outgrowers/ suppliers.

RESOURCES:

- ILO. Safety and health in the use of agrochemicals. https://www.ilo.org/ wcmsp5/groups/public/@ed_protect/@protrav/@safework/documents/ instructionalmaterial/wcms_110196.pdf
- Training Manual for Organic Agriculture. FAO https://www.fao.org/fileadmin/ templates/nr/sustainability_pathways/docs/Compilation_techniques_organic_ agriculture_rev.pdf

Waste management

- 1. Do you have a waste management plan that addresses animal (including manure), crop waste, toxic agricultural waste, etc?
- 2. Are staff aware of, understand and implement the plan?
- 3. How do you store waste?

- 4. How do you dispose waste?
- 5. Do you reduce/minimize waste? How?
- 6. Do you re-use waste? How?
- 7. Do you recycle waste? How?
- 8. Do you actively seek out partners who may be available for exchange of byproducts?

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
No waste management plan in place. No special con- sideration of waste by-prod- ucts.	No waste man- agement plan in place, or in early develop- ment	Waste man- agement plan developed but not yet being implemented. Some scattered actions.	Waste man- agement plan in place that addresses col- lection, treat- ment, storage, use/re-use with intention to reduce, re-use, and recycle waste/by-prod- ucts. Imple- mentation in process.	Waste man- agement plan in place and being imple- mented that systematically addresses col- lection, treat- ment, storage, use/re-use of waste. Active in reducing, reusing and recycling of waste/by-prod- ucts. Actively seeking related partners. Learning sys- tems in place with adaptive management.

Conservation of water Resources

 What is your level of awareness of water issues and water risk within the water basin and at company operational levels? (i.e., physical, regulatory, and reputational water challenges including water scarcity, poorly implemented water policy, or local community conflict). 2. What is your level of understanding about the potential impact of your investment on other water users, particularly downstream investments and users? Are policies, practices in place to address these issues/risks?

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
Very limited awareness of water issues/risk though may experience challenges of drought or flooding. Not engaging with other stake- holders in the catchment or in the supply chain on water issues.	Limited aware- ness of water issues/risk. No or very little efficient water use strate- gies. Limited engagement with other stakeholders in the catchment or in the supply chain on water issues.	No systematic analysis of water issues/risk, though there is some under- standing of wa- ter challenges. Some strategies to enhance effi- cient water use. Some engage- ment with other stakeholders on water issues.	Awareness of water issues/ risks, and some policies/prac- tices in place to address them, including more efficient water use. Some en- gagement with multi-stakehold- ers at a catch- ment/basin lev- el, working with key suppliers on water issues.	Good aware- ness of water issues and risks and even how they may change under different cli- mate scenarios. Policies/ prac- tices in place to address key risks, includ- ing increasing efficient water use and re-use. Monitoring level of water use and setting targets. Engage- ment with multi-stake- holders at a catchment/ basin level and broader indus- try collabora- tion level. En- gagement with key suppliers on water issues and incentiv- izing of best practice water management

3. Does the investment have and implement strategies to enhance efficient water use both in its direct operations and by its suppliers? Briefly explain.

RESOURCES:

- Good explanation of water risk can be found here: https://www.unpri.org/ environmental-issues/what-is-agricultural-supply-chain-water-risk/2795.article; WWF water risk filter: https://riskfilter.org/water/home.
- Investor toolkit: https://www.ceres.org/resources/toolkits/investor-watertoolkit?utm_medium=paid&utm_source=google-ad-grant&utm_campaign=water_ evergreen_keywords&utm_source=google-ad-grant

Pollution Control (surface and ground water, air, soil and noise)

- 1. What measures are in place to control environmental pollution?
- 2. Do you have effluent discharge permit?

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
No measures in place to control environmental pollution. No effluent dis- charge permits.	N/A	Some mea- sures in place to control pollution. All categories con- sidered though all may not be addressed (i.e., surface/ groundwater, soil, air, noise).	Company has effluent discharge permit. Some measures actively taken to control all types of pol- lution (includ- ing surface/ groundwater, soil, air, noise). Consideration of appropriate reclamation of wastewater.	Company has effluent dis- charge permit. Comprehen- sive measures actively taken to control pol- lution (surface/ groundwa- ter, soil, air, noise); Strong engagement in knowledge development and sharing of locally-relevant and effective methods of pollution control and wastewater reclamation for beneficial use. Engagement in appropriate policy dia- logues, where possible.

Cleaner production, efficient use of resources, and application of environmentallyfriendly technologies

- 1. Are you aware of the potential for use of environmentally-friendly technologies in your organization and within your supply chain? Including in terms of soil health management, pest and disease control, conservation of water and other natural resources?
- 2. Is your organization utilizing any cleaner production processes and resource efficient technologies? Provide examples.
- 3. Do you encourage or support your suppliers to adopt cleaner production and more efficient and environmentally-friendly technologies? (please explain)
- 4. What is your understanding of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) and have you considered NbS in your investment?

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
No adoption or appli- cation of resource efficient or other environmen- tally-friendly technol- ogies. No consider- ation of how they could be used in supply chain	Willingness, but very lim- ited aware- ness and adoption or application to date of resource efficient or other environmen- tally-friendly technologies. Little under- standing of application within sup- ply chain.	Minimal adoption and application of resource effi- cient or other environmen- tally-friendly technolo- gies. Limited awareness of application within supply chain.	Good adoption and application of resource efficient or other environmen- tally-friendly technologies. Consideration of environmental- ly-friendly tech- nologies within supply chain. Good knowledge of how nature's benefits can address societal challenges.	Adoption of resource efficient or other en- vironmentally-friendly technologies in the organization and in a variety of contexts in- cluding along the sup- ply chain and within the landscape(s) of operation. Actively considering risk man- agement and knowl- edge sharing. Training needs assessed and. appropriate trainings provided. Incentiv- izing adoption of these technologies within the supply chain. Good knowl- edge of how nature's benefits can address societal challenges, and integration of relevant practices in operations, including working with suppli- ers.

5. Do you use any renewable energy sources? And how do you conserve energy?

RESOURCES:

- 1. OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains. 2016. OECD Publishing. Paris. https://mneguidelines.oecd.org/oecd-fao-guidance.pdf
- 2. The Sustainable Agriculture Transition. Technology options for low- and middleincome countries. July 2020. International Institute of Sustainable Development. Livia Bizikova, Sara Brewin, Richard Bridle, Tara Laan, Sophia Murphy, Lourdes Sanchez and Carin Smaller. https://www.iisd.org/publications/sustainableagriculture-transition-technology.
- 3.. TNC and FAO. 2021. Nature-based Solutions in agriculture: Sustainable management and conservation of land, water, and biodiversity. https://www.fao. org/3/cb3140en/cb3140en.pdf - this report provides a literature review of NbS in agriculture especially that support co-benefits (not just tradeoffs)

Climate Adaptation and Mitigation

- 1. Climate Change
 - i. How well do you understand climate change potential negative impacts (risks) to and sensitivity (vulnerability) of your investment?
 - ii. Do you have access to and use reliable weather/climate information?
- 2. Climate Adaptation
 - iii. How are you managing negative climate impacts? What actions have you done to increase the ability of your investment to cope with negative impacts of changes in climate (e.g., droughts/floods/temperature rise)? Are you aware of mechanisms to reduce shocks such as crop insurance?
 - iv. Are you engaging with other stakeholders on climate issues such as participating in landscape/regional initiatives or platforms? (mention)
- 3. Climate Mitigation
 - v. Do you have a strategy to reduce your GHG emissions impact?
 - vi. How have you considered or explored low carbon energy/transport options, including renewable energy options?

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceeding
No aware- ness of climate change risks or vulnera- bilities of the investment. No risk management actions to increase the investment's ability to cope with negative changes. No engagement with other stakeholders on climate issues. No actions to reduce GHG emissions.	Low under- standing of climate change risks and vulnera- bilities of the investment. Actions pri- marily reac- tive to climate events. No engagement with other stakeholders on climate issues. No actions to reduce GHG emissions	Some under- standing of cli- mate change risks and vulnerabilities of the invest- ment. Actions primarily reactive and only respond to nega- tive climate events, though some limited preparation actions may be occurring (e.g., selection of tolerant seeds). Limited ac- tions to reduce GHG emissions	Basic understand- ing of climate change risks and vulnerabilities of the investment. Investment imple- menting at least several risk man- agement actions that help antici- pate, prepare for, and respond to negative climate events. Engagement with other stakehold- ers on climate issues. Consideration and some actions to reduce GHG emissions	Good understand- ing of climate change risks and vulnerabilities of the investment. Risk management plan in place and being implement- ed that enables anticipation, preparation for, and response to negative climate events. More extensive engagement with other stakehold- ers on climate issues, including multi-stakeholder platforms and possible initiatives. Active involvement with vulnerable groups to help build their resil- ience too. Plan in place to reduce GHG emissions. Actions taken.

RESOURCES:

- FAO. 2017. Climate smart agriculture sourcebook. https://www.fao.org/climate-smart-agriculture-sourcebook/en/
- Climate adaptation good practice checklist: https://careclimatechange.org/wpcontent/uploads/2019/06/Adaptation-Good-Practice-Checklist.pdf

• Janie Rioux, E Laval, K Karttunen, et al. Climate Smart Agriculture Guidelines for the United Republic of Tanzania. 2017. Food and Agriculture Organization. https:// www.fao.org/3/i7157e/i7157e.pdf

Annex:

Forms and Scoring

1. Comments

General Comments on the assessment:
Specific suggestions for review of the tool/ checklist
Please indicate below any suggestions for review of the tool or the toolkit. Please be as clear as possible. Note that the review process is clearly indicated in IGG tool.

2. Scoring of the Assessment

Note: Use excel for actual scores

Section	Compliance and Good Practice Criteria	Points/ Weight
	INCLUSIVITY/SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLE	
	Labour and Employment Policy	8
	Gender Equality and Non-discrimination	7
	Social Linkage and Conflict Management	8
	Support for Small-Scale Producers Contracted (Engaged) by the Investment	7
	SUBTOTAL	30
	BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLE	
	Good governance	4
	Sustainability Commitment and Culture	5
	Operational Procedures	8
	Compliance & Certification	6
	Occupational Health and Safety	7
	SUBTOTAL	30
	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLE	
	Knowledge and Skills on Environmental Management	6
	Environmental Management Action	10
	Safe use of Chemicals - Agro and Industrial	2
	Waste Management	4
	Conservation and Water Resources	4
	Pollution Control (Surface and Ground Water, Air, Soil and Noise)	3
	Cleaner Production, Efficient use of Resources, and Application of Environmentally-Friendly Technologies	5
	Climate Adaptation and Mitigation	6
	SUBTOTAL	40

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Section	Compliance criteria	Total Points	TOTAL Point Scored	Score (%)
1	Inclusivity and Social Sustainability Principle	30		
2	Business Sustainability Principle	30		
3	Environmental Sustainability Prin- ciple	40		
Total score		100		

Key table

Very	Poor	Average	Good	Very
Poor	(20-39%)	(40-59%)	(60-79%)	Good
Below 20%				(80-100%)









