

Media Invitation

World Bank-supported exhibit and workshop displays Kenya's 30 most innovative green businesses

A World Bank-supported exhibition and workshop on December 9th displaying Kenya's most innovative entrepreneurs in the field of renewable energy, climate-smart agriculture and water management, will show the successes of Kenya's Climate Innovation Center, the first of its kind in the world.

Launched in September 2012 by the World Bank's infoDev, the Kenya Climate Innovation Center (KCIC) has already supported over 70 new clean technology ventures, thereby tripling its first-year target. The center supports locally-owned, locally developed solutions to climate change. An exhibit at the KCIC will be opened by Prof. Judi Wakhungu, Kenya's Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources. The workshop will convene over 100 stakeholders to discuss the acceleration of clean technology entrepreneurship in Kenya.

The exhibition at the KCIC at Strathmore University will showcase 30 successful Kenyan entrepreneurs, such as Afrisol Energy Limited which is installing institutional biogas at schools and has just won the Inaugural Off-Grid Energy Challenge sponsored by General Electric. Another exhibitor is Kenya Stove, a firm bringing innovative hybrid cookstoves – using both gas and char – to market. Other exhibited firms focus on waste treatment, solar energy and water purification. By supporting ventures like these, the KCIC will generate 4,600 direct and over 24,000 jobs in total after ten years.

Kenya's Climate Innovation Center is part of Climate Technology Program (CTP) of infoDev, a global innovation and technology entrepreneurship program in the World Bank Group. The CTP, which helps developing countries to develop their own solutions to local climate challenges, is establishing CICs in eight countries.

The exhibit and clean technology workshop, organized by infoDev / World Bank, the KCIC, and supported by the government of Denmark and UKAid, is open to the media.

- **WHAT:** Exhibition 'Meet Kenya's Clean Climate Pioneers' and Opening Speeches at Climate Technology Workshop
- **WHEN:** Monday 9th of December, 2013 from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
- **WHO:** Speakers include, among others:
 - Prof. Judi Wakhungu, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Kenya
 - Ms. Diarietou Gaye, Country Director for Kenya, World Bank Group
- **WHERE:** Kenya Climate Innovation Center, Strathmore Business School, Ole Sengale Road Madaraka Nairobi

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