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Towards Developing a Regional Strategy on Innovation in the Informal Sector (Informal Industrial Clusters) in the EAC Region



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OBJECTIVES

Provide technical assistance to EASTECO for crafting a regional strategy that enhances innovation in the informal sector, focusing on informal industrial clusters in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda.

FOCUS AREAS

- Strengthen Innovation and Technology Transfer: Facilitate linkages between informal clusters and formal knowledge generators.
Promote Collaboration and Coordination: Foster public-private partnerships and cross-border cooperation among cluster members.
Support Policy Development: Develop a comprehensive policy recommendation report with an implementation plan, aligning with regional and global goals such as Agenda 2063 and the SDGs.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

- Evidence-Based Recommendations: The Policy Recommendation Report (PRR) will include actionable steps, budget requirements, and potential funding sources.

- Stakeholders engagement: Conduct national consultations and a regional workshop to gather insights and validate findings.
Capacity Building: Enhance capabilities of stakeholders in implementing the regional strategy

OUTPUTS

Policy Recommendation Report (PRR): Detailed report with strategic recommendations and an implementation plan.

Workshops and Consultations: Engage national and regional stakeholders to ensure the strategy reflects on-the-ground realities.

OUTCOMES

- Increased Innovation Activities: Boost grassroots innovation within informal clusters.
Enhanced Economic Integration: Formalize and integrate informal sector activities into the regional economy.

Strengthened R&I Ecosystem: Foster stronger links between informal sector actors and formal R&I institutions.

