



## RECAMP

Regional Enterprise  
Competitiveness  
and Access to  
Markets  
Programme

Improving competitiveness  
and market access of COMESA  
businesses in specific value chains

## COMESA Seed Information System

### What is COMSHIP?

The **COMESA Seed Harmonisation Implementation Plan (COMSHIP)** implements the COMESA Seed Trade Harmonisation Regulations in order to enhance seed production, reliability, seed trade including increasing the competitiveness of the seed industry in the Southern and East African Region

“ Ensuring access of  
high-quality,  
certified and registered  
seeds for farmers across  
the COMESA region ”

Through **COMSHIP, RECAMP** promotes a comprehensive system for tracking seed sector developments in the COMESA region

Through **COMSHIP, RECAMP** promotes a common measurement of “progress” for the COMESA region

**RECAMP** aims to identify key challenges faced in the seed sector and recommends what needs to be done to improve access to improved and certified seed in COMESA member states, with special attention for smallholder farmers, and where possible use 'lessons learned' in other COMESA countries



“ Promoting a comprehensive  
system for tracking seed sector  
developments in the  
COMESA region ”



**RECAMP has conducted a total of 9 capacity building training workshops**

**Training for improved business management performance and coordination**

53 SMEs in Zambia were trained in sourcing local partnerships, focusing on the horticulture sector (fruits and vegetables).

The same type of training will now be rolled out to other COMESA Member States.

This training in Zambia has helped SMEs to supply to larger customers and clients.

**Capacity Development**

**RECAMP** has conducted capacity development workshops, with the aim of strengthening the human and institutional capacity of COMESA Member States on certification of eco-friendly leather products application of standards for leather value chains, including the design of leather-finishing processes and leather products which meet regulatory and safety standards of the markets, as well as the design of a regional hides and skins traceability systems in line with global development and implementation of the regional hides and skins traceability system.

To date, **RECAMP** has conducted a total of 9 capacity building training workshops.

A total of 56 people from 14 COMESA Member States have thus far been trained.

Trainees were drawn from the public Sector (Ministry of Trade and Industry, Standards authority, Ministry of Agriculture), Academia (training institutions offering leather related programs) and the private sector (enterprises along the leather value chain and leather sector Councils and Associations' representatives).

**Assessment Studies**

**RECAMP** has started work to carry out assessment to generate and analyze baseline data on the current production, markets access and trade, key actors and business environment for the three targeted value chains (horticulture, agro-processing, maize, livestock, fish, dairy, poultry, meat and Leather and Leather products) in the COMESA region.

---

**Read about COMSHIP at**  
**<https://www.comesa.int/comship-launched-in-18-comesa-member-states/>**