

ICSEA

Improved Cook Stoves for East Africa Ltd

What is the ICSEA Programme of Activities (PoA)?

The ICSEA PoA is a carbon finance support 'umbrella' for projects that disseminate improved cook stoves using wood or charcoal – it presently covers four countries of the East African Community (Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi). South Africa and Lesotho are currently being added. Tanzania, Ethiopia and South Sudan are also targeted for inclusion, plus other countries in Central and Southern Africa.

ICSEA Ltd is the Coordinating/Managing Entity of the PoA that has been registered under the rules of the UN's Clean Development Mechanism (CDM). A PoA is a new and efficient way of accessing the carbon market.

Aims of the ICSEA PoA

The aim of the PoA is to help improved cook stove projects to earn the maximum amount of carbon finance from their energy saving activities, in the quickest and cheapest way. **All projects keep 100% of their carbon credits.** ICSEA Ltd is not a broker, and will not purchase projects' carbon credits, but may support projects with their carbon credit sales contracts.

Energy saving projects such as improved cook stoves are part of the solution to reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, and in mitigating climate change.

These projects will provide much cheaper energy-efficient cooking facilities across the region, and will improve indoor air quality and provide a safer cooking environment. Their manufacture, distribution and maintenance will help to spur local development, to lower the pressure on dwindling forestry resources, and to reduce the amount of non-renewable biomass currently used as energy sources, that create major GHG emissions.

The Advantages of the ICSEA PoA

- The cost of accessing the carbon market via the ICSEA PoA will be a fraction of the cost of developing a standalone improved cook stoves carbon project. ICSEA members pay a joining and annual fees
- It will be much quicker for stove supplier organisations to access the carbon market via the ICSEA PoA, compared to being registered separately with the CDM
- The PoA managers know the carbon market rules – there is no longer a need for improved cook stove supplier organisation managers to be experts in carbon finance
- An unlimited number of improved cook stoves projects can be included
- It is very easy to add future improved cook stoves projects, even if they are not currently identified
- The negotiating strength of the PoA will get higher carbon credit prices for project owners
- The multi-country umbrella PoA will help unify the improved cook stoves market of Africa

ICSEA Is providing improved cook stove project developers with the following services:

- Briefings on carbon finance opportunities
- Preparation of all carbon documentation required for the successful inclusion of their projects
- Support throughout the carbon registration process
- Monitoring and verification support to earn carbon credits
- Facilitating sales of carbon credits on a fair trade basis to maximise returns for project operators
- Advice on project financing, including the use of carbon revenues to attract investors
- Access to a planned Seed Fund to allow early stove sales to be made at lower (carbon revenue inclusive) prices

Timeline

The UN-approved Designated Operational Entity (DOE) of Tuv Rheinland carried out its validation work in 2010/12, and the PoA's registration was completed in December 2012. The PoA is now fully operational, and is already processing the inclusion documents of several applicant stoves supplier organisations. It is the world's first multi-country PoA. The design work has been supported by GIZ, the Nordic Climate Facility, CARE Denmark and DFID, covering both the establishment of the PoA and its complementary Stoves Support Facility.

ICSEA is a collaboration between the Uganda Carbon Bureau and other partners

Uganda Carbon Bureau

- Uganda's first specialist carbon company, and the largest carbon team in Africa
- Involved with carbon information dissemination, project development and the establishment of a local carbon market
- Responsible for promoting and developing regional PoAs, and the development of ICSEA

CARE Denmark & the CARE country offices in East Africa

- A Stoves Support Facility contact at CARE offices is helping prospective members of the PoA
- They will be supporting the ICSEA management team

East African Development Bank

- Has been invited to join the PoA

Key donor partners

- Generous support has been received from DFID, GIZ, GIZ-CIM, Nordic Climate Facility

Further Information

The Uganda Carbon Bureau is currently in the process of setting up PoAs covering renewable energy, plantation forestry, domestic bio-gas, wastewater treatment and others.

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