

Climate Smart Agriculture Issues in Botswana

Botswana's agricultural system sector comprises of crops and livestock production.

During the design of the CSA programme stakeholder consultations recommended that

- Agricultural Policy that is being reviewed incorporate issues of CSA
- Subsidies/ Incentives be aligned to CSA(govern

Botswana Institute of Technology Research and Innovation (BITRI) developed a CSA manual for the Ministry of Agricultural development and food security

The Botswana CSA manual encompasses a bundle of production techniques and inputs that could help local farmers adapt.

The CSA manual recommends

- the establishment of a fund that would support nurturing and dissemination of smallholder farmers' innovations.
- That the Agriculture ministry consider undertaking a country wide soil fertility investigation and come up with soil fertility status maps/atlasses and fertilizer type recommendations, to compliment climate smart agriculture interventions across the country.

FAO CSA Project

Title: Integrating Indigenous Practices and Climate-Smart Agriculture into crop and livestock production systems in Botswana

Objectives

- A. To take stock knowledge practices and existing CSA technologies, practices and approaches, based on the different farming systems and agro-ecological zones of Botswana.

- B. To conduct awareness raising workshops for policy and decision makers (at national and district levels), CSOs, private sector, and development, partners on adoption of indigenous practices and CSA best practices
- C. To develop indigenous and CSA best practices guidelines.
- D. To enhance sub-regional learning and sharing experiences.

Update: the funding has been approved and implementation will commence soon as funds are transferred.

We are developing a Green Climate Fund concept (building resilience in the Agricultural Sector) which has incorporated CSA