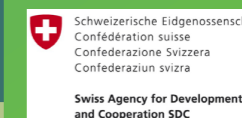


# ARCOS' NBCEs BUGESERA CHARTER

Bugesera, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017



We, Representatives of 30 Nature Based Community Enterprises (NBCEs) from Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda having met in Nyamata, Bugesera district in Rwanda from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017, for the second NBCEs Community-to-Community Exchange and noting that **ARCOS' BEST Approach** (**B**: Building leadership and sustainable institutions; **E**: Enhancing Environmental Resilience; **S**: Sustainable nature based business solutions; and **T**: Transforming and inspiring others) provides an integrated framework to face complex challenges and bring solutions for sustainable community livelihoods and environmental resilience, we declare and commit to:

## B: Building leadership and sustainable institutions

1. Register our cooperatives and make them recognized at the national level
2. Build result based NBCEs, members' ownership and put in place participatory monitoring mechanisms
3. Build institutional capacity to enable members' effective contribution to NBCE's development
4. Mainstream gender and youth in membership and governance of our NBCEs

## E: Enhancing Environmental Resilience

1. Raise awareness about environment protection among cooperative members and communities in NBCE's areas of operation
2. Adopt and promote affordable rain water harvesting systems among our NBCE members
3. Promote sustainable and efficient energy solutions (biogas, solar and energy saving cooking stoves) among NBCE's members and local communities for environmental sustainability
4. Promote sustainable land management practices including tree planting of different species, protection of water bodies and soil erosion control.

## S: Sustainable business solutions

1. Have collective selling centers in NBCEs areas of operation for marketing and increased income
2. Produce quality and quantity environmentally friendly products
3. Promote value addition to various NBCE's products for efficiency and increased income
4. Establish good financial systems for accountability and transparency in all NBCE's operations
5. Adopt saving mechanisms, loaning and work with financial institutions to boost our business

## T: Transforming and inspiring others

1. Establish demonstration sites to showcase sustainable environmental protection practices and livelihoods initiatives
2. Support and promote Community-to-Community exchange to enhance information and knowledge sharing at wider scale
3. Advocate for establishment of the NBCF in NBCEs' areas of operation
4. Promote bio-cultural knowledge and practices on land, soil, seeds and sustainable agriculture
5. Raise awareness on environmental and cultural oriented practices through establishment of Nature Based Community Centers,
6. Promote knowledge and information exchange within and outside NBCE's areas of operation

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