

Public Invitation

Grouped Local Stakeholder Consultation (LSC) for the certification of the project "Syntropic Agroforestry Coffee Project in Nyeri County, Kenya" under the PoA "Global Syntropic Agroforestry Program"

Dear stakeholder,

GrowGrounds ApS (GG) in conjunction with Origin Connect Services would like to invite all interested stakeholders to the group Local Stakeholder Consultation (LSC) for the project "Syntropic Agroforestry Coffee Project in Nyeri County, Kenya". The project converts up to 50 ha in total area of coffee plantations (monoculture or with a few trees) into agroforestry systems with different coffee farmers scattered across Nyeri County following syntropic farming principles. In this context a Local Stakeholder Public Consultation will be carried out for all local, affected and interested stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, women groups, research institutes and organizations/individuals working on topics related to the project activity, policy makers on a national and district level, coffee farmers as well as in general for local people, communities and or representatives who are directly or indirectly affected by the project.

The project will be certified as a Gold Standard carbon project under a broader framework, known in the carbon market as 'Programme of Activities (PoA)'. This grouped stakeholder consultation is valid for the first project (real case Voluntary Project Activity, abbreviated as VPA) and other corresponding follow-up projects (regular VPAs) within Nyeri County to be included in the Programme of Activities "**Global Syntropic Agroforestry Program**" within two years of the LSC.

A stakeholder consultative meeting has been planned to take into consideration various perspectives, address concerns, and ensure that the project benefits the community and brings no harm.

In the following one can find the agenda outline for the Local Stakeholder Consultation:

Agenda Highlights for the Local Stakeholder Consultation:

- Reception & Registration - Participants List (9.30)
- Introduction & Project Presentation (10:15am)
- Questions and Comments on the Project (11:00am)

[Coffee Break]

- Safeguarding Principles Assessment of the Project (11:15am)
- Sustainability Assessment of the Project (11:45am)
- Discussion on Grievance Mechanism & Monitoring of Sustainable Development Impacts (12:15pm)
- Evaluation Forms and Closure of Meeting (12:45pm)

[Refreshments]

The physical meeting is scheduled as shown below

Venue: Kiawamururu Coffee Factory, Mukurweini, Nyeri.

Google Maps Ref:  **F23G+86Q**

Date: Wednesday 11th June 2025 at 10:00 AM

Stakeholders who cannot physically attend the meeting, have the possibility to participate online through **Microsoft Teams**. The online link is available on GrowGrounds website (www.growgrounds.org) and is also provided here below:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MGRmZTY2YjUtNmE2OC00MzJLTk5ZTgtY2ZiMmJmNGY2YTl2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%220f9e8080-b9cb-4ee4-9f15-643a50b34ea4%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22a45d7f2a-0d5a-461c-9fc4-5aaef7c35609%22%7d

Please find attached a Non-Technical Summary of the project. In case of any questions or if you want further details and project information prior to the consultation, please write an Email to one of the contacts provided under 'contact information'.

Please use these contact details also for providing your feedback in case you are not able to participate in the stakeholder meeting.

Contact Information:

- Christina Singh at GrowGrounds: coffeeprojectnyeri@growgrounds.org
- Origin Connect Services: agroforestry@originconnectservices.co.ke
- WhatsApp: +254 715 509 753
- Written feedback to the nearest participating coffee factory.

A grievance book will be available at each coffee factory office throughout the invitation period and for the duration of the project.

We look forward to your active participation in this important consultation as your insights will play a vital role in shaping the Syntropic Agroforestry Coffee Project and ensuring its positive impact on the community and the environment.

Sincerely and on behalf of the entire 'Syntropic Agroforestry Coffee Project in Nyeri' Team,

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