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CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

- Hamburg University of Applied Sciences(HAW Hamburg)
 www.haw-hamburg.de
- University of The Gambia (UTG).
 www.utg.edu.gm
- WASCAL (West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use) :
 www.wascal.org

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On February 20th, 2024, RECC-LUM Project staff held a meeting with University of The Gambia (UTG) Management to introduce the Project and also discuss the progress of the Project. The meeting was held at UTG/WASCAL Conference Room on UTG Kanifing Campus. In attendance were UTG Vice Chancellor (Professor Herbert Robinson), UTG Director of Quality Assurance (Professor Kayode Adekeye), Dean of School of Graduate Studies and Research (Professor Raphael Ayeni), Professor Sidat Yaffa (Director of RECC-LUM Project), and other Project staff.

The project, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), aims to study the nexus between Renewable Energy, Climate Change, and Land Use and Land Management in The Gambia.

Professor Sidat Yaffa introduced the Project Concept, emphasizing its importance and objectives. Dr Mamma Sawaneh provided an update on the Project's work plan, which involves collaboration between Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, UTG, and WASCAL Competence Centre in Burkina Faso. The project is progressing well, with literature review underway and preliminary field visits completed.

Mrs. Gloria Okafor provided an update on the Project's financial status, assuring that everything is in order and that the funds will be transferred to UTG shortly. Professor Herbert Robinson, the Vice Chancellor, expressed excitement about the Project's potential impacts on land use management in The Gambia, emphasizing the importance of the Feasibility Study and encouraged the team to work hard for its success.



Project members from the University of The Gambia



**Prof Sidat
YAFFA**

Coordinator of the Feasibility Study in The Gambia. Responsible for the day-to-day operations and management of the Feasibility Study.



**Dr. Ebrima
SONKO**

Deputy Coordinator of the Feasibility Study. Field data collection and online scientific search Supervisor.



**Dr. Mamma
SAWANEH**

Data Analyst of the study. In charge of collecting literature data, analyzing research data.



**Mrs. Mai SONKO-
SANYANG**

Logistics Officer of the Feasibility Study. Responsible for the day-to-day logistics operations of the Feasibility Study.



**Dr. Peter
GIBBA**

In charge of supervising and validating all meteorological data collection during the Feasibility Study and ensures that the data collected are accurate and up-to-date.

Project Report on the Selected Community Sites for the Case Study

The Gambia faces significant challenges related to energy access, climate change, and land use and land management. To address these challenges, this two-year Feasibility Study is commissioned to assess the potential for implementing a Project that integrates renewable energy, climate change, and sustainable land use and land management practices. The study will focus on various communities across different Regions of The Gambia, each with unique characteristics and opportunities for intervention.

By harnessing renewable energy technologies and advocating for sustainable practices, the Project aims to bolster community resilience, enhance livelihoods, and advance environmental protection and conservation efforts. Essential to its success and longevity, the Project will collaborate with stakeholders, including local communities, government entities, NGOs, and donors.



Women’s cooperative cultivating various horticultural crops.
Limited access to clean water and electricity



Oyster farming and mangrove ecosystems play vital roles in supporting local livelihoods and maintaining coastal biodiversity.



The Song Kunda women’s garden is a vital source of food and income for the community. Women are primarily responsible for managing and cultivating the garden.



Coastal community relying on fishing. Limited access to clean water and electricity. Faces challenges of fish processing and value addition.

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The Bullock Women's Garden, located in Bullock Village, Foni Bintang District, West Coast Region, serves as a beacon of sustainability and community empowerment. With its rich soil and dedicated members, the garden has become a hub for environmentally-conscious practices and agricultural innovation. In light of global challenges such as climate change and energy transition, there is an opportunity to explore the feasibility of implementing a Project that integrates renewable energy sources, climate change awareness, and land use and land management strategies at this site.



Photo of the identified site, Women Horticultural Garden at Bullock

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