

Solar drying technology for smallholder farmers in Ghana



Summary

Two Ghanaian agribusiness enterprises are partnering a technology research company in the Netherlands and researchers from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology for this initiative.

Sustenance is a registered agribusiness service provider in Ghana. Since 2010, it has aggregated over 10,000Mt of fruits from smallholders for large-scale processors. Its 40 acre agribusiness centre with huge warehousing facilities is the largest in the Middle belt of Ghana. This asset makes Sustenance a significant partner for co-funding. Sustenance brings on board its rich experience gained over the years by providing services valued at over USD 1 million to both national and international organizations such as GIZ, and IFAD/AfDB/MoFA Northern Rural Growth Programme. In 2013, it was awarded an International European Award for Quality by Global Trade Leaders Club for exhibiting quality mangoes at the 2013 Fruit Logistica Fair in Germany. Sustenance will act as the main applicant for this research. Having worked with farmers in the area for more than 10 years, it has excellent perspectives on the problems faced by the smallholders and this will be central in farmer mobilization, training and marketing.

