



NEWSLETTER **ISSUE 020**

1ST QUARTER ACTIVITIES | JANUARY - MARCH 2023

This newsletter presents activities and events that FPEAK was involved in for the months of January, February & March 2023.



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PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP DIALOGUE MEETING

FPEAK and other industry stakeholders held a consultative meeting with Ethiopian Horticulture Producer Exporters Association (EHPEA) and Ethiopian Agriculture Authority (EAA) at Park Inn by Radisson, Westlands, Nairobi on 11th January 2022.

The meeting's objective was to come up with a regional approach on current key concerns related to the competitiveness of the horticulture industry.

Kenya and Ethiopia look to spearhead a regional approach in growth of the horticulture sector in East Africa. FPEAK will continue to seek such like collaborations with partners so as to support our members.

The meeting was facilitated by COLEAD.



Participants pose for a group photo during the meeting



VACUUM COOLER LAUNCH

FPEAK joined its affiliate member and logistics partner, Mitchell Cotts Group in partnership with Perishable Movements Kenya Limited (PMKL) and Fresh Handling Kenya Limited during the launch of the first vacuum cooling service at Mitchell Cotts Air Cargo Terminal facility at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) landside on 12th January 2023.

The equipment is expected to enable our customers i.e Exporters of fresh flowers, vegetables and herbs to:

- Extend the shelf life of their fresh produce
- Reduce the risk of ethylene production
- Prevent the risk of Botrytis
- Prevent wilting and bent stems
- Meet the stringent quality requirements of international markets and fetch better prices for their produce

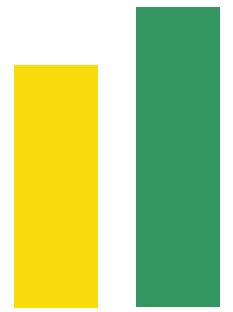
FPEAK encourages its members and other industry stakeholders to use the facility to ensure that the quality of produce is maintained during and after transit. You may reach Mitchell Cotts Group through marketing@mitchellcottsgroup.com



Mitchell Cotts Group MD, Mr. Daniel Tanui makes remarks during the launch.



Horticulture industry stakeholders are taken through how the vacuum cooler works shortly after the launch



PRESENTATION TO PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

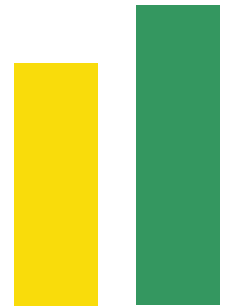


FPEAK CEO, Mr. Hosea Machuki made a presentation to the Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture and Livestock on 18th January 2023 regarding the impact of lifting the ban on Importation and cultivation of Genetically Modified Foods/Organisms on fresh produce trade.

The Committee is gathering views/opinions from a wide range of stakeholders before it prepares its report for tabling in Parliament. FPEAK implored upon the committee to ensure that whatever direction it takes, it must ensure that the fresh produce trade is safeguarded and make laws that are in tandem with WTO trade rules.

FPEAK will continue to lobby and advocate for favorable trade policies for its members.

FPEAK CEO, Mr. Hosea Machuki, left, with other stakeholders during the Parliamentary Committee meeting



EAC MARKUP PROJECT BENCHMARKING

FPEAK was part of the delegation which conducted a benchmarking exercise for the EAC MarkUp project in Kenya. The delegation visited Embu (Macadamia), Makueni (Mangoes), Uasin Gishu (Passion fruit) and Siaya (Ground nuts) counties where the project was running in a bid to identify the success, challenges and lessons learnt during the project period.

The delegation had representation from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi. The activity took place on 23rd to 27th January 2023.



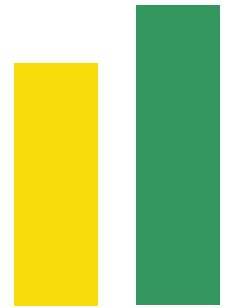
Participants who visited Uasin Gishu county pose for a group photo after paying a courtesy call to the CECM Agriculture, Mr. Edward Sawe, at his office



Participants during the site visit of a passion fruit farmer in Uasin Gishu County.



RECLAIM SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM!



FPEAK has partnered with Solidaridad to hold consultative meetings with producers, aggregators, traders, agro dealers and county government representatives from Meru, Makueni, Kajiado and Kirinyaga Counties to address concerns of pesticides use and food safety in the horticulture value chains. During the meetings, several areas of intervention were identified including:

- Sensitization of farmers on safe and effective use of chemicals
- Increase the number of trained Spray Service Providers
- Facilitate the roll out of KS 1758 – Horticulture Code of Practice Part 2 fruits and vegetables



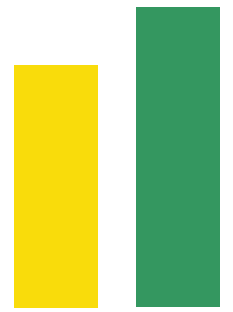
Solidaridad's Project Officer makes her remarks during one of the meetings



Participants pose for a group photo during one of the meetings



Participants pose for a group photo during the meeting in Makueni County



UGANDA DELEGATION VISIT

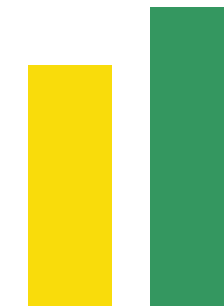
FPEAK hosted a delegation from Uganda on 13th March 2023 who were in Kenya for an Exchange Visit Program.

The discussions revolved around advocacy on creating favorable business environment, food safety, compliance and possible collaboration in market access.

The delegation had representation from; Uganda National Farmers Federation, National Agricultural Movement of Uganda, HortiFresh, HORTEXA, Young Farmers Federation of Uganda and Ministry of Agriculture-MAIFF.



Participants pose for a group photo during the courtesy call at FPEAK



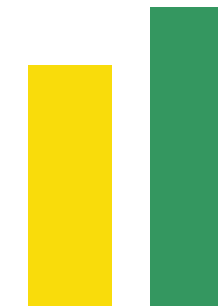
PESTICIDES USE POLICY PAPER



One of the experts, Dr. Eric Were, makes remarks during the validation workshop



Participants follow proceedings during the validation workshop



BEANS AND PEAS IN PODS GPG



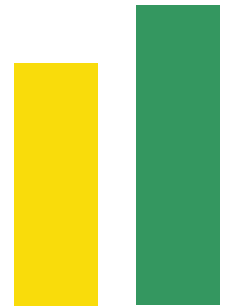
FPEAK and other industry stakeholders worked together to develop a Good Practice Guide on Beans and Peas in pods. The final draft was presented to the steering committee and finally to industry stakeholders during a validation meeting held on 16th February 2023 at Four Points by Sheraton. The GPG was adopted and will be officially launched on the 3rd May 2023 at Mercure Hotel, Upper hill, Nairobi.

KS 1758 – HORTICULTURE CODE OF PRACTICE TRAINING



Through our capacity building department, FPEAK continues to train industry stakeholders on KS 1758 – Horticulture Code of Practice.

We encourage FPEAK members and other industry stakeholders to reach out through info@fpeak.org for capacity building inquiries.



FPEAK BREAKFAST MEETING

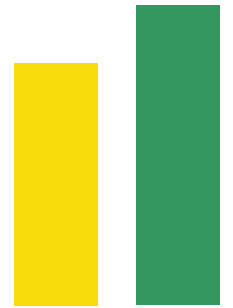
In tandem with FPEAK's calendar of events of 2023, FPEAK held its quarterly breakfast meeting on 16th March 2023 at Crowne Plaza JKIA.

The aim of the breakfast meeting is to provide a platform for information sharing between members and partnering organizations.

Absa Bank Kenya and National Industrial Training Authority - NITA were gracious enough to grace the occasion. We encourage members to be participating on such events in future.



FPEAK members follow proceeding during the breakfast meeting.



GLOBALGAP TOUR STOP

FPEAK was part of the partners in the recently concluded Global GAP Tour Stop Kenya at Safari Park Hotel on 28th to 20th March 2023.

The theme of the event was “Strengthening Compliance and Expanding Markets for Kenya’s Agricultural Produce” that was officially opened by Harry Kimtai PS, State Department of Livestock Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.

GLOBALGAP is one of the most sought-after standard in the international markets and Kenya takes pride in having the most certifications on GLOBALGAP in Africa.

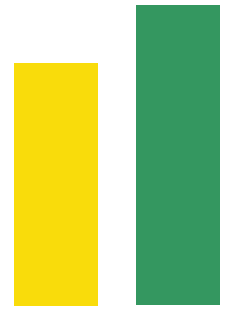
FPEAK is grateful to Harry Kimtai and Senator Beth Syengo for finding time to visit FPEAK's exhibition booth and interacting with the secretariat.



Senator Beth Syengo (L) and PS Harry Kimtai (R) pay a courtesy call to FPEAK's exhibition booth



GLOBALGAP MD, Mr. Kristian Moeller (L) & FPEAK's former chairperson, Mr. Apollo Owuor make remarks during the opening session of the event



IMPACT OF THE WATER RESOURCES REGULATIONS 2021 ON THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

The Ministry of Water through Water Resources Authority (WRA) started implementing the Water Resources regulations 2021 effective 1st February 2023. The news has been received with a lot of concern from various stakeholders in the agriculture sector including smallholder farmers, livestock farmers and membership based associations such as FPEAK.

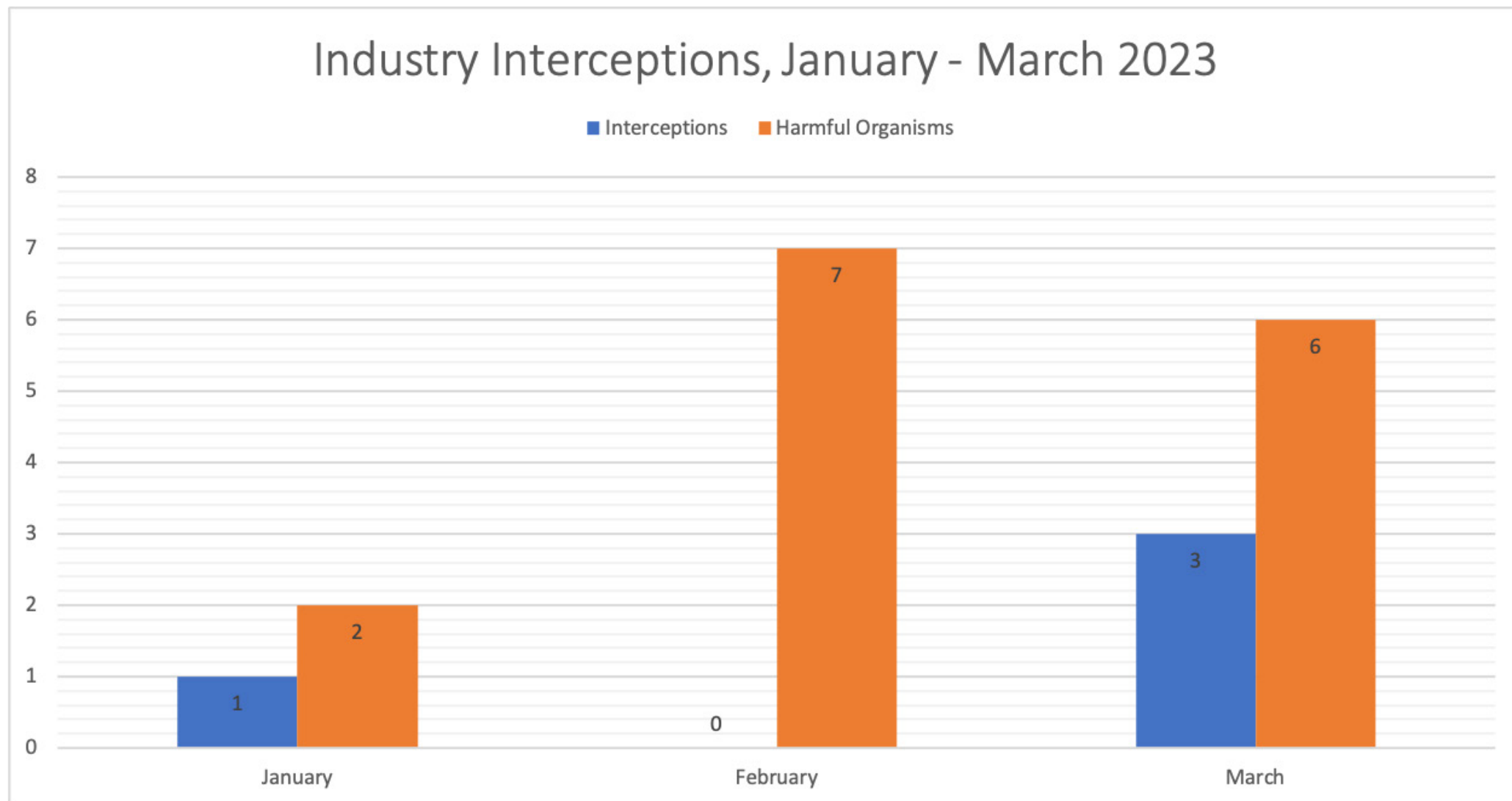
These groups are concerned with how the new water regulations propose an increase in water use charges relating to irrigation and livestock farming which means an increase in business operations. Even more puzzling is the ministry's insistence on moving forward with the rule in spite of the recommendation by the Senate to halt implementation to allow for further participation.

In light of this current situation, FPEAK and other institutions came together and decided it is wise to engage the government to address this significant problem that is harmful to the industry's expansion. So far, two meetings have taken place—one with the Council of Governors on February 9, 2023 and another with the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries on March 9, 2023.

For the latter, the private sector group presented a petition outlining the negative consequences of the new rates on the sector and demanded for immediate withdrawal of the regulation.

The engagement with the government on this matter is still ongoing.

INDUSTRY STATISTICS



Documentation cases include: Additional Declaration Missing | Plant Passport: Incomplete | Plant Passport:copy/ Duplicata Not Endorsed | Incorrect Identity Declared On Documents | False Information

Harmful Organisms include: Thaumatotibia leucotreta | Scirtothrips aurantii |



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