



## Kilimo Trust Board of Trustees Appoints New CEO



Dr. Mary Christine Shetto

Kilimo Trust (KT) is pleased to introduce the new CEO of Kilimo Trust East Africa, Dr. Mary Christine Shetto.

Dr. Shetto has been selected by the Board of KT to take over from Prof. Nuhu Hatibu upon his retirement on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Trained in Agricultural Education and Extension and specializing in Agriculture and Rural Development, Dr. Shetto brings a wealth of experience to the Trust having been the leader of Kilimo Trust's operations in Tanzania. She has experience working with governments as a former Head of Ministerial Delivery Unit (MDU) in charge of Big Results Now (BRN) initiative in the Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives of Tanzania. In addition, she has collaborated with private sector players in her capacity as Officer in Charge of SAGCOT investment desk in the Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives in Tanzania and during implementation of Competitive African Rice Initiative (CARI) where private sector are anchor partners leading consortia established in Tanzania.

The new CEO takes over the leadership of KT during a time of tremendous growth where operations of the Trust have been expanded to include fully fledged subsidiaries registered at EAC country levels. Headquartered in Kampala Uganda, the Trust boasts of Kilimo Trust Tanzania (KTT); Kilimo Trust Rwanda (KTR) and Kilimo Trust Kenya (KTK) all limited by guarantee. Plans are underway to register Kilimo Trust Burundi (KTB). The structure of the Trust enables the implementation and management of our regional programs that are also relevant at country level while transferring lessons learnt seamlessly across borders in the EAC region.

Dr. Shetto will be leading a vibrant team comprising strong Team of Management ([click here for more information](#)) and Technical & Administration staff ([click here for more information](#)).

Being among the pioneers of KT's business model "*KT Consortium Approach to Value Chain Development*" (KTA2VCD), the leadership of Dr. Shetto will enable KT to transform the food sector in the EAC region from subsistence to commercial farms using market-pulled interventions that empower value chain actors. Under the KTA2VCD, value chain actors work together as equal agribusiness partners to solve their business needs while remaining competitive and reliable suppliers of differentiated food products to national, regional and global markets. Impact of the model is already being experienced in Tanzania's rice value chain under the championship of Dr. Shetto and attracted funding in the potato value chain.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Prof. Nuhu Hatibu for his unwavering leadership of 10 years. Most of all we are proud of the strong team he has left behind. The fact that the Board was able to recruit his replacement internally attests to his great leadership.

Under the new leadership, we are convinced that KT will continue to be “Your Partner of Choice” in implementing regional programs in the EAC as well as country specific projects in any of the EAC Partner States.

Thank you for your continued support to KT for the last 12 years.