Conservation Agriculture

Create forums to discuss issues such as Post Harvest Handling

Further meetings, discussions, working groups to work on harmonizing approaches

Create more flexibility in funding mechanism to allow for proper implementation

USAID / Global Climate Change folk have to agree that GCC funds can and should be used to support climate-smart and conservation agriculture (no, that doesn’t always happen)

Do Barrier Analysis studies comparing those who adopt conservation agricultural practices and those who do not

Need better systems(and advocacy for government to do more) regarding controlling wildlife near fields erg., fences around natural parks

Look at health-nutrition interventions with farmers to increase productivity (e.g., deworming for hookworm [affects 40%-70% of Kenyan farmers] & chloriquine) – discussion / guidance on how to integrate into Conservation Ag programs

Coordination mechanisms between NGOs and Agricultural Extension of government & Research and Development institutions at national level / regional.

Results of CA requires time, in most cases 2-3 years, so donor / agency must have a clear strategy that will allow farmers to fully understand and adopt the full system. The funding cycle must reflect implementation needs.

 Strengthening meteorological departments for reliable forecasts to guide farmers on the appropriate CA method to be used (monitoring trigger Indicators)

Advocate for government to incorporate conservation agriculture in agriculture framework policy