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Agribusiness, Climate Change and Youth Economic Empowerment in Kenya

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Abstract

The potential of youth to become the agents of social and economic change has not been achieved due to challenges of unemployment since youth have not been able to obtain decent jobs. The paper is based on literature review and secondary data from print media which included the daily nation the daily standard and the business daily to examine the impact of agribusiness among the youth on climate change. The study was guided by the following objectives: To establish youth adoption in agribusiness activities; to establish the effects of agribusiness on climate change; to examine the policy implications on agribusiness, youth and climate change in Kenya. The study revealed that agribusiness activities have adverse effects on climate change. From the study it was revealed that most activities in agribusiness produce a greenhouse effect due to emission of greenhouse gasses such as carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide which has contributed towards climate change. As a result of the climate change the agribusiness activities are also being affected leading to low yield and low profits thus poor economy.. The study also recommends policy formulation on land ownership by young people for incentives in agribusiness involvement. The government need to formulate easier way of accessing the youth fund in order have capital which will enable the youth to afford better technology and which will not only reduce global warming but also will bring about high yield hence high profits. Proposed future research needs include agribusiness activities which cause less greenhouse effect in order to reduce global warming hence climate change.

Key words: Climate change, youth economic empowerment, agribusiness