

CHARCOAL REMAINS DEEPLY EMBEDDED IN AFRICAN ENERGY SYSTEMS. IT IS TIME TO DEFINE & SUPPORT A MODERN, SUSTAINABLE CHARCOAL AGENDA FOR AFRICA.

② CHARCOAL IS :

- ENERGY DENSE
- RELIABLY AVAILABLE IN FLEXIBLE QUANTITIES
- RELATIVELY AFFORDABLE
- CULTURALLY PREFERRED

12 MILLION PEOPLE ARE PROJECTED TO WORK ACROSS THE VALUE CHAIN BY 2030.

③ EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT AIR POLLUTION GENERATED FROM COOKING WITH CHARCOAL IS LOWER THAN OTHER WOODFUELS.

① CHARCOAL IS A SIGNIFICANT COMPONENT OF THE HOUSEHOLD COOKING ENERGY STACK IN MANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES

IT COMPLEMENTS ELECTRICITY & OTHER COOKING FUELS IN MANY HOUSEHOLDS

④ EMERGING INNOVATIONS :

- SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION METHODS
- IMPROVED KILNS
- CARBONISATION TECHNOLOGIES
- CERTIFICATION & TRACEABILITY SYSTEMS
- CLEANER COMBUSTION TECHNOLOGY
- CIRCULAR BIO-WASTE CHARCOAL PRODUCTS

⑤ A CLEAR DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN UNSUSTAINABLE & SUSTAINABLE CHARCOAL IS NEEDED.