



# Regional Workshop Eastern Africa

## Social Protection from the Perspective of Informal Economy

### Nairobi – February 2017

## RATIONALE



*Informal workers have no or little access to social security and depend on occasional social assistance programmes based on varying public commitment.*

- *Research Question: How could we use social protection mechanisms as a tool for promoting social inclusion of people dependent on the informal economy?*
- *The Workshop will lead to a book containing recommendations, innovative ideas and approaches on Social Protection from the perspective of the Informal Economy.*

*The Workshop will use the "Write Workshop" methodology that allows participants to present their experiences to their peers, receive feedback, and write up their main results and lessons.*

*The RNSF project has identified 4 key dimensions for the workshop.*

- i) Legal and Institutional frameworks*
- ii) Linkages between informal and formal sectors*
- iii) Traditional forms of safety nets*
- iv) Other forms of social protection (e.g. conditional cash transfers)*

*The "Write Workshop" is an innovative methodology developed in collaboration with the KIT Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam, Netherlands ([www.kit.nl](http://www.kit.nl)).*

## **WRITE WORKSHOP**



# Participants



## ***Research***

*Researchers and  
Academics*



## ***Policy Makers***

*Experts from EU  
Delegations, Public  
institutions and  
Regional  
Organisations*



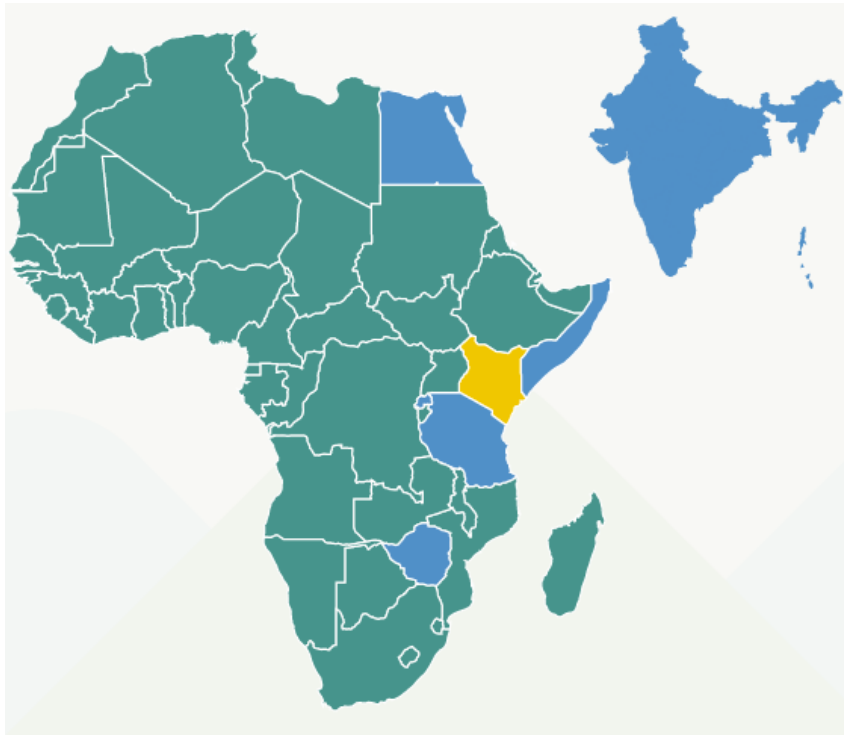
## ***Practitioners***

*CSOs implementing  
EU-funded projects  
on the Informal  
Economy*



*In preparation of the workshop, each participant will prepare a brief paper with RNSF support, focusing on Good Practices and Lessons Learnt in one of the 4 dimensions.*

# Where & When



*The Workshop will take place in Nairobi the second week of February 2017 (tentatively).*

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 Participating countries  Hosting country



# Research, Network & Support Facility

The RNSF carries out **research** to inform policy making by providing recommendations on enhancing livelihoods for people dependent on the informal economy with emphasis on social inclusion. It contributes to the establishment of communities of practice for **networking** and knowledge sharing between stakeholders through seminars, online platforms and meetings and provides technical **support** to the beneficiaries of 17 EC grants, in 14 countries.



Join the **Informal Economy Support Facility Group (IESF)** supported by the RNSF on Capacity4Dev, the platform connecting the EU Development Community: <http://capacity4dev.ec.europa.eu/iesf>

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