Charcoal knows no borders. Let's work together to promote more sustainable production and trade!
Wood fuel is the most important source of domestic energy across Sub-Saharan Africa, contributing to the food security and nutritional needs of millions of people. But increasing demand, linked to population growth, is putting an enormous pressure on forests.

Many African countries share common governance challenges, thus there is a pressing need to encourage mutual learning on how to promote more sustainable value chains and better incorporate wood fuel in energy and poverty reduction policies.

Furthermore, strictly enforced laws limiting charcoal production in some countries are driving new regional charcoal trade dynamics that are yet to be fully understood, calling for increased regional cooperation.

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