



RUFORUM TOP 23
Young African
Entrepreneurs
2018



Japhet Sekenya (TANZANIA)

Biofood Tech Co Ltd



Biofood Tech Co Ltd (<http://www.biofoodtechtz.com>) is a Tanzanian based agro-processing company that was officially incorporated in 2016. Biofood Tech Co Ltd produces a range of products including a non-dairy probiotic drink (Karangayogo), a nutritious product which is lactose free for lactose intolerants (over 24.75 million people in Tanzania), malnourished children (over 42% under five of age in Tanzania).

This product is produced from a blend of peanuts, fruits and a mixture of four different strains of highly beneficial microorganisms. The product contains resveratrol which is very vital in boosting body immunity and increasing longevity. It has bio-antioxidants which helps in regulating blood circulatory system and a healthy blend of beneficial microorganism for improving the efficacy of the digestive tract. Biofood Tech Co Ltd uses peanut cake as the

first product, in combination with other raw materials such as maize, wheat bran, calcium, synthetic methionine, lysine, premixes, toxin binders, enzymes among others, to produce (Ngorongoro feeds). It is a highly nutritious and affordable poultry and fish feed in the market.

This innovation is replacing the usual sources of crude protein (fish and soya) with black soldier fly's larvae (BSF Larvae). The BSF larvae are being produced from organic waste thus achieving multiple environmental benefits for waste management.

Biofood Tech Co Ltd works with small-holder farmers to ensure steady flow of raw materials. Mr. Japhet Sekenya is the Managing Director of Biofood Tech Co Ltd (BIOTET) since 2016.



Udekwe Chinedu Martins (NIGERIA)

Lightsup Energy Solutions



Lightsup Energy Solutions is a social enterprise created majorly to address the problems of inefficient utilisation of waste and energy challenges among farmers, low income households and rural communities in Nigeria. Lightsup Energy Solutions is led by Udekwe Chinedu Martins.

The company specialises in the installation and production of Biogas and Biomass Energy from plant, food and agricultural waste specifically for cooking and lightning.

The company produces and sells eco-friendly charcoal briquettes which are smokeless, odourless, and cheaper and burns longer than ordinary charcoal. It does not emit carbon and conserves the environment as well as reduce deforestation.

The company also fabricates and installs bio-digesters for harnessing biogas energy from plants, animal and agricultural waste primarily for cooking and lightning. The company is seeking for partnerships and financial investment to further scale-up its operations.



Joseph Manzvera (ZIMBABWE)

SMART Connect



SMART Connect (www.smartconnect.biz) is a registered company established in 2016 in Zimbabwe. It was co-founded and currently led by Joseph Manzvera, a young entrepreneur and agribusiness strategist. The company specialises in connecting smallholder farmers with buyers and transporters through a unique and a powerful mobile web application platform. Thus, harnessing the power of Information and Communication Technology to boost the socio-economic status of the people at the bottom of the pyramid through linking them to lucrative markets.

Currently the firm is working with producers and buyers of indigenous chicken, broilers, goats, groundnuts, sesame, cowpea, maize and groundnuts. The platform consists of various features including option for farmers to upload the pictures of their produce on offer, quantity, price and location. Also the buyers can search by product, price range, quantity and location apart from uploading the quantities and prices of products they want to purchase. The transporter also views the location of both the farmer and buyer

and then bids to ferry the produce and the lowest bidder is selected. To use the application farmers, transporters and buyers first register on the platform for free and pay a commission per trade transaction thereafter.

In order to counter the problem of internet connectivity in remote areas the mobile web application is complemented with a SMS and Call Centre. The company has four permanent and two part time employees as well as two interns with experience in project management, computer science and agricultural economics and extension.

Since its inception, more than 100 farmers have registered to use the platform and 15 000 US dollars start-up capital has been invested which is 30% of total investment capital required estimated at 50 000 US dollars. In 2016 SMART Connect won Bindura University Vice Chancellor's Creativity and Innovation grant. The company has already managed to establish two strategic partnerships with Bindura University and FACHIG Trust.



Jean Onyait (UGANDA)

Akellobanker



Akellobanker (www.akellobanker.com) is a data-driven mobile and web-based digital platform that enables low-income earners to access services and products on credit. Akellobanker was launched in 2016 and received grant funding support from ResilientAfrica Network to undertake a needs assessment that informed the design and development of a client-centred Platform.

The platform was piloted and deployed in 32 locations in Uganda where over 50,000 users have been enrolled. The platform offers easy access to tractor hire, improved seed, medical services and farm labor on credit, by leveraging data and mobile Tech to offer structured repayments compatible with the user's needs.

The platform integrates mobile money and use of USSD to facilitate instant access, disbursements and repayments. The technology uses the historical data collected to generate unique Credit Identities, which track the user credit behavior to assign appropriate credit scores. It is believed, that everyone has a financial history,

except for the fact that it is not documented. The documentation processes form part of the customer journey towards making access to credit simple and easy. Since 2016 \$69,000 has been invested towards platform development, marketing, operations, and legal engagements.

This investment has led to \$44,000 worth of revenues. The company employs 5 fulltime innovative youth. The company has had several recognition awards including: Global Innovations Exchange 2018 digital pitch contest, the GSMA Mobile Money Hackathon (July 2018)-for using mobile money to enable payment, John Deere mobile App competition (May 2018)-for enabling farmers access tractor hire services on credit, Data Hack for Finance (2017)-advancing Financial inclusion through data innovation, Resilience for conflict Award (Sept 2016)-for using Digital financial services to build the capacity of post-conflict communities to whether social and economic Shocks). Akello Banker is led Jean Onyait who has also been recognized as a Young Achiever of 2018.



Ashirafu Nsibambi Kyabainze (UGANDA)

AT HAUSE Limited

AT HAUSE Limited was established in 2017 after identifying poor packaging of agricultural produce as one of major challenges in the agricultural sector. AT HAUSE Ltd is led by Ashiraf Nsibambi Kyabainze. The enterprises responds to the underlying fact that sub-Saharan Africa has one of the highest levels of post-harvest losses with at least 30% of all food produced being lost or wasted and 75% loss occurring prior to retail.

This start-up thus provides a solution that uses insect and rot resistant 3ply bags to store produce for longer periods and enable the producers earn better. The producers are pulled together disaggregated farms to a smart value chain linked to wholesalers who are financed to purchase farmer's stock. The wholesalers are connected to marketplaces available with large-scale agro-buyers in Africa, Dubai and the Gulf Cooperation Council region.

It is this solution that has been branded as BANK AT HAUSE (<http://athause.mabashaafriicalogistics.com/>). Since inception, the star-up team of agric-tech and finance experts have raised funding from Uganda

Development Bank and Makerere Innovation and Incubation Center, which facilitated connecting over 30 agribusinesses to open marketplaces in Spain, Africa, Dubai, Gulf Cooperation Council region and India.

BANK AT HAUSE is accelerating growth, incorporating more users and investor feedback to improve the product for food security and poverty alleviation in line with Sustainable Development Goals 2030 of United Nations. Ashiraf is a Bocconi University Certified Entrepreneur and Silicon Valley profiled innovator of Global Fortune 1000 companies.

Ashiraf was honoured as a Young Technology and Innovation Leader by World Bank Group's Youth Summit committee for his ideas and achievements in areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Design and Youth entrepreneurship. He is also a Co-founder of Ground Aspects Ltd, among the first GIS platform that offers a variety of free printable maps (currently for Uganda).



Emanuel N. Kungu (TANZANIA)

AfriVet Care Tanzania



AfriVet Care Tanzania Company manufactures AfriEco- Feed. The company was established in 2016 in Tanzania. It deals with training of farmers and distribution of poultry chicks and manufacturing of AfriEco- Feed, an eco- friendly animal feed which is made up from agro-byproducts waste particularly cassava, banana and potato peels.

The product is an environmentally friendly and affordable animal feed which is used for feeding poultry and pigs in small holder farmers in Tanzania. The company started manufacturing the Afri Eco- Feed in January 2017 at small-scale production level.

In January 2018, the company invested USD 8,500 to increase the production of AfriEco-

Feed. In March, the company won USD 5,000 from the Tony Elumelu Foundation to further increase its production. By September 2018, 50 tonnes of feed product had been produced and sold with a total revenue of USD 11,300. The company has seven permanent employees and 12 temporal employees.

It provides jobs for retired Agricultural officers, fresh graduates, youth and women who are involved in training of farmers and collection of agro-byproduct waste. AfriVet Care Tanzania was founded by Emanuel N. Kungu, a private Veterinary practitioner in Tanzania.



Mark Matovu Ssebijwenge (UGANDA)

Nampya Farmers' Market



Nampya Farmer's Market was founded by Mark Matovu Ssebijwenge in 2016 to help address the challenge of fragmentation of market produce. NAMPYA FARMERS' MARKET is a mobile-based offering that provides a tech-enabled sourcing and distribution platform for agricultural produce to retail outlets in urban centers. The company offers small grocery resellers an innovative cashless mobile ordering solution.

Staple food, fruits and vegetable vendors are assured of the next day delivery of high quality, locally grown and fully traceable stock. The company delivers the food stock to the doorstep of vendors at a minimal cost. With a supplier network of 815 farmers and a customer base of 232 (vendors, kiosks, stalls and restaurants), the company translates in a collective purchasing power to farmers, allowing them access to

stable markets at better prices. The company is made up of six permanent and 12 part-staff, all committed to elevating agriculture as a viable respected livelihood, leveraging the private sector to expand job options and promoting a shift in focus from jobs only to agro-entrepreneurship.

About \$ 23,000 has been invested and the company is seeking to raise between \$400,000-500,000 at an undisclosed valuation. This capital will go towards staffing capex in terms of warehouses and logistics and exploring new markets while the company looks to retain its top talent. The company is looking forward to becoming a full stock Mobile-Commerce platform for small businesses by 2024.



Melissa Bime (CAMEROON)

INFIUSS



INFIUSS (<https://infiuss.org>) is a social enterprise founded in 2017 by Melissa Bime and Arnaud Dongmo. It is based in Cameroon. INFIUSS's focus is to democratise access to blood and blood products, by digitalising access to life saving blood.

INFIUSS provides patients and health care practitioners the ability to make a request stating the exact blood type, quantity, and their hospital of admission through mobile application, direct telephone calls and/or SMS. INFIUSS is able to source and deliver the blood to the patients using motorcycles (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWTXQfZLJmo>).

The INFIUSS team consists of six persons; two co-founders, one IT and software developer, one operations officer and two motorcycle riders. Together, the team currently runs a smart hospital that serves not only digitalise blood access but also provide personalised digital services to patients in every aspect of curative care. INFIUSS has invested over \$10000 in its operations and is open to further partnership development and capital investment.



Roy Mwangi Ombatti (KENYA)

AB3D

AB3D is a hardware start-up running as a social enterprise based out of Nairobi, Kenya. AB3D is headed by Roy Mwangi Ombatti an avid innovator from Kenya. AB3D seeks to lower the barriers of access to 3D printing technology by building the 3D printers locally and out of recycled elec-tronic waste parts and other locally available materials. AB3D is out to leverage the power of 3D printing in order to positively impact people's lives. But the focus is not just the machines but more what people can do with the machines in order to achieve this.

AB3D serves as ena-blers to young innovators to help them realise their ideas thus helping young Africans create local solutions to local problems. AB3D team is passionate about interventions of 3D printing in health and education and seeks to set up a 3D printer in every classroom in Kenya, and consequently scale this to the rest of Africa. AB3D locally builds and sells 3D printers as well as 3D printed products and offers 3D printing, 3D design and training services. AB3D has been in existence since 2015.



Akwasi Armah Tagoe (GHANA)

Locagro Agribusiness Start-Up



Akwasi Armah Tagoe is an Agriculture professional with experience in agribusiness and knowledge transfer. He is the Team Leader for Locagro, an agribusiness start-up (www.locagro.com). Locagro is a Ghanaian based enterprise created in 2017 with a focus on empowering smallholder farmers with innovative farming solutions and trainings in farm management and micro-dosing fertiliser application to reduce the negative environmental impact of farming activities.

Locagro integrates agriculture, technology and finance to provide solutions to three major problems facing smallholder farmers: access to market, access to capital and lack of knowledge in smart farming techniques. Locagro also offers farmers the opportunity of a ready market prior to harvest through planning of the entire production cycle, providing information to farmers and new agribusinesses (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3q0l4YQmyePV-YqZ2llo1w/videos>)

and capacity building in micro-dosing which is a strategy to replenish nutrients in the soil through precise application of fertiliser in small doses. As such, the solution runs on an impact plus return model where the smallholder farmer, Locagro and environment benefits. Akwasi is also cofounder of Nocofio (www.nocofio.com) a digital platform which provides financial inclusion services for agribusinesses.

Through Nocofio (www.nocofio.com), Locagro provides access to financial services by crowd funding for smallholder farmers. Since its inception, 12 smallholder farmers have been trained and connected with customers with an estimated transaction amount of \$4,500. Akwasi holds a MSc in Agricultural and Environmental Science from Newcastle University - United Kingdom and a BSc in Agriculture Science from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana.



Towanan Armel T. Ahimakin (BENIN)

Huilerie Royale Ted Benin Sarl (HRTed)



Huilerie Royale Ted Benin Sarl (HRTed) is a company created in 2016 with the aim of increasing the production and commercialization value of coconut oil that is produced by rural women in Benin, ECOWAS region. HRTed is led by Townan Armel T. Ahimakin. Since its creation, coconut oil has been bought from the rural women, transported to Cotonou where it is further processed and commercialized.

Through the HRTed rural women groups engaged have grown from 18 to 30 members with their incomes rising from \$30 to \$55 per member. HRTed is run by six employees and generates an annual revenue of \$33,200.

HRTed's enterprise innovativeness rests in the fact that compared to other artisan producers of coconut oil, HRTed applied the first solution of eliminating water and bacteria from artisan extracted coconut oil through its method of filtering, conserving without additives, bottling and selling in major cities of Benin. HRTed seeks to invest in establishing an ultra-modern coconut oil processing plant that will enable the company to utilise advanced and innovative methods of oil processing and conservation for enhanced quality and quantity.



Fred David (KENYA)

The Car Village



The Car Village is an innovation of the Green Plus Kenya, an innovative solution to the piling automotive industry waste occurring within the sub-Saharan Africa. This pile of automobile waste is occurring due to increased importation of second hand vehicles. However, not all waste is waste. The Car Village believes that these decommissioned cars can be useful raw materials that offer a unique and spectacular form of accommodation.

Through this, a two way review stream for both village owners and car owners will be provided. At the centre of the transformation will be the local artisans “Jua Kali” that have the master art of transforming waste materials into valuable, elegant and appreciated products within Kenya and beyond. Furnishing the ‘house’ will be creatively done using car parts for example; seats and tables will be made out of tires, tables

will be creatively designed from engines, and sinks will be made out of gearbox housings. The Car Village looks at leveraging the historical and sought after experience by many visitors to Africa; to live and experience the Massai village; accordingly some of the smaller cars such as sendans will be arranged to simulate the ‘Massai boma’ while the more larger cars will be crafted to provide luxurious accommodation.

It will be targeting travellers and adventure lovers seeking to have a new experience. Green Plus Kenya seeks \$130,000 as venture capital and welcomes business partners. The Car village is founded by Fred David, a trained Technology Consultant, Automotive Presser and an environmental activist.



Murtala Muhammad (GHANA)

Auto-Hydro Plant



Auto-Hydro Plant is a registered Ghanaian company that specializes in designing and implementation of renewable energy in various forms. The company's main activity involves constructing an auto hydro power plant and installation of local mini-grid and distribution lines to target consumers within households, social services, institutions and small enterprises.

The company intends to replace the old system of Hydro-Electric Power with the simplest and most efficient power generation in Africa and beyond.

The company has comprehensive range of products including: i) Auto-Hydro Plant with the capacity ranging from 10kw to 100mw that can

supply villages, communities, towns, districts, regions and even nation; ii) Auto Industrial Plants, to be built for industries and companies depending on their consumption; and iii) Auto Domestic Plants design for middle income people and general public.

The Auto Hydro Plant Project is currently constructing 110kw plant at Kijewu in East Gonja District in Ghana to supplement electricity across the farming communities within the district. The company is seeking to revolutionise access to electricity in Ghana. The company seeks further investment of up to \$300,000 and is open to partnership and capital financing.



Paul Matovu (UGANDA)

Vertical and Micro Gardening



Vertical and Micro-gardening (VMG) (www.verticalandmicrogardening.com) is a Ugandan climate-smart farming social enterprise that was started in 2014 by Paul Matovu. The VMG manufactures and sells vertical farms designed to provide low-income urban residents, especially housewives and youth, with fresh, organic produce and income-generating opportunities.

The social enterprise also aims to turn biodegradable waste into organic compost through vermicomposting that occurs in its vermicomposting core. The compact, layered structure creates 36 sq ft of soil with only a 9 sq ft footprint. It is in essence, a “farm in a box”, which utilises compost from biodegradable urban waste, and is capable of growing up to 200 plants. The Vertical Farms not only address food insecurity issues in urban slums but

generate average annually earnings of US\$355. Since its inception, VMG has supported more than 500 households, created partnerships with Farmers’ Networks, CBOs, SACCOs, VSLAs and Women Groups through which the units are distributed on cash, credit and co-ownership arrangements.

VMG’s management team comprises of five passionate, skilled and experienced young people. The company is in the process of designing two versions of the Vertical Farm: the Premium Quality Vertical Farm and the Regular Quality Vertical Farm to be sold targeting High end and Low income customers respectively. VMG requires an investment capital of \$30,000 for scaling up its operations



Helen Opeyemi Balogun (NIGERIA)

PREST

PREST™

PREST is a Nigeria based start-up dedicated to doing two things; firstly production of energy saving cooling systems (using clay) to store freshly plucked tomatoes and extend their shelf life from 5 to 30 days; and secondly the processing of tomatoes into jams (leveraging on canning technology), dried tomatoes (leveraging on thermal dehydrating technology) and tomato powder stored in jars and packs that can be resealed which keep them fresh for as long as two years and always ready to use.

PREST cooling systems will leverage on technologies based on solid state physics, IOT and embedded systems to create “Green houses for storing Tomatoes” for smallholder farmers who encounter post-harvest losses on their produces.

The various processed forms (tomato jams, dried tomatoes and tomato powder) will serve as alternatives to tomato pastes being imported into Nigeria and will be utilized by middle and

high income households and consumers that require quick access to processed and ready to cook tomatoes instead of going to the market to process the tomatoes themselves.

PREST is run by a team of four individuals with experience in social entrepreneurship, business development, branding and marketing and nutrition as well as an academic mentor. PREST team is currently under mentorship and coaching by Wennovation hub, an innovation accelerator company in Nigeria.

PREST is currently utilizing \$1,500 grant received from a student innovation competition (PAADC) and envisages to raise over \$500,00 from various investment opportunities. PREST long term goal is to reduce post-harvest losses of tomatoes in Nigeria and other African countries, whilst saving energy, time and encouraging healthy eating. PREST was founded by Helen Opeyemi Balogun.



Clement Kandodo (MALAWI)

EcoGen Bioenergy



EcoGen Bioenergy produces, sells and distributes low cost mobile domestic digesters for the production of biogas energy from agricultural and/or domestic waste which is the most efficient, reliable and low cost clean energy solution suitable for rural and urban households.

EcoGen Bioenergy biogas digesters provide multiple benefits, including: clean and alternative source of energy, contributes to better crop yield through the use of digestate (manure produced after production of biogas), alternative uses of food waste and contributes to alternative source of household income.

It also contributes to clean and healthy environment as well as three tons of carbon abated per unit per year and 75 tons per product per lifetime. EcoGen Bioenergy seeks to invest \$200,000 in production of portable domestic bio-digesters (<https://youtu.be/HJM4fOe4vi4>). It is therefore seeking for partners to leverage resources including financial support and information exchange. EcoGen Bioenergy is led by Clement Kandodo with a team of four others that are working tirelessly to deliver success.



Sedjro Elvis Kleber AMOUA (BENIN)

African Urban Farmers



African Urban Farmers is an initiative by Sedjro Elvis Kleber AMOUA and team of five others that seeks to respond to challenge of cultivable land especially in urban and peri-urban areas and the need to address health risks associated with products generated by conventional urban agriculture in order to improve food and nutrition security in African cities.

This initiative will be piloted in Cotonou, Benin. African Urban Farmers will operate on two fronts; production-sale and training. For the production-sale component, aquaponics will be adopted as a production system.

The farm will produce vegetables and freshwater fish in an integrated system. The training component will be set up through partnerships with agricultural training centers. African Urban Farmers aspires to become one of the largest aquatic farms in Benin and the West Africa region. African Urban Farmers is seeking for an investment start-up of US\$1,600 to commence operations.



Jacob Maina (KENYA)

Keen Monitor



Keen Monitor is a social enterprise started by four young professionals seeking to revolutionise health care services led by Mr. Jacob Maina. Their's is an innovation based enterprise with a heart-diseases-detection-bracelet. The company has recently also introduced two new product extensions namely: heart-diseases-detection-bra and the heart-diseases-detection-vest.

The bracelet is won just like a normal bracelet but it has sensors which detect heart attacks, heart failure, any cardiac arrest symptoms, abnormal heart beat and chronic shortness of breath. The heart-diseases-detection-bracelet is always connected to a doctor's mobile application on their phone which the doctor then uses from anywhere in the world to monitor the person's heart rate, respiratory rate, breathing habits and

heart rate variation automatically connecting millions of people wearing these devices to doctors.

The heart-diseases-detection-bracelet is also connected to ambulances and triggers an alarm to the nearest ambulance in case of an emergency. Through the heart-diseases-detection-bracelets, the team has been able to generate about 1,227,600 data points showing people's heart-related emergencies, access to doctors and medical health care, heart diseases trends, connection of heart diseases and respiratory trends, trends in per person wearing it and data regarding their heart rate, breathing habits, among others. These trends are providing helpful information to the medical practitioners in health care provisioning.



Dr. Lahbib Latrach (MOROCCO)

WATECH



WATECH is a social enterprise based in Morocco headed by Dr. Lahbib Latrach. WATECH, founded in 2018, addresses the social need of the “right to safe and adequate sanitation service” through implementation of wastewater treatment plant. WATECH offers a practical solution for 40 % of global population without access to sanitation service.

The patented innovation, MSL technology, is designed to be used to manage and reuse domestic wastewater in rural communities and decentralized sites. It consists of water filtration using available and low cost materials such as soil, gravel, sawdust and iron metal. MSL technology is economically feasible, environmentally sustainable and socially acceptable. WATECH works on increasing access to clean potable water, improved wastewater management,

reduced health risks for rural populations and contributes to supporting small farmers in the adoption of sustainable agriculture. WATECH is also running awareness campaigns among the rural population on the preservation of the environment, reduction of pathogens from potable water, and promote education of children in rural schools by providing a safe sanitation service.

The company revenue streams include sale of MSL system, consultancy and licencing of patent. The company’s investment capital is estimated at US\$ 150,000 of which US\$ 85,000 has already been invested.



Nabuuma Shamim Kaliisa (UGANDA)

Community Dental and Reproductive Health



Community Dental and Reproductive Health is a company formed in 2016 and legally registered as a company limited by guarantee in 2017. It is headed by Nabuuma Shamim Kaliisa. It was formed with the aim of providing affordable but quality dental and reproductive health together advocating for the health rights of the marginalised population.

The company offers a range of services including; i) dental services to organised groups like the women saving groups, schools and individuals using both mobile and stationed clinics. Each of these groups receives services attuned to their needs. Secondly, Reproductive Health services including; cervical, prostrate and breast cancer screening.

The company charges a minimal fee for all Ugandan and other citizens accessing the

services however refugees are exempt from paying any fees. Through a focused attention on raising awareness, Community Dental and Reproductive Health has found it critical to undertake advocacy campaigns as part of its suit of services targeting persons living with HIV and well as to strengthen accountability and health systems governance.

Community Dental and Reproductive Health has received some funding from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Tony Elumelu Foundation, and Sun Bridge International. The Company has been able to grow from a one roomed clinic to a fully suited facility with delivery of services to 15 districts in Uganda. The company hopes to establish a National Dental and Reproductive Health Hospital specialised on Women.



Davies Nyaigero Ateka (KENYA)

Eco Sawa Limited



Eco Sawa is a startup officially created in 2018. It produces eco-friendly products with the pioneer product being Dane bio pesticide which the team has patented. The pesticide is based on neem and is an organic substitute to the numerous poisonous chemical pesticide products in the market today.

Eco Sawa's (<https://dachkenya.wixsite.com/ecosawa>) Dane bio pesticide can be used to prevent a wide variety of insects and pests such as the Desert locust and the Fall Armyworm in a range of crop fields. Eco Sawa is currently pursuing licensing by the Kenya Pesticide Control Products Board (PCPB) to enable certification so as to roll-out the product for wider distribution.

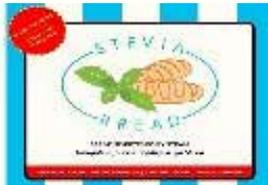
Eco Sawa is currently incubated under Kenya Climate Innovation Centre and has been able to achieve several milestones including being included in the top 100 most promising startups of 2018 in the Nairobi Innovation Week. Eco Sawa seeks to invest upto \$300,000 startup capital and is currently in collaboration with accelerators such as KCIC and Netbiz Impact in exploring partnerships with potential investors.

Eco Sawa was founded by Davies Nyaigero Ateka and Charity Kizito. Davies Ateka is a graduate of The University of Nairobi with Bachelor of Science in Environmental Conservation and Natural Resource Management.



Sebarinda Cyusa Patrick (RWANDA)

G-Yedia Ltd



G-Yedia Ltd is a company registered with the Rwanda Development Board. It was founded in 2016 by Sebarinda Cyusa Patrick. It produces Stevia Bread is a speciality bread that is a low calorie bread produced by substituting sugar with stevia for sweet healthy bread. G-Yedia is focused on niche market as such takes care of persons with diabetes, obesity and overweight and others who are health conscious; and since bread is the most consumed type of food, Stevia Bread comes as a perfect starting solution.

Currently G-Yedia team is made up of three permanent employees and other part-time and casual labourers. G-Yedia was a prize winner of \$1800 from Africa Innovation Prize in 2015 that the company has invested in the bakery operations. The company is seeking investment capital of \$28000 to scale up its operations.



Sidje Tamo Armelle (CAMEROON)

PRA Ets



Product Related to Agricultural Sector (PRA Ets; www.pragricole.wordpress.com) is a young social enterprise in Cameroon founded by Sidje Tamo Armelle in 2017. PRA Ets business is focused on production and the marketing of plantain seeds, diets and the transformation of banana-plantain trunks into biodegradable packaging (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v52Lzi05K_I).

The business is motivated by international commitments such as the need to reduce greenhouse emissions from deforestation through alternative sources of fibre. Owing to

the innovativeness of the enterprise, the PRA Ets team has received several entrepreneurship awards including; the BEST INNOVATION award by the National Small and Medium Enterprise Day, 2017 in Cameroon. The company's management team consists of five individuals in agricultural sector, financet, computer science, topographer and entrepreneurship.

The company plans Cfa 8,561,453 start-up capital and plans for the third year to make a turnover of Cfa 23,718,825 from consumption of 2.8 hectares of banana-plantain trunks and a production of 46,800 shopping bags.

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