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GROWTH

“Someone once told me growth and comfort do not coexist; I think it’s a really good thing to remember”

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Agribusiness Tour
24th-28^h June 2019

Members’ AGM 2019
31st July - 1st August

Exchange & Internship
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LAUNCHING KANUNGU DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.



Life is an evolution; what may look like a challenge to many people, may be a milestone. Just like life, business is also an evolution...because business must grow and growth cannot be achieved through a stagnant mind-set. With an evolving mind-set and growth oriented vision, Federation of Uganda Young Farmers' Association-UNYFA has proved that it is an organization that has life in itself and it has grown from 5 to 45 member Associations with over 23,000 individuals in the last 3 years; the Young Farmers' Federation is drawing closer to achieving its vision of over 1 million individuals in the next five years.

UNYFA recently launched the Kanungu District Young Farmers' Association (KDYFA), its newest member with a membership of over 800 young farmers. This colourful event was graced by the Kanungu Resident District Commissioner (Hajji. Sengooba Ssekandi Shafiq) and other district officials, who pledged their full support for the Association. The young farmers had an opportunity to exhibit some of the products from their farms; products such as apples, passion fruits, coffee, tree seedlings and vegetables.

Mr. Joshua Rukundo, a young farmer in Kanungu District had an opportunity to speak at the launch and he mentioned that the young farmers in Kanungu have been yearning to come together to support each other and make bigger strides.

The Programs Manager- UNYFA, Mr. Magezi

Samuel in his reassuring message to the young farmers of Kanungu noted that that the District Young Farmers' Association is a building block for the Young Farmers' Federation of Uganda (UNYFA) and UNYFA strives to offer opportunities, market information, capacity building and exposure at both national and international levels to its members.



'The strength of a team is each individual member; The strength of each member is the team' – Phil Jackson. UNYFA believes in the ability of each young farmer in Uganda to excel....it is possible. However with a bigger platform and an umbrella body, the young farmers in Uganda will build a legacy.



FACT METHODOLOGY ADVOCACY FOR GROWTH.

Ownership remains a major challenge for young people in Uganda; ownership of almost anything. This makes it quite challenging for youth to have a voice pertaining issues that affect them at all levels.

With a singular voice and bigger platform, the Young Farmers' Federation of Uganda is using Farmers Advocacy Consultation Tool (FACT) methodology, a practical and goal-oriented tool that provides a stronger position at the negotiating table, to give youth a place at both the district and national level through country wide consultation.

This is an advocacy methodology by Agriterra which is structured to ensure effective lobbying. It entails training of Farmers' leaders and staff in four key areas. That is; consultation with members, participatory research, preparation of SMART proposals and stakeholder engagement.

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Twenty members of UNYFA, and a client of FACT Uganda recently benefited from a 3 days FACT methodology training workshop which will lead to country wide consultations with young farmers in Uganda. As part of the development of the

service provision from UNYFA to its members, the organisation wants to venture into lobbying and advocacy on behalf of the young farmers in Uganda.

FACT methodology is a tool that has revealed that farmer engagement in policy formation produces more contextualized policies which the farmers can relate with and hence make the implementation of these policies a success.

During the workshop, the concepts of FACT methodology were shared with the participants and they were able to make a comparison between the generic way of lobbying and the proposed way of lobbying using FACT methodology.

Low youth involvement in participation in formulation and implementation of agricultural programs in Uganda was one of the main issues selected at the recent FACT training workshop which was endorsed at the district and the national level. When youth are engaged at the level of deciding which programs suit them best, issues such as; Execution of agricultural programs initiated by the government, Tax exemption for young farmers, Incentive to register their business, Access to land for youth and women, Family farm succession planning will be addressed more effectively.





**MR LWANGA
NEWTON KINGI**
IT PROFESSIONAL IN AGRI-
BUSINESS



I once attended a training in agribusiness and after listening to what a group of established large scale farmers had to say, I made a conclusion that agriculture is not for the faint hearted. It takes courage, hard work and commitment to grow and be a master of your trade. This often time will mean stepping out of your comfort zone and pursuing your goals.

During a recent visit to Nakasongola, Mr. Lwanga Newton Kigingi, an IT professional and a Consultant with Makerere University School of Medicine and more recently, a young farmer in Nakason-gola district shared with us the story of his growth. Less than a year since he started



operating Kigingi Vision farm, he has grown from 8 piglets to 8 sows, 1 boar and 35 piglets. Lwanga who is from a farming background like majority of young people in Uganda says that he was inspired by his friend, Serunjoji Israel, a business graduate who runs a successful farm.

Lwanga says that all a young person needs to start a venture is the right kind of people and influence around them and some savings. ‘Young people should start their ventures and learn in the process but not wait until everything is perfect before they start’ He cautions. ‘You cannot start when you know everything’ he emphasized; keep learning as your business grows.

Tips for young farmers;

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 AFRICA CLIMATE WEEK
Accra, Ghana 18-22 March 2019

On 18th-22nd March 2019, over 2,500 delegates representing governments, business leaders and civil society stakeholders gathered in Accra, Ghana, within the 2019 Africa Climate Week (ACW2019), to discuss ways to advance climate action.

This event was the first of the series of regional climate events to be hosted this year ahead of the UN Climate Action Summit 2019 in September.

The Regional Climate Weeks are designed to foster engagement between governments and non-government stakeholders to advance regional climate action.

The event took place against the backdrop of one of the worst tropical cyclones on record to affect Africa and the Southern Hemisphere as a whole, the intense tropical Cyclone Idai that affected over two million people across Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

ACW2019 focused on how engagement between governments and non-governmental stakeholders can be strengthened across key sectors in Africa, specifically around issues relating to nature-based solutions, the energy transition and the critical role of cities and local action in addressing the climate challenge.

The World Farmers' Organization (WFO) was present in Accra. Mr. Denis Kabiito from Uganda, facilitator of the WFO Youth Committee and CEO UNYFA was engaged in several panels and roundtables, bringing the real-life perspective of farmers into the debate.

Farmers are at the frontline of climate change whose effects are a serious threat to their daily activities and consequently to their incomes. Furthermore, natural disasters overlap climate change and affect the agricultural sector in different ways, forcing farmers to react by changing the production cycles in terms of timing and location, facing problems in terms of damages to their infrastructures and production means. However, farmers still produce, trying to cope with such events and being resilient but their real needs and challenges are often underestimated in policy debates.

Farmers are economic actors and decision-making is central to their farms' management. Each decision has an impact on their farms and consequently on their income. Given this and taking into account the unpredictability of climate change and its impact on agriculture, the more farmers are aware of the risks and of the strategies they can implement to adapt to climate change, the more sustainable and resilient their farm will be.

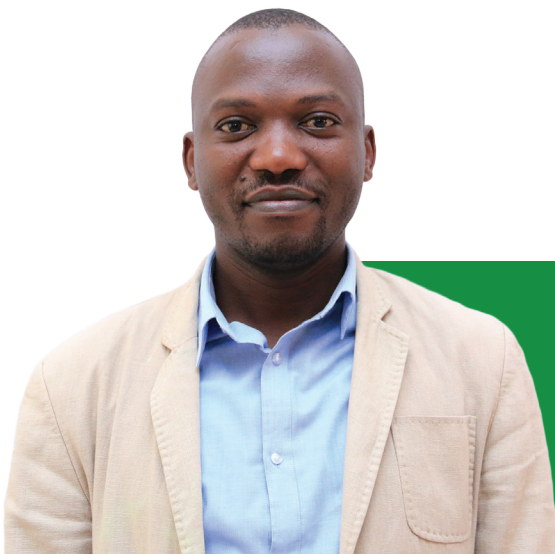
Involving farmers in the planning of such strategies, together with scientists and other stakeholders, provide a reliable insight of what the agricultural sector has to deal with every day.

Furthermore, farmers are already putting in place practices that policy makers and scientists should consider, supporting and improving them when needed and investing to scale them up when applicable.

In this regard, the Africa Climate Week was a great stage to raise awareness on “The Climakers. Farmers Driven Climate Change Agenda”,

the initiative conceived by the WFO according to which all the actors in the food value chain work together with the farmers, to advance the global political dialogue on agriculture and climate change, promoting farmers’ contribution to the Paris Climate Agreement.

Working through the entire value chain in a joint bottom-up approach, including all the actors, is the only way to get effective solutions for a sustainable future that everyone can benefit.



MR. DENIS KABIITO

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
YOUNG FARMERS’ FEDERATION
OF UGANDA (UNYFA)



THE AHA VISIT TO UNYFA

21ST - 22ND FEBRUARY 2019

The AHA visit to UNYFA was conducted from 21st to 22nd February 2019 and it involved Dr. Andreas Quiring-Director AHA and Mr. Philipp Conze-Roos- Deputy Director AHA International. A number of activities were conducted during the visit and these were: meeting Agri-agencies particularly Agriterra; courtesy visit to Germany Embassy and GIZ in Kampala; Meeting UNYFA National Coordination Team and UNFFE Board

and finally visiting a UNYFA member organization (Nakasongola District Young Farmers Association).

The visit started with AHA officials meeting UNYFA National coordination team and UNFFE Board & few staffs at Nakasero on the first day. The field visits were done on the second day in Nakasongola district where young farmers interfaced with the visitors at DFA hall, Milling factory and farms.



OPPORTUNITIES

1. UNYFA & AfriPort to Profile young farmers and sending their produce sample to various international markets.
2. UNYFA to conduct two Agribusiness Excursions this year (24th-28th June 2019).
3. The 27th National Agricultural Trade Fare at Jinja Source of the Nile (12th -21st July 2019)
4. International Young Farmers' Exchange Program between Germany and Uganda (July, 2019).
5. UNYFA to Coordinate and host a National youth platform for Heads of Youth based Agribusiness Organizations.
6. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – FAO RAF Regular Volunteer Programme 2019/2020: Application Deadline 30th August 2019.



27th National Agricultural Show
Theme: "Agricultural technologies and innovations for Farmer-Led Agro-industrialization"
Entry Fee: Students 3000/-, Adults 5000/-
Date: 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
July 2019
Venue: Jinja Show Grounds
Organised by: Uganda National Farmers Federation (UNFFE)
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THE 4TH YOUTH AGRIBUSINESS TOUR
 Peer to peer Learning through Experience Sharing & Exposure
FEE UGX 250,000 | **24th - 28th JUNE 2019** | **ROUTE**
 KAMPALA, WAASO, KAYUNGA, MUKONO, JINJA, MIBALE, KAPCHORWA
THEME: Be Bold for Agricultural Change, Champions keep playing until they get it right
ACTIVITIES:
Field Visits:
 1. Bulamu Mixed Farm.
 2. Ham Animal Breeding Farm (Dairy and Goats).
 3. EMP Uganda Bee Farm at Kalaqi (Bee Value chain).
 4. Passion Fruit Farm
 5. Buyende District Young Farmers' Association- Fish Farming.
 6. Kapchanyi Coffee Limited- Loading, exporter.
 7. Horticultural Farm in Kapchorwa
 8. Sebei Farmers' SACCO.
Fun/Adventure:
 1. Mabira Forest
 2. Jinja Source of the Nile (Soccer, Swimming, Campfire, and Team building exercise)
 3. Sipri Falls
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No.	Time Frame	Coming-up Activity
1	24 th - 29 th June 2019	UNYFA Agribusiness Tour.
2	12 th - 21 st July 2019	The National Agricultural Show.
3	31 st July- 1 st August 2019	UNYFA AGM



Construction



Landscaping



New Product Range



Forestry



Agriculture



Cleaning

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