



Rwanda Youth In Agribusiness Forum (RYAF)

"Youth as Agents of Change in Agribusiness"

***Promoting Youth Engagement in the
Horticultural Sector***

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About RYAF

- RYAF, Officially launched on 3rd May 2016, to challenge and change the mind-set among the youths vis-à-vis agriculture, to influence transformation of agricultural business landscape,
- impacting positively the status of on & off-farm jobs, integrated and sustainable agro-economic development, food and nutritional securities.

Launching RYAF (Ministry of MINAGRI & MYICT



About RYAF (cont'd)

RYAF Mission

- To facilitate youth in agribusiness to change their mind-set,
- To promote, inform, advocate and mobilise Rwandan youth to engage in agribusiness,
- Technical and financial support and linkages to youth with stakeholders coordination

RYAF STRUCTURE

Organisation Structure

- 1.Executive Board 09 Members (elected)
- 2.General Assembly 69 Members (elected)
- 3.Secretariat 30 Technical Staff (Recruited)

Chair

V. Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

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+
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HoC Agro-processing

HoC Crop Production

HoC Livestock

HoC ICT4AG

HoC Agro Services

EAST
14 Reps

WEST
14 Reps

SOUTH
16 Reps

NORTH
10 Reps

MVK
6 Reps

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RYAF Members and approaches

To date, RYAF has 4,300 members who are grouped into 5 clusters:

- ❖ **Crop production**
- ❖ Livestock production,
- ❖ Agro-processing (animal and crops),
- ❖ Other agro-services (packaging, inputs, extension services, mechanization, etc)
- ❖ ICT for Agriculture (ICT4Ag)

Horticulture agribusiness model examples at RYAF

- ❖ The selection of the following agribusiness models in horticulture is based on the inspiration towards:
 - ❑ Export oriented horticulture,
 - ❑ Local market opportunities exploitation,
 - ❑ Rwanda landscape suitability for horticulture development (climate, irrigation options, etc),
 - ❑ Incentivizing channels: grants, capacity building and political will

GASHORA FARM LTD/Chilli production and chilli oil making/exported to Hungary



GATUMBA ORGANIC FARMING COMPANY Ltd/Tamarillo production /selling to local markets



COAIBU/Bugesera: Chilli production and export to India



Beet root processing and wine making/Kalisimbi Ltd



Key perspectives

- RYAF is becoming one voice for the youth practitioners in the sector as well as aspiring ones to be aware of the existing opportunities,
- Despite the current achievements, there is a lot to do with technical assistance as well as global market access to speed up the transformation and the entire economy,

- RYAF is carrying out a mapping activity that will inform exactly the number of youth in different value chains of agribusiness,
- This will serve as basis for planning both on markets and provide needed interventions as required,

Recommendation

- ICT in horticulture is in high need to speed up irrigation technologies which pair to water resources management,
- Postharvest losses reduction are being speeded by agro-processing businesses and from carrot, beet roots etc,

Investment opportunities

- There is more investment opportunities in the horticulture and this is an encouragement for investors and partners to come and partner with the youth in agribusiness
- Thank you very much/Merci beaucoup/Murakoze cyane