



## Youth, Entrepreneurship and African Agriculture

Students and teachers of all programs are warmly invited to a workshop on Youth, Entrepreneurship and African Agriculture. In the coming 30 years Africa's human population will more than double, and that for a continent with the world's largest yield gap and an increasing food insecurity. This trend is not helped by the fact that Africa's farming population is strongly aging and productivity slows. Youth agripreneurs (entrepreneurs in agriculture) programs are at the core to counter such trends. Youth is synonymous with change and innovation, and education should equip future farmers with entrepreneurial skills and tools for sustainable intensification to feed Africa and the world of tomorrow.

Agripreneurs programs exist in Africa and Europe and we will explore how to linkup such programs between 'South and North', with questions such as: what are commonalities in African versus European agriculture, what are the opportunities and challenges, how does agriculture transition in Africa, and how does that differ from trends in Europe, how can collaborative programs South-North catalyze sustainable production and global agriculture on both sides of the equator?

Eight people representing programs in Uganda, Kenya and Somaliland will talk about the programs they run, their vision on agripreneurship and agricultural transformation, as well as their perspectives on collaboration with SLU (see below for their details).

As it is a workshop, we will also actively seek participation of all attendants, through real-time online quizzes, questionnaires, and roundtable discussions.

Our guests will in the days that follow be available in courses and in further discussions. Please let us know if you would like to talk to them (list of invitees below)

**WHERE:** Crafoordsalen and classrooms, Alnarp.

**WHEN:** the plenary meeting will be the 23 January 2017 09:30-14 (lunch for registered participants\*)  
on the 23-25<sup>th</sup> there are various activities planned as well (see program on next page)

**FOR WHOM:** students from across the different programs (Lantmästare, agroecology, horticulture, trädgårdingenjör, landscape planning and architecture); teachers and faculty from the different programs





## Program: Youth Entrepreneurship and African Agriculture

23-25 January

Time	Activity	For Whom
<b>23 January</b>		
09:00 –14:00	Youth, Entrepreneurship and African Agriculture	Teachers/Stud/Guests
15:00 –17:00	Roundtable : instruments for linking South-North	Teachers/STudR/Guests
19:00 –	Evening program	Teachers/StudR/Guests
<b>24 January</b>		
09:00 -12:00	Visitors as guests lecturers in classrooms (please book!)	Teachers/Stud
12:00 –13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 15:00	Agripreneurship in Africa	Teachers/Stud/Guests
15:00 – 17:00	LP writing session (BT department and Dept of Economics)	Teachers/Guests
<b>25 January</b>		
09:00 – 17:00	Visitors as guests lecturers in classrooms	Teachers/Stud

The workshop is organized by Konstantinis Karantininis ([karantininis.konstantinos@slu.se](mailto:karantininis.konstantinos@slu.se)) and Teun Dekker ([teun.dekker@slu.se](mailto:teun.dekker@slu.se)) under the SLU Global theme Efficiency of Farming Systems. Please contact us for questions and suggestions! Stu=all students, StuR= student representatives, Guests=African colleagues, SIDA, Steven Carr, SIANI.



Please bring your smartphones to the workshop to be able to participate actively!!

**Fred Kabi – Professor at Makerere University, Uganda**

Livestock sciences and management by training. Student training in sustainable farming and livestock production systems. Agribusiness development for economic growth, improved livelihoods and sustainability. Translating agricultural sciences into product development and innovative agribusiness. Technology transfer platforms. Training the trainers initiatives. [www.mak.ac.ug](http://www.mak.ac.ug)

**Basil Mugonola, Lecturer at Gulu U., Uganda**

MSc in agricultural economics (Makerere) and a PhD in bioscience engineering (Leuven), coordinating teaching in agribusiness and rural development at Gulu. Keyphrases: smallholder farming, the challenges of education at farming systems in a “challenged region”. Involving students in agripreneurship. Farmer involvement in teaching. Involved in the sustainability network in Uganda. [www.gu.ac.ug](http://www.gu.ac.ug)

**Samuel Nyanzi, Director of RUCID, Uganda**

Agriculturist from Emerson College, Sussex, UK. Integrated training and consultancy on organic production, scaling up and integrating downstream into processing, marketing and sales. Developing innovative agro-based practices and products. Founder of RUCID: [www.rucid.org](http://www.rucid.org)

**Rushononga, Wii Mpiira, OSI, Uganda**

Recent graduate of agricultural economics and management at Makerere University. The role of IT in sustainable and efficient farming systems. Co-founded the Open Sustainability Institute (OSI), a think-tank for Eastern Africa in “weaving a better world ~ for everyone”: democratizing critical resilience knowledge to smallholders through harnessing the power of mass collaboration. [www.opensustainability.org](http://www.opensustainability.org)

**Moses Osiru, Deputy Executive Secretary RUFORUM, Uganda**

The EARTH model– regional interlinking agricultural schools in Africa, possibilities for linking to students to North. Supporting policy on rural development and research. He holds a PhD/MSc in Plant Breeding and Pathology- Osiru worked with smallholder farmers across Africa on a variety of crops. [www.ruforum.org](http://www.ruforum.org)

**Patience Mshenga, Associate Professor, Egerton U., Kenya**

Agribusiness management and agricultural economics. Leads entrepreneurship programs at university and regionally (incl hands-on how to start a farming business) - strengthening universities capacity to enhance competitiveness of agribusiness in East and West Africa (EU funded). [www.egerton.ac.ke](http://www.egerton.ac.ke)

**Fred Wesonga, ISTVS, Somalia**

Principal IGAD Sheikh Veerinary School - Educating youth in post-conflict regions. Animal husbandry, challenges and opportunities, developing entrepreneurship in students. [www.stvs-edu.org](http://www.stvs-edu.org)

**Steven Carr, Independent Consultant.**

Highly experienced practitioner with skills set developed locally and internationally, working to improve the life chances of young adults with a focus on those living in conflict and/or poverty within a Community Development framework. Current work focuses on rural development through agriculture in the Himalayas and across Africa, addressed through multi-sectoral approaches and identifying opportunities for entrepreneurship across local food systems. <https://ch.linkedin.com/in/stevencarrconsulting>

