IITA on Youth Agripreneurs

The Experience

Thursday, 21 April, 2016
PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Introduction
- IYA Formation and Strategy
- Activities
- Challenges
- Spin-Offs
- Way Forward
YOUTH SITUATION IN AFRICA

- 364 million Africans between 15-35 years old
- By 2045, the number will double
- 10-12 million new young workers seek jobs
- 60% of Africa’s unemployed are young adults

Source: AGRA 2015

Average farming force above 60 years.
THE AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION AGENDA IN AFRICA

We will develop and transform the agricultural sector as a Business”

AfDB President Adesina
CHECKLIST

- Mindset changes
- Agribusiness reorientation and value chain components
- Skills and Capacity Development (Science and technology, ICT, mechanization)
- Enterprise and Business Development
- Youth Networking
- Program Management and Coordination.

Overall, the interest of the youth must be aroused and kept sustainably.
Pioneered by IITA in 2012

Multi-disciplinary team

(History, Computer Science, Quantity Surveying, Agronomy)
IYA FORMATION

Mobilization

Training

Coaching & Mentoring

Profitable Ventures
THE IYA STRATEGY

- Skills development in agriculture and Business Development Services
- Use of improved technology and value chain options (cassava, maize, soybean, banana, vegetables, and fish)
- Strategic alliances and partnerships at Local, State, and continental levels
VIABLE ENTERPRISES

CBR: 1:1.7

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# ENTERPRISE SUMMARY

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CHALLENGES

Limited access to land
Inadequate access to financial services
Limited access to markets
Poor Rural Infrastructure
Limited involvement in policy dialogue
LESSONS LEARNT

- Mindset Change
- Institutional Support
- Business Development
The Spin-Offs
IYA REPLICATION

187 Agripreneurs
52% Male  48% Female

Established groups  5
Planned groups  69
KENYA AND BORNO (NIGERIA)

REJOICE D. S. YANGA
(Rejoice Legumes Marketing Enterprises)
IYA ABuja AND GREENWEALTH
DRC

Fig. Saucisse à base de manioc
Fig. Pain à base de manioc
Fig. Chin chin

Fig. Samoussa à base de manioc
Fig. Galette à base de manioc
Fig. Cake à base de manioc
MOVING FORWARD

- Institutional Support
- Agricultural Credit Facilities
- Mechanization
- ICT
- Youth Networking
Youth Agripreneurs are a testament to the fact that with **good training**, **appropriate institutional** backing youths without fore-exposure to agriculture can be productively engaged in the sector.