

Autumn School for Sustainable Entrepreneurship 2018

Participant Portfolio

22 – 26 October 2018, Stuttgart (Germany)

The **Autumn School for Sustainable Entrepreneurship** is an annual programme for young changemakers from the African continent and Germany. Driven by the vision of a transition towards a sustainable global economy it enables young entrepreneurs to learn more about sustainable business, consider how to maximise their social impact, share their locally acquired best practices with each other, and become part of an international network of young people sharing the same spirit of sustainability.

The Autumn School is organised by Engagement Global with its ASA Programme within the framework of the African German Youth Initiative (AGYI) and takes place once a year, alternately in Germany and in an African country. This year's event is organised and implemented in close cooperation with Baden-Württemberg Foundation for Development Cooperation (SEZ). The programme includes inputs from Social Impact Lab Stuttgart.



Alero Thompson, Nigeria*

Sound Her Academy provides a second opportunity for your young girls that dropped out of school to gain back the education they missed alongside the use of digital tools to enhance learning. Young girls are taught basic elementary subjects with the use of digital gadgets and apps that help improve their academic performance and make them to love school. The self esteem of young girls is also being built in our self esteem workshops to help these young girls gain back their self worth that was lost as a result of denial to education.

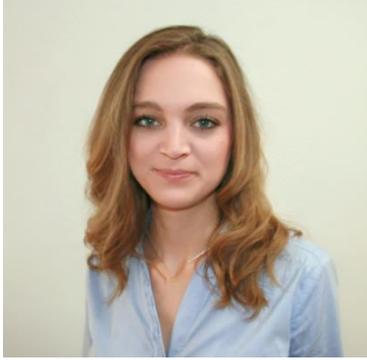
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/soundheracademy/>



Aline Hock, Germany

At Sustainable food, Aline focuses on the improvement of aquaculture value chains and optimization of fish production towards a more sustainable production and to reduce the impact on the oceans. As a team, Sustainable food provides analytic and consultation services on resource footprinting and management optimization for the international aquaculture and fishery sector.

Website: www.sustainablefood.de



Amelie Hübner, Germany

SINGA Business Lab Stuttgart is an inclusive incubation programme for newcomers. We utilize a combination of on- and offline methods to support newcomers in founding successful, scalable, innovative businesses. Our online platform functions as learning platform but also connects entrepreneurs, companies and institutions to share knowledge, solve problems and develop innovative solutions. **Website:** <https://singabusinesslab.de>



Allan Odhiambo, Kenya

Beacon Inclusive is a Social enterprise founded upon values embracing diversity and inclusion for all with a mission to reboot equality through connectivity. We achieve this by catalyzing Internet of Things technology to facilitate accessibility of Quality Healthcare for vulnerable groups (Refugees, Elderly population and Persons with Disabilities). **Website:** <http://www.beacon.co.ke>



Ayobami Ogunnubi, Nigeria*

Yes to Gender Equality Movement (YGEM) is the first youth-led social enterprise start-up, committed to addressing gender inequality globally by implementing programs, campaign and developing a mobile game. YGEM was established to redefine gender equality, to include all exclusions in the society: by empowering and fighting discrimination against women, girls, and disabled in the society. At YGEM, we believe everybody regardless of gender is talented because everybody who is human has something to express to the world, therefore our vision is to embrace equality for all humanity. **Website:** <http://ygem.org/>



Charlène Kanyamuneza, Burundi/Rwanda

EZAup is a social enterprise committed to facilitate the socio-professional integration of youth (particularly refugees in Rwanda) by implementing professional IT trainings and offering them freelance missions. We are currently working on the development of a digital platform that will connect and empower economic actors addressing economic and social matters such as youth unemployment, corruption and ecology.

Website: www.ezaup.com



Doreen Mushi, Tanzania

TusomeInnovations is a startup that develops digital educational resources for children with hearing disabilities in Tanzania. The aim is to provide young learners with quality educational resources and eventually increase literacy levels for the deaf population in Tanzania. **Website:** www.tusometech.co.tz



Edna Sawe, Kenya

Biopane Energy is a peer-to-peer clean energy trading platform on a decentralized environment. Promoting clean energy solutions for the African market by implementing operative and functional peer-to-peer trading of clean solar energy. Helping micro-grid solar farms of farmers, gated communities, and institutions trade the extra solar energy generated.

Website: <https://cedna198.wixsite.com/biopaneenergy>



Fezeka Stuurman, South Africa

Fezeka is the Chief Legacy Builder of the Cultiver Group & Founding Director of the BrightFutures Africa Foundation NPC. Cultiver provides sustainability and social impact advisory services to clients in the private and NGO sectors, helping clients think of, create and measure social impact. The BrightFutures Africa Foundation is the custodian of the BrightFutures Academies, environmentally conscious physical spaces that leverage off technology to improve the educational experience of impoverished high school learners in rural and peri-urban areas, with the aim of preparing young people with skills for the future that will enable them to self-actualise.



Gatien Mbabe, Cameroon

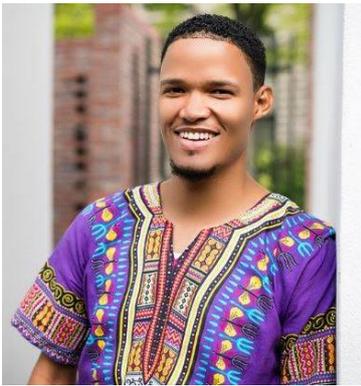
Eduke.Me Education and Franchise Enterprise is a social youth-led company that wishes to put in place a large-scale chain of low-cost private and ecologic schools built out of plastic bottles and non-organic waste. In our ecologic schools, we use a technology-enabled approach via an Educational Box (EduBox) to provide standardized access to quality primary education in Cameroon to poor children from lower income families or communities. The project aims to produce an environment that encourages each pupil enrolled in one of our ecologic school campuses to develop quality of self-discipline, organization, motivation, leadership, entrepreneurship and the enjoyment of working hard which makes them more self-confident and competent members of society.



Geoffrey Omoding, Uganda

Sayans Africa is an informal learning space for tech entrepreneurship where out of school youths 15-25 years develop science and technology into tech businesses through Project Based Learning. Each scholar chooses from our core track areas of physical sciences, life sciences and ICT and gets access to tools and resources for making and developing their ideas through self-learning, intense mentoring and rapid prototyping until they graduate as innovative problem solvers and tech entrepreneurs.

Website: www.sayans.org



Gerold Dreyer, Namibia

SunCycles Namibia wants to play a part in shaping a sustainable future in our community, by minimising the use of non-renewable natural resources. Namibia has the possibility of becoming the first carbon-neutral country in the world, independent from fuel, coal and electricity imports. We believe e-bikes are a fast, clean and affordable means of transport, while simultaneously garnering a culture of cycling and health consciousness.

Website: <http://www.suncycles-namibia.org>



James Kumakech, Uganda

Erussi Village Saving and Credit Cooperative Society is a grass-root cooperative in Nebbi-Uganda serving the poor and isolated rural population with affordable financial services. We have over the recent months introduced digital financial services (Saving plus and mobile banking application) whereby our customers can access deposit, withdraw, mini-statement and loan financial services via their mobile phones without necessarily making a physical appearance at the SACCO. This is slowly replacing the manual system in order to drive the institution to a sense of ownership, employment creation and manpower planning; 'sustaining' the work of the SACCO as dependable financial service provider

building grassroot livelihoods; while maintaining its 'Image & Identity' as highly accountable, results oriented cooperative fulfilling its responsibilities towards its members. It's also expected to reduce costs and cultivate an enabling environment for sustaining financial services in this part of the rural community.



James Odede, Kenya

James Odede is a Kenyan technologist and entrepreneur. The Co-founder and Director of LakeHub, James has brought together the tech community of Western Kenya, raised funding Google, overseen the implementation of a Computer Science for High School (CS4HS) students program, and built the region's first technology innovation hub. A graduate of Maseno University with a Bsc. in Computer Science, James currently focuses in building a generation of Africa's technology leaders through a grassroots computer programming training and job placement program called Lakehub Academy. **Website:** www.lakehub.co.ke



Julian Sonntag, Germany

FairNetz Kiel is an initiative aimed at establishing a vibrant and active sustainability scene in the city of Kiel and at making it more visual and easily approachable for the local population. We provide both guidance and inspiration for local options for alternative consumption and social engagement through our online platform, our various social media channels as well as offline materials and publish a monthly calendar overview of workshops and events with a sustainable agenda. Simultaneously, we organize themed discussions and networking events to foster fruitful exchange between different sustainability initiatives, governmental actors and the general public. **Website:** <http://www.fairnetz-kiel.de/>



Michael Spichtinger, Germany

LiFi is a gamification app that aims at improving financial literacy in developing countries, starting with Kenya. Every user's progress will be forwarded to mobile loan providers in form of a score. Currently, the credit default risk for mobile loan providers is very high, due to insufficient financial education,. As a result, interest rates for short-term mobile credits are also very high. By using the LiFi app, users have the opportunity to increase their financial knowledge and ultimately obtain cheaper credit terms.



Michel C. Fanguoveny, South Africa

PhilTech Enterprises is dedicated to accelerating the entrepreneurial mindsets of the next generation of business owners by delivering a custom entrepreneurship course to aspiring entrepreneurs. We use a blended learning methodology to educate our participants, which mainly involves online learning and physical training. **Website:** www.PhilTechEnterprises



Miléva Zapfack Dongmo, Cameroon

One of the greatest challenges of cooperatives in Cameroon is their capacity to secure and maintain a regular supply of cash by the members. Their capacity of raising and managing funds efficiently and safely is also weak and somehow limited. This could be considerably improved through digital solutions: KATIKA Cash Mobile Services. KATIKA Cash Mobile Services is a reliable, secure and customer-friendly GSM mobile application which aims at providing cooperatives-affiliated members with tailor-made cash services using a GSM mobile application so as to help them manage their savings wisely, more economically and efficiently.



Phaniel Wunu, Ghana

Coastline Transport and Tours (CT&T) is a combined land and sea transport initiative aimed at providing a more preferred transportation and tourism options for business travellers and tourists in Ghana. A team of dedicated experts are currently researching into and developing photovoltaic technologies to support the energy requirements of our buses, vans and boats in order to cut down on fuel consumption leading to reduction in emission of carbon dioxide. In addition, the founder of CT&T is conducting a parallel studies into modern ways of promoting sustainable enterprise development in Africa as a means of improving the survival rate of start-ups and SMEs and to make them more profitable and environmentally friendly.

Website: <http://coastlineghana.com/the-green-project/>



Prince Agbata, Ghana

Started in 2015 with operations in Ivory Coast and Ghana, Coliba is disrupting the recycling sector through its technology driven approach of waste segregation, recovery, collection and recycling. Coliba.ci does not only run an mobile platform that addresses the huge gap in the supply value chain but also rolls out an inclusive and sustainable profit model for waste pickers in Abidjan and Accra. **Website:** www.coliba.ci



Sina Helmke, Germany

My business is called 'eco marketer' and I focus on sustainable marketing. I want to show social and conscious start-ups how to build a successful (online) marketing strategy without using manipulation techniques. My goal is to contribute to a better world by supporting sustainable businesses to replace destructive companies in the long term. **Website:** www.eco-marketer.com



Tanja Schomann, Germany

Tanja Schomann is a co-founder of Philia. Philia is a women's empowerment programme based on peer coaching on community support. Tanja is also part of the core team of impACT. impACT supports social entrepreneurs that are based in most challenging environments such as conflict and post-conflict zones, or have a poverty and refugee background. **Website:** <http://www.wearehilia.com>; <http://www.impacttheworld.com>



Tim Schlippe, Germany

Silicon Surfer is a startup that has developed the technology WaveFont which for the first time displays meta-information from the voice (i.e. intonations, pauses, lengths) in subtitles in addition to the content in terms of the spoken words. WaveFont gives hearing-impaired people additional information they have been excluded from so far but also supports people watching muted TVs or learning languages, thus promoting accessibility, inclusion and integration. Silicon Surfer offers a service that produces subtitles in WaveFont visualization for TV stations, film producers, streaming providers, media library operators, social media and anyone else producing films. **Website:** <https://www.silicon-surfer.com>



Uche Udekwe, Nigeria*

Natal Cares is a profit social enterprise with a mission to reduce maternal and infant mortality from complications of pregnancy or delivery specifically focusing on pregnant women and Nursing mothers in IDP (internally displaced persons) and rural underserved communities in Nigeria. By harnessing the power of mobile technology, we deliver life-saving health information and services to pregnant women and Nursing mothers on their basic mobile phones using their preferred indigenous language. **Website:** <http://www.natalcares.com/>



Victor Thien, Germany

The afringa online platform supports African and multinational companies to increase trust, quality and efficiency of the hiring process with pre-screened 60 second video job applications, and it prepares African job candidates for job requirements with personalised suggestions for further education, based on their existing qualifications and current location. afringa's main goal is to become the leading online business and career life cycle platform across Africa. We aim to simplify the employment process for companies as well as to eliminate application process fees, imposed on job candidates.

Website: <https://www.afringa.com/>

* Unfortunately, this person could not participate in the Autumn School for Sustainable Entrepreneurship in Stuttgart due to visa denial. We regret that the proactive support by the implementing organisations did not lead to a positive response, even after re-examination.

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