

Zimbabwe Youth 'Agripreneurship' Summit 2014

-From Inspiration to Action-



27th to the 29st of August 2014

At the Archdiocese of Harare
Rockwood Spiritual and Pastoral Centre
29 Rockwood Rd.
Hattfield, Harare

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Introduction

After 'breaking the barriers' at the first Youth Summit organized by the Zimbabwe Farmers Union in 2013 this year's summit is made to carry you 'from inspiration to action'.

Again prominent scholars, key stakeholders and more importantly young people are invited to discuss issues of youths in farming.

Following up on the raised concerns of the last year the summit in 2014 is also designed to track on what has been done, what is going on and what still needs to be done!!!

Framework

Activity	Output	Outcome
Zimbabwe Youth Agripreneurship Summit 2014	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Youth are engaged in the agricultural sector framework2. Capacity building: business and entrepreneurial management skills, technical know-how in agriculture3. market linkages with the private sector	Integration of Youths into the economy through agriculture for sustainable livelihoods and rural development
Indicator	150 participants nationwide	



Program

Day 1 - 27 July 2014: Opening Ceremony		
Time	Activity	Facilitator
1800	Introductions	
1810	Address by ZFU Executive Director (Overview of the Summit program, session, objectives and expected outcomes)	Mr. Paul Zakariya
1820	Welcome Address	Mr .S.D Hungwe
1830	Address by the Guest of Honour	Deputy Head of Mission, Mr. Frank Maier
1840	Key Note Address	USAID Mission Director Melissa Williams
1900	Summit Promo ~ Inspire to Action	Siza Mukwedini
1905	Viewing one Profile– Kundai Musarurwa	Siza Mukwedini
1915	Closing Remarks	Mr. N Chari
1920	Photo Session	All
1930	Networking Dinner	All
End of Day 1		

Day 2 28 July 2014:		
Time	Activity	Facilitator
0830	Recap on Previous Day Proceedings and discussion on participant's expectation.	Mr. N Chari
0900	<p>Session 1: World Café – Facilitating Collaborative Dialogue and sharing of Knowledge and ideas to create a living network of conversations and action.</p> <p>Key Issues.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviving youth structures 2. Taking farming as a business 3. Access to resources for young people 4. Service provision beneficial for YFCs. 5. Information Communication Technology for agriculture and youth development. 	<p>10 groups of young people.</p> <p>Youth Mentors</p>
1030	Tea Break	
1100	Session 2: Presentations of finding from the World Café and Plenary Discussions.	All
1230	Address on the ZIM ASSET	Ministry of Finance
1300	Lunch	All
1400	Session 3: Panel Discussion ~ Bridging the gap between inspiration and action for young people to ensure the future of agriculture.	Mr. P Zakariya (Technoserve, UNDP, YPARD, ZIM ACP, BEAT,

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		, SEEDCO, AGRISEEDS, Troparg, ADEA, CAADP)
1530	Tea Break	
1600	Session 4: Young Farmers Experience (Profiling) and Discussions. Play Profiles for Francis Chirimuuta, Kundai Musarurwa, Munyaradzi Shamuyarira, Ruramiso Mashumba, Bright Nezomba, Batsirai and Gerald Mangena.	Ms C Duevel
1730	Break	
1800	Session 5: Action Planning: What each young agriprenuer will do in their communities and individual projects till the next summit. Each Agriprenuer to set up individual targets and goals and actions.	Mr N Chari
1930	Dinner	
End of Day 2		

Day 3 29 July 2014: Closed Session		
Time	Activity	Facilitator
0800	Resolutions	
0900	Summit Evaluation	C Duevel
0915	Closing Remarks and Way Forward	
0930	Exposure Visit - Zimbabwe Agricultural Show	All
End of Day 3		



Day 1 - Opening session

The opening session offers the opportunity to address the participants of the ZYAS'14. The executive director of the ZFU will explain all structural issues which shall be discussed during the course of the summit as well as he gives a general introduction to the work of the Youth Development Department of ZFU. The address from the guest of honour, the Deputy Head of mission of the German Embassy, Mr. Frank Maier, is designed to show the close collaboration with the ZFU. For the Key Note Address USAID Mission director Melissa Williams will be speaking about the importance of youths in farming and the necessity of them taking the first step to action.

As an ongoing process during the summit profiles of young successful farmers will be screened. These profiles are the results of the 'Young Farmers Profiling Project' of the ZFU YDD. They aim at encouraging young people to consider farming as a viable business through highlighting the possibilities of it by making success stories easily available. The first profile will be screened during this opening session.

To offer the possibility of getting in touch with all present stakeholders and representatives the first day closes with a networking dinner. The evening is all meant to deal with the important issue of networking and exchanging ideas. The participants of the ZYAS'14 shall have the opportunity to get connected with each other as well as with key stakeholders present at the summit and representatives of the ZFU. Through this approach the summit not only ensures to create new linkages and enhance youths perception but also the deepen personal exchange in between the participants.



Day 2 - Session 1&2 – ‘World Café’

World Café is a creative process for facilitating collaborative dialogue and the sharing of knowledge and ideas to create a living network of conversation and action. In this process a café ambiance is created, in which participants discuss a question or issue in small groups around the café tables. At regular intervals the participants move to a new table. One table host remains and summarizes the previous conversation to the new table guests. Thus the proceeding conversations are cross-fertilized with the ideas generated in former conversations with other participants. At the end of the process the main ideas are summarized in a plenary session and follow-up possibilities are discussed.

‘World Café’ at ZYAS 2014

To involve the participants of the ZYAS and to give the young people a strong voice they have the opportunity to discuss on specific questions and topics touching on the main issues, raised during the ZYAS 2013 as table conversation topics. At the same time this will give the opportunity to connect them with a lot of different sector experts and create different views on these issues. Topics to be discussed will be identified from the ZYAS 2013 findings (table 1).

The findings of the World Café session will be presented to the audience during session 2 on that second day. They will be captured on table cloth which can be easily presented from the respective table hosts. A chance to discuss the findings will be offered to the audience.

The advantage to use this methodology for the ZYAS is that the young people will be given the chance to speak out their concerns. Furthermore it creates an open setting with specific goals which can be used to integrate them in the further action plan of the Youth Development Department of ZFU.

Table 1: Identified Issues

	Issues	Score	Rankings/ Prioritization
1	Vibrant youth structure	45	1
2	Access to land by female youth	19	2
3	How can one get access to finance especially capital to start projects	17	3
4	Improvement of mechanization, irrigation and farm implements	15	4/5
5	How to break the information skills, capital barriers towards achieving smallholders agriculture	15	4/5
6	How can we revive Young Farmers Clubs so we help each other with ideas, markets and training	13	6
7	How can ZFU assist farmers grow from Subsistence farming to	11	7



	Commercial farming		
8	How can we see an improvement in the support of Young Farmers through agro specialist and financial advisors	10	8
9	Taking farming as a business	9	9/10
10	Use of ICT integration in Agriculture	9	9/10

Address on the ZIM ASSET

Findings of the ZIM ASSET will be presented to the participants of the ZYAS to also take into consideration various aspects of Food Security and Nutrition, Social Services and Poverty Eradication, Infrastructure and Utilities, as well as Value Addition and Beneficiation. This is made to broaden the discussion from the World Café session in preparation of the following panel discussion.

Session 3: Panel discussion

The panel discussion, following the World Café session and the presentation of the ZIM ASSET offers the possibility to directly engage the Youths and the participants of the panel. Under the topic: ‘Bridging the gap between Inspiration and Action for young people to ensure the future if agriculture’ various experts of different sectors will be discussing. After a panel discussion about this topic the discussion will be opened to the auditorium. This offers the advantage to include as many young people as possible. During this session all the above mentioned issues and questions which came up can be raised, discussed and tackled for further action planning. This session is therefore crucial for the step from inspiration to action.

Session 4: Young Farmers Experience

As explained before the screening of the profiles of young farmers to give inspiration as well as to establish successful business models will be an ongoing process. Therefore this session will be held to round up the second day and to bridge over to the action planning. It offers the possibilities for other young people to also get in touch with the profiled farmers to build up networks and gain from their experiences.

Session 5: Action planning

To ensure the theme of the summit will be done justice, this session focuses on the action. The second day offered a vast variety of inspiration, examples and information. All these shall be included into individual goals and strategies. These will be set down and captured during this session to be able to build up the ZYAS 15 on this basis. It offers as well the opportunity to follow up on the strategies and goals of the participants.



Day 3: closed session (Participants and ZFU)

One outcome of the ZYAS'14 should be improved representation of the youths in the formal structures of ZFU and the enhanced incorporation of them. Therefore structural adaptations and resolutions will be made during this session.

But also the evaluation of the summit will be taken place on that last day. To ensure an ongoing monitoring and evaluation process and to further better the work of the Youth Development Department of ZFU this is crucial for the future.

Exposure visit

To further broaden the view of the participants of the ZYAS'14 an exchange visit to the Harare Agricultural Show is organized. This offers the chance to get in touch with new ideas, concepts and stakeholders. But it is also meant to create linkages and relations to different players in the agricultural sector.

