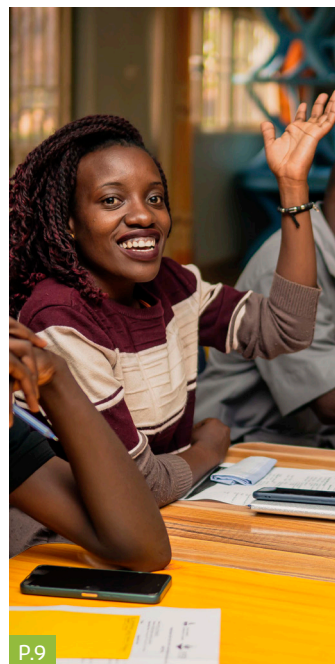


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One Health Project Launched

On September 23rd, 2021, UN Secretary-General António Guterres convened 16th December, 2022, the UNYFA One Health Roundtable Dialogue was held at Hotel Africana, Kampala. The event was graced by stakeholders from Ministry of Health, MAAIF, FAO, Solidaridad, UNFFE, and our members.

One Health is a collaborative, multisectoral, and transdisciplinary approach – working at local, regional, national, and global levels – to achieve optimal health and well-being outcomes by recognizing the interconnections between people, animal, plants and their shared environment.

It was against this background that the Young Farmers Federation of Uganda (UNYFA), being an umbrella organization for youth in agriculture, embarked on building the capacity of its members, creating of awareness about One Health and organizing One Health stakeholders' dialogue as ways of contributing to One Health implementation.

Within this complex web of interactions, One Health takes a holistic perspective to understand the evolution and transmission of diseases. The focus is mainly on preventive measures in order to preserve health and minimize risks.

OPPORTUNITIES

1. International Young Farmers' Exchange Program
2. Youth Agribusiness Tours
3. Internship at the Young Farmers' Federation of Uganda
4. Youth for Food Security Online Video Competition

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The 2022 Annual General Meeting



CEO - Denis Kabiito (centre) handing over a membership certificate to Ento Organic Farm during the AGM

On 28th February, we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the UNYFA Secretariat, Plot 27, Nakasero Road, Kampala. The AGM, held in a hybrid setting, was intended to primarily give a recap of resolutions from the previous AGM, held in Masaka, and further give a way forward on the issues agreed upon.



In addition, our President – Richard Ssemwanga, gave an update the new partners and members the organisation had brought on board the previous year, and how we intend to work with them.

“In the 2022, UNYFA managed to bring on board new partners like Trias, for better service delivery. We also rolled out the Farm Succession program in Western Uganda, as we continue to achieve sustainability of family farms. Our membership has also grown tremendously, in the previous year, with DYFAs doing a commendable job,” Ssemwanga said

The members of UNYFA and board members present also deeply deliberated on the organisation's sustainability ventures including the UNYFA shop and UNYFA home. Members across the country were urged to throw their weight towards the support of these ventures.

The AGM closed by welcoming new members through their various DYFAs and groups. These included Green Growth Plus Investments, Kalisizo Sub-County Young Farmers Association, Luqman Fresh Farm, Ento Organic Farm, Farm and Art Space Community Initiative, Sirius Ventures Uganda Limited, and St. Jude Project Farm and Vocational Institute.

At the tail end of the AGM, members both online and in physical presence were informed of another AGM, this year in August. This will primarily be an elective AGM, where the board will be reshuffled for new leadership.



In the photo above: Michael displaying his honey



Beekeeping for Honey and Money

Trias, an international NGO with roots in Belgium and The Uganda National Apiary Development Organisation [TUNADO] started cooperation to support small-holder beekeepers and MSMEs in the honey [and other bee products] value chain in 2014. With support from the Belgian Government, IFAD and the European Union, many young existing and potential beekeepers were trained and coached in hive making, apiary maintenance and product marketing.

One of them is Micheal Owoyesigire [25]. We find him at his home at Mburameiz village, Madudu sub-county Mubende district.

“I started beekeeping at the age of 15, that was in 2012, with my late grandfather, a famous beekeeper in our village. Growing up around him, my grandfather would harvest honey and sometimes give us a bit.

Not more than 4 teaspoons! As a child I always wanted more, but that wasn't possible as most of it was for sale. My uncontrolled urge for honey forced me to stubbornly ask my grandfather to give me a hive so that I keep my own bees and harvest my own honey. My grandfather was happy about this suggestion and gave me 2 traditional Kigezi hives to start with. I sited the two hives and lucky enough they were quickly colonized.

I was able to have my first harvest in July 2015! I will never forget that month. I was so happy! My first harvest was 15 kgs of honey. I tried to eat at all of it, but of course I could not eat more than 1 kg. I went back to my grandfather and asked him to link me to the market so

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that I sell the rest and earn some money. This is how I earned my first own 70,000 Ugx! This was my turning point into doing beekeeping as a business. I then took lessons from my grandfather on how to make the Kigezi hives myself. I would do this every holiday and made four hives. Beekeeping turned out to be my gold mine because the year after, I used money from my harvest to contribute to my school fees. My parents were poor and could not afford paying all my fees. So I contributed myself until I finished S4. Having seen that I can earn from beekeeping and that I had not enough money to continue with studies, I made a decision to focus on beekeeping as my source of employment and livelihood support.

In 2019, Bee House Uganda Ltd that buys my honey, supported me to attend the National Honey Week. There, I met staff from TUNADO who told me that, in order to really gain from beekeeping, one

should have at least 50 colonies. I became a member of TUNADO and was trained in various aspects of beekeeping. This motivated me to add more hives: from the initial 30, I now have 160 colonies [2021]. For the last three years I have been harvesting an average of 800 kg of honey per year earning me an average of 9,000,000 Ugx. I used this money to build a small house that fits my family, buy some land to add on the little share I got from my parents, buy a motorcycle which I use for my transport and as a business and pay school fees for my siblings!

But I'm not satisfied as yet. In fact, I have just started. I planted 300 coffee trees so that I will be able to purchase more land and establish another apiary with at least 500 colonies. This year, I made 30 more hives and I'm planning to add 30 every year until I make 500! At that point, I will engage in bee venom collection for sale."

Asking him what advice he has for fellow youth, he explains: "All I can say is that, in order to earn money, they have to embrace working hard! Beekeeping is one of the enterprises that is easy to start for us youth, because it requires low investment and high returns. Loitering around town will not make the quick money they want but rather increase their risk to drug abuse and theft."

Michael has been enrolled by TUNADO for further capacity strengthening in the Trees X Bees Project, supported by Trias and Woord & Daad [a Dutch NGO] with support from the Dutch Challenge Fund for Youth Employment (CYFE).



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- Urban & Organic Farming
- Vegetables

INTERVIEW: FOVL saved me from fake, inorganic farm inputs – says Ssemayengo

@ Oliver Reimer March 8, 2023 9:48 am



An excerpt from the FOVL news section showcasing an interview with an urban farmer. Check link below for full article on the FOVL platform

INTERVIEW:

FOVL saved me from fake, inorganic farm inputs – says Ssemayengo - FO-Video-Library [fo-library.org]

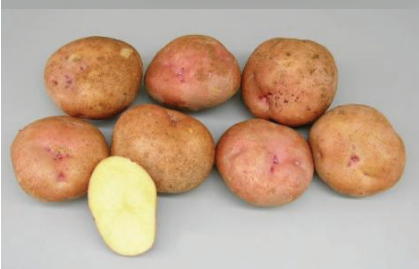
The FOVL platform continues to offer lasting solutions to modern-day farmers in as far as accessing information is concerned. In a bid to make the platform even more exciting and engaging, we, in partnership with Andreas Harmes Akademie, made some changes on the platform's interface, on January 17th. The changes required old users to update their passwords to their accounts, if they were to enjoy a more user-friendly platform.

Since then, FOVL has intensified its content by increasing on the number of videos and deeper text to give the user more insights into the content.

The FOVL platform also introduced a news section, where user could access news feature articles, Q&As and news interviews concerning various topics in the Agribusiness ecosystem. This development, launched in February, has since proved impactful as well.

Users can access the FOVL platform via <https://unyfa.fo-library.org/>, register for an account, and go right ahead to enjoy numerous video and text content about Agribusiness.

Newly released robust

	VARIETY NAME	
	KACHPOT 1	• Good adaptation in both high and low altitudes • Red skin color, yellow flesh color • Maturity period of 120 days • Potential yield of 21 t/ha • Resistant to late blight, susceptible to early blight • 23% dry matter • Good for crisps and boiling
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	NAROPOT 2	• Good adaptation in both high and low altitudes • Red skin color, yellow flesh color • Maturity period of 100-120 days • Potential yield of 24 t/ha • Tolerant to late blight, susceptible to early blight • 22% dry matter • Good for chips, crisps and boiling
	NAROPOT 3	• Good adaptation in both high and low altitudes • Red skin color, yellow flesh color • Maturity period of 90 days • Potential yield of 21 t/ha • Tolerant to late blight, susceptible to early blight • 20% dry matter • Good for chips and boiling
	RWANGUME (NAROPOT 4)	• Good adaptation in both high and low altitudes • Red skin color, yellow flesh color • Maturity period of 90 days • Potential yield of 24 t/ha • Tolerant to late blight, susceptible to early blight • 21% dry matter • Good for chips, crisps and boiling



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PROGRAM ON
Roots, Tubers
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Best potato varieties in Uganda

SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES

Highlands (above 1800 masl) and midlands (1500–1800 masl)

Yellow, oblong tuber shape, medium tuber size

Long dormancy period of 60 days in high altitudes

Highly susceptible to bacterial wilt, susceptible to Potato Virus X (PVX), Potato Virus Y and Potato Leaf Roll Virus (PLRV)

Highlands (above 1800 masl) and midlands (1500–1800 masl)

Yellow, oblong tuber shape, medium tuber size

Long dormancy period of 70-80 days in high altitudes

Highly susceptible to bacterial wilt, susceptible to PVX, PVY and PLRV

Highlands (above 1800 masl) and midlands (1500–1800 masl)

Yellow, oblong tuber shape, big tuber size

Long dormancy period of 60-70 days in high altitudes

Highly susceptible to bacterial wilt, susceptible to PVX, PVY and PLRV

Highlands (above 1800 masl) and midlands (1500–1800 masl)

Yellow, oblong tuber shape, medium to big tuber size

Long dormancy period of 90 days in high altitudes

Highly susceptible to bacterial wilt, susceptible to PVX, PVY and PLRV

Boiling

Highlands (above 1800 masl) and midlands (1500–1800 masl)

Yellow, oblong tuber shape, medium tuber size

Long dormancy period of 60-70 days in high altitudes

Highly susceptible to bacterial wilt, susceptible to PVX, PVY and PLRV

Highlands (above 1800 masl) and midlands (1500–1800 masl)

Yellow, round tuber shape, different sized tubers

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Highly susceptible to bacterial wilt, susceptible to PVX, PVY and PLRV

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Strategic Partners

We work hand-in-hand with several strategic partners who include; Uganda National Young Farmers' Association (UNYFA), Uganda National Farmers' Federation (UNFFE), Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (UFAAS), The 97Fund and others.

Growth Plan

Famunera is currently raising an investment to in order to reach and serve over 1.5M farmers across the different regions of Uganda by 2023. We also call upon more strategic partners to come and join hands with us in order to achieve this goal which will impact millions of households across Uganda.

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International Young Farmers' Exchange Program (IYFEP)



Denis Kabiito conducting one of the preparation sessions for the IYFEP 6th Cohort

With the help of our IYFEP partners from Germany – Shorlemer Stiftung, we also received the six [6] German interns, on March 25th, who would later join the Ugandan interns in Masaka for what turned out to be a successful Start Seminar.

The process was climaxed expeditiously, and as we speak, all 17 interns, both in Uganda and Germany, are coping on the various host farms. UNYFA, together with Shorlemer then immediately put up a call for application for the 7th Cohort in August this year.



The Secretariat



Partnerships

On February 15th, we joined hands with Woord & Daad, Trias, USSIA and The Uganda National Apiary Development Organization [TUNADO], to sign a teaming agreement. The agreement formalized the Youth Consortium created with an objective of joint proposal writing, so as to have more youths have access to transform lives and livelihoods of young people.

This was followed up with a short training between UNYFA staff and partners where attendees delved deeper into how best the consortium can actually forge relevant proposals that can help young start-ups scale to competitive heights. This was held on February 21st at the UNYFA secretariat.



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Youth in Agribusiness Tour

9th YOUTH IN AGRIBUSINESS tour 2023

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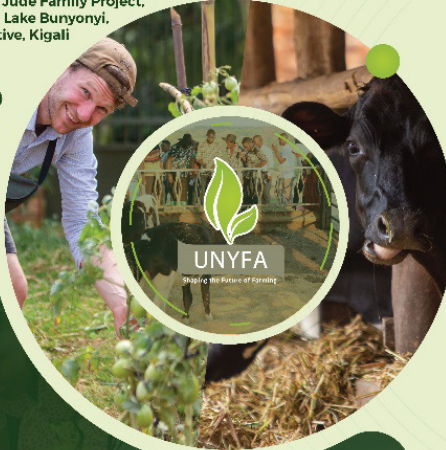
Activities

- Farm visits to both seasoned farmers and youth Agripreneurs.
- On farm training and experience sharing
- Exploring culture and having fun

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Having been proven such a success from the previous editions, the Youth in Agribusiness Tour – 9th Edition, was launched on February 13th, under the theme: **“Think regionally – Get together, and act locally for sustainable Agribusiness Development”**.

Unlike the all the previous tours, the 9th edition, slated for **May 22nd to May 28th**, will have participants cross borders to Kigali, Rwanda, all in a bid to widen the scope Agribusiness knowledge with a touch of Agro-tourism. The tour will traverse various areas of central and western Uganda, stemming from Kampala, Masaka, Mbarara, Kabale, and all the way to Rwanda.

Some of the farms to be visited include St. Jude Family Project, Cloverdale Farm, Gomba Next Generation Farm - Butambala district, Lwako Mixed Farm - Kalisizo and Kibinge Coffee Farmers' Cooperative among others. The tour also promises fun moments with recreation visits to Lake Mburo National Park in Lyantonde, Kigali city tour among others, all at **UGX 600,000**.

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The 6th IYFEP Preparations





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