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## **CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE- YOUTH** CHAMPIONING THE FUTURE OF AFRICA

Greetings from AWAN Afrika,

Climate change significantly impacts African agriculture. The change in weather patterns leads to increased flooding, drought, desertification and so on.

Despite these challenges, there is a sense of optimism among Africans in agribusiness, driven by the adoption of Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA). Young people are at the forefront of this transformation, leveraging CSA to revolutionize food systems and enhance the resilience of women and youth in agribusiness against the effects of climate change.

Join us as we discuss the importance of CSA in the African context and the important role played by AWAN Afrika.

Let us embrace change!

## Beatrice Gakuba

Founder & Executive Director, AWAN Afrika.

"Agribusiness is the key driver of **African Food** systems and women and youth are at the center of it."

- EXECUTIVE **DIRECTOR BEATRICE GAKUBA** 



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As the global climate crisis accelerates, the need for innovative agricultural practices has never been more urgent. In Africa where agriculture is the backbone of our economy, the shift towards Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) offers a beacon of hope.

AWAN AFRIKA, with our under30 program, we are at the forefront of transforming food systems that promise not only to increase food security but also safeguard our environment. We achieve this through our women and champions youth throughout the continent.

At AWAN Afrika, Climate-smart agriculture is more than just a buzzword; it's a revolutionary approach designed to address the two hard hitting challenges of climate change and food security. By adopting CSA practices, Agri-SMEs can boost productivity, strengthen resilience, and move towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Africa's agricultural sector has been facing numerous climate challenges for erratic decades. From rainfall, and flooding soil degradation to and desertification among others. The climate crisis is a reality, and our Agri-SMEs are the most affected.

Climate Smart Agriculture practices such as drought-resistant crops, improved irrigation techniques, and soil conservation methods are some of the solutions AWAN Afrika is advocating and promoting; they significantly increase yields and help small and medium scale farmers become resilient to climatic stresses.

Our young people are adopting new agricultural technology and are also developing innovative digital tools that could redefine farming in Africa. With adequate and impactful funding this could lead to a significant change in Africa Food systems.



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## WE ARE ADVOCATING AND TRAINING

Climate smart agriculture presents a unique opportunity to empower women and youth in agribusiness who are pivotal to our agricultural sector. By providing training, access to resources, and support, AWAN AFRIKA is enabling these groups to lead the way in sustainable farming. Especially now that the global demand for sustainably produced food increases by the minute.

At AWAN AFRIKA, we have begun championing climatesmart agriculture throughout our network offering comprehensive training programs to equip agripreneurs with the skills and knowledge needed to implement CSA practices effectively, as well as facilitating access to climate-smart agricultural technologies and tools that are crucial for successful implementation.

We invite our governments, private sector, development partners, and environmentalists to join us and be part of this African Transformative Agenda towards achieving sustainable agriculture on our Continent (Agenda 2063 "the Africa We Want").



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