Nutrition Africa Investor Forum

16-17 October
Radisson Blu Hotel
Nairobi, Kenya
Join the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement

As the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement Coordinator, I am really proud that our SUN Business Network (SBN) and very committed SUN partners GAIN and Royal DSM have convened this first-of-a-kind Nutrition Africa Investor Forum (NAIF). There is enormous potential for innovative finance to unlock the potential of small and medium enterprises to address malnutrition across the food value chain in many African countries. Entrepreneurs can be enabled to support their country to transform agriculture and food production into a nutrition-sensitive, sustainable and innovative food system.

I hope that this valuable dialogue and interaction over the two days will encourage more investors and SMEs to invest responsibly in nutrition. I am delighted that so many SMEs applied to the Scaling Up Nutrition Pitch Competition. The winner will stand shoulder to shoulder with me and all other SUN Movement members, proudly championing greater investment in SMEs and the SUN Movement as we work to increase access to nutritious food. I encourage all participants at the Forum to sign up to the SUN Movement as we continue to explore innovative ways of working collaboratively with different actors, including Governments working alongside us to end all forms of malnutrition in our lifetime.

Gerda Verburg,
United Nations Assistant Secretary General Coordinator of the SUN Movement

It is a delight to welcome you to the Nutrition Africa Investor Forum (NAIF), the first event of its kind on the African continent, and to the vibrant capital city of Kenya.

The Forum marks an important milestone in the roadmap towards reframing the dialogue around nutrition, raising the profile of nutrition as an investment opportunity and showcasing businesses that can improve access to nutritious foods.

This two-day Forum will feature a highly-focused, interactive programme encouraging dialogue, networking and knowledge exchange. An exciting range of expert speakers will offer market analysis and commercial insights into current trends in the African food industry; overviews of how the value chain is responding to the nutrition challenge; together with future deal flows and opportunities.

NAIF is part of GAIN’s and DSM’s ongoing commitment to leverage private sector knowledge, technology and financial resources across the entire food system and make nutritious foods more accessible across Africa. The Forum is a highly focused event encouraging nutrition investment decisions while promoting strong institutions and mechanisms to deliver them.

GAIN is co-hosting with the highest quality and knowledge on how to find and successfully unlock investments, both debt and equity, that will make a valuable contribution to stimulating private sector investment to improve access to nutritious food across the continent.

The Nutrition Africa Investor Forum (NAIF) offers the chance to obtain an overview of selected investment opportunities across the value chain and identify proposed opportunities presented in the Forum’s deal room. In addition, the final of the SUN Business Network’s Africa Pitch Competition will help build a pipeline of quality ‘nutrition investments’ with a focus on SMEs that can respond to pressing local nutrition priorities and improve access to nutritious and safe foods for low-income consumers.

I hope all participants will seize the opportunity presented at NAIF to obtain a critical understanding on how to find and successfully unlock investments, both debt and equity, to scale up aspirational, affordable nutritious food, through small and medium enterprises, for the benefit of Africa’s consumers.

Lawrence Haddad,
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**Nutrition Africa Investor Forum Programme Day One Tuesday 16th October**

**0800-0900** Registration

**0900-0930** OPENING SESSION

Introduction, Henry Bonsu, Moderator

**OFFICIAL INVITE FOR THE WELCOME ADDRESS**
Leah Kaguara, Country Director, GAIN

WELCOME ADDRESS
Hon. Peter Munya, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Co-operatives, Kenya (invited)

Hon. Sicily Kariuki, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health, Kenya (invited)

**0930-0955** WELCOME VIDEO

Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director, GAIN

**0935-0955** KEYNOTE ADDRESS

H.E. Jakaya Kikwete, Former President of Tanzania and Chairman of the Jakaya Mishly Kikwete Foundation

**0955-1010** What will the African food industry look like in 2030 – will it deliver safe and nutritious foods for all?

This session will identify the main trends and vectors of change in the agri-food business of the future. From new foods to data analytics and trade liberalisation to fintech, what impact will these disruptive trends have on agri-businesses scaling up nutrition impacts in Africa?

Moderator: Henry Bonsu

- Shereno Trops, Senior Consultant Specialised in Sub-Saharan African Research, Euromonitor
- Jennifer Baara, Head of Partnerships, AdRA
- Myriam Sibida, Senior Fellow, MRCBG, Harvard University – Marketing for Public Health and Africa Social Mission Director, Unilever
- Rachael Kabyeyah, Grants and Partnership Manager, Twiga Foods
- Foko Wientjes, Vice President, Nutrition in Emerging Markets, DSM

Concluding remarks: Saul Morris, Director of Programmes, GAIN

**1010-1030** Refreshments

**1030-1100** How can we finance the African food industry of the future to deliver safe and nutritious foods for all?

An interactive session where experts offer insights into the common challenges faced by agri-food entrepreneurs. The session will also discuss whether the appropriate finance instruments, both from public and private sources, are available to support Africa’s missing middle SMEs across the food value chain.

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Opening Remarks: Niraj Shah, Head of the Private Sector Window of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program, IFIC

Panel 1 (investors):
- Madeleine Onclel, Head of Sector – Nutrition, European Commission
- Jordaan Carcaron, Chief Strategy Officer, 4G Capital
- Rondaina Tantely Rakotomalala, Impact Investment Adviser, Acacia Sustainable Business Advisors
- Tum Adiam, Director, AgDevCo Rwanda
- Clarisse Aduma, Senior Agribusiness Development Manager, KCB

Panel 2 (companies seeking investment):
- Rachel Chinku, Finance Manager, Jara Foods
- Eric Muthomi, Chief Executive Officer, Stawi Foods
- Amor Ali, Chief Executive Officer, Africa Improved Foods

**1130-1150** Success Stories: Lessons from high-impact business leaders

Business presentations showcasing a variety of successful investments across the food value chain featuring companies improving access to nutritious foods on the continent. Four businesses/organisations will introduce their enterprises. They will explain what kind of finance they required, what did or did not work and what recommendations they have to inspire investors, public sector agencies and businesses to engage in this space. A panel discussion will then analyse their performance and how to increase the flow of money into businesses offering products and services improving access to nutrition.

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- Babatunde Omilola, Managing Director, Acacia Sustainable Business Advisors
- Uduak Igbeka, Vice-President, Nutrition in Emerging Markets & Food Systems Transformation, Royal DSM
- Fokko Wientjes, Vice President, Nutrition in Emerging Markets, DSM
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**1150-1230** Networking lunch

**1230-1330** Ask the Experts: How to grow the African nutrition businesses of the future

An interactive session where experts offer insights into the common challenges faced by agri-food entrepreneurs. The session will enable delegates to understand how enterprises improving nutrition in Africa can become investment-ready.

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- Inge Hoekstra, Managing Director, division Manager for Public Health, Security and Nutrition Division, AfDB

**1330-1430** Scaling up Nutrition Pitch Competition

Entrepreneurs pitch new agri-food ideas that could have a positive impact on nutrition in Africa. As part of the SUN Business Netowrk’s effort to build a pipeline of quality nutrition investments, 21 companies will explain how they are improving access to nutritious and safe foods for low-income consumers.

Judging panel:
- Foko Wientjes, Vice President, Sustainability and Public Private Partnerships, DSM Venture Fund
- Cl Jones, Chief of Staff, Growth Africa
- Andia Chakava, Investment Director, Graça Machal Trust
- Fred Kitinga, General Manager, Root Capital
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**1430-1530** Closing plenary

The presentation ceremony for the Scaling up Nutrition Pitch Competition winners will be followed by a high-level panel discussion to determine how the insights shared at the Forum can be translated into concrete next steps and actionable plans.

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**Nutrition Africa Investor Forum Programme Day Two Wednesday 17th October**

**0900-1000** Lessons from the Renewable Energy Sector: Expert insights for scaling up a new investment area

Renewable energy has emerged as a significant investment sector over the last few years. Are there lessons from this process that can guide the establishment of nutrition as a new investment space? Experts will offer critical reflections on the rise of the sector, such as how ‘alliances’ of public and private actors can play a crucial role in catalysing investment for the private sector, especially SMEs in Africa.

Moderator: Dominic Schofield, President, GAIN Canada and Senior Technical Advisor, GAIN

- Joseph Nganga, Regional Director Africa, responsAbility
- Héléne Gousard, Head of United Investment Services, RoCura
- Martin Poulsen, Managing Director, Acacia Sustainable Business Advisors
- Kyle Deming, CEO, Kentaste

**1000-1100** White Paper Launch – Fuelling the Business of Nutrition

What will it take to unlock the investment opportunity in nutritious food value chains?

To mark the launch of the White Paper, the findings of the in-depth report from Harvard Kennedy School. This will frame a discussion on the report’s recommendations including how donors, development organizations and government agencies can help uncover and de-risk investments and improve investment flows from private investors.

Introduction: Greg S. Garrett, Director of Food Policy and Financing, GAIN

- Jane Nelson, Director, Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- Patrick Elmes, Founder, (Joyly)
- Anne Njoki, Investment Manager, DOB Equity
- Sandrine Henton, Investment Director, Educate Global Fund
- Matthias Hague, MEL Manager, AECF

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Amar Ali
Chief Executive Officer, Africa Improved Foods, oversees the creation, planning, implementation and integration of the strategic direction of the company in Rwanda and Ethiopia. He ensures that the organisation’s leadership maintains awareness of both the external and internal competitive landscape, opportunities for expansion, markets, new industry development and standards. Mr. Ali has more than 20 years of global experience in a variety of startup and corporate roles, the last seven years focused on developing new agri-food business models in Africa.

Daniel Amanquah
Food Fortification Specialist, Sight and Life, has advised a range of companies on product development and fortification in Ghana. Mr. Amanquah is presently advising the Ghana social enterprise project launched in partnership with the German Development Cooperation, Bili and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Association of Ghana Industries (AGI) and the Ghana Standards Authority. The project is designed to aid consumers make informed choices through identifiable seals attached to approved fortified foods. Since the scheme’s inception, it has launched a cereal-legume mix, a milk biscuit and a pepper sauce condiment.

Henry Bonsu
Journalist and Broadcaster, works as an international MC, specialising in global economic development. Mr. Bonsu began his career as a print journalist writing for specialist publications and national newspapers in the UK and later worked as a producer on Radio 4’s Today show, Britain’s biggest current affairs radio programme. He has also presented shows on satellite TV channels including Vox Africa, BET International and Press TV.

Jennifer Baarn
Head of Partnerships, AGRA, is responsible for managing the institution’s strategic partnerships with public and private institutions. Ms. Baarn is an experienced professional in the development and facilitation of international Public-Private Partnerships with a particular focus on agriculture. Prior to joining AGRA, Jennifer was the Deputy CEO of the Southern Agriculture Growth Corridor (Tanzania) and Associate Director at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Geneva, Switzerland, where she helped develop the New Vision for Agriculture initiative.

Andia Laura Chakava
Investment Director, Graça Machel Trust, co-leads the organisation’s gender lens investing initiative through the creation of a special purpose investment vehicle. Ms. Chakava is the current Chairperson of New Faces New Voices Kenya (women in finance network), and is passionate about facilitating intra-Africa investment, investor education and is a thought leader in gender lens investing. She is one of the first female fund managers in the region and has been instrumental in founding two fund management companies from scratch in Kenya (Old Mutual Investment Services and Alpha Africa Asset Managers) where she served in each as Managing Director.

Rachel Chinku
Finance Manager, Jeva Foods, is responsible for implementing the adoption of a new accounting system as well as supervising the updating and accurate preparation of accounts and audited financial statements. Ms Chinku has optimized costs and efficiencies in company operations, improved the internal control framework and ensured compliance on statutory obligations. She has been instrumental in negotiating short-term financing from local lenders for working capital requirements. Previously she was the Management Accountant at Paramount Zambia and Country Finance Coordinator at Nestle Zambia.

Jeanine Cooper
Senior Managing Partner, FABRAN Liberia Incorporated, is working to promote innovative solutions to the problems facing Liberian smallholder rice farmers. As Liberia’s largest commercial rice producer, FABRAN is making local produce marketable and combining commercial business with socio-economic development objectives to more effectively address the challenges facing rice farmers. Ms. Cooper retired from a 26-year career as an international civil servant, including 14 years with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Her last posting was as the UN-OCHA Permanent Observer to the African Union, where she was involved with continental policy-making on food security and livelihoods.

Jordan Corcoran
Chief Strategy Officer, 4G Capital, focuses on the creation of innovative new products and partnerships, such as providing much needed credit to support aggregated value chains of manufacturers, suppliers, and payment providers working alongside micro-businesses across Africa. Ms. Corcoran, an angel investor, is a specialist in financial inclusion and impact investment who has worked in Asia, Africa, Europe and North America. A former investment banker with JP Morgan, Ms. Corcoran subsequently worked with peer-to-peer lender Kiva to support microfinance clients across Asia. Prior to moving to her current role with 4G Capital, she worked with InfraCorp Africa, a DfID-backed impact investor into Sub-Saharan African energy projects.

Kyle Denning
Chief Executive Officer, Kentaste, is responsible for an enterprise producing organic, natural coconut products sourced from Kenyan smallholders. Kentaste provides farmers with legal and fair opportunities to market their produce. Mr. Denning has commercial experience across East Africa in energy, agriculture, water and finance. His project leadership roles have included providing consulting and management for environmental sustainability projects and business developments for carbon industries.

Patrick Elmér
Founder and Managing Director, iGravity, works at the intersection of finance and global development, focusing on innovative solutions and partnerships that create opportunities for underprivileged people and protect our planet. Mr. Elmér founded Gravity in 2017 to support disruptive ideas, entrepreneurs, visionaries and institutions in their impact investment adventures. The company specialises in innovative finance and impact investment solutions. He previously worked with BlueOrchard, Credit Suisse and spent several years in Mozambique, Tanzania and Madagascar assisting the Swiss government and microfinance banks.
delivering public health and nutrition initiatives in Asia and Africa. Greg is on the Board of the Iodine Global Network and on the Executive Management Team of the Food Fortification Initiative.

Heleen Goussard
Heleen Goussard, Head of Unlisted Investment Asset Funds at RisCura, heads up the team which provides independent valuations for clients across all alternative asset classes such as (but not limited to) Private Equity, Infrastructure and Private Debt. Ms. Goussard provides assurance to investors in alternative assets and alternative asset funds that their assets are priced correctly.

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Mathias Hague
Mathias Hague, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Manager at Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund, is an agricultural economist with more than 20 years’ experience in the design and implementation of monitoring and evaluation systems in the field of international development assistance. He has been the MEL Manager at AECF for almost three years, providing methodological guidance on results measurement to the 265 investments in the portfolio and establishing a learning agenda for the organisation. AECF invests in almost 200 agribusinesses of which 60 have a strong focus on making available nutritious foods. Improving access to nutrition at the household level is an increasingly important result for AECF across its investment portfolio.

Rachel Kabuyah
Rachel Kabuyah is Head of Grants and Partnerships at Twiga Foods, a business-to-business food supply platform which uses technology to consolidate the fragmented purchasing power of urban retailers. Ms. Kabuyah is responsible for end-to-end management of public funding portfolio, from origination of funding opportunities to managing grants and overseeing reporting. She is responsible for managing donor relationships with bilateral and multilateral agencies, as well as private organisations. Prior to joining Twiga, she was a lecturer at Kenyatta University’s School of Environmental Studies.

Leah Kaguara
Leah Kaguara, Country Director, GAIN Kenya, has over 20 years of experience in building and leading dynamic teams to create harmonious organizational work environments. Before joining GAIN, Ms. Kaguara was Africa Regional Director for Energy Impact, providing leadership to teams in five sub-Saharan African countries working to support SMEs and micro businesses provide energy access to off-grid communities. Prior to that she was Country Director for Vétérinaires Sans Frontières in Kenya.

C J Jones
C J Jones, Chief of Staff, GrowthAfrica, is an experienced strategic thinker, business leader and entrepreneur with highly developed analytical, programme management and team leadership skills. Ms. Jones has extensive experience in African agricultural and business forums, leading market entry, acquisition, due diligence and business structuring assignments both in the private and development sector. She previously served as CEO of ACRE Africa and Senior Regional Manager, Private Sector Engagement at GAIN.

Sicily Kariuki
Sicily Kariuki, MBS, is Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health, Kenya. She was appointed to the post in 2018 having previously served as the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs from December 2015. She enjoyed a wide-ranging career in the business world, including as an Officer of the Kenya Investment Authority, CEO of the Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya and CEO of the Tea Board of Kenya.
SPEAKERS/PANELLISTS

Fred Kiteng’e
Fred Kiteng’e, General Manager, East Africa, Root Capital, oversees lead generation, loan application processing and client relationship management in East and Southern Africa. Previously, Mr. Kiteng’e worked at GroFin as a senior business development manager and at Standard Chartered Bank as a small and medium enterprise manager.

Saul Morris
Saul Morris, Director of Programmes, GAIN, oversees the quality of programmes designed to improve nutrition outcomes in Africa and Asia. Dr. Morris previously spent three years at the Children’s Investment Fund Foundation where he oversaw a $200m grant portfolio including all of the organisation’s investments in combating chronic malnutrition and anaemia. He has more than 25 years’ experience in international nutrition, having worked at the International Food Policy Research Institute and as Head of the Public Health Nutrition Unit at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, as a funder at Department for International Development and at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Peter Munya
Peter Munya, Kenyan Cabinet Secretary for Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, served as the Member of Parliament for Taveta Constituency (2002-13) before successfully contesting for the Meru County Gubernatorial seat. He was also the first Governor of Meru County. He was later appointed the Assistant Minister for East Africa Community and Assistant Minister for Internal Security and Provincial Administration.

Eric Muthomi
Eric Muthomi is the Founder and CEO of Stawi Foods, the award-winning food processing company based in Nairobi, Kenya. The founding idea behind Stawi was to be a market place for small-scale farmers in Kenya who need fair buyers for their produce. Mr. Muthomi has been listed in Forbes Africa’s Top 30 Under 30 list and was made a YALI Fellow in 2014. Most recently he received the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award at the 2018 Africa Food Manufacturing and Safety Summit.

Rose Mutuku
Rose Mutuku, Founder and CEO of Smart Logistics Solutions, makes and markets pre-cooked, dehydrated beans. The company creates partnerships with farmers, providing them with, not just a market for their produce, but also technical support. Ms. Mutuku has previously worked for the Ministry of Finance in Kenya and East Africa Breweries. She has also represented Kenya in the Board of the Eastern Africa Grain Council.

Anne Njuki
Anne Njuki is an Investment Manager at DOB Equity. She is based in Nairobi, Kenya, and focuses on sourcing and structuring potential investments for DOB, and working closely with DOB’s portfolio companies to support senior management achieve their strategic, operational and impact objectives. Prior to joining DOB, Anne was a Senior Engagement Manager with McKinsey & Company, where she served the leadership of Africa’s top private and public sector institutions. She began her career as a process engineer in the US and Asia, and decided to move back home to contribute to growth and development in Africa. Anne is passionate about developing companies and people to unlock value and drive lasting impact.

Jane Nelson
Jane Nelson is Director, Corporate Responsibility Initiative, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and a non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. Ms. Nelson was a Director at the International Business Leaders Forum from 1995 to 2012, and has been a senior associate with the Institute for Sustainability Leadership at Cambridge University.

Gonçalo Neves-Correia
Gonçalo Neves-Correia is Founder and Chief Executive Officer of ThirdWay Africa, an impact-focused merchant bank with the mission to converge the worlds of development and finance to promote inclusive and sustainable businesses in Africa. Previously, Mr. Neves-Correia worked in London as an Executive Director for JP Morgan, where he led the IB Strategic Investments team in Europe. Before that he was an Engagement Manager for McKinsey and an analyst for Goldman Sachs.

Joseph Nganga
Joseph Nganga, Regional Director Africa, responsAbility, has both investment banking and consulting experience for international development organizations, including the World Bank and DANIDA on renewable energy. Mr. Nganga has 17 years of experience in starting and building businesses in Africa. He is a board member of Carolina for Kibera and a Steering Committee member of the Africa Renewable Energy Alliance.

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Dominic Schofield, President of GAIN Canada and Senior Technical Advisor for Policy and Programs at GAIN. Dominic previously served as the Head of Development Planning and Inclusive Sustainable Growth Team with the UN Development Programme. In this position, he led a policy and programme of $1.3 billion for UNDP’s global work on development planning, social protection, poverty and inequality reduction, food and nutrition security, Least Developed Countries (LDCs), and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Dominic also served as Co-Chair of the UN-Inter Agency Task Team on National Monitoring of the SDGs and Co-Chair of the UN Secretary-General’s High-Level Task Force on Global Food and Nutrition Security (HLTFO) and Zero Hunger Challenge Group Technical Team.

Madeleine Onclin, Head of the Nutrition Section on the European Commission, works to implement the organisation’s Action Plan for Nutrition with all partners involved in the fight against malnutrition. Ms. Onclin graduated in veterinary medicine and spent 11 years working on a programme to eradicate several contagious diseases in livestock. She then worked in the humanitarian field for 15 years in sub-Saharan Africa. In 2003, she joined the European Commission where she continued her involvement in Africa and Central America. Among her responsibilities, she manages rural development programmes in countries in fragile situations and is actively involved in food and nutrition security.

Martin Poulsen, Managing Director at Acacia Sustainable Business Advisors, provides advisory and fund-raising services to fund managers and SMEs. Mr. Poulsen is also a founder of the Moringa Partnership, an investment fund which targets agroforestry projects in Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa. From 2009-2011, Mr. Poulsen served as Chief Private Equity Officer at the African Development Bank. Between 2003 and 2009, he led the European Investment Bank Private Equity investment activities in sub-Saharan Africa and in European renewable energy. Mr. Poulsen has been active in Private Equity, SME finance and emerging markets for 20+ years, working on both the GP and LP sides to raise capital from both public and private sources.

Randiana Rakotomalala, Impact Investment Advisor at Acacia Sustainable Business Advisors, works to strengthen the team advising GAIN on agroforestry and structuring options in the nutrition investment space. Ms Rakotomalala previously worked at Siemens Financial Services, where she was responsible for Private Asset and Liability management in Europe and Africa. She was the group lead of the Private Equity team focusing on Industry and Services, targeting generic or thematic funds active in Agriculture, Food and Health at the African Development Bank and a market specialist for the SME focused Moringa Partnership. She also founded and operated her own retail marketing startup company in Côte d’Ivoire.

Niraj Shah, Programme Manager at Private Sector Window, Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme, leads an initiative that co-invests alongside the IFC, directly or indirectly, in agribusiness and agri-finance projects impacting smallholders in the agriculture value chain. As of June 2018, the programme had supported 61 investment projects in 27 countries for an investment amount of $314 million, and 67 advisory projects in 30 countries for $2.7m. Between 2007 and 2013, Niraj was the IFC Sector Lead for Agribusiness and Tourism, Retail and Property for South Asia and later for the Caribbean.

Myriam Sidibe is Senior Fellow at the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre in Rome. From 2002 to 2006, she helped set up and led the UNIproshelf project, which worked on the programme had supported 61 investment projects in 27 countries for an investment amount of $314 million, and 67 advisory projects in 30 countries for $2.7m. Between 2007 and 2013, Niraj was the IFC Sector Lead for Agribusiness and Tourism, Retail and Property for South Asia and later for the Caribbean.

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Shereen Tromp, Senior Consultant on Sub-Saharan African Research, Euromonitor, is responsible for building data sets for previously unresearched (Tier 3) markets in sub-Saharan Africa. This includes Angola, Ghana, Côte d’Ivoire, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Uganda. Ms. Tromp project manages and oversees analysts in each of these markets to deliver quality data and insight into FMCG industries within these countries. She has 13 years research experience across sub-Saharan African FMCG industries and services markets and has a special interest in FMCG Industries with a focus on Packaged Food.

Adrian Van Der Knaap, Deputy Regional Director for East Africa, World Food Programme, is in charge of regional supply chain and support services. Mr. Van Der Knaap has wide-ranging experience with the organisation across Africa. From 2002 to 2006, he helped set up and led the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre in Rome with postings in Afghanistan and Iraq. He has also worked for the Primary Health Care Programme of the Sudan Council of Churches in Khartoum, for Norwegian People’s Aid as Relief and Agricultural Rehabilitation Project Manager in South Sudan as well as Chief of UNHCR’s Civil-Military Liaison Group in Zaire.

Fokko Wientjes, Vice-President of Nutrition in Emerging Markets and Public-Private Partnerships, Royal DSM, has a particular focus on the World Food Programme and UNICEF partnerships on nutrition. He is also a member of the SUN Business Network Executive Committee; Sustainability Advisory Board, SNS Reaal; Advisory Board, Business and Economics School, University of Maastricht; Steering Board, and the World Economic Forum New Vision on Agriculture.
SCALING UP NUTRITION PITCH COMPETITION

Pitch Competition

Congratulations to our 2018 Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Pitch Competition finalists! Out of more than 450 outstanding entries that were submitted to pitch competitions across Africa, 21 entrepreneurs have been selected to compete in the final during the Nutrition Africa Investor Forum.

Through a series of local pitch competitions held over July and August in Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania and Zambia, a cohort of applicants was shortlisted by a local selection panel against four main criteria: (1) Nutrition Impact (2) Commercial Viability (3) Scale and (4) Innovation. In September, shortlisted applicants were offered technical assistance and business development support through a series of local boot camps.

The 21 finalists represent the top entrepreneurs tackling what can be argued is one of the biggest challenges Africa faces: addressing malnutrition in all its forms. Through showcasing how these SMEs are working to improve access to nutritious food along the agri-food value chain, the competition aims to establish the commercial viability of nutrition sensitive businesses, highlight innovation and position entrepreneurs for growth and scale.

Over the course of the afternoon, each entrepreneur will have 3 minutes to deliver their pitch for a specific investment opportunity that their business offers to a panel of judges comprising a mix of investors and industry experts. The judges will then have 2 minutes to ask follow-up questions.

The judges, with support from one of GAIN’s technical advisors, will select the overall winner who will be awarded with the title of SBN Nutrition Champion, which includes a travel and technical assistance prize. In addition, other top-performing finalists stand a chance to win cash and technical assistance awards generously contributed by our partners.

Why have we organised the SUN Pitch Competition?

As the largest providers of food in Africa, SMEs are critical in shaping the nutritional outcomes of local food systems. SMEs occupy critical positions along agri-food value chains: as input suppliers, off-takers, processors, distributors or otherwise. They constitute a pull factor, aggregating smallholder farmers into the value chain and upgrading the quality and efficiency of farming, leading to a more sustainable food system. Yet agri-food SMEs remain largely untapped for developing and scaling up market-based solutions that can improve the consumption of safe and nutritious food. This is largely due to the critical barriers faced by agri-food SMEs in accessing finance.

Building on eight years of experience in mobilising business to address malnutrition in all its forms, the SUN Business Network, co-convened by WFP and GAIN, is looking to work with the broader investment community to address this critical investment gap and ensure the sustainability and predictability of finance available to agri-food SMEs. Specifically, SBN and its partners are developing a portfolio of commercially viable nutrition-related SME investments that provide a demonstration case for investors seeking new themes for investment that provide superior financial returns and strengthen development outcomes. The SUN Pitch Competition aims to showcase a deal flow of SME investments that can catalyse innovation in local food systems and improve access to nutritious and safe foods for low incomes consumers across Africa.

www.sunpitchcompetition.com

JUDGES

Andia Chakava

- Investment Director, Graça Machel Trust, co-leads the organisation’s gender lens investing initiative through the creation of a special purpose investment vehicle.
- Ms. Chakava is the current Chairperson of New Faces New Voices Kenya (women in finance network) and is passionate about facilitating intra-Africa investments.

CJ Jones

- Chief of Staff, GrowthAfrica, has built relationships and delivered strategy at executive level across a range of sectors and in challenging markets.
- Ms. Jones has extensive experience in African agricultural and business forums, including leading market entry, acquisition, due diligence and business structuring assignments.

Fred Kiteng’e

- General Manager, Root Capital, oversees lead generation, loan application processing, and client relationship management in East and Southern Africa.
- Mr. Kiteng’e’s work is aimed at improving the lives of rural farmers by connecting them to markets and helping develop their farming practices.

Fokko Wientjes

- Vice-President of Nutrition in Emerging Markets and Public-Private Partnerships, Royal DSM, with a particular focus on the World Food Programme and UNICEF partnerships on nutrition.
- Mr. Wientjes is also a member of the SUN Business Network Executive Committee; Sustainability Advisor Board, SNS Reaal; Advisory Board, Business and Economics School, University of Maastricht; and the Steering Board, World Economic Forum New Vision on Agriculture. He has been with DSM since 1988.
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www.augustsecrets.com

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Owner/Presenter: Wilfred Mushobozib
www.cropbioscience.co.tz

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Kennie–0 Cold Chain Logistics
Locate in Lagos (Nigeria), Kennie–0 Cold Chain Logistics was established to provide dedicated and reliable cold chain solutions for the country’s food industry, thereby reducing post-harvest losses and promoting an increase in the consumption of fresh food among consumers. The enterprise aims to improve the transit of perishable products that can face lengthy journeys travelling from the farm to the market that can lead to high post-harvest losses.
Owner/Presenter: Ope Olaniwajo
www.augustsecrets.com

Live Once Healthy Juices
Located in Mchinji Kapiri (Malawi), Live Once Healthy Juices produces natural juices made from fruit and vegetables. Currently it supplies a wide range of fruit and vegetable juices. The company is one of the few enterprises in Malawi working to provide juice made from locally-sourced fruit and vegetable with minimal processing at affordable prices throughout the year.
Owner/Presenter: Mtisunge Banda

Soupah Kitchen
Located in Oyo State (Nigeria), Soupah Kitchen is a food processing company that off-takes fresh vegetables from local farmers and transforms them into soup products that are enriched with Vitamin C and fortified iron to nourish consumers. The company takes pride in using the highest-quality produce, sourcing from certified local farmers, to make ingredients that are hygienically and delicately processed to capture and retain highest quality of nutrients. The products are made with no artificial colours, flavours or preservatives.
Owner/Presenter: Ifeoluwa Olatayo
www.soupah.ng

Kibaigwa Flour Supplies
Located in Kibaigwa, Dodoma (Tanzania), Kibaigwa Flour Supplies works within the maize and sorghum value chain. The company makes fortified maize flour, sifted maize and donna whole maize flour for industrial uses (such as brewing). Kibaigwa Flour Supplies work with 7,000+ small-holders farmers in Dodoma and Singida regions. It is also a buyer of contracted maize under the Farm to Market Alliance programme under the WFP.
Owner: Sebastian Msola
Presenter: Kelvin Msola

Prothrive Astute Height
Located in Lagos (Nigeria), Prothrive Astute Height is a food processing company established to manufacture Grandios Pap (Ogi, Akamu, Koko), a fermented dry maize flour product widely eaten in Nigeria and other West African countries. The company aims to provide their customers with convenient and hygienic products of exceptional quality and competitive pricing all hinged on fast turnaround and unparalleled customer service.
Founder/Presenter: Oluwemisi Obe
www.prothrive ltd.com

Sylva Foods Solutions
Located in Lusaka (Zambia), Sylva Foods Solutions was founded in 2010 as an agro-based company that trains smallholder farmers how to professionally dry traditional vegetables. The final products are then packaged, exported and commercialised to leading supermarkets. To date, 29,900 small-holder farmers have been trained, including participants from Mozambique and Tanzania. Training is undertaken in where the farming communities are located.
Owner/Presenter: Sylvia Banda

Kulamawe Poultry Industries
Located in Isiolo County (Kenya), Kulamawe Poultry Industries operates a chicken processing plant in northern Kenya. The company, founded in 2014, originally opened a poultry farm with the Poultry Industries business being incorporated in 2016. The plant has the capacity to process between 500 and 1000 chickens per day. There are plans to scale up production to 10,000 birds per day in the next two years.
Owner/Presenter: Denis Marangu

Veggie Naija
Located in Lagos (Nigeria), Veggie Naija was founded by VeggieVictory, the country’s first vegan and vegetarian restaurant. This food manufacturing startup sends its plant-based, meat-alternative produce (Vegetarian Chunks) to 12 states in Nigeria as well as the UK and US through a network of distributors.
Owner/Presenter: Hakeem Jimo
www.veggievictory.com

Full Spoon
Located in Busia Country (Kenya), Full Spoon sources peanuts from women’s groups operating across small-scale farms in the west of the country. The company processes them into peanut butter under the brand name Tamuu Nut. The products are sold in sachet sizes of 40g low income consumers via kiosks and small shops in urban areas.
Owner/Presenter: Lincoln Mbogo
Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

The organisation was launched at the UN in 2002 to tackle the human suffering caused by malnutrition. Working with partners, GAIN aims at making healthier food choices more affordable, more available and more desirable. Its purpose is to improve nutrition outcomes by improving the consumption of nutritious and safe food for all people, especially the most vulnerable. GAIN and the UN World Food Programme co-convene the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Business Network, which supports businesses across Africa to scale up their actions and investments in nutrition.

Royal DSM – Bright Science Brighter Living.

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The SUN Business Network

Hosted by GAIN and the UN World Food Programme (WFP), the SBN mobilises business to support the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement. At the heart of the Movement are 60 country governments across Africa, Asia and Latin America, committed to developing a multi-stakeholder approach to ending malnutrition through national action plans – including business. The SBN supports business at a global and national level to act and invest responsibly in improving nutrition with partners from government, civil society, donors and the United Nations.

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