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Rwanda Youth in
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rwanda Youth in Agribusiness Forum (RYAF) was established in 2016 to serve as a nationwide forum of youth involved in agriculture. Formed under the Government of Rwanda's initiative, RYAF, was founded through the collaboration of five key ministries: the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI), the Ministry of Youth and Culture (MYCULTURE), Ministry of Public Service and Labour (MIFOTRA), Ministry of Education (MINEDUC), and the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MINICOM) with support FAO.

RYAF Mandate

RYAF was established to promote youth employment and entrepreneurship in agribusiness by offering a platform aimed at establishing business linkage opportunities and changing the youth's mind-set on agribusiness.

RYAF operation is based on coping with potential challenges hindering youth come and do profitable agribusiness, including limited knowledge, skills, information, and communication, limited access to finance to boost their investment, limited access to land to boost their production potential, limited access to market due to limited investment and quality compliance and so on. Most intervention goes on through practical advocacy and young people influencing in the agriculture policies review to create an enabling environment allowing young people to be strong and competitive market actors, after accessing all possible factors of production.

Coverage area

RYAF operates in all 30 districts of Rwanda and brings together different youth organizations, individual young farmers and entrepreneurs engaged in agriculture sector; specifically, the youth in agriculture primary production, livestock production, agro-processing, inputs and agro-services and ICT for Agriculture.

Objectives

1. Change youth mindset vis-à-vis opportunities in agribusiness for job creation and economic development,
2. Ensure development and promotion of youth in agribusiness sector at national and international level;
3. Facilitate and collaborate with youth operating professionally in the agribusiness sector across the country;
4. Ensure compliance with collective international agreements and conventions regulating agribusiness sector;

Our Vision

A future where youth are inclusively leading agribusiness ecosystem at national and regional level.

Our Mission

To sustainably promotes, informs, advocates, mobilizes and empower Rwandan youth to engage in agribusiness resulting on a stable food availability, market access, decent jobs and sustainable and inclusive development.

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MESSAGE FROM RYAF CHAIRPERSON

Dear Readers,

Ten years ago, RYAF was founded on a simple conviction: that young people belong at the heart of Rwanda's agricultural transformation.

A decade later, it is my honour to welcome you to this edition of our Quarterly Newsletter, a celebration of the energy, innovation and determination that have carried us this far.

This issue brings you the stories of young agripreneurs building enterprises from value addition, sustainable agriculture, climate resilience and new market opportunities. You will read about emerging innovations, our leadership and governance initiatives, and the continued implementation of RYAF projects across districts. We also share key lessons from the AFS Forum 2026 and the innovations young agripreneurs showcased at Rwanda AgriShow 2026.

Together, these stories show what happens when young people are given the right opportunities and support. Rwanda's youth are no longer simply beneficiaries of the agricultural sector. They are drivers of innovation, enterprise and sustainable development.

As we mark ten years, our commitment is stronger than ever: to deepen young people's participation in agribusiness, to expand access to knowledge and skills, and to build partnerships that help youth-led solutions grow and create lasting impact.

I invite you to explore this edition, celebrate our members' achievements, and keep backing the young people shaping the future of agriculture. The next decade is theirs to lead.

Happy reading!

Sakina Usengimana
Chairperson, RYAF



Sakina Usengimana /RYAF Chairperson



RYAF Hosts 3-Day Leadership and Governance Induction for Newly Elected Youth Leaders

A three-day programme in Kigali equipped 145 youth leaders with skills in governance, advocacy and agricultural leadership to drive impact across districts.



How Binty Walda Turns Natural Plants into Skincare Gold

A young entrepreneur is transforming Aloe Vera into natural skincare products, creating jobs and building a growing agribusiness.



From Graduate to Agribusiness Innovator: How Valens Ruhorimbere Turns Pumpkins into Value

A food science graduate is reducing post-harvest losses by turning pumpkins into flour and bakery products, creating jobs and market opportunities.



AFS Forum 2026: Reflections from Shimo Yvette, Founder & Managing Director of FARMIZA Ltd

Insights from AFS Forum highlight the power of partnerships, innovation and investment in transforming food systems.



AFS Forum 2026: Reflections from Joel Sibobugingo, Founder & Managing Director of Green Acre Farms Ltd

Insights from AFS Forum highlight the importance of innovation, partnerships and practical solutions in scaling sustainable agribusiness ventures.



AFS Forum 2026: Sangwa Sifa Florence Says Africa Has Solutions but Needs Systems to Scale Them

A young agripreneur calls for stronger systems, data use and partnerships to unlock agricultural growth across Africa.



Youth Agripreneurs Drive Innovation at Rwanda AgriShow 2026

Young innovators showcased solutions in value addition, agri-tech and modern farming at the national exhibition in Kigali.



RYAF Project Implementation Activities

Across districts, RYAF continues implementing projects focused on farmer training, market access, and climate-smart agriculture.



RYAF Signs Sub-Grant Agreement to Promote Youth Engagement in Climate-Resilient Conservation

A new partnership supports youth-led conservation and sustainable livelihoods in the Volcanoes region.

RYAF Hosts 3-Day Leadership and Governance Induction for Newly Elected Youth Leaders

Kigali, 28 August 2026, Rwanda Youth in Agribusiness Forum (RYAF) recently wrapped up a dynamic three-day Leadership and Governance Induction Programme at the Play Hotel in Kigali, running from 26 to 28 August 2026. Following nationwide elections, the programme brought together 145 newly elected leaders comprising 140 District Committee representatives and five National Board Directors to strengthen their advocacy, governance, and agricultural leadership skills.



Group photo of RYAF General Assembly

The induction equipped participants with practical knowledge in leadership, youth advocacy, gender inclusion, safeguarding, and strategic action planning to help drive Rwanda's agricultural transformation forward.

Opening Remarks and High-Level Support

During the official opening, RYAF Chairperson Sakina Usengimana welcomed the leaders and expressed deep gratitude to government institutions and development partners. She specifically acknowledged the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI) for its decade-long support, alongside AGRA and the Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF).

Representing the Ministry of Youth and Arts (MOYA), Dr. Damien Shumbusha praised RYAF's impact and urged leaders to deliver tangible results for the youth they represent. Meanwhile, MINAGRI Permanent Secretary Dr. Olivier Kamana encouraged representatives to tighten collaboration and actively contribute to key national frameworks like NST2 and PSTA5 to accelerate agricultural productivity.

Empowering Impact and Practical Action

The second day focused heavily on practical leadership and value chain opportunities. Lucia Zigiriza, Senior Partners Coordination Officer at AGRA Rwanda, challenged leaders ...

to create measurable impact and foster innovation to "feed today and sustain tomorrow." Additional sessions led by Umutanguha Finance Company CEO Noel and AGRA specialists emphasized responsible leadership, social safeguarding, and inclusive agribusiness.

Participants also explored tangible opportunities across agricultural sectors through presentations by:

- HEAR: Showcasing market access and inclusivity within the horticulture value chain.
- Bank of Kigali: Detailing financial products and enterprise development opportunities for young people.
- RAB (SPIU): Highlighting institutional programs designed to bolster youth participation in agriculture.

Looking Ahead In her closing remarks, Chairperson Sakina Usengimana urged participants to turn insights into action under the shared vision of "Building the RYAF We Want." Armed with strengthened skills and expanded networks, these 145 leaders are now better positioned to amplify youth voices and accelerate Rwanda's agricultural future.



RYAF Chairperson Sakina Usengimana

How Binty Walda Turns Natural Plants into Skincare Gold



Founder of Binty Skincare, a Rwandan company specializing in Aloe Vera-based skincare and wellness items,

When you meet Binty Walda, her confidence and calm smile immediately reveal the determination behind her success story. As the Founder of Binty Skincare, a Rwandan company specializing in Aloe Vera-based skincare and wellness items, Binty is a young entrepreneur proving that nature combined with sheer perseverance can build remarkable things.

"Aloe Vera is a miraculous plant," she says. "That's why all our soaps feature it. It carries incredible natural benefits for the skin."

From a Single Spark to a Growing Enterprise

After finishing high school and getting her first job, a piece of advice from her employer planted a seed: "You should have something of your own, to make your own things." Realizing that everyone uses soap every morning, Binty decided to create a natural, affordable, and skin-safe alternative.

To turn her vision into reality, she traveled to Kampala, Uganda, for professional training in natural product formulation. The road wasn't easy. "At first, I failed many times," she recalls. "But I didn't give up. Step by step, I finally came up with a very good product."

The Leap Through YouthConnekt

Binty's business journey accelerated significantly when she joined the YouthConnekt competition. Placing among the top four winners nationally, she

secured vital funding that allowed her to expand production, purchase materials, and partner directly with local Aloe Vera farmers.

Today, Binty Skincare employs four people three permanent staff and one temporary worker and supplies high-quality natural soaps formulated with cucumber, turmeric, and activated charcoal to major supermarkets.

Overcoming Challenges and Looking

Ahead While growth has been steady, hurdles remain. Importing specialized equipment like soap molds and cutting machines from China, along with sourcing local packaging, presents ongoing challenges.

However, Binty remains optimistic, aiming to establish local packaging production and scale up to a much larger factory within the next five years.

Beyond commercial success, her venture has changed lives. It funds her university studies in skincare, creates jobs for fellow youth, and contributes to national development through taxes.

A Message of Resilience To aspiring young entrepreneurs, Binty shares an empowering reminder: "When you start, don't expect it to be big right away. Start small, and when you fail, don't quit just learn and move forward. Even if you mess up today, tomorrow you can still succeed."

Through grit, imagination, and trust in the power of natural ingredients, Binty Walda is transforming small notions into gold, positioning Binty Skincare to become one of Rwanda's premier cosmetics brands.



From Graduate to Agribusiness Innovator: How Valens Ruhorimbere Turns Pumpkins into Value



Securing Dry Season Feed: Harvested livestock fodder ready for conservation in Kayanza.

After graduating from the Food Science and Technology program at the National University of Rwanda, Valens Ruhorimbere identified a persistent agricultural challenge: most harvested pumpkins were either unmarketable or spoiled due to a lack of local processing and value-adding facilities.

Driven by a vision to make a difference, he noted, "I saw that pumpkins could be an opportunity to add value to farmers' produce and create jobs for the youth." That realization led him to establish Iwacu Bakery Solutions Ltd, operating under the trade name IHANGO Maxima, which processes surplus pumpkins into nutritious breads, cakes, pastries, and flour.

Scaling Through Innovation and Grants Initially, limited equipment restricted production to a small scale. However, the enterprise achieved a major milestone by securing a matching grant worth 101,239,532 RWF through the Sustainable Agricultural Intensification and Food Security Project (SAIP), with SAIP contributing 70% and Ruhorimbere providing 30%. This critical funding enabled the company to procure modern machinery, dramatically increasing product quality and output. Operating out of Gatsibo District, IHANGO Maxima now employs 17 permanent staff and over 20 temporary workers, while creating a reliable marketplace for local crop growers. The business already holds a Food Operation License from the Rwanda

FDA and is in the final stages of acquiring the prestigious S-Mark from the Rwanda Standards Board (RSB).

Empowering Youth and Fostering Inclusion Iwacu Bakery Solutions goes beyond commercial success to drive social impact. In collaboration with partners like UPHLS, the center delivered practical baking and pastry training to 120 young people in Gatsibo District, including 70 young women and 30 youth with disabilities.

Among them is Eliezer Manirareba, a young man with a disability who gained practical skills and now secures employment directly within the factory. Reflecting on this inclusion, Ruhorimbere emphasizes: "Disability is not a lack of ability. When youth are given equal opportunities, they can produce extraordinary results."



The products

To expand its market reach, the company has actively participated in promotional events such as the Rwanda AgriShow, where consumer tasting and feedback helped refine its offerings. Meanwhile, the Rwanda Youth in Agribusiness Forum (RYAF) continues to provide steadfast support by connecting young agripreneurs with markets and essential partnerships.

An Inspiration for the Next Generation Valens Ruhorimbere's remarkable journey demonstrates how transforming simple crops into value-added products can spark community development, generate employment, and inspire young leaders.

His timeless advice for aspiring entrepreneurs is simple yet profound: "Don't be afraid to start. Start where you can, solve a real problem in the community and keep learning."

AFS Forum 2026: Reflections from Shimo Yvette, Founder & Managing Director of FARMIZA Ltd



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Shimo Yvette, Founder & Managing Director of FARMIZA Ltd, shared her key takeaways and day to day learnings after the Africa Food Systems Forum (AFS Forum 2026).

"Honestly, the best thing I got from AFS Forum 2026 was a much stronger understanding that transforming food systems, is not something a single person or one organization can do by themselves," Yvette said, adding "It takes people working together, real connections, new thinking, investment, and most of all, actually turning good ideas into action, not just talking about them."

She also mentioned that the event was an opportunity to gain fresh knowledge and learn from actors across the sector.

"The Forum gave me new knowledge, inspiring connections, and a set of chances to learn from people who are working across different sections of the food system.

Moving forward I want to lean on these connections to strengthen my agricultural projects, build more partnerships, and develop solutions that are not only sustainable but practical too, and accessible to farmers," she said

Looking back on conversations with leaders, investors, innovators, and young people coming from all over Africa, Yvette pointed to a few key lessons about what already exists in agriculture. "One of my biggest lessons is that we already have

many brilliant ideas, and strong solutions in Africa. The issue is not always inventing something new. It's more about connecting the right people, resources, markets, and the investment, so those solutions can actually scale," she said

"For my work in agriculture, this also pushed me to think beyond production, and to look at the whole value chain, from sustainable farming and soil health, all the way to markets, value addition, technology and even access to finance," Yvette added

She wrapped up by stressing how partnerships matter, when it comes to growing impact and moving toward broader food system goals.

"The connections I made at AFS Forum also made it clear to me that partnerships can open doors, that are hard to open alone. I want to build on those relationships to expand my projects, reach more farmers, create opportunities for young people, and contribute to a food system that is more sustainable, more inclusive, and more resilient."

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Joel Sibobugingo, Managing Director of Green Acre Farms Ltd, shared the key insights and lessons he learned from the Africa Food Systems Forum (AFS Forum 2026).

“The most important thing I gained from AFS Forum 2026 was the connections and new knowledge on how to improve food systems through innovation, collaboration and investment in agriculture,” Sibobugingo said.

He also spoke about how he plans to use this knowledge and opportunities he gained from the forum in Green Acre Farms Ltd.’s operations.

“I plan to put them into practice by continuing to develop our projects, especially in quality seed production and multiplication, and by seeking partnerships that will help us reach more farmers,” Sibobugingo added.

He goes on to explain the important lesson he learned from meeting with donors, leaders and diverse youth from different African countries.

“After meeting with leaders, investors, innovators and diverse youth from Africa, the biggest lesson I learned from AFS Forum 2026 is that opportunity lies in working together and connecting ideas, technology, investment and knowledge,” .

Sibobugingo said.

He said: “This will help us scale up our agricultural projects, improve the production of quality seeds, and contribute to building sustainable and climate-resilient food systems.”

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Sangwa Sifa Florence, CEO of NzeSA Fam Ltd

For Sangwa Sifa Florence, CEO of NzeSA Fam Ltd and a leading agricultural social media influencer, participating in the Africa Food Systems Forum (AFS) 2026 in Kigali completely reshaped her perspective, proving that agriculture extends far beyond the boundaries of a single farm.

A core takeaway for Sifa was that Africa does not suffer from a shortage of solutions.

Rather, the primary challenge is creating the mechanisms, partnerships, and investment channels required to scale what already works.

By bringing together diverse stakeholders including farmers, investors, policymakers, researchers, and innovators AFS exposed her to multi-faceted viewpoints across the agricultural value chain.

Redefining Agricultural Finance Through Data

Discussions on agricultural finance particularly caught her attention. During panel sessions on private bank investments, Sifa began rethinking how farmers access credit. She proposed that reliable farm-level data covering production, sales, business performance, and market relationships..

can serve as a powerful alternative to traditional collateral. For her, turning operational metrics into trust, and trust into capital, is key.

Consequently, NzeSA now views its production and financial data as a strategic business asset rather than mere administration.

Unlocking the "Hidden Middle"

AFS also challenged Sifa to look past primary production. Conversations focused on the "hidden middle" highlighted massive, untapped opportunities in aggregation, processing, animal feed, logistics, value addition, and technology. This inspired NzeSA Fam Ltd to strategize on how to evolve from a simple producer into a fully integrated, investment-ready agribusiness enterprise.

A Greater Platform and Responsibility

As an agricultural influencer, AFS elevated Sifa's advocacy, positioning her in vital dialogues regarding financing, youth entrepreneurship, and food system transformation. She firmly believes that farmers should author Africa's food story rather than remain its subjects.

Summarizing the core message of the event, she noted: "Africa doesn't need more talks about what's possible. We need to create a system where people who are already building solutions can scale to the next level."

Reflecting on the youth, Sifa emphasizes that young people are not waiting to become the future of agriculture they are building it today. AFS 2026 ultimately gave her a larger platform, a stronger network, and a deeper responsibility to unite farming realities with policy and investment discussions.

Youth Agripreneurs Drive Innovation at Rwanda AgriShow 2026

Young members of the Rwanda Youth in Agribusiness Forum (RYAF) were among key participants at the 2026 Rwanda AgriShow held at Mulindi, Kigali, showcasing practical innovations and business-oriented solutions in agriculture.

The exhibition provided a platform for youth-led enterprises to demonstrate how they are contributing to the transformation of Rwanda's agri-food sector through production, value addition and technology.

Among the exhibitors was Uujhrwa Company Ltd, led by Uwase Umutooni Jacqueline, which integrates poultry and pig farming with mushroom production. The company also showcased Calcishell, a product developed from eggshells and mushroom by-products, reflecting growing efforts towards circular and sustainable agriculture.



Uujhrwa Company Ltd, led by Uwase Umutooni Jacqueline

In Rulindo District, Green & White Company Ltd presented its work in vegetable production under irrigation, including onions, tomatoes and green beans. Their participation highlighted the role of irrigation in improving productivity and ensuring a consistent supply to markets.



Jean Damascene Habarurema the founder of Green & White Company

Other youth-led businesses focused on value addition. Salubrious Company Ltd from Muhanga demonstrated the production of soaps made from fruit peels, while Humure Dairy Ltd from Nyagatare showcased processed dairy products such as yoghurt and traditional fermented milk (ikivuguto).



Across Eastern Province, companies such as Green Roots Solutions Ltd are expanding horticulture production, growing crops including pepper, cucumbers and avocados for the market, contributing to increased commercialization of agriculture.



Green Roots Solutions Ltd, a company owned by Tuyisenge Solange

In the coffee value chain, Agro House Ltd demonstrated how value addition can diversify income through products such as coffee, coffee leaf tea and cascara.



Agro House Ltd, led by Jean D'Amour Nkurikiyumukiza

Youth Agripreneurs Drive Innovation at Rwanda AgriShow 2026

Innovation and technology also featured strongly. Smart Greenhouse Ltd, led by Bisenge Mico Mariette, is applying greenhouse technology to produce high-value crops while creating employment opportunities for young people.



Bisenge Mico Mariette, founder of Smart Greenhouse Ltd

Munezero Clarisse, founder of Mama Harvest, is among youth agripreneurs driving agricultural transformation through professional farming. Based in Muyumbu Sector, Rwamagana District, she grows tomatoes using modern techniques.



Munezero Clarisse, founder of Mama Harvest,

Mukeshimana Clementine, founder of Isaro Services Ltd in Rwamagana District, was among youth showcased her work in chilli farming and value addition. She produces both dried chillies and chilli powder as she continues to grow her enterprise.



Mukeshimana Clementine, founder of Isaro Services Ltd

Ugirasebuja Felix, CEO of AGRINNOSOL GROUP LTD, presented MutahuraDukoko AI, a solution that helps farmers detect and control crop pests at an early stage. Using a smart trap equipped with a camera and Artificial Intelligence, the technology captures and analyses pest images, providing farmers with timely information to take quick action.

The innovation is helping farmers move from reacting to pest outbreaks to making early, data-driven decisions.



Ugirasebuja Felix, CEO of AGRINNOSOL GROUP LTD,

RYAF Project Implementation Activities

Banana peels, often thrown away as waste, became an opportunity for Abijuru Afissa to create value from what others leave behind. Afissa, the founder of SADIA AGRI FOP Ltd based in Musanze District, is showcasing how the company transforms banana peels into shoe polish.



Abijuru Afissa, the founder of SADIA AGRI FOP Ltd

BAM Agro-Vet Company Ltd from Muhanga District showcased its EcoBiochar Compost Fertilizer (Vermi Grow), an innovative solution designed to improve soil health and support sustainable farming. The company is also presenting IoT and AI-powered smart farming solutions to help farmers make better decisions and embrace modern agricultural technologies.



Aime Eric Habaguhirwa the founder of BAM Agro-Vet Company Ltd

Nsanzimana Janvier, founder of INNOVATE FOR BETTER INDEPENDANCE LTD, is one of the young entrepreneurs who took part in Rwanda Agrishow 2026, a 10-day event held at Mulindi, Kigali. Based in Kamembe, Rusizi District, he showcased "Agahozo Origin" a range of fruit juices including mango, pineapple, passion, and strawberry, adding value to local farm produce.



Nsanzimana Janvier, founder of INNOVATE FOR BETTER INDEPENDANCE LTD,

The AgriShow also showcased emerging agri-tech solutions, including tools that support farmers in early pest detection and data-driven decision-making.

Participation of RYAF members at the Rwanda AgriShow reflects the growing role of youth in advancing modern, market-oriented agriculture. It also highlights the importance of platforms that enable young agripreneurs to share knowledge, access markets and scale their innovations.



RYAF Board and District Committees visited fellow youth agripreneurs participating in #RwandaAgriShow2026 at Mulindi, Kigali.

RYAF Project Implementation Activities

During the reporting period, the Rwanda Youth in Agribusiness Forum (RYAF) continued to implement key agricultural projects across multiple districts, focusing on capacity building, farmer support, and strengthening resilient agricultural systems.

PSAC Project – Strengthening Farmer Field Schools (FFS)



In Huye District (Huye and Simbi sectors), RYAF Proximity Coaches conducted hands-on training sessions for Lead Farmers under the PSAC Project. The training focused on the formation of Farmer Field Schools (FFS), selection of demonstration plots, and facilitation techniques for effective learning sessions.

Equipping Lead Farmers with these practical skills is critical, as they work closely with Proximity Coaches to lead FFS sessions, promote the adoption of improved agricultural practices, and strengthen community-level resilience.

This activity was part of a broader training exercise conducted from 10–14 August 2026 across six PSAC intervention districts, reinforcing RYAF's commitment to youth-driven agricultural transformation and sustainable rural development.



KIIWP II Project – Advancing Field Operations and Farmer Readiness

Under the KIIWP II Project, field operations continued to progress across cooperatives as farmers prepared for Season 2027 A.

At Twitezimbere Rubonobono Cooperative, members carried out potato harvesting while receiving technical support from a RYAF/KIIWP Cooperative Officer to complete registration on the Smart Nkunganire System (SNS).

In parallel, farmers engaged in crop insurance enrollment activities, supported by Radiant Insurance, where they identified farmland to be insured, with all members committing to agricultural coverage.



At KOPIBABA Coop, seasonal preparations include SNS registration, land prep, and Conservation Agriculture adoption for soil health. Meanwhile, COCURIKA Coop secured a Matching Grant to build a new storehouse under RYAF/KIIWP technical guidance.

These interventions are part of RYAF's implementation of the KIIWP II Project, in partnership with RAB through the SPIU, supporting resilient, climate-smart agriculture.



RYAF Project Implementation Activities

NAEB-PSAC Project – Coffee Farmer Support and FFS Rollout

On 17 September 2026, in Huye and Ruhango districts, RYAF Proximity Coaches were equipped with agricultural tools and inputs to facilitate Farmer Field School sessions for coffee farmers under the NAEB-PSAC Project.

This milestone follows the enrollment of 25,528 farmers into 850 FFS across six districts, including 9,264 women and 1,660 youth managing their own coffee farms.



Farmer Field School Sessions Ongoing

Starting from 21 September 2026, RYAF Proximity Coaches began delivering FFS learning sessions to coffee farmers across all intervention districts. The sessions focus on practical and modern coffee farming techniques, including coffee tree

rehabilitation, proper preparation of planting holes, and lime application to improve soil fertility. These sessions aim to strengthen farmers' technical capacity, improve productivity, and accelerate the adoption of recommended practices. FFS learning activities remain ongoing across all six intervention districts.

RYAF Signs Sub-Grant Agreement to Promote Youth Engagement in Climate-Resilient Conservation



On 25 September 2026, the Rwanda Youth in Agribusiness Forum (RYAF) signed a sub-grant agreement with African Wildlife Foundation to support youth engagement in climate-resilient conservation and sustainable livelihoods in the Volcanoes region.

The initiative contributes to ongoing efforts to strengthen conservation agriculture while creating opportunities for young people in environmentally sustainable practices.



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More to Come!*

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