



# YAgri-Tech Dondo

## skills training for the future of agriculture

### 1. Young Africa

The future of Africa is with the Young of Africa. Young Africa empowers young people through technical skills training and by encouraging them to earn a living. We teach young people to be self-reliant and to contribute to the development of their country. We reach out to underprivileged young people between 15 and 25 years and the community they live in. We teach them skills of the hands to be self-reliant, skills of heart and mind to live with dignity, skills of the soul to live with purpose.

Young Africa runs three vibrant development projects in Zimbabwe and Mozambique. Our umbrella foundation Young Africa International is based in The Netherlands and we have a supporting foundation in the USA. Expansion into Namibia and into agricultural skills training is being prepared.

The Centro de Formação in Manga, Beira has since its start in 2007 educated over 1500 young people in 17 different trades. The majority of our graduates has been absorbed into the job market or started a micro-enterprise.

### 2. Agricultural Skills Training

Young Africa is currently developing in Dondo, a farm land of 200 ha. into an agricultural skills training centre, the YAgri-Tech. Our main objectives are to train young people in agricultural and agro-based skills. Thus we promote economic activity in the agricultural sector, supply young skilled workforce to agricultural businesses and contribute to food security of Mozambique.

We will teach short-term courses in agriculture, horticulture, livestock, fish culture, forestry, farming support technology, food processing and packaging. Life skills education, ecology and entrepreneurship will be mainstreamed into all courses. In short, we will educate young people in all different steps of agriculture, from seed to marketable product and the infrastructure needed to support it.

### 3. A Corporate Social Responsibility opportunity

We are inviting the private sector to become corporate socially responsible partners of Young Africa in this skills centre. Your business could contribute to the future of young people in agriculture. You can benefit from our 'Franchise Model' and together we will discover more win-win opportunities:

- By investing in training a skilled work force – your business could sign up for the construction of a classroom, a workshop, contribute in kind as equipment or tools.
- By doing agriculture-related pilot projects on our campus with students and your experts.
- By setting up at our campus your processing and packaging unit for either cereals, milk, fruits, meat and/or fish, in which we combine your production with our training.
- If you are into contract farming, we could, together with you, train people to produce the crop you require and use your input effectively. You could set up your infrastructure at our centre as your distribution and collection point.

Note: Any monetary contribution to YA in The Netherlands or in the USA is tax-deductable.