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Value addition to enhance sustainable agriculture in Uganda

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The principles of sustainable agriculture and rural development enunciated in the den Bosch Declaration (FAO 1996) constitute the foundation for achieving food security in Africa and indeed in the world in general. In developing countries like Uganda in particular, the major objective for creating the conditions for sustainable agriculture and rural development is to eradicate poverty and increase food production in a sustainable way and enhance food security. This is best accomplished through extension service initiatives, provision and utilization of economic incentives and development of markets for agricultural goods to avoid spoilage and waste with what is being produced and also appropriate and new technologies, thus ensuring stable supplies of nutritionally adequate food. In Uganda most of the agricultural projects fail to become sustainable because of limited availability of market for the agriculture products hence farmers get less pay for the work done and for the bigger projects, they are wholly or largely dependent on external technologies, no participation of local people and lack of orientation to local conditions and needs of the local communities. Food security on the other hand, is a situation in which all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active healthy life.

Biography

David Businge Kaganda is currently the CEO and a Member of the Board of Directors of Farmers Trend Africa. He is responsible for running all facets of the business, managing corporate directions and strategy, facilitating company activity in consulting, sales, marketing and collaborations. He is passionate about agriculture and farming with a vision of closing the information gap in the agricultural and farming sector in Africa and inspiring youth and women to engage in agribusiness.

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