

TBIF NEWS

A KIST / CITT initiative

Presentation of The TBIF Team

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TBIF Team-From Left: Mrs. Rebecca, Mr. Rajeev, Mrs. Kevin, Mr. Moses, Mr. Ngangu, Mr. Gérard, Mr. Janvier.

Key Achievements

Training

TBIF will start the Corporate Business Plan Course for French group in May 2006. The course has been advertised in Imvaho Nshya of 15-21st May 2006, page 15 and Registration is going on at KIST/ CITT Remera.

Consulting

Additional 16 people consulted TBIF on how to start business. 2 more Projects have been approved by the TBIF Business Plan Appraisal Panel and forwarded to KEDF for funding.

Cooperation

TBIF Manager and the Liaison Officer attended the Africa Regional workshop on innovation and entrepreneurship in Accra-Ghana sponsored by InfoDev. Other participants from Rwanda were from CAPMER and The Regional ICT Training and Research Center (RITC).

Welcome

The KIST/CITT TBIF Community warmly welcomes the new TBIF Information Expert; Mr. Gérard NSENGIYUMVA.

Since the kick-off of the Technology and Business Incubation Facility (TBIF) activities, the program has registered considerable achievements in supporting 11 clients to develop bankable Business plans and access start up funding. While TBIF works under the Steering and Technical Committees, the current issue will present to you the team behind the day to day operations of TBIF.

Mrs. Rebecca RUZIBUKA, the TBIF Manager, has an MBA and 23 years of experience as a Certified Supplies Professional, Marketing Manager, head of academic department of entrepreneurship and lecturer in the area of Business Management. Her recent accomplishment include a research on "Transformation of micro-finance schemes from subsistence living to small scale enterprises in Rwanda."

Mr. Rajeev AGGARWAL is the TBIF Training Expert. Holder of an MBA, he has a extensive experience in cottage industry with adequate knowledge of machinery suppliers all over the world. He is a great asset in enabling TBIF clients to establish sources of equipment and machinery.

Mr. Willem VAN DER VEER from FACET, is Long-Term Expert who plays a great role in the capacity building of the TBIF team through on the job training.

Mr. Moses TURATSINZE, TBIF Liaison Officer holds a Bachelor's Degree in Development Planning. He has wide experiences in the areas of marketing, consultancy, organization and project management.

Mr. Joseph Munyi NGANGU, a Certified Public Accountant, serves as TBIF Finance Expert. He has a wide banking experience of more than 20 years, particularly in the assessment of Business Plans for funding.

Mr. Gérard NSENGIYUMVA, The TBIF Information Expert, holds a BBA, has experiences in marketing and worked as the Program Manager of Rwanda Business Plan Competition.

Mrs. Kevin BAJENEZA is the TBIF Information Technology Officer. She holds a Bsc. in Computer Engineering and IT. Before joining TBIF, she worked for both Children of Rwanda Project and Rwanda Revenue Authority.

Mr. Janvier MUYENZI works as the TBIF Driver.

Note of the Editor

Dear Reader,

A cock belongs to one house but when it crows it is heard in the whole village!

The TBIF Team is doing the same for Rwandan graduates so as to use efficiently and effectively the knowledge they get from Universities and Higher Institutions of Learning.

In this edition, you will get to know thoroughly the TBIF team.

TBIF Team.

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TBIF Location

TBIF is located within the KIST Centre for Innovations and Technology Transfer (CITT) to network with other departments such as:

Technology Research and Development (TRD), Women in Technology and Community Development (WTCD), KIST Enterprise Development Fund (KEDF) and Satellite Centre (SC) East and Northern Provinces.

This location makes it convenient for TBIF Clients/Tenants To obtain various services in one place.

You are welcome to KIST/ CITT-Remera Campus where success begins.

TBIF Sponsorship

- TBIF is sponsored by the Government of Rwanda through KIST and the Government of Netherlands through the Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education (NUFFIC). The equipment support comes from Competitiveness and Enterprise Development Project (CEDP).
- TBIF has recently been selected by the World Bank's Initiative; InfoDev to be amongst fifteen African incubation programs that will receive its grant for development. The grant to TBIF amounts to United States Dollars A Hundred and Fifty (USD 150,000).
- MICROSOFT (MS) has approved the donation of Software and MS equipment to TBIF.



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New TBIF Information Expert