



Hack4Farming Nairobi 2016

Mentors



Graham Muhanga

Graham is the head of Developer Relations at Africa's Talking, a mobile technology company with its headquarters in Nairobi. At Africa's Talking, Graham supports developers to easily integrate their applications to Telcos across Africa using Africa's Talking's 'build once, deploy everywhere', communication APIs.

Africa's Talking aims to unlock the potential of mobile communication networks across Africa by simplifying the process and technologies required to exploit them. The Africa's Talking SMS/ USSD / Voice and Airtime APIs has more than 1000 active developers spanning corporates, tech start-ups, SMEs and even budding techies.



Ian Juma

Ian is a Software Developer at Africa's Talking.



John Freeman

A lawyer and businessman by trade, John has participated and won numerous hackathons. Agriledger, his current project to help small farmers worldwide, was the product of a hackathon similar to Hack4Farming. John enjoys computers and cyber security in his free time and is an Offensive Certified Professional (OSCP) and Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH).

Agriledger is a philanthropic initiative using distributed cryptoledger (blockchain) and mobile apps to create a circle of trust for small farmer co-operatives.



Gladys Kitony

Gladys is a Programs Manager at the iHub, where her role entails working with partners to develop and execute programs that support startups and entrepreneurs in Kenya. She is passionate about accelerating startup growth and promoting entrepreneurship, and has played an active role in the growth of startup ecosystems in Kenya and the United Kingdom (UK). Gladys has also undertaken consultancy roles with organisations such as Nike, Inc (USA) and the Lancaster County Council (UK) in the areas of Entrepreneurship, ICT4D and ICT Innovation Strategy. Additionally, she is a co-founder of AkiraChix, an organisation that aims to inspire and develop a successful force of women in technology, and is a member of the Women in STEM committee by Kenya's ICT Authority.

Founded in 2010, the iHub exists to catalyse the growth of the Kenyan tech community. It does this by supporting startups, connecting people and surfacing information. The iHub is the first such space in Kenya, and a partner on this Hack4Farming event.



Abigael Wangui

Abigael is a UX Design Researcher at the iHub Nairobi, and is passionate about helping people create simple, innovative but usable and enjoyable products to solve social problems. She is especially interested in the African context. She also serves as a user experience mentor for startups working with iHub.



Robert Yawe

Robert is the Managing Director of KAY System Technologies Limited, where he has been for almost 20 years. He is a designer of local and wide area networks with a vast knowledge and experience in open and proprietary connectivity solutions. Robert also implements cost effective and low maintenance solutions for small and medium enterprises, where he acts as a virtual IT department, allowing the organisations to concentrate on their core business. He serves as a business and market strategy mentor for startups working with iHub.

KAY System Technologies is involved in the design and implementation of LAN and WAN systems



Alphaxard Gitau

Alphaxard works at AgriProFocus Kenya as a thematic facilitator on youth in agribusiness in East Africa, and also runs a successful dairy and poultry farm. He is passionate about youth empowerment and agribusiness, and over the years I have been involved in a number of successful youth empowerment programs. He serves as an agriculture mentor for startups working with iHub.

AgriProFocus is an international network with Dutch roots that promotes agri-entrepreneurship in low- and middle income countries. They are active in 12 countries in Africa & Asia and in the Netherlands and offer a market place (online and offline).



Nasubo Ongoma

Nasubo is the Research Manager at iHub, where she manages a portfolio of research projects by determining the appropriate strategy, methodology and analysis for the projects, and oversees the implementation and delivery of research. She also serves as a market research strategy mentor for startups working with iHub.



Duncan Onyango

Duncan has served as the Director of East Africa at the Acumen Fund in September 2012. Prior to Acumen, Duncan served as the Group Chief Finance Officer of Rift Valley Railways. He began his career with over ten years at Abbey National, a major international bank in London, and then moved into consulting at Strategic Workforce Limited in London, before returning to East Africa where he founded Quantum Africa in 2006. He has expertise in strategic & business planning, organizational alignment and business transformation. He serves as a finance mentor for startups working with iHub.

Acumen Fund invests patient capital in businesses whose products and services are enabling the poor to transform their lives.



Madi-Jimba Yahya

Madi is an assistant lecturer at the Technical University of Kenya where he lectures on land information systems, geographical information systems, property valuation, property law, planning and land laws, and the use of ICT in the built environment.



Kevin Mwasigwa

Kevin is a member of the Innovation Department at Safaricom. With over 6 years of experience in the Telecommunications and Banking sector, Kevin is passionate about using Technology & Innovation to transform people's lives. He has in depth experience in product development of Value Added Services and latest wave of mobile payment technologies. Prior to joining Safaricom, Kevin worked at National Bank as Manager, Innovation & Strategy and at Orange Kenya as a Software Developer and Service Platforms Engineer. Over the years, Kevin has worked closely with International partners such as Gemalto, Huawei, ZTE, Ericsson, Comviva in Telecommunications and VISA, Misys, MasterCard Labs, China Union Pay in the Banking space.