Kenyan technology entrepreneurs

**1**. KARIUKI GATHITU

- Founder of MPAYER, he saw the difficulties that Kenyans experienced when it comes to mobile payments and this led to the birth of MPAYER – a mobile money management system.

- MPAYER recently won second position among 50 top startups in a global competition; Dragons Den, held in South Africa and it was also the best application in Africa. MPAYER is having great impact in the SME space in Kenya, allowing young businesses to build strong scalable businesses.

- Kariuki is also involved in youth advocacy and is also a public speaker on the subject of entrepreneurship. He has worked with the African union, the World Bank and governments in this capacity.

**2**. CATHERINE MAHUGU

-She is 27-year-old lady who is a Computer Scientist and the founder of Soko which is an online destination platform based in Kenya and San Francisco, USA for shoppers to discover handcrafted accessories from all over the world and purchase them directly from the designers and artisans through online. She is also a young innovator of international Telecom Union.

**3.** MUBARAK MUYIKA

-He is a 22 year man, is a Computer Programmer and Kenya’s own Mark Zukerberg. He was orphaned at age 10 but that didn’t deter him from achieving greatness as 6years down the line

- he founded Hypecentury Technologies – a web hosting company which he sold to Wemps Telecoms two years later.

**4 kelvin machariakuria**

-Kelvin is a founder of sunrise Tracking he is under 30 years old whose entrepreneurial spirit was awakened by an experience a close relative of his had the hijacking of a family member’s car led to the foundering of sunrise tracking Nairobi which is vehicle security tech firm that offers GPS tracking through an automated fleet management system, CCTV and ability to turn engines off remotely via SMS

- Sunrise tracking is a company which started with $300 is currently valued at over a $100,000 with an office in Nakuru and 6 full-time staff. The company which has been featured as one of the top 30 most promising young entrepreneurs in Africa.

5. JAMILA ABASS

-She is the founder of M-Farm, is a 29 years old a Kenyan graduate lady in computer science. She founded M-Farm together with Susan Oguya in 2010 to bridge the gap on real time market information regarding price of farm produce and also help low-volume Kenyan farmers sell their products to potential buyers, all through SMS.

-M-Farm seeks to provide up-to-date market prices via an app or SMS, directly to farmers. It also connects farmers with buyers directly, cutting out the middlemen.

-Asides the problem of pricing, farmers that produce in low volume also get their produce sold to many buyers in big cities that would not bother if the price is too much.