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Professional Summary

Enthusiastic agricultural professional with a strong background in conservation agriculture, farm management, biodiversity conservation and rural development. Proven ability to engage and train smallholder farmers, implement sustainable agricultural practices, and enhance community livelihoods. Skilled in project management, community engagement, and promoting environmental awareness. Passionate about improving food security and fostering resilient rural communities through collaborative and innovative approaches.

Education**Bachelor of Science in Conservation Agriculture**

Rwanda Institute for Conservation Agriculture (RICA)

September 2021 – Expected Graduation: September 2024

Relevant Coursework: Practical Farming, Plant-Soil Relation, Site-Specific Crop Management, ecology, one health and environment, Integrated Pest Management, Community Leadership

Advanced Certificate of Education

Ecole des Sciences Byimana – Ruhango, Rwanda

January 2017 – November 2019

Relevant Coursework: Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Entrepreneurship

Professional Experience**Farm Manager Intern**

Souk Farms, Rwamagana District

January 2024 – July 2024

- Developed and implemented planting and irrigation schedules for various crops.
- Managed farm operations and ensured compliance with Global GAP and SMETA accreditation.
- Conducted risk assessments and implemented integrated pest management strategies.
- Engaged with local farming communities to promote sustainable agricultural practices.

Volunteer

RICA Farm

January 2023 – May 2024

- Managed pest and disease control for horticultural crops.
- Coordinated the planting of potatoes, ensuring high crop health and productivity standards.
- Engaged with community members to promote best practices in horticulture.

Teaching Assistant, Soil Stewardship Lab Course

Rwanda Institute for Conservation Agriculture

September 2022 – December 2022

- Conducted laboratory experiments and guided students in practical applications.
- Ensured adherence to safety protocols and prepared detailed reports.
- Collaborated with faculty to enhance the course curriculum and support student learning.

Key Projects

Millennium Fellow, "Eradicating Hunger in Sub-Saharan Africa" Project

Millennium Fellowship, 2022

- Led a project focused on improving food security through Irish potato production.
- Trained smallholder farmers on sustainable farming practices and resource management.
- Achieved increased crop yields and enhanced farmer livelihoods.
- Engaged with the community to raise awareness about food security issues.

University Science Communication Competition for Africa 2023

Case Study: "Exploring the Vitality of Rugezi Wetland in Northern Rwanda"

- Conducted in-depth research on the Rugezi Wetland's biodiversity and conservation challenges.
 - Highlighted the importance of wetlands for local communities and biodiversity.
 - Advocated for conservation efforts to protect the Rugezi Wetland.
 - Engaged with community members to promote environmental awareness.
 - Published findings to raise awareness and drive policy changes
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Skills

- Community Engagement
 - Sustainable Agriculture Practices
 - Project Management
 - Training and Capacity Building
 - Integrated Pest Management
 - Budget Management
 - Risk Assessment
 - Data Analysis and Reporting
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Certifications

- Millennium Certification
 - Sustainable Diet Certification
 - Community Engagement Certification
 - InfoNile Certificate
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Languages

- English (Fluent)
- Kinyarwanda (Native)
- Kiswahili (Beginner)