Answering the call of innovative volunteerism to drive transformations climate action

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It is time we all answer to the call of Innovative Volunteerism—where we have to use our educational skills, professional networks, talents and knowledge to serve a purpose bigger than ourselves— and in the course of doing so all benefit in the process. A continental & national purpose; to join hands in creating enterprises that will free our continent and countries from the lions of hunger, poverty, ecological degradation, unemployment and worse of all climate change which is already redefining the contours of Africa.
Through Innovative Volunteerism we can create the Enterprises that will create the much needed jobs for our youth which are currently unemployed at 60% today. Globally competitive enterprises that will expand our economies "it is only us to do this" because at this hour of need our duty is to create the Africa We Want as enshrined in the Africa Union Agenda 2063 and the SDGs Agenda 2030.
For those doing law, as you contribute your legal skills, knowledge to set up an agro-industry, you get yourself a client while creating millions of jobs along the agro-value chain and in ancillary supply chains of clean energy & ICT.
As you work your farm, through EBAFOSA, you partner with advisory service providers to implement nature based EBA approaches. You get access to standards to standardize your products so they fetch a bigger market – spanning as far as 40 countries. And in the process, you not only increase your earnings, but contribute to ending hunger beyond your borders and to combating climate change.
As you study to become an ICT or clean energy professional, through EBAFOSA you get an opportunity to work with established professionals, perfect your technical skills towards becoming a competitive, employable professional while contributing to establishing sustainable industries that will expand our economies.
Clean Energy enterprises

As you run your clean energy enterprises, through EBAFOSA you get an opportunity to partner with finance actors for affordable finance to expand towards powering agro-industrial applications. And it goes further as you get mapped into EBAFOSA as a supplier of these technologies to expand your market.
EBAFOSA offers you an Opportunity to be Part of Risk Sharing Facilities

As a banker, EBAFOSA offers you an opportunity to be part of risk sharing facilities that not only expand your loans income portfolio, but lower the default risk to enhance your banks profitability. And in the process you contribute towards job creation & economic expansion, both which serve to guarantee you longer term quality clients.
EBAFOSA provides you a platform to work with colleagues from complementary ministries to maximize the impact of your policies for grandeur impact – that of industrializing your country and Africa. This is EBAFOSA Innovative Volunteerism at work.
Remember to remember that "it is us today" to take this responsibility from our parents and grandparents and pass it on to our children and grandchildren as this duty has always been from one generation to another.
So let us learn from the hardworking and selfless spirit of ants which demonstrate the true spirit of Innovative Volunteerism and apply to ourselves the very lessons where we can selflessly spur ourselves to action. Let us learn and teach others. "Nobody owns everything but together we own everything" and through EBAFOSA – the INCLUSIVE assembly -innovative volunteerism the spirit of New-Africa is been fostered.
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