



## EMRC-Rabobank Project Incubator Award - GUIDELINES

### PROJECT INCUBATOR AWARD



### 1. EMRC PROJECT INCUBATOR AWARD

The "EMRC-Rabobank Project Incubator Award" encourages development, innovation and entrepreneurship in the agro-food sector in Africa. The award presented to the entry judged to have the **greatest economic and social impact on local communities**.

### 2. WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE EMRC PROJECT INCUBATOR AWARD?

#### Project Profile / Selection Criteria:

- Applications are limited to participants attending the **Agri Business Forum 2010**
- The project must be implemented **in Africa**
- At least one project partner must come from and be based **in Africa**
- (There are no gender or age requirements)
- The contest is open to all sectors of economic activity **related to Agro-Food or Rural Development**
- The project should support **farmer cooperatives or encourage their creation**
- The project should contribute to the **development of the local community**
- The project representative and **spokesperson should have good communication skills**

### 3. SELECTION PROCESS

- Candidates are invited to submit the application documents with their complete contact details to: **cg@emrc.be** or fax: +32 2 626 1516 by **the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, 2010**. After the pre-selection procedure, the Committee will announce the names and projects of candidates and the nominees will be notified accordingly
- The pre-selected candidates will present their projects during a targeted plenary session on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2010** to an audience of potential partners and investors from Africa, Europe, USA, India and beyond
- The winner will be presented with the Award of **15.000USD** during the Gala Evening of the Forum.

### 4. HISTORY - PROJECT INCUBATOR AWARD

EMRC initiated the Project Incubator Award at the AgriBusiness Forum held in Rome in the spring of 2008. At the Africa Finance & Investment Forum held in Paris at the end of 2008, a US\$10.000 prize was awarded to MUPECI, a Cameroonian microfinance institution for its Soya project. At the AgriBusiness Forum 2009 held in Cape Town the prize was increased to US\$15.000 and the Winner was the Coopérative Générale de Sepingo of Côte d'Ivoire for their cashew nuts project. The Winner of the Project Incubator Award at the **Africa Finance & Investment Forum 2009** was Derekop Ltd. of Uganda.



Project Incubator winners at AFIF 2008. Paris



Project Incubator winners at the AgriBusiness 2008, at the FAO, Rome



Project Incubator winners at the AgriBusiness Forum 2009, Cape Town



Project Incubator winner at the Africa Finance & Investment Forum 2009,

## Food Security: a Business Opportunity

03-06 October 2010  
Kampala, Uganda



Hosted by the Government of Uganda

## 5. ABOUT THE PROMOTERS

### EMRC

Established in Brussels in 1992, EMRC is an international non-profit organisation whose mission is to promote sustainable economic development in Africa through the growing of business partnerships with a specific focus on economic and trade relations.

### RABOBANK

Committed to improving the lives of underprivileged and disadvantaged groups of people by providing them with the opportunity to live full and independent lives, Rabobank Foundation is active in the Netherlands and in developing countries. The support provided focuses on enabling the development of small co-operatives located in rural regions and is provided through donations, loans, trade financing and technical assistance. In line with Rabobank's own co-operative background, Rabobank Foundation focuses on establishing co-operative savings and loan systems with small farm holders and producer organisations.

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## ABOUT THE EVENT:

The AgriBusiness Forum 2010  
3-6 October 2010,  
Kampala, Uganda, East Africa,



The **AgriBusiness Forum 2010**, taking place in Kampala, Uganda, will focus on the hotly debated global concern of: **Food Security: a Business Opportunity**. The forum will address topics such as the role of the private sector in improving access to food and increasing sustainable agricultural productivity, pre and post-harvest intervention, commodities, inputs and private sector growth. Each session of the forum will present case histories and discuss projects in progress with the aim of identifying financial support, best practices, funding opportunities and possible partnerships. The AgriBusiness Forum aims at boosting the Agro-food sector in Africa and attracts new investments on the Continent.

**We invite you to join our AgriBusiness Forum 2010 and to actively contribute to the full integration of the African Continent in the world economy as a true key player, by introducing a project to the committee. We look forward to finding out about how your ideas and projects are playing their role in the sustainable development of Africa.**

## TO APPLY, PLEASE CONTACT

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