

Springboard



Quarterly Newsletter 2 - 2017

**We are a community
of organic farmers and
rural entrepreneurs!**



Appreciation

Martin Luther King, Jr. is a great inspiration to the work we do at Springboard. We have been tremendously inspired by his speech titled *"By All Means, Keep Moving"*. We sincerely appreciate you - our partners, friends and supporters - for your support that helps Springboard to *"Keep Moving"*! To listen to this speech, please click the link below.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hp5WQr-6JPY>

1. YOUTH FARMERS TRAINING



The current youth farmers learning at Springboard are happy they are making progress with their training. They have also started selling the seedlings they nursed some months ago.

Student Farmers doing group work in the class and on the Farm.



2. MORE RURAL WOMEN

We are expanding on our rural women Cooperative Program. In the 2nd Quarter of the year, a new batch of rural women received training, micro credit and joined our Cooperative.





Training sessions at the Rural Women Entrepreneurship program

3. NOAN



In April, Springboard hosted the 2017 workshop of the Association of Organic Agriculture Practitioners of Nigeria with participants from different part of the country. The theme of the summit was “Food and Health: ‘The Organic Agriculture Approach’”. The event also gave enough publicity to Springboard.

4. KATHLEEN



We were blessed to have our friend, Kathleen Oweegon visit us in May. We took her on a tour of some of the villages Springboard works. She was happy to meet some of our farmers and rural women entrepreneurs.



The pupils at the Springboard community Nursery and Primary school welcomed Kathleen!



Kathleen at the Goat Farm



Kathleen visiting some of our Rural Women's Cooperative

5. ONE HOUSE ONE FRUIT TREE

In May, in order to reduce the impact of climate change and also allow children have access to nutritious fruits, our Youth Farmers launched the One House One Fruit Tree project in Akure city. The goal is to grow 50,000 fruit trees in Akure by the end of 2017. Also, some schools and public parks were adopted by partners where some fruit trees were planted.



6. AKURE GREEN CITY



In June, in partnership with the Federal College of Agriculture, Akure and the Ministry of Environment, we organized the Akure Green City event bringing participants from the government, Institutes and religious organizations. At the summit, the impact and how to combat climate change was addressed.

7. SCHOOL VAN



Our community Nursery and Primary school has a school van! Thanks to the generosity of the parents and community people. With the School Van, we will now be able to transport pupils to and from the School, enabling us to reach more children living in the villages around the School. Good news! We will soon have a High/Secondary School for the rural children between the ages of 10-16 years old who fall victims to child labor and rural urban migration.

8. OTHER NEWS



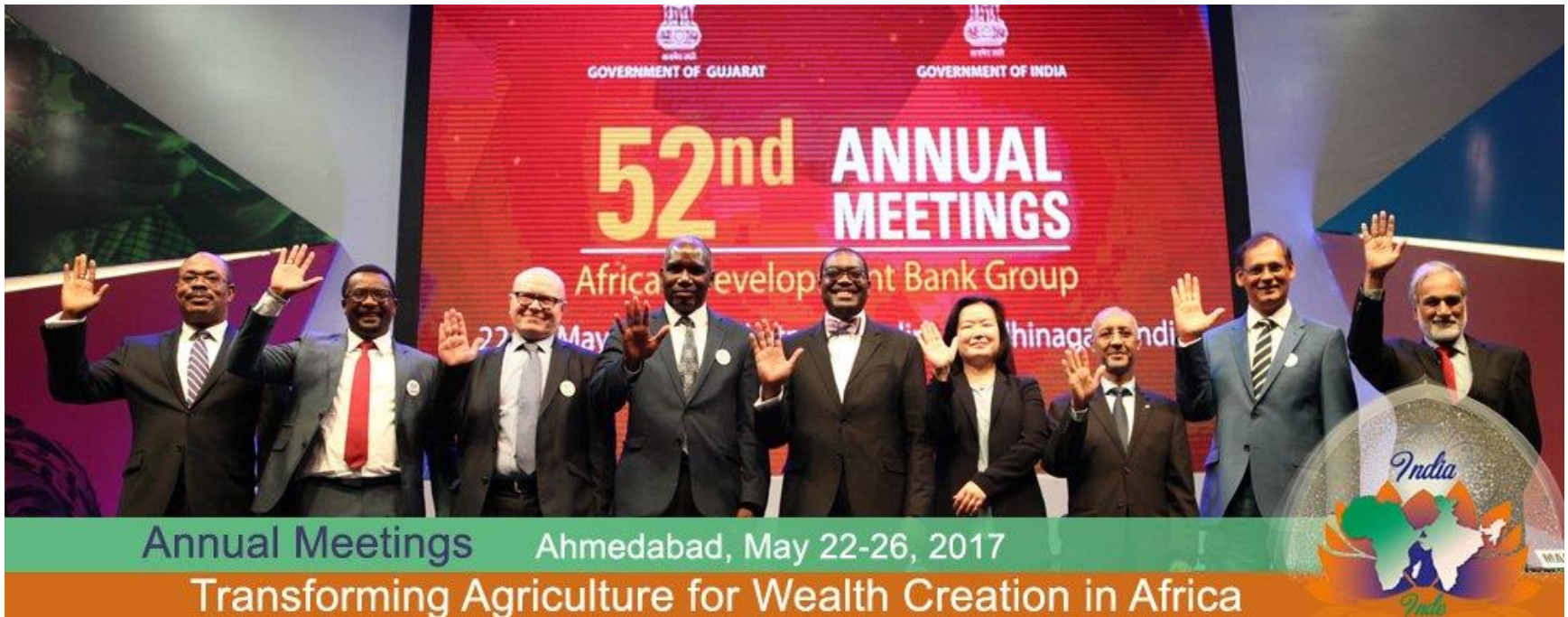
INTERN

In April, we received Sanusi Dauda, an intern from the U.S Mandela Washington Fellowship program. Sanusi, who has experience working on the farms of Dangote, spends his internship time training our farmers on Farm Management. Sanusi will work with us till July 10.



AFDB ANNUAL MEETINGS 2017

In May, Lawrence Afere, Founder, attended the 2017 Annual Meetings of the African Development Bank in Gujarat, India. Thanks to the generosity of some of our partners and friends. At the meeting, Springboard received new partnerships and support.





CLUSTER NUTRITION IN WEST AFRICA



Regional Nutrition Cooperative

Lawrence Afere is one of the 18 Social Entrepreneurs in the field of Agriculture selected to establish a Regional Nutrition Cooperative that will promote and scale Nutrition in West Africa. This program is facilitated by Ashoka.

Testimonials

"I was very impressed with everything I saw at Springboard and everyone I met while I was visiting there. So much good is being done for so many, and with so little, it was very inspiring, and I couldn't help but wonder how much more could be done if they had more funding and resources! I am so grateful for what Springboard does in the world, and I deeply appreciate their kind hospitality and enthusiasm in sharing with me their wonderful work."

- Kathleen Oweegon



REQUEST

Springboard is in need of a farm tractor with its implements. For an affordable fee, the tractor will also be hired to Springboard farmers and other smallholder farmers. The total cost plus shipping of the tractor from Captain Tractors Pvt. Ltd, India is \$11,500. The clearing cost at Lagos Port is \$2,850. I am happy to inform you that one of our donors/partners has promised to match all donations for this purpose. We will be delighted to receive your support for this purpose. For your contribution, kindly see Springboard bank details below. Thank you!

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Entrepreneurship Development Initiative

Account number: 0079619504

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Dear Partners and Supporters,
Springboard would not be possible without your partnership and Support. On behalf of our beneficiaries – the youth, women and communities – I say THANK YOU for your continuous support.

Best,
Lawrence Afere.

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