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After a successful Launch held in Johannesburg, South Africa in April 2019, the **AAVF** hits it again on March 11-12, 2020 in Nairobi, Kenya by launching the association two days before total conference ban due to the Coronavirus.

The **AAVF** launch hosted by the University of Nairobi-College of Agriculture and Miramar International College was a total success. With caution and some last minute scare for the entire team after several months of preparation, a milestone was once again reached. The African Association for Vertical Farming (**AAVF**) was fully launched in Kenya.

The **AAVF**'s vision is to improve food security while going beyond farm level production to cover and unlock incomes along the entire value chain.

The **AAVF** provides a platform for economic empowerment, especially for youth and women. The **AAVF** works with Farmers and their communities to ensure that lucrative markets are established to promote produces to be healthy, climate, environmental and quality complaint.

**AAVF** was honored to be joined by various professional keynote speakers from the continent and in their respective fields who contributed to **AAVF**'s mission and vision statement to grow Kenya's urban/rural agriculture capacity through greater industry collaboration.

Starting with Professor Rose Nyikal, Principal, College of Agriculture and Professor George Chemining'wa, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Nairobi, who full heartedly welcomed the **AAVF** and its valued Stakeholders. Followed by Professor Dominic Mwenja, who humbly introduced Miramar International College and spoke about the plight of agriculture in the country.

- 1) Introduction & Role of the **AAVF** in supporting Africa's Agriculture Sector, Vision, Mission & Objectives of the **AAVF** was led by **Josephine Favre**, President of the **AAVF**.
- 2) Introduction to Vertical Farming, Applications across the world by **Samson Ogbole**, PS Nutraceutical Int. LTD (PS Nutrac) and **AAVF** Partner, Soil less Lab, Nigeria.
- 3) Vertical Farming in Africa; Opportunities for Transformation by **Veronica Aswani Shangali**, Vice-President of the **AAVF**.
- 4) Climate & Environmental changes affecting Agriculture by **Janet Nyamusi**,

Environmental and Climate Expert.

5) African Women in Agribusiness Network AWAN-AFRIKA, by **Beatrice Gakuba**, Executive Director.

6) The future of Agriculture & Technology by **Vanessa Adams**, VP Country Delivery, Leading the Partnership for inclusive Agricultural Transformation in Africa (AGRA).

7) Innovative Volunteerism, EMPOWERING THE YOUTH, working with the Millennials towards a healthier industrial revolution for sustainable job creation, by **Josephine Favre**, President AAVF

8) Vertical Farming with the Youth, by **Peter Nyateng**, Urban Farming Expert, AAVF Kenya Coordinator.

Further discussions led to the importance of industry coordination and how The African Association for Vertical Farming (AAVF) and Partners can best support farmers and their communities in their quest for sustainable food systems in Kenya and the rest of Africa.

The second day of the launch was concentrated on a visit to Miramar International College where a complete Vertical Farming tour was conducted and various Vertical Farming infrastructure and models were demonstrated and shown to the Stakeholders.

This did not only provide a good understanding of Vertical Farming solutions to those who had never seen a Vertical Farm before, but it clearly showed that one does not need to leave their community for prosperity.

The participants embraced the information they received. The understanding that Vertical Farming can produce high yield produce, healthier food for the community and it is resilient to all sorts of hurdles has been seen as a game changer for their immediate decision into their future farming decision makings.

The collaboration between the **AAVF** and the already established Stakeholders in the continent has been very successful since the founding of the Association. The Launch is an important step to lay the groundwork for projects including future events, pilot farms and the opening of Kenya's first Vertical Farming Youth Training Centre.

Together with its valued Partners, the **AAVF** looks very much forward to continuing serving the continent! Join us by Helping AFRICA, Sustain AFRICA.

Josephine Favre  
President

**The African Association for Vertical Farming**





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