

Welcome to Ongoza







About Us

Ongoza is an Entrepreneur Support Organisation that provides customised advice, expertise, and guidance to young, ambitious entrepreneurs.

We think about sustainable solutions, focusing on the long-term growth, development and building of a community of the businesses we work with. Our approach is tailored to entrepreneurs to ensure we provide the best package of expertise, knowledge, and advice.

We provide entrepreneurs with capacity building through customised business training, and business development support, including investment readiness and market linkages.

Ongoza, to lead in Kiswahili, represents our belief that young entrepreneurs are the business leaders that drive Kenya's economy.



Mission & Vision

Mission

We equip entrepreneurs to grow and scale their businesses so they can be at the centre of a prosperous Africa.

Vision

We exist to solve the twin problems affecting the youth in Africa: Youth unemployment and small business failure.



Our Values

Act Together

We are open and inclusive.
We prize ideas over
hierarchy, value differences,
and proactively support
each other to achieve team
goals

Improve Always

We actively seek and implement quick feedback for learning, innovation, and improvement both in what we do and how we do it. We evolve based on data, our experience, customer feedback, research, and industry trends.

Don't Solve The Same Problem Twice

We proactively communicate problems and build structures to address them in a consistent, systematic way.

Demand Excellence

We consistently go above and beyond expectations to deliver the highest quality and professionalism in everything we do



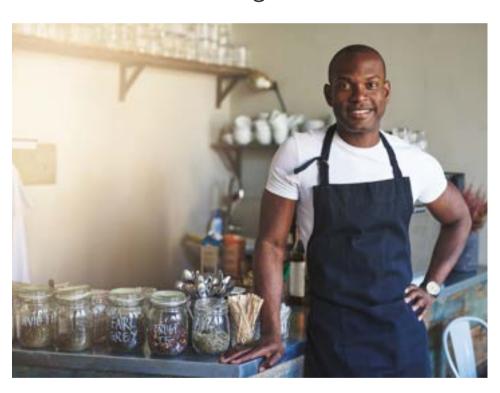
Our Focus

Ongoza is sector agnostic. We are able to meet the key needs of three business categories



Formalizing

Key needs - structure & governance, and tools for operational efficiency



Dynamic

Key needs - Increased market share, internal controls, continuous improvements & innovation



High Growth

Key needs - Staging for risk capital. research & development, scaling expertise



Our Services

Wezesha

To empower in Kiswahili



Imarisha

To strengthen in Kiswahili



Wezesha Entrepreneurship Training

Wezesha offers Modular Business Training facilitated by both an innovative Learning Management System (LMS), Ongoza trainers and seasoned entrepreneurs to entrepreneurs in the formalizing category across all stages of their businesses.

What We Offer

- A cohort-based program that delivers a 7-week hybrid (in-person and virtual) business training in skills building and empowerment to entrepreneurs in the formalizing category across all stages to grow and formalize their businesses.
- Practical tools and techniques in building a customer base, establishing a product-market fit and increasing sales.
- Peer support, one on one mentorship and coaching
- A grant to a select few who are then linked to a growth partner for a period of 1 year to ensure proper grant utilization











Recent Projects

Youth Entrepreneurship Training and Mentorship Initiative with Agakhan Foundation Trained 1016 youth in the Coast region: Lamu, Kilifi, Kwale, Mombasa graduated 752

Accelerating Women Climate Entrepreneurs with Aga Khan Foundation Trained 10 women in business incorporating Gender and Climate principles to sustainably run their businesses with greater impact

Wezesha Business Training 2023 Cohorts

Trained 10 entrepreneurs in Nairobi and currently training 110 in Nairobi and Mombasa







Our Impact



1579

Entrepreneurs Trained

933

Entrepreneurs Graduated

66%

Completion Rate

470

Women Trained

163

Partner Driven Training

419

Entrepreneurs Trained via Skillshares



1744Total Entrepreneurs Impacted

302 Entrepreneurs Supported

70 Entrepreneurs in Group Advisory

279 Jobs Created

1841Jobs Maintained

5% Revenue Growth



Our Team



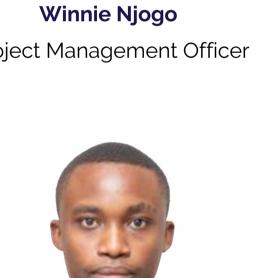
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Wezesha Course Overview

Topic	Date	Time	Venue
Entrepreneur Wellness and Personal Leadership	4th August 2023	2 pm - 5 pm	Royal City Hotel
Lean Business Canvas	10th August 2023	10 am - 12 noon	Zoom
Compliance	17th August 2023	10 am - 12 noon	Zoom
Market Readiness	24th August 2023	10 am - 12 noon	Zoom
Digital Inclusion	31st August 2023	10 am - 12 noon	Zoom
Financial Management	7th September 2023	10 am - 12 noon	Zoom
Pitch Readiness	14th September 2023	9 am - 12 noon	KIRDI
Graduation/Pitch Day	28th September 2023	9 am to 1 pm	KIRDI



What's Next?

- You are embarking on a 7-week course that tackles relevant business issues
- You will be signed up on the Learning Management System (LMS)
- Upon successful attendance of 80% of the classes, You will receive a certificate of completion
- Successful participants will get a chance to pitch their business and win a grant worth Ksh 100,000
- 100% attendance is required to qualify to pitch



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