



EFFECTIVE INCLUSION OF RURAL YOUTH

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR WORK DURING 2020

"SIANI SHOULD ASSESS THE DREAMS AND NEEDS OF YOUTH"

– SIANI [Members' Meeting](#), January 2019, Stockholm

During 2020 SIANI developed a [survey for youth in Sub-Saharan Africa](#) about the connections and gaps between agroforestry and youth. More than 240 youth have answered the survey and their input will feed into a policy brief.

During 2020 SIANI co-created a [forum for youth in agribusiness](#) to share and discuss the effects of Covid-19 and actions going forward.

"Due to the disruptions caused by the Covid 19 crisis, the forum really helped me in identifying coping strategies for my farming of livestock and crops."

– A participant of the [Youth in Agribusiness forum](#)

During 2020 SIANI developed a [special series on Covid-19](#) effects in Eastern Africa, digging deeper into the experiences and perspectives of farmers and other food companies.

"SIANI SHOULD HAVE RURAL YOUTH AS SOCIAL MEDIA AMBASSADORS FOR THE RURAL LIFESTYLE"

– SIANI [Members' Meeting](#), January 2020, Stockholm

During 2020 a [SIANI Expert Group](#) has invited indigenous people and forest communities to share their stories and reflections about wild foods, biodiversity and livelihoods. [Read their wild foods stories here.](#)

YOUR FAVOURITE SIANI WEBSITE CONTENT DURING 2020

Over the course of 2020 SIANI produced and published 74 original web content items on our website and on external platforms.

[How can we avoid another virus outbreak?](#)

[Can charcoal business be sustainable? Examples, challenges and opportunities in Africa](#)

[Making forest wonders work for nutrition, biodiversity and livelihoods](#)

[How can farmers get money for sustainable agriculture?](#)

"SIANI SHOULD ENABLE YOUTH TO WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL BUSINESS"

– SIANI [Members' Meeting](#), January 2020, Stockholm

During 2020 a [SIANI Expert Group](#) has trained more than 136 young agripreneurs in developing high-quality business plans.

Read our [case stories about some of these agripreneurs](#) and their innovative businesses.

"My entrepreneurial skill have changed entirely and is on a new level; I have gained more knowledge and expertise that I believe will take my entrepreneurship journey to success."

– A participant of the Expert Group's [webinar training](#)

"SIANI SHOULD CREATE SPACE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH TO ENGAGE IN DECISION-MAKING"

– SIANI [Members' Meeting](#), January 2020, Stockholm

"The SIANI members' meeting opened my view on reforming my organisation's structure if we want to include youth in the most efficient and least discriminating way."

– A participant of the SIANI [Members' Meeting](#), 2020

SIANI PROVIDED A PLATFORM FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS TO INTERACT AND DEVELOP

During 2020 SIANI co-arranged an [online workshop](#) for early career researchers from all over the world to network and develop their projects together with peers and senior experts.

Read this [impact story about how SIANI provided a platform](#) for early career researchers to interact and develop.

"The workshop gave me exposure and insights on how to link my work to policy. In fact, the feedback I got from the workshop helped reshape my research paper and the paper was recently accepted for publication by Frontier in sustainable food system."

– Ogbonnaya Ukeh Oteh, participant from Nigeria

"The workshop was a networking opportunity I will never forget in my life. I met people whom we kept talking even after the workshop and our collaboration has been impactful up to date. I have gotten my academic internship as a result of my network of researchers we met there. Even many more opportunities that are coming across my way in professional life."

– Cedrick Leon Igiraneza, participant from Rwanda

2020 was a challenging year in many ways. However, despite the challenges, SIANI website audience grew by 24% during the year with a total number of unique visitors being 53 858, compared to 43 316 in 2019.

SIANI unites 4 188 members from Sweden, Kenya, India, Nigeria, Phillipines, USA, Uganda and many more.

Thank you all SIANI members and followers for taking part in and supporting the network!

SIANI is an open and inclusive network that promotes and supports multisector dialogue and action around sustainable agriculture for food security.