

**MENTEE****Irene Etyang**Founder & CEO  
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Irene Etyang is a food scientist and an award-winning food innovator and social entrepreneur with over 12 years of experience leading inclusive product development and agri-food innovation. As the Founder of MAMLO FOODS, she has pioneered a micro-factory model that brings value addition closer to crop-growing regions, ensuring that economic and social benefits stay within rural communities. Rooted in her mission to empower marginalized women through climate-resilient, locally driven food systems, Irene embeds equity into every stage of innovation, leveraging community insights, championing gender inclusion, and building local capacity. Her leadership demonstrates that when innovation is inclusive and community-led, it not only creates better products but also drives lasting social and environmental impact.

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Is revolutionizing Africa's peanut value chain through community-based micro-factories that produce high-value, nutritious products. By bringing processing closer to farmers, we reduce waste, guarantee food safety, and ensure that value stays within rural communities. Our model empowers women smallholder farmers to become not just beneficiaries, but community change-makers, boosting their incomes, creating jobs, and driving local economic growth. With every product, MAMLO FOODS demonstrates that when innovation is rooted in community, it can nourish people while delivering lasting social, economic, and environmental impact

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