

**MENTEE****Marina Kamanzi**

Managing Director
Kagezi Seed Company Limited



Zambia

Marina Kamanzi is a highly accomplished legal professional and dynamic leader, whose journey is as inspiring as her achievements. With a robust background spanning dispute resolution, international arbitration, and legislative drafting, Marina brings a unique blend of legal acumen and strategic vision to her work. Her impressive qualifications include a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Zambia, an MBA in International Business from Greenwich University, and postgraduate diplomas in both Legislative Drafting and Agribusiness. As a proud Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb) and a Judicial Research Advocate for the Superior Courts of Zambia, Marina has cultivated exceptional research, analytical, and drafting expertise throughout her career. Beyond her distinguished legal career, Marina is the visionary founder and Managing Director of Kagezi Seed Company Limited. In this pivotal role, she leverages her diverse skillset to drive innovation and sustainability in Zambia's agricultural sector, contributing significantly to food security and climate resilience. She participated in The Guzakuza- African women in Business acceleration Programme (2022) and the CLIC Connector Programme (2025).

Kagezi Seed Company Limited

Kagezi Seed Company Limited, founded in 2021, develops and distributes climate-resilient, drought-tolerant seeds to strengthen food security in Zambia. The company employs 24 full-time staff and over 200 casual workers, partners with seven NGOs, and collaborates with the Zambia Agricultural Research Institute and CIMMYT on R&D. Kagezi operates at 500 metric tons capacity and works with more than 5,000 out-growers, 55 percent of whom are women, providing seeds on partial credit, training, and guaranteed offtake. Nearly 3,000 farmers have been trained in climate-smart practices. Its portfolio includes cowpea, sorghum, pearl millet, sunflower, pigeon pea, rice, beans, soybeans and sesame, and farmers using Kagezi varieties report 90 to 142 percent higher yields. Serving over 500 paying clients, Kagezi reduces synthetic fertilizer use and emissions and supports resilient, market-linked livelihoods across the value chain.

**MENTOR****Michelle Samuel**

Global Director of Communications
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