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### Chinwendu Nweke

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Chinwendu Nweke is the Founder and CEO of Bridge Merchant, an agritech enterprise dedicated to reducing post-harvest waste and improving farmer livelihoods across Nigeria. With a background in Geology from the University of Port Harcourt, she transitioned into agribusiness after working as a farm supervisor at Wilmar Plantation. Driven by her passion for food security and sustainability, Chinwendu has built a farmer-first model that supports smallholders with market access, storage, and climate-smart solutions. She is a United States TechWomen fellow 2022, an Acumen Gender Equity and Advancement Accelerator alumna and an acumen angel awardee, Agrohack national first runner up 2021, Heifer international Ayute second runner up 2023 and Africa top 15 Next Gen 2024, aurora tech finalist 2024 and the 2023 Young Global Changemakers award winner at the World Policy Forum in Berlin. In 2025 she was also part of the ClimateShot Investor Coalition – Agrifood Investment Connector (CLIC Connector) Africa Program. Under her leadership, Bridge Merchant has supported over 10,000 farmers, exported over 2,000 tons of agricultural waste, and created jobs, including opportunities for over 600 women.

### Bridge Merchant

Is a Nigerian agritech company committed to building a sustainable and inclusive agricultural system. Founded in 2020, the company reduces post-harvest losses by connecting smallholder farmers to structured markets, storage facilities, and climate-smart solutions through its decentralized agent-based model. The enterprise has supplied over 20,000 tons of grains, exported 2,000 tons of agricultural by-products, and trained 1,000 women farmers while providing finance as inputs and empowering rural youths as agents in its value chain. By combining technology, community engagement, and innovative distribution, Bridge Merchant enhances farmer incomes, reduces food waste, and strengthens food security in Africa.



## MENTOR

### Mumbi Maina

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