

**MENTEE****Déborah Nzarubara Florence**

Founder & Chief Executive Officer
GRECOM-RDC (Green Community Mind)



Democratic Republic of the Congo

Déborah is a rural development technician, specialized in national and regional planning at the Institut Supérieur de Développement Rural des Grands Lacs (ISDR/GL), she has dedicated her career to promoting green, inclusive entrepreneurship that creates value for local communities. Déborah has established herself as one of the rising figures in agroecology and regenerative beekeeping in Central Africa. Her visionary leadership is built on technological innovation, the empowerment of women and youth, and environmental sustainability. She developed NYUKI TECH, a digital platform that provides beekeepers with technical advice, climate alerts, and digital monitoring, enabling them to increase their productivity and income by 20%. A recipient of numerous awards and distinctions, Déborah has been recognized for her impact and commitment through prestigious honors such as the YouthADAPT Climate Award (AfDB & Global Centre on Adaptation, COP28 – 2023), the Catalytic Award – GoGettaz Africa (2024), the 1st Prize Agro Business Challenger (IFC & INTERCAP, 2023), and the Merit Award at the Kivu Innovation Fair (2023). She was also elected International Ambassador of the Positive Image of the DRC (2021). In parallel, she holds several community leadership roles: National Coordinator of the NGO ASPA, Focal Point of ACEF within the framework of the World Bank's PADMPÊ Project, and initiator of World Bee Day celebrations in the DRC.

GRECOM-RDC (Green Community Mind)

Founded in 2020 in Goma, GRECOM-RDC is a social and ecological enterprise committed to the sustainable transformation of apicultural and agroecological value chains. The company supports more than 2,000 small producers, grouped into 23 agricultural cooperatives, through training, production support, and facilitated access to markets. Under Déborah's leadership, GRECOM-RDC has created 12 direct jobs, including 5 held by women, and supports more than 250 indirect jobs, 60% of which are held by youth and women. Its objective is clear: to make regenerative beekeeping a driver of economic and ecological development in Africa.

**MENTOR****Césarie Kantarama**

Farmer and Chairperson
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