

Annual Report

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Learning Academy Worldwide South Africa: 2024 Annual Narrative Report of Accomplishments

I. Introduction and Mandate

Learning Academy Worldwide (LAWW) South Africa operates as a key initiative for upliftment in South Africa's high-stakes communities. This report summarizes the organization's activities and accomplishments in 2024, focusing on its core mandate of vocational training and leadership development in agriculture for rural South African youth.

II. Core Accomplishments in Vocational Training and Rural Development (2024)

LAWW South Africa's primary focus in 2024 was strengthening and expanding its unique Vocational Training in Agriculture program, which is aimed at building knowledge, skills, and understanding among young people in rural areas.

A. International Funding and Student Support

A major accomplishment in September 2024 was the successful securing of direct funding for students.

- **UK-based Trust Funding:** A UK-based trust, the Portmore Charitable Trust, provided direct financial support for three South African students. This funding enabled the students to start and successfully complete the LAWW bridging programme in Agriculture. This accomplishment highlights the program's international credibility and its ability to secure resources to ensure educational access, directly impacting beneficiaries.

B. Capacity Building and Global Partnerships

LAWW SA established itself as a hub for international excellence and capacity building within the vocational agriculture sector.

- **Erasmus+ Seed4Africa Grant Award:** Learning Academy Worldwide (LAWW) was officially announced as a recipient of the prestigious **Erasmus Plus Seed4Africa project grant** in 2024. This significant grant will support the crucial task of training teachers within an international network of vocational training in agriculture providers. This project positions LAWW South Africa as a key player in shaping international standards for agricultural education and strengthens its global network, particularly through its collaboration with Agracademy.

III. Program Management and Organizational Presence

The accomplishments achieved in 2024 were driven by robust program management and strategic presence both nationally and internationally.

A. Program Leadership and Strategic Initiatives

The operations of LAWW South Africa, including its key programs, are managed by **Theophilus van Rensburg Lindzter, Kylie Janssens, Leon October, Terrence Martin and Elaine Stubbs**. The organization's projects are designed to strengthen leadership capacity and knowledge acquisition in agricultural sciences.

The operational initiatives under his leadership in 2024 included:

- **Agracademy:** LAWW continues to endorse and support the **Agracademy** concept strengthening the focus on advancing agricultural and corollary sciences for young people in South Africa to address food security dilemmas.

B. Global Sector Engagement: GreenTech Amsterdam 2024

LAWW ensured its representation at critical international industry events, affirming its commitment to modern and sustainable agriculture.

- **Participation at GreenTech Amsterdam:** Learning Academy Worldwide maintained a presence at **GreenTech Amsterdam** (www.greentech.nl), held from June 11-13, 2024. This participation positioned LAWW alongside global leaders in horticulture technology, including areas such as:
 - Emerging technologies for zero-footprint greenhouses.
 - Robotics and automation in horticulture.
 - Discussions on sustainable food and flower production.

This engagement provided valuable insights and networking opportunities to ensure the LAWW vocational curriculum remains current and technologically advanced.

IV. Summary of Compliance and Activities

The 2024 accomplishments confirm that Learning Academy Worldwide South Africa actively pursued its objectives through:

1. **Direct Student Support:** Securing funding to support vulnerable youth in training (Portmore Trust).
2. **Teacher and Curricula Development:** Receiving the Erasmus+ grant to build capacity among educators.
3. **Governance and Program Management:** Maintaining core project structures (Agracademy, M-Ubuntu, Wisehub) under consistent leadership.
4. **Adherence to Mission:** All activities align with the organization's public purpose of providing vocational training in agriculture for development in South Africa.

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