

Annual Report



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Learning Academy Worldwide South Africa: 2025 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 2025, 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 (2025)

LAWW South Africa's primary focus in 2025 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 and to honour the mobility requirements of students and teachers engaged in the European Union funded Seed4Africa project.

A. Student mobility and student farming

Three major accomplishments in 2025 was the successful completion of the National Hackathon in Agriculture in March, the travel of 8 students and 2 teachers to the International Hackathon in Agriculture in July and the completion of the soil preparation and planting of several crops in the Haarlem vocational training in agriculture initiative.

B. New Global Partnerships

New global partnerships arising from Learning Academy Worldwide's robust advocacy through its attendance at two major conferences in Thailand and Holland resulted in tangible partnership interest indications from Sweden and Holland.

The Dutch company Hippotainer visited Learning Academy Worldwide this year and the Swedish company, Grönska signed a supplier agreement to enable Learning Academy Worldwide to serve as South Africa's provider of an indoor farming solution.

III. Program Management and Organizational Presence

The accomplishments achieved in 2025 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 this leadership in 2025 included:

- Organizing the national hackathon for agriculture
- Preparing students and teachers for the international hackathon in Italy
- Planning for and executing the Haarlem vocational training in agriculture project through the soil preparation, planting and irrigation processes.
- Planning the 2026 bridging programme and harvest festival

B. Global Sector Engagement: GreenTech Amsterdam 2025, Agential 2025, Bangkok

LAWW ensured its representation at critical international industry events, affirming its commitment to modern and sustainable agriculture. The May and June of 2025 events have brought additional awareness of the work of Learning Academy Worldwide and provided the gateway to two new partnerships.

IV. Summary of Compliance and Activities

The 2025 accomplishments confirm that Learning Academy Worldwide South Africa actively pursued objectives through:

1. Direct Student Support for Knowledge Acquisition and Competition-based learning experiences.
2. Teacher capacity building through mobility opportunities, job shadowing and facilitating local implementation arising from international learning experiences.
3. Maintaining core project structures under consistent leadership .
4. Seeking partnerships for accredited training programmes with local South African service providers.
5. Adhering to the Learning Academy Worldwide mission of community upliftment through vocational training in agriculture in rural high-stakes communities.

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