

# FARMERS' DIALOGUE

## KENYA

### Rosemary Namatsi's contribution to agriculture.

Rosemary Namatsi graduated from the University of Nairobi gaining a B.Sc. in Agriculture in 2001. Before finding employment, she travelled around Kenyan farms with a veterinary surgeon treating animals and advising farmers on food production. She became aware of the plight of many small-scale farmers at a time when farm inputs were becoming very expensive



Rosemary Namatsi



Crop diversity

In 2007 she took responsibility for training programs in Manor House Agricultural Centre ([www.mhacbiointensive.org](http://www.mhacbiointensive.org)). This centre provides certification in sustainable agriculture for small-scale farmers, enabling them to farm without costly inputs. What she learnt attending Farmers' Dialogues helps her with team building and motivating farmers and students to be committed in food production.

In 2010 Rosemary was invited to address an agricultural exhibition in Western France. This gathering was organized by the International Association for "Ecologically Intensive Farming". 15,000 farmers came to learn about alternative ways of farming, at a time when chemicals and fuel prices were rising. She was very well received, showing how relevant African experiences could also be in Europe.



Conference Hall



Staff at Manor House Centre

Rosemary was encouraged by the phrase used by Farmers' Dialogue "Think Globally, Act Locally to feed the world" emphasizing that each farmer has responsibility in feeding the world. At Manor House Agricultural Centre, students are briefed on Farmers' Dialogue's vision of sustainable food production, which includes Biointensive Agricultural emphasizing the use of low cost technology, with potential to increase yields on small farms. Concepts of viable agriculture are effectively disseminated to many farming organizations achieving sustainable food production.



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