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Emmastella Gakuo is the Co-founder and Director of Operations at Savanna Circuit a manufacturing and lastmile distribution company of mobile solar coolers and dehydrators for sustainable value addition and postharvest management. Emmastella is part of the strategy and management teams in charge of operations and company growth. She is passionate about technology and manufacturing and sees both as a means to move Africa from poverty to power. She has been honored with numerous awards for her work in social entrepreneurship including being recognized by Business Daily as top 40under40 women, and Avance Media 2019 most influential women in tech among others. Her company, Savanna Circuit, is a for-profit manufacturing enterprise providing solar powered mobile coolers fitted with Quality Tracking IOT devices and AI cloud analytics software to unlock access to cold chain in agri-enterprises in East Africa for increased incomes and livelihoods for Smallholder Farmers while cutting carbon footprint of agri supply chains with reduced post-harvest losses. It was established in 2017 in Kenya and is a technology-enabled manufacturer leveraging renewable energy sources to power innovative post-harvest management, climate-smart equipment and software for affordable value additions to value chains. Using sale and lease-to-own model to offer an affordable path to ownership and running of these assets for dairy, fish and horticulture enterprises, Savanna Circuit empowers customers unable to access solar coolers and dehydrators and has reached over 20.000 users and customers.

"I am eternally grateful for this mentorship program, the courses and the occasional meetings. I am transformed as an individual and Savanna Circuit teams are equally benefiting from my exposure."

~ Emmastella Gakuo ~





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