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INNOVATIONS SERIES





# AXXION

**PRESENTATION** 





## WHO ARE WE?

Mushroom: contains vitamin D and stimulates the immune system, contributing to good health.

Elmine KOUYATE, social entrepreneur with an impact in Côte d'Ivoire, pioneer of organic farming of mushrooms, for natural consumption.



Fresh mushrooms



Mushrooms processed



Mushrooms gastronomic





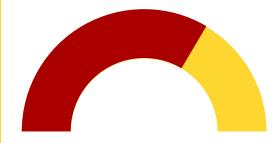
**Domestic franchises** 

### **KEY FIGURES**

#### Did you know?

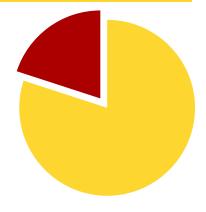
- 1. In 60 years, 90% of the forest in Côte d'Ivoire has disappeared.
- According to FIRCA,
   40% of the 850,000
   tonnes of food crops
   are post-harvest
   losses.

Market size



Fresh mushrooms represent almost 3,000 tonnes and are imported in almost 5,000 tonnes

## Reachable clientele



- China: 64% of edible mushrooms and 85% of oyster mushrooms.
- Cameroon, Congo, Zimbabwe, Côte d'Ivoire, Burundi: this activity is encouraged.

## **EXPERIENCE SHARING**



#### 1) Entrepreneurial background

- 7 failed businesses in 10 years,
- AXXIOM stands for resilience
- Use of ICT tools (mailing, QR technology, etc.) and social networks
- Use of customer feedback to improve the various ranges



#### 2) Opportunities

- Market for the collection of waste for recovery (15 to 17 million tonnes, GIZ)
- Winning awards and AWARDS for start-up
- Desire of large buyers to limit imports

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#### 3) Success factors

- Launch of the activites with personal funds,
- ZERO pesticides,
- ZERO deforestation,
- Empowerment of women,
- Culture adapted to local culinary habits: mushroom choukouya, ...
- Trade fairs, exhibitions, events.



#### 4) Innovation

- Easy to move and install,
- Soil-less cultivation ,
- New language from hectare of forest to volume of available domestic species,
- Turning a Western or village culture into a part of industrial development in Africa.







## **ROADMAP**



## THANK YOU!



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