

# THE EMERGINATION AFRICA VIRTUAL INNOVATION ACCELERATOR

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## From NBCC to VIA

We are ecstatic to announce that the EA Virtual Innovation Accelerator program kicked off this August.

Upon realising the talent our learners have as they presented in last year's edition of the National Business Case Competition, we decided to give them an opportunity to develop further. By pitching their ideas at a Virtual Innovation Accelerator pitch day where 8 NBCC student entrepreneur teams receive €5,000 each to realise their business ventures.

The teams will go through four phases of the program that is "Prepare, Pitch, Realise and Learn" for 4 months. All this with the support of their teachers, digital advisors, and the EA staff every step of the way.



## EA Virtual Innovation Accelerator (VIA) Master Classes

As part of the exciting VIA program, the 8 competing student teams have participated in 6 Master Classes that were hosted by industry experts. The Master Classes focused on new venture operating models, business implementation, and financial management.

Each team had an opportunity to go through a master class with each master class being facilitated by a minimum of 8 facilitators that would lead learners into breakout rooms for deeper sessions. This was a very exciting experience for the learners as they managed to connect virtually with global and local Industry experts.

The Facilitators played a guiding role with the student teams, and led them as they found answers to the critical questions for their projects, ensuring the success of both the breakout sessions and the overall program. We are confident that these Master Classes will lead learners to realise their ventures and contribute to meaningful developments within their communities.

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## MEET THE TEAMS VIRTUAL INNOVATION ACCELERATOR



**Oriel Boys High School**  
Venture: Biogas Energy  
Primary Industry: Energy Supply



**Nyatsime College**  
Venture: Avocado Seed Tea  
Primary Industry: Food & Beverage



**Northlea High School**  
Venture: Fruit Juice Produced From Local Baobab Fruit  
Primary Industry: Food & Beverage



**Manama High School**  
Venture: Marula Seed Processing  
Primary Industry: Healthcare



**Hippo Valley High School**  
Venture: Multipurpose Small Grains Shelling Machine  
Primary Industry: Agro processing



**Queen Elizabeth High School**  
Venture: Biodegradable Diapers As an Environmentally Friendly Product  
Primary Industry: Textiles



**St Dominic's Chishawasha**  
Venture: Online Health Care Platform  
Primary Industry: Healthcare



**Mzingwane High School**  
Venture: Tomato Processing  
Primary Industry: Agriculture and Food Processing

### The Student Team That Are Participating in The VIA Program

We would like to introduce you to the 8 Student Teams that are participating in the Virtual Innovation Accelerator (VIA) program. These teams were selected from a pool of 125 schools across Zimbabwe, through the 2020 edition of the annual National Business Case Competitions (NBCC).

A key point to note is that the ideas being discussed directly address 8 SDGs and represent 5 diverse industries including Textiles, Agro-processing, Healthcare, Conservation, and Food & Beverages. As such we look forward to how our students are going to implement ideas from such a rich composition of diverse advisors and facilitators.



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## Our Volunteers

Meet the team that has been crucial to the successes that we are already registering. This team of exceptional individuals has given 110 %. Working as advisors and facilitators they have brought a professional and international standard to the EA Virtual Innovation Accelerator (VIA) Master Classes.

## Thank you Volunteers!

