

aBi DEVELOPMENT APPEALS TO FARMERS TO EMBRACE SMART CLIMATE TECHNOLOGIES

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Delays in the onset of rains, reduced soil fertility and increased incidences of pests and diseases are some of the effects of climate change on agriculture. Yet for farmers to remain in production, they must embrace climate-smart technologies that was displayed at the Harvest Money Expo. The call was made by Christabel Tumwebaze, the programme director for the Green Agri-Food Systems Programme at aBi Development, a social impact investor in Uganda's agribusiness sector and one of the sponsors of Vision Group's Harvest Money Expo, 2026.

"Our interest is to ensure that agribusinesses access climate-smart technologies. We can showcase the different technologies that the agribusinesses we are working with are engaged in and how farmers can benefit from them," she said. Tumwebaze highlighted different climate-smart technologies, including processing eggs into organic manure, the use of black soldier flies to produce organic manure, solar farming systems and drip irrigation.

All these are aimed at enabling farmers to become climate-smart and climate-resilient. "It is in our interest to ensure that farmers are exposed to and benefit from these climate-smart technologies," she said. She added that this will ultimately help them to increase production, boost productivity and improve their livelihoods.

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"We are honoured to have partnered with Vision Group to exhibit and showcase what our partner agribusinesses are doing to positively impact the lives of smallholder farmers," Tumwebaze said.

She urged farmers to embrace climate-smart technologies, noting that climate change is real and that farmers must adapt and adopt



Attendees at aBi Development demonstration. For year-round production, farmers must adopt climate-smart farming techniques

Farm products on display by aBi Development

Climate change is real, therefore farmers must adapt and adopt appropriate technologies.



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appropriate technologies. "The drought, hailstones and floods are real. To ensure that you are able to produce throughout the year, you have to adapt to better technologies that are more climate-smart and

resilient to climate change," she added. Other climate-smart technologies that farmers can embrace include drought-tolerant seed varieties and short- or early-maturing seeds.

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Farmers are encouraged to practice feed conservation and storage through silage and hay-making.

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