# BUILDING THE KENYA- U.S MARKETING COOPORATIVE

A SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIP FOR TRADE, TRAINING, AND TRANSPARENCY

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# WHYCOOPERATIVE THIS

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Uniting
Business
,Agriculture and
Education

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Expand bilateral trade opportunities

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Strengthen Agricultural Extension 04

Export
Marketing, and
Technology
transfer

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SCAAC, Robert Colson Company, REDWIN and SCSU 1890 06

Promote inclusive growth

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Integrating
African and
American Small
business
networks

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United Proposal to KNCCI



THREE CORE **PILLARS:** 

TRADE **TRAINING TRANSPARENCY** 

# THE COOPERATIVE FRAMEWORK

#### TRADE

•Connect African exporters and U.S. retailers through chamber-to-chamber matchmaking.

#### **TRAINING**

•Training: Leverage SC State 1890 and RedwinEDU® for entrepreneurship and technology training.

### **TRANSPARENCY**

KNCCI ensures milestone tracking and audit integrity.

### FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

- •No Fiscal Agent Direct Accountability to KNCCI
- •Partner organizations manage their own budgets.
- •Redwin Global Initiative™ compiles quarterly milestones.
- •KNCCI reviews and approves progress.







Roberts Colson & Company





85K

Per Partner- SCAAC, Robert Colson Company and REDWIN Marketing LLC

## VALUE TO EACH PARTNER

### **KNCCI**

•Global recognition as Africa's trade gateway; receives quarterly audit packages.

### SCAAC

Expands access for African-American entrepreneurs; coordinates marketing outreach.

### **SC STATE 1890**

•Academic and research collaboration; provides technical training and impact evaluation.

# ROBERTS COLSON & COMPANY

Leads U.S. private-sector engagement; develops financial structures, loan packaging, and business credit facilitation for cooperative members; supports Kenya–U.S. investment alignment.

### **REDWIN**

Redwin Global Initiative™
 / RedwinEDU.com® –
 Readiness platform for data integrity and audit prep.

### MARKETING & TRADE

# TRADE EXCHANGE STRATEGY

KENYA ↔ SOUTH CAROLINA TRADE AND TRAINING EXCHANGE

- 1890 EXTENSION + KNCCI PRODUCT INCUBATORS.
- CHAMBER-TO-CHAMBER TRADE FAIRS AND B2B MATCHMAKING.
- REDWIN GLOBAL READINESS PROGRAM® FOR VENDOR CERTIFICATION.
- JOINT DIGITAL TRADE PORTAL AND STORYTELLING PLATFORM.





### REDWIN GOBAL READINESS PROGRAM®

- Training the Cooperative for International Compliance
- •Modules include:

- 1. Fiscal Accountability 101
  2. IFRS / Kenyan Act 486 Training
  3. Procurement & Conflict-of-Interest Controls
- 4. Export & Trade Documentation Basics5. Brand Storytelling for Global Markets







### **UNDERSTANDING** THE U.S. MARKET & STORYTELLING **FOR TRADE SUCCESS**

**Building a Unified Trade Narrative** for the Cooperative

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### 5- STEP READINESS **FRAMEWORK**

- 1. Partner onboarding & baseline review
  2. Quarterly milestone submission
  3. KNCCI internal audit (<\$500K)</li>
  4. External audit (≥\$500K)
  5. Readiness certification for expansion into new regions

### INTERNATIONAL COMPLIANCE PATHWAY

- Partner onboarding & baseline review
- •Quarterly milestone submission

•KNCCI 3 internal audit (<\$500K)

External audit (≥\$500K)

**Readiness certification** for expansion into new regions

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- Transparent financial model for Africa-U.S. cooperatives
  - Strengthened SME export capacity
  - Bilateral trade and educational programs
  - Job creation across agriculture and marketing sectors
     ✓ Replicable model for future KNCCI partnerships







1. Confirm signatories for MOU + Appendix A
2. Launch cooperative kickoff and readiness training
3. Begin Kenya–U.S. marketing exchange campaign
4. Prepare for Q1 milestone submission





