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Member organisation's name:	Bio-Innovation Zimbabwe
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COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Bio-Innovation Zimbabwe (BIZ) is an innovation hub, promoting the development of new business opportunities in Zimbabwe around the commercial development of previously underutilised plant species. We believe that Zimbabwe has the potential to become a major international supplier of high quality natural plant ingredients for the food and beverage, cosmetics, herbal medicine and pharmaceutical industries. Our goal is to help realise this potential. We channel development assistance finance into the development of commercial opportunities from underutilised plants that specifically benefit smallholder farmers and adhere to Ethical BioTrade Principles and Criteria. Our activities include:

- Identifying species in dryland areas of Zimbabwe with particular potential to benefit small-scale producers;
- Conducting cultivation and domestication trials on these species to improve their productivity and yields;
- Facilitating research into the commercially relevant properties of these species to enhance their market appeal;
- Undertaking broad consumer awareness campaigns to raise the profile of "Proudly Zimbabwean" homegrown products amongst Zimbabwean consumers;
- Providing direct technical assistance to SMEs active in the natural plant products sector;
- Providing technical assistance to small-scale producers in the sustainable harvesting and management of underutilised plants;
- Facilitating market linkages between small-scale producers and commercial buyers.

UEBT MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS

Steps	Dates <i>Historical/expected</i>
Membership status granted	2011-10-09
Annual report 1	2013-05-09
Annual report 2	
Annual report 3	
Annual report 4	

Documents annexed for public use?

Yes

No

If so, number of annexes:

Description of the annexed documents:

PROGRESS IN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO PROMOTE UEBT

Through the UEBT membership Bio Innovation Zimbabwe is committed to the Ethical BioTrade Principles and Criteria.

Implementation of the commitment to the Ethical BioTrade Principles and Criteria

Ethical BioTrade Principles and Criteria are an integral part of BIZ overall approach to trade development in Zimbabwe.

Activities undertaken to promote UEBT and Ethical BioTrade

In 2012 BIZ made reference to the Ethical BioTrade Principles and Criteria in at least 4 Donor Annual Reports and Proposals. We made at least 4 presentations on national and international fora on our work referring to Ethical BioTrade Principles and Criteria. BIZ provided advice to one UEBT Trading Member and to 3 potential trading members. We supported communities in 8 districts of Zimbabwe to develop Ethical BioTrade supply chains.

Funds invested in Ethical BioTrade Projects

300,000 USD.

SERVICES OF UEBT AFFILIATE MEMBERS

One of the objectives of UEBT is that Affiliate Members provide support, technical guidance and advice to UEBT Trading Members in their particular area of expertise.

In 2012 BIZ provided services to one UEBT Trading Member (KAITE). Such services comprised the interpretation of national ABS regulations, market development advice and support, facilitate linkages to buyers with a specific interest in Ethical BioTrade. We also provided advice on application of Ethical BioTrade Principles and Criteria at community level.

Delivery mechanism

BIZ services can be accessed by Trading members as membership base services, consultancies, partnership agreements in specific projects.