

**GOLDMAN SACHS 10,000 WOMEN
ENTREPRENEURS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM.**

Rwanda is known to be a country of a thousand hills and a million smiles. Blessed with good leadership, considerable accomplishments have been recorded. Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women Program is one of the partners which, in conjunction with the School of Finance and Banking, SFB, Rwanda and the William Davidson Institute, is empowering the larger segment of the Rwandan population: women.



The fifth cohort of the program graduated on January 19th 2011 at Laico Hotel. Thirty women received extensive six-month training in business management. Awards were given to the four women judged to have the best business plans.



CANSILDE KAZIMOTO HAGENIMANA

A farmer, she grows tomatoes in green houses. Her business is located in the Kicukiro district, Masaka sector. Her business idea was inspired by her childhood. Her family used to grow tomatoes, but in a traditional way.

After researching and attending study tours in Tanzania, she also learned from local specialized institutions like RADA. Her first harvest was a success, yielding 16 tons of tomatoes. She wants to capitalize on this and expand to a larger area as a professional tomato farmer who supplies tomatoes year-round!



Jacqueline Kabahalira Nyabwiza

Jacqueline is a tailor. She makes many products, including uniforms. She believes that customer care, research and development, keeping customers appointments, and continuous capacity building are going to help her expand her business.



Aimee Francoise Umutesi

With a Diploma in Library Management, Francoise runs has been running a hair salon for three years. The business has been doing well. After attending the Goldman Sachs SFB – *10,000 Women* Program, she learned one very important lesson: a business and a family are two separate entities. Thus she wants to take her business forward by not mixing business and family affairs.



Esther Karifuru

Esther's first business was tea and bread. Her initial capital was Rwfs 5,000 contributed by her cousin. As a widow raising five children and 35 street children, it was not easy.

In her speech at the awards ceremony, she said: "I am overwhelmed. Thanks to God, Hallelujah!" she attended the ceremony with her first born, now in his second year at the university. She wants to expand her restaurant and catering business.