

Short brief of the Non-Governmental Organization

***Our Farm Zanzibar***

**1. Our Members**

**Ms Maelle Collot  
Founder**

A native from France, Maelle fell in love with charitable work when she was only in her teens. This resolve inspired her to participate in many humanitarian activities at school and later on doing extensive volunteer work in Togo - Africa. Over 6 years, she has been managing hotels in Zanzibar and partaking in several local community development initiatives on the island and co-founding *Our Farm Zanzibar*.



**Mr. Yves Montel  
Founder**

Yves has been working for 30 years in various managerial capacities in over 12 countries around the world. He settled in Zanzibar in 2009 where he owns and runs hotels. He is also very active in the community, through his role as the French Honorary consul in Zanzibar as well as for co-funding *Our Farm Zanzibar*.

**Mr. Toufiq S. Turkey  
Chairman**

Toufiq is a passionate and a multitalented leader with first class communication skills and a long track record of successfully management. He is currently the head of Vigor Group of Companies that has heavily invested on economic sectors such as health care, Hospitality, Energy, communication & services, merchandize, logistics, hospitality, green energy, manufacturing, petroleum & gas, infrastructure and financial services. His company has created several employment opportunities for the local community and he has been involved in many philanthropic projects for the development of the community at large.



**Mr. Omar Mohamed Juma  
Executive Member**

Omar is a private contractor, engineer and project manager with over 20 years experience. As a seasoned professional, he has over the years been reputed for driving fast project completion, maximizing operational excellence & minimizing project costs whilst maintaining high standards. He has been involved with many rehabilitation project of the UNESCO buildings of Stone Town Zanzibar such as the Old dispensary.

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**Mr. Kombo Yahya Machano**  
**Executive Member**

Kombo is a Zanzibari national and an Executive member of Our Farm Zanzibar with over eight years of experience working in the hospitality industry across multicultural settings. He excels at mobilizing the masses and imparting in them the values of innovation, entrepreneurship, resilience and working for the common good of the society. Kombo is a powerful force in the workplace and uses his positive attitude and tireless energy to encourage others to work hard and succeed.

## 2. Our Goals

Set in the spice island of Zanzibar, *Our Farm Zanzibar* is a Non-Governmental Organization that was initially established in response to the high demand for training the personnel in the tourism & hospitality industry.

The journey started three years ago, when Yves Montel established The Zanzibar Center of Excellence for Tourism (ZCET) that organizes several managerial workshops in Zanzibar in collaboration with TRY, a leading Dubai based company that offers professional courses in sustainable tourism management. The main goal of the initiative is to empower the local community by producing highly trained local personnel and entrepreneurs that could take mid and top management roles in the industry.

Following the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic many hotels in Zanzibar remain closed. *Our Farm Zanzibar* turned its focus to agriculture to help offer some relieve to the affected families of the employees and to the community at large. The initiative is currently offering employment to former hoteliers, promoting organic and sustainable agricultural practices whilst encouraging the local community to be more self-sufficient and self-reliable. Similarly, the NGO is conducting workshops to impart eco-friendly approaches to agricultural practices for its target groups. This has been done in close collaboration with the association (TAHA). The NGO has been setup in such a way that decision making has been entrusted to members of the local community with the support of the founders.

Currently, the NGO operates 4 different farms, totaling 11 acres and focuses on the advancement of sustainable cultivation of fruits and organic vegetable, pastured poultry and goats. *Our Farm Zanzibar* has become more than a place to call home; it represents community, creativity, and our best effort to connect people with a sustainable farm experience.

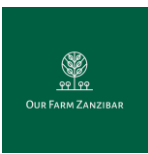
## 3. Our Chairman Speech

‘I am deeply honored to have been selected to be part of the NGO, Our Farm Zanzibar as the chairman. The initiative is a milestone that reflects and reiterates the recognition by the private sector of the significant role played by NGOs in the socio-economic development of the country.

As a Zanzibarian it is our Prime responsibility to Empower, Evolve and transform for better livelihood. Importantly by creating a level playing field that allows these organizations to flourish and to achieve their potential. Our Farm Zanzibar is an exemplary initiative by the private sector to ensure better and

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safer environment by creating employment opportunities, implementing modern & safe agricultural practices, offering training in sustainable tourism management and agribusiness development as well as emphasizing the importance of organic and locally grown agricultural improve the produce. Let us join forces in ensuring that the goals of the NGO materialize and in creating a better future for the nation at large.' **Mr. Toufiq S. Turkey**

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