

Global Knowledge Initiative



We help innovators locate resources – technologies, expertise, new approaches – critical for problem solving.



We enable Collaborative Innovation among partners by building skills and designing shared agendas for change.



We connect partners and resources into durable networks to solve pressing problems.

Mission: GKI builds purpose-driven networks to deliver innovative solutions to the world's most pressing problems. We thrive on creating the enabling environment, the mindset, and the tools that make Collaborative Innovation possible globally.

Our work on post-harvest loss

Served as the Social Innovation Lab for The Rockefeller Foundation's Food Waste and Spoilage initiative, the precursor to YieldWise.

Engaged over 240 global experts in our Lab, mobilizing both knowledge sharing and network connections.

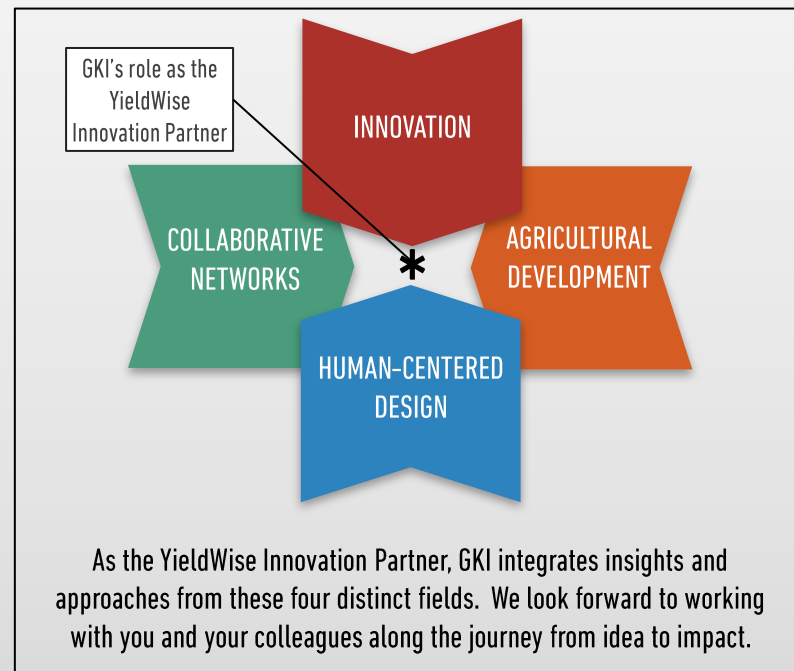
Identified more than 200 existing post-harvest innovations.

What guides us

Leveraging diversity: We believe diverse ideas and perspectives drive innovation.

Engaging meaningfully: We value well-designed, facilitated experiences that amplify connections and outcomes.

Maximizing resources: We believe in taking advantage of what's already available in the world and using networks to share resources.



Innovating Together in YieldWise

Below, we outline some possible areas of GKI's innovation support. These initial ideas emerged from our knowledge of YieldWise and the post-harvest food loss challenge, our experience supporting innovation and networks in Africa, and via consultation with The Rockefeller Foundation. Before we set our plans in motion, we want to hear from you. We welcome your ideas for how we can best serve you as the YieldWise Innovation Partner. Our primary objective is to add value to your work and contribute to our shared goal of halving post-harvest food loss in representative value chains in Africa, thus improving millions of vulnerable people's lives.

Our Goal as the YieldWise Innovation Partner

Boost the degree to which innovation — cultivated internally and sourced externally — is used to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and, ultimately, the impact of YieldWise.

Areas of innovation support we offer

Innovation Sourcing

The world of agricultural innovation is vast. Actors continually generate new ideas and possibilities related to post-harvest food loss in Africa. There is also much to learn and apply from other markets and sectors. GKI will support an ongoing innovation sourcing process that marries "blue sky" prospecting with targeted efforts grounded in partners' innovation needs and opportunities emerging from the field.

Collaborative Innovation Strategy

Innovation is a team sport. Individuals and organizations that know how to maximize the ingenuity and resources of diverse teams and networks have an advantage in the innovation game. Through Collaborative Innovation strategy support, GKI will help partners develop the mindset, tools, plans, and partnerships needed to collectively take on pressing innovation challenges within YieldWise.

Possible ways to engage with us

Staff Training
Concentrated immersion in key Collaborative Innovation skills

Facilitated Sessions
Dynamic problem-solving experiences aimed at generating ideas to tackle specific challenges

One-on-One Consultation
High-level support focused on optimizing innovation processes and tools for your team

Targeted Requests
Focused action and deliverables to address specific innovation questions sourced at regular intervals

What you stand to gain

Innovative Solutions

New Insights and Perspectives

Additional Partners

Problem-Solving Tools

Collaborative Innovation Skills

New Ways of Working

GKI as a Trusted Resource

Contact Us:

Whether you have an explicit innovation need or want to learn more about how you can engage GKI as the YieldWise Innovation Partner, we want to hear from you. Please email Amanda Rose, Innovation Partner Coordinator, at amanda@gkinitiative.org to learn more.