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Ghent Africa  
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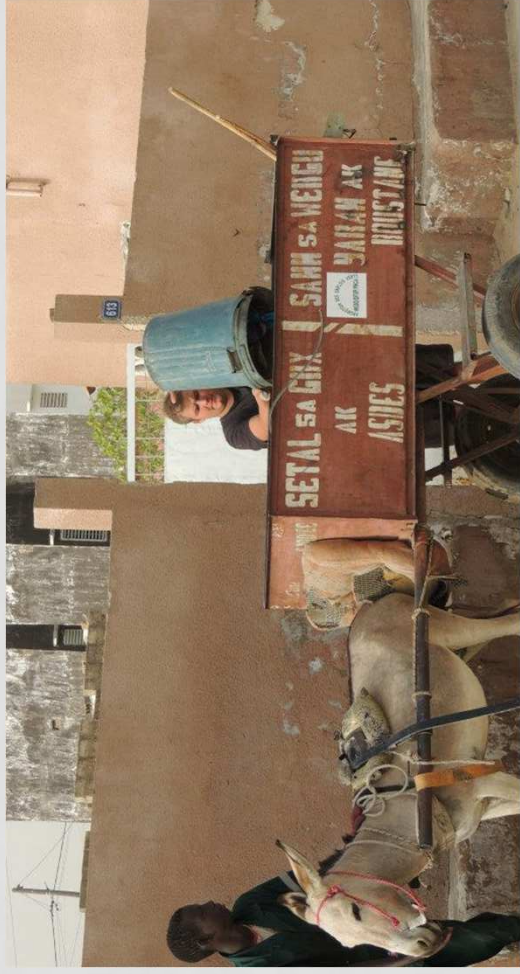
Halewijn Timmerman  
Farming in Senegal  
Agriculture and forestry

# WHO AM I?

- Halewijn Timmerman
- Farmer in Senegal – living and working in Kaolack
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- Young and ideological
- Fighting social inequity by learning about poverty and living and working in a poor society as a farmer
- Strong believer in entrepreneurship
- In love with Dambisa Moyo (aid is hurting africa)
- Training
  - Prof. Bach Social Work - UCLL
  - Prof Bach Int. Dev. Cop Nrth-Sth. –UCLL
  - Master Int. & Com. Politics KUL

# MODEST EXPERIENCE

- Prof Bach Int. Dev. Cop Nrth-Sth. –UCLL
  - Internship Senegal ASDES
    - Integration, living in a family
    - Garbage men in a one of the projects
  - Research Microfinance
    - Microfinance as a social strategie?
    - Proces flow by MFI's –NGO and Local institutions
    - Micro economic activity – chickens
- Master Int. & Com. Politics
  - Research: generalized trust in the civill society
    - Trust from senegalees in 'toubabs' and in senegalees themselves
- EFAST - Farmer in Koalack Senegal
- Coordinator research phase OZG in Senegal
- Wolof teacher at UCLL



# WHY FARMING IN SENEGAL?

- Learning
- Understanding the living conditions, reality, philosophy of a farmer in a developing country (Senegal)
  - Income dependend EFAST
- Agricultural potential in Senegal
- Belief in entrepreneurship as motor for development
- Belief in local capacity

# EFAST

- Entreprise Ferme agricole Sagna et Timmerman
  - 2016 – Transport Senegal-Guinnee Bisseau
    - Strong belief in interregional economic development
    - 2 employees
  - 2017 – infrastructural expansion/ farm in construction
    - 5 employees
  - Mixed farm 3 economic activities
    - Transport
    - Cattle – Pigs
      - Biological: only residual waste – 50 collection points installed in Kaolack
    - Agriculture
  - Philosophy EFAST
    - Investing and Earning money in Senegal to reinvest in social capital in Senegal
    - Ownership – working with loans, refusing gifts
    - Job creation
    - Local capacity
    - Demand driven
- [https://www.facebook.com/pg/efastsenegal/photos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/efastsenegal/photos/?ref=page_internal)

# OZG

- Entrepreneurs without borders
- Arbre qui compte
- 10 years actif in Burkina Faso
- 10.000 HA forest
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9gvuNIRGpA>
- Fit January
- Mission april
- Research phase Juni-Dec



# WHAT WORKS FOR ME?

- Investing in learning the culture and philosophy before taking action
- Local language!!!
- Respect
- Working demand Driven
- Believing in local capacity
- Working with local passion
- Sustainable development... Where is our time investment?
- Co-ownership