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# TOP 16 OF 2016\*



*\*List in no particular order*

# #1 The Hive UN



President of IDEAS For Us,  
Chris Castro, hosted a Hive workshop  
at the United Nations  
Headquarters in Manhattan,  
New York, August of 2016



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# #2

## WIMA High School Reforestation Project



IDEAS For the Democratic Republic of the Congo held a campus wide Reforestation Event, engaging 1700 young girls who planted 500 trees



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# #3 Ugandan Tree Planting



IDEAS For Uganda supplied schools and communities with **38,200** seedlings, funded by the Solutions Fund, a member of the Ugandan Parliament and other partners



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# #4

## Clean Water in Somalia



The Water and Development Committee (WDC), through a Solution Fund grant, rehabilitated a shallow well, providing access to clean water and sanitation for 609 beneficiaries



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# #5 Walk For Trees



IDEAS gave away over 300 native trees during their inaugural “Walk for Trees” event in Orlando, Florida on April 10 celebrating trees and zero carbon transport



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# #6 IDEAS For Nepal



IDEAS won the 2016 IREX grant to travel to Kathmandu and Pokhara, Nepal to set up IDEAS chapters and host the first Hive Nepal in Pokhara - 6 chapters were started at colleges and medical schools in Nepal



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## #7 SDSN Award in Rome, Italy



IDEAS Executive Director, Clayton Louis Ferrara, was invited to participate in a three day workshop at the Pontifical Academy of Sciences at the Vatican in Rome - He met with Pope Francis and IDEAS flagship program, The Hive, received the Solution Award from the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)



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# #8 Champion Partnership with the UN



IDEAS joined the United Nations SDSN & the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data as a Champion Partner in forwarding the SDGs by taking action and helping to fill a data gap with our hyper-local projects



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## #9 Beach Clean-Up in Liberia



IDEAS partner Youth Exploring Solutions (YES) held a Children's Ocean Day Beach Clean-Up event and removed hundreds of pounds of plastic, styrofoam, and other human-made debris from the shore line



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# #10 Clean Water for Schools in Uganda



IDEAS For Uganda partnered with SPOUTS of Water for a “Filters for Schools” project, which provided 85 XL Clay filters to 19 schools, providing access to clean water for **4,545** students



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# #11

## Fleet Farming Go's Viral



Fleet Farming went viral in two languages, with over 30 million views from NBC Nightly News, NPR, Smithsonian Magazine, Treehugger, NowThis, UpWorthy, and many more



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# #12 Champions of Change at the White House



IDEAS visited the White House for a Champions of Change reunion and received a holiday card from President Obama



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# #13 Welcoming John Bosco Gakumba



In August, IDEAS welcomed John Bosco Gakumba as the 2016 US Department of State IREX Scholar from Kigali, Rwanda who worked on Environmental Policy



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# #14 MIT and Hult Prize in Uganda



IDEAS For Uganda won the MIT Climate CoLab Competition and the Hult Prize for their Vertical Micro Gardening (VMG) project



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# #15 International Children's Peace Prize Award



IDEAS Ambassador, Kehkashan Basu received the 2016 International Children's Peace Prize Award for her work as a youth leader forwarding social and environmental progress around the world



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# #16 Our Brand New Website!



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Creating global environmental solutions.  
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IDEAS launched a completely new website ([www.ideasforus.org](http://www.ideasforus.org)) intended to inspire our membership to develop their ideas into projects, apply to the solutions fund for microgrants, and take local action to scale IDEAS Solutions



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