

## Senior Expert Contact – a Program of Swisscontact

### POTENTIAL MEETS EXPERIENCE

The retired professionals of our Senior Expert Contact (SEC) are qualified experts on site. Through their consulting services, they provide hands-on, cost-effective support towards sustainable development of companies and institutions.

SEC Assignment in Rwanda, 2023

Assignment No. 4122

**Location** Kigali, Rwanda

**Client** Cosmetics

**Expert** Ries de Winter, PhD,  
Chemist

**Period** 05.11. - 26.11.2023



#### Client Profile

Since January 2016, the company collects honey from local farmers, and produces and sells honey and beeswax candles. Now, the idea has come to create a line of cosmetic products containing beeswax.

#### Tasks

To assist with:

- Producing a few example products: a cream, a lip balm, and a lotion
- Gain input and feedback from friends and family
- Subject the new products to a stability study

#### Results

Over the course of three weeks, 33 experiments were performed with the activities concentrated on making a cream. Comments from friends and family on the samples made indicated that it is a development worth continuing. Limitations were encountered, as not all required raw materials could be obtained within the available time frame.