

## **LIZ FORKIN BOHANNON (BO-HAN-NONE)**

Liz is the founder of Sseko (Say-Ko) Designs. Sseko is an ethical fashion brand that works to educate and empower women. By providing employment and educational opportunities, Sseko enables women to continue their education and become leaders in their country. In four years, Sseko has grown from three women making sandals together under a mango tree, to an international fashion brand that provides employment, educational opportunities and entrepreneurial training to over 76 women in East Africa.

Using her unlikely story of a journalist-gone-shoe-maker, Liz shares her passion for social enterprise, conscious consumerism, social justice, creative leadership, gender equity, risk-taking, and empowering women. She believes deeply that business is a powerful platform for social change and that girls are our future.

Liz's work has landed her on the show Shark Tank as well as recognition in Bloomberg Business, Ingram's 30 under 30 and winner of The Bush Institute Global Women's Award, Global Women's Champion Award and the Spanx Leg Up Award.

She now splits her time between Uganda and Portland, Oregon, where she and her husband Ben run Sseko Designs.