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OF AFRICA**



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WELCOME

Dear Fellows, Changemakers, and Partners,

Welcome to the inaugural Ashoka Africa Fellows Summit 2025, a milestone gathering created by Fellows, for Fellows, to celebrate bold African changemaking and chart a shared path toward a more just and thriving continent.

Across Africa, social entrepreneurs are not just solving problems. They are redesigning broken systems, sparking hope in forgotten places, and building the future we all want to live in. This Summit is our moment to pause, reflect, and amplify the power of those efforts.

Over the next three days, we will celebrate the stories that matter: stories of impact, resilience, innovation, and deep-rooted community change. We will connect across borders, sectors, and generations to co-create solutions and support one another in navigating the complex challenges ahead.

With over 500 Fellows in our community, this space is a reflection of our collective belief in an Everyone a Changemaker world, where change isn't left to a few but embraced by many.

We are honored to have you here.

Thank you for showing up, for leading boldly, and for shaping the future of Africa with your work.

ABOUT **ASHOKA FELLOWS SUMMIT**

The Ashoka Africa Fellows Summit 2025 is the inaugural gathering of Ashoka Fellows and changemakers from across the continent; co-created with Fellows, for Fellows. Taking place from September 10–12 in Nairobi, Kenya, the Summit brings together over 100 leading social entrepreneurs, funders, partners, and ecosystem builders to connect, collaborate, and catalyze systems-level solutions to Africa’s most pressing challenges.

With a growing community of over 500 Ashoka Fellows in Africa, this annual summit provides a trusted space for peer learning, strategic alliances, and bold thinking. It is designed to spotlight African-led innovations, showcase scalable impact models, and foster deep connections across sectors and borders.

From thought-provoking dialogues and hands-on co-creation sessions to networking opportunities and fellow-led showcases, the Summit reflects Ashoka’s commitment to building an Everyone a Changemaker world, where changemaking is not the exception, but the norm.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

SEPTEMBER 10TH - DAY 1: INSPIRATION AND LEARNING

MORNING SESSION: OPENING CEREMONY

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATORS	DESCRIPTION
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Registration	Lead: Confidence Awak- Communications Lead, Ashoka Africa	Assisted by Benard, Zahra, Chipo & Isaac
	Watch the Video- What is Ashoka ?		
	Wellness Check In	Moderator: Wairimu Mukuria Ashoka Fellow & Founder The True North	
9:30 - 9:40 AM	The Kenyan National Anthem and African Union Anthem	MC: Fabrice Muchiga, Director Network Engagement, Teach for All, Africa	
9:40 - 10:00 AM	Welcome Address	Fellow Host: Dr. Wamuyu Mahinda, Ashoka Fellow & Founder Collaborative Value Partners Africa. Summit Chair: Jude Ohanele, Ashoka Fellow & Founder Development Dynamics. Ashoka Africa & Arab World Diamond Leadership team: Okey Uzoechina, Angelou Ezelio, Yashveer Singh & Iman Bibars.	
10:00 - 10:15 AM	Check In	Sage Rutakaza Ashoka Fellow & Founder Sage Enterprise Academy Video What is Ashoka ? - In the words of the Fellows)	Familiarisation of Attendees using an App
10:20 - 10:35 AM	Keynote Speech: "Visionary Leadership in Social Entrepreneurship"	Amb. Philip Thigo - Special Envoy on Technology, Republic of Kenya.	

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATORS	DESCRIPTION
10:35 - 11:00 AM	<p>High Level Panel: <u>Social Solidarity Economy & Agenda 2063- Decade of Acceleration</u></p> <p>30 Minutes</p>	<p>Moderator : Dr. Jude Ohanele-Ashoka Fellow & Founder Development Dynamics</p> <p>Panelists Okey Uzochina- Leadership Group Member & Co-Director Ashoka Africa.</p> <p>François Bonnici (Virtual) -Director Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship, Head of Foundations, World Economic Forum.</p> <p>Luvuyo Rani (Virtual) -Executive Director, Africa Forward.</p>	<p>Session Objective To deepen Fellows' understanding of the Social Solidarity Economy (SSE) within the context of Africa's Agenda 2063, and to explore its relevance for advancing inclusive and sustainable development on the continent.</p> <p>Session Output Consensus on the feasibility of a continental Social Solidarity Economy (SSE) policy for Africa, and agreement on establishing a Technical Working Group (TWG) to develop and advocate for its adoption.</p>
<p>NETWORKING BREAK</p> <p>11:00 - 11:35 AM</p>	Refreshments and Networking		Official Photos and Networking Break.
<p>LEARNING SESSIONS</p> <p>11:35 - 1:00 PM</p>	Funding Social Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Changemaking (Funders saloon) - Exploring Current Trends, Future, Challenges & Opportunities	<p>Moderator: Haron Wachira, Ashoka Fellow, Founder Akili Group</p> <p>Panel: Beatrice Onyango- Senior Equitable Giving Manager, Segal Family Foundation. Dr. Anita .A. Nyanjong LLD- Ipas Pauline Wanja- Africa Donor Relations Manager, Hivos Emma Mogaka – Training Manger, She's the first Steve Njenga- Founder, Mo Fund Adeolu Adewumi- Zer – Ashoka Africa Builder, Author, CEO & Founder , ZER Consulting Africa. Kendi Kamwambia, Partner, HEVA Fund LLP. Paige Omondi, Portfolio Associate, Livelihood Impact Fund Wanjiru JL, Director of Communications & Advocacy, MAMA HOPE</p>	<p>Description: A dynamic funders' salon where leading funders share their motivations, challenges, and successes, followed by interactive breakout sessions with Fellows.</p> <p>Objective To provide Fellows with insights into the funding landscape for social entrepreneurship in Africa, including funders' motivations, lessons learned, and practical tips on accessing resources, while creating space for dialogue on Fellows' next steps and opportunities for collaboration.</p> <p>Output A deeper, shared understanding of the current funding ecosystem and emerging pathways to strengthen Fellow-funder partnerships for greater impact.</p>

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATORS	DESCRIPTION
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Donor Saloon: One-on-One Networking with Funders	Moderator: Bunmi Otegbade, Global Senior Director, Youth Years, Ashoka All the Funders in the preceding session.	Description An interactive, small-group session where Fellows connect directly with funders from the preceding panel to explore tailored opportunities, build relationships, and exchange ideas in an informal setting. Objective To create a personalised space for Fellows to deepen connections with funders, ask practical questions, and identify opportunities for collaboration and support. Output <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New relationships established between Fellows and funders. • Practical insights on accessing and aligning with donor priorities. • Concrete opportunities for follow-up and partnership beyond the Summit.
LUNCH BREAK 2:00 - 3:00 PM	Lunch and Informal Discussions		
AFTERNOON SESSION: INNOVATIVE SHOWCASE			
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Fellow Thorn Showcase: How do we build for network effect? - Insights from Fellows whose work has gone global	Moderator: Hamadou Tidiane Sy, Ashoka Fellow & Founder ACC/Ouestaf Presentations & Q &A John Christensen – Senior Ashoka Fellow, Founder Tax Justice Network (Virtual)	Description The <i>Fellow Thorn Showcase</i> highlights the journey of senior Ashoka Fellows whose innovations have achieved global reach. Through storytelling and dialogue, this session explores what it takes to scale ideas across geographies and examines strategies for building network effects that amplify impact. Objective To share lessons and insights from a senior Ashoka Fellow whose work has scaled globally, offering Fellows practical perspectives on building for systemic reach and influence. Output: Actionable insights and practical tips on leveraging networks and ecosystem dynamics to achieve greater scale and impact.
	Wellness Check In	Moderator: Maryam Montague, Ashoka Fellow & Founder, Project Soar	

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATORS	DESCRIPTION
3:40 – 4:25 PM	Scaling Impact with Government: The Opportunity	<p>Moderator: Mathias Yashim, Ashoka Fellow & Founder Hope Builders Foundation</p> <p>Q & A</p> <p>David Kuria: County Chief Officer, Housing Development & Urbanization, Nakuru County-Kenya.</p> <p>Dr David Njengere: CEO, Kenya National Examination Council.</p> <p>Amr El Tayeb: Ashoka Fellow & Founder Smart Medical Services.</p>	<p>Description: This session explores the unique opportunities and challenges of working with government to scale social innovations. Drawing from Fellows' & Government's experiences and strategic insights, it will highlight practical approaches to building partnerships with public institutions, navigating policy environments, and leveraging government systems to amplify impact.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To equip Fellows with practical tips and strategies for engaging government as a partner in scaling impact. To showcase examples of successful Fellow-government collaborations that have enabled systemic change. To create space for dialogue and connections between Fellows and stakeholders who can support government engagement. <p>Output: Shared strategies and new connections that empower Fellows to effectively partner with government in scaling their impact.</p>
4:30 - 5:30 PM	You and EACH	<p>Moderator: Josephine Nzerem, Ashoka Africa, Venture & Talent Lead & Regional Director Anglophone West Africa.</p> <p>Panelists :</p> <p>Okey Uzochina: Leadership Group Member, Vice President Ashoka & Co-Director Ashoka Africa (Youth Years)</p> <p>Angelou Ezelio: Leadership Group Member, Vice President Ashoka & Co-Director Ashoka Africa (Empathy)</p> <p>Yashveer Singh: Leadership Group Member, Vice President Ashoka & Co-Director Ashoka Africa & Canada (AYC Global Director)</p> <p>Iman Bibars: Leadership Group Member, Vice President Ashoka & Regional Director Ashoka Arab World.</p>	<p>Description A virtual coffee and fireside chat with Ashoka's Leadership Group, offering Fellows an intimate space to connect, exchange ideas, and reflect on the shared journey of building an Everyone a Changemaker (EACH) world.</p> <p>Objective To foster an open and generative conversation between Ashoka leadership and Fellows, sharing aspirations, practical insights, and mutual reflections on advancing the EACH vision.</p> <p>Output Greater clarity and alignment on Fellows' questions regarding Ashoka's direction, as well as a shared understanding of the evolving role of Fellows and strategic partners in shaping and accelerating the EACH movement.</p> <p>Watch Everyone A Changemaker</p>
	Refreshments		Tea will be served during session
6.00 – 8.00 PM	Networking Reception: Joint Dinner & One on One Connection	Dinner	Output: Getting to know each other

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

SEPTEMBER 11TH - DAY 2: COLLABORATION & NETWORKING

MORNING SESSION: PITCH SESSIONS

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATORS	DESCRIPTION
9.00 – 9.10 AM	Wellness Check In	Moderator: Ashwin Naik, Ashoka Fellow & Founder, Manah Wellness	
	Watch the video – What is Framework change ?		
9:15 - 10:05 AM	Collaborative Initiatives Showcase	<p>Moderator for Plenary session : Philomena Anyanwu, Ashoka Fellow & El-Aged Care Initiative</p> <p>Thematic Areas: Introduction 3 min: Ashoka Fellow Legacy Network- Irene Mutumba, Ashoka Fellow & Founder PEDN</p> <p>Introduction 3 min: <i>The Multiplier Effect of Collaboration</i> – Gathoni Mahinda, Ashoka Legacy Network member & Managing Partner Collaborative Value Partner Africa & Dr. Wamuyu Mahinda, Ashoka Fellow & Founder Collaborative Value Partners Africa.</p> <p>Introduction 3 min: <i>ADLN/F Impact & Purpose collaboration</i> – Iveren Itiyoikaa Ashoka Diaspora Partnership Manager</p>	<p>Description</p> <p>This session provides a platform for social entrepreneurs to showcase and build cross-sector partnerships for collective impact. The moderator will open with a plenary introduction before guiding Fellows into regional breakout sessions. Each lead will have three minutes to introduce their initiative, followed by open participation in breakout discussions, presentations, and Q&A. The session is open to all Fellows seeking collaborations beyond their regions.</p> <p>Objective</p> <p>To identify and nurture collaborative teams that can evolve into Communities of Practice across regions and sectors.</p> <p>Output</p> <p>Formation of Communities of Practice and strengthened collaborative pathways for collective impact</p>
10:10 - 11:00 AM	Fellow Regional Meet Ups	<p>Break Out Sessions :</p> <p>Ashoka Arab World: Aya Sabr Sahel: Tchanlandjou Kpare Anglophone West Africa: Ikenna Anyandike East Africa: Ifrah Arab Southern Africa: Chipa Paradzai Democratic Republic of Congo: Isaac Bugeru</p>	<p>Description</p> <p>Fellows gather in regional groups to connect, share priorities, and co-design pathways for stronger collaboration and impact.</p> <p>Objective</p> <p>To align regionally on upcoming milestones and co-create strategies for strengthening Fellowship engagement.</p> <p>Output</p> <p>Three key next steps for regional strengthening identified, with Fellow co-leads and regional support teams (including volunteer country representatives where Ashoka is absent) established.</p>

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATORS	DESCRIPTION
<p>NETWORKING BREAK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Refreshments Tea served in each of the regional breakout rooms</p>			
<p>FUTURE SESSIONS</p>			
	<p>Refreshments</p>		<p>Tea will be served during session</p>
<p>11:10 - 12:00 PM</p>	<p>45-Minute Round Table Discussions on Powering change</p>	<p>Moderator: Sage Rutakaza, Ashoka Fellow & Founder, Sage Entrepreneurs Academy</p> <p>Access to Justice & Human Rights (+ Migration & Trafficking) - Facilitator: Lilian Keen Mugeru, Ashoka Fellows & Founder Platform for Labour Action</p> <p>Media, SE & Changemaking & How to leverage that for Social Impact Facilitator : Hamadou Tidiane Sy, Ashoka Fellow & Founder ACC/Ouestaf</p> <p>Your Family – The place of family in building an Everyone A Changemaker World - Facilitated by Josephine Nzerem & Ivy Karushi , Ashoka Staff</p> <p>Systems Change Q and A with: Iman Bibars (PhD), Leadership Group Member and Vice President Ashoka, Middle East and Arab World. Moderated by Dr. Wamuyu Mahinda, Ashoka Fellow & Founder Collaborative Value Partners Africa.</p>	<p>Description Parallel roundtable sessions designed around Fellows' identified needs and interests, providing space for deep dialogue with funders and strategic partners.</p> <p>Objectives To co-create ideas, surface opportunities, and define practical next steps for advancing Fellows' work and the Everyone a Changemaker movement.</p> <p>Output Actionable strategies for accelerating sector level transformation; new tools, skills, and insights, including on working with media to scale impact; and the formation of Communities of Practice to carry forward key conversations.</p>
<p>12:00 - 12:10 PM</p>	<p>Wellness</p>	<p>Moderator: Ashwin Naik, Ashoka Fellow & Founder, Manah Wellness</p>	
<p>12:15 - 1:15 PM</p>	<p>Consortium Opportunities for Joint Fundraising</p>	<p>Moderator: Vincent Odhiambo, Regional Director, Ashoka East Africa.</p> <p>Breakout Session Leads: Group A: Pan African Opportunity Okey Uzoehina, Angelou Ezelio, Yashveer Singh & Iman Bibars, Leadership Group Members and Vice President Ashoka</p> <p>Group B: Josephine Nzerem, Regional Director, Ashoka West Africa.</p> <p>Group C: Tchanlandjou Kpare, Regional Director, Ashoka Sahel</p> <p>Group D: Chimene Chetty, Regional Director, Ashoka Southern Africa.</p> <p>Group E: Aya Sabr, Fellowship Rep Ashoka Arab World</p> <p>Group F: Vincent Odhiambo, Regional Director, Ashoka East Africa.</p>	<p>Description A focused session led by Ashoka's Leadership Group Members & Regional Directors to explore potential consortium-led fundraising opportunities. After brief introductions from the Ashoka team, Fellows & partners will join breakout sessions to discuss prospects and design joint approaches.</p> <p>Objective To identify and build possible consortiums that can pursue joint fundraising beyond the summit</p> <p>Output Formation of consortium teams and development of initial proposal concepts.</p>

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATORS	DESCRIPTION
LUNCH			
1:15 - 2:15 PM	Lunch and Mentorship Opportunities		
AFTERNOON SESSION: MENTORSHIP CLINIC			
2:30 - 3:20 PM	Needs & Resources for Fellows by Fellows	Moderator: Aya Sabr, Venture- Fellowship lead, Ashoka Arab World	<p>Description A session for fellows by fellows exploring what their needs and what resources are available</p> <p>Objective To create a peer-led space where Fellows openly identify their priority needs and map available resources, fostering mutual support and collaboration within the Fellowship community.</p> <p>Output 30 minutes to share needs & resources to personally support fellows, for Fellows by fellows.</p>
3:25 - 3:45 PM	In Remembrance: "Honouring Fellows' Legacies".	Facilitator: Dr. Major (Rtd) Wairimu Mukuria, Ashoka Fellow & Founder, The true North	<p>Description: A plenary session dedicated to remembering and honoring Ashoka Fellows who have passed on. Together, we will celebrate their lives, reflect on their enduring legacies, and draw inspiration from their contributions to the Everyone a Changemaker movement.</p> <p>Objective To collectively honor the memory and impact of departed Ashoka Fellows, recognizing their role in shaping our community and advancing social change.</p> <p>Output A renewed sense of purpose and connection within the Fellowship, inspired by the legacies of Fellows who have gone before us. Supported by Ashoka Staff Aya Sabr & Ifrah Arab</p>
3:45 - 4:30 PM	Refreshment		
EVENING SESSION: NETWORKING DINNER			
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Open Dinner for One-on-One Connections	Coordinator: Zahra Ibrahim	Hosted by Ashoka EA & Partners

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

SEPTEMBER 12TH - DAY 3: ACTION & IMPACT

MORNING SESSION: FELLOWSHIP RE-ORIENTATION & NEXT STEPS

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATORS	DESCRIPTION
9:00 – 9.30 AM	Next Level for SEs	<p>Moderator: Ifrah Arab, Venture-Fellowship lead, Ashoka East Africa</p> <p>Presenters: Trust Law Connect – Jane Nzomo, Program Officer, Africa Africa Nazarene University – John Ngila MAJEP - Africa/Japan SE Collaboration - Iveren Itiyoikaa, Diaspora Partnership Manager, Ashoka Africa Ashoka - Peris Wakesho, Fellowship Director, Africa. Ashoka Africa - EACH Lab for accelerating EACH by Okey Uzoechina, Leadership group Member, Global VP, Youth Years - Ashoka.</p>	<p>Description</p> <p>An opportunity for potential or current Pan-African fellowship partners to share opportunities for fellows as next levels:</p> <p>Objective</p> <p>To convene potential and current Pan-African fellowship partners to explore and align on opportunities that can elevate Ashoka Fellows to their next levels of impact.</p> <p>Output</p> <p>A set of concrete partnership pathways and commitments that expand growth, collaboration, and support opportunities for Fellows across Africa.</p>
9.35 – 9.50 AM	Launch of Africa Changemakers Documentary	<p>Moderator: Iveren Itiyoikaa, Diaspora Partnership Manager, Ashoka Africa</p> <p>Presenters: Jack Chimbetete, Founder/President JSI- Africa live network Romisa. A. Elkarim, Co-Founder/ COO- Africa Alive Network</p>	<p>Description</p> <p>This session marks the launch of the <i>Africa Changemakers Documentary</i>, a powerful collaboration between Ashoka fellowship, the Diaspora Team, and Africa Live Network. The documentary showcases the stories of African social entrepreneurs who are reshaping narratives, driving systemic change, and amplifying Africa's voice on the global stage.</p> <p>Objective</p> <p>To reshape the African narrative by spotlighting the work of social entrepreneurs whose innovations and leadership are transforming communities, regions and influencing systems.</p> <p>Output</p> <p>Increased visibility of African changemakers through the documentary, stronger connections with the diaspora and media partners, and a shared commitment to using storytelling as a tool for systems change and narrative transformation</p>

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATORS	DESCRIPTION
9:55 - 10:10 AM	Summit Outcome Document	<p>Presenters: Jude Chimdi Ohanele: Ashoka Fellow, Founder Development Dynamics & Summit Chair Peris Wakesho, Fellowship Director, Ashoka Africa & Co-lead Summit planning</p>	<p>Description: A mystery award ceremony by participants, for participants — celebrating collective contributions that advance the Summit's goals. Anchored on the themes of Building a Global Tribe, Working for the common good, empowering others and learning and innovating. The session highlights connection, collaboration, and shared purpose among changemakers & fellows. Through 4 envelopes with</p>
10:10 - 10:40 AM	Refreshments		

CLOSING CEREMONY

10:45 - 11:30 AM	Mystery Awards: Celebrating Our Global Tribe	<p>Moderator: Carolyn Momanyi, Fellowship Associate, Ashoka & Founder Enuka</p>	<p>Description A mystery award ceremony by participants, for participants — celebrating collective contributions that advance the Summit's goals. Anchored on the themes of Building a Global Tribe, Working for the common good, empowering others and learning and innovating. The session highlights connection, collaboration, and shared purpose among changemakers & fellows. Through 4 envelopes with these themes placed around the plenary room, fellows will vote daily for fellows that they think embody the above, these envelopes will be opened on the final day.</p> <p>Objective To recognize and celebrate Fellows' collective spirit in advancing the common good, empowering others, and driving innovation throughout the Summit.</p> <p>Output</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened sense of community and belonging within the Fellowship. • Recognition of Fellows' contributions to collective impact. • Shared inspiration to carry forward collaboration beyond the Summit.
	Recognition of Organizing Committee Closing remarks Vote of Thanks	<p>Moderator: Ikenna Anyadike Venture-Fellowship lead, Ashoka East Africa</p> <p>Closing remarks: Jude Chimdi Ohanele: Ashoka Fellow, Founder Development Dynamics & Summit Chair Okey Uzochina: Leadership Group Member & Africa Diamond Leadership Team member. Chief Guest: Dr David Njengere, CEO, Kenya National Examination Council. Vote of Thanks: Mathias Yashim, Ashoka Fellow & Founder Hope Builders International Consult</p>	

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATORS	DESCRIPTION
11:30 - 11:45 PM	Kenya National Anthem, East Africa Community Anthem, and African Union Anthem	MC: Fabrice Muchiga, Director Network Engagement, Teach for All, Africa	
NETWORKING RECEPTION			
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Site Visits: Celebrating Achievements and Forging Lasting Partnerships	<p>MC: Fabrice Muchiga, Director Network Engagement, Teach for All, Africa</p> <p>Ashoka East Africa – Learning journey Lepta – Visit to Youth Champion in Mathare</p> <p>Institute of Monetary Studies - Leadership Conversation with emerging leaders</p> <p>Podcast Recording: Fellows in the summit steering committee & Arab world session facilitators / Panellists</p> <p>Nairobi site visits (Self-Sponsored)</p>	<p>Description A learning journey with Ashoka East Africa, featuring a visit to Lepta, a Youth Champion in Mathare, and a leadership conversation with emerging leaders at the Institute of Monetary Studies.</p> <p>Objective To showcase local impact and spark dialogue on building lasting partnerships.</p> <p>Output Stronger connections, fresh insights, and potential pathways for collaboration.</p> <p>*Teams carry packed lunch*</p>
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Open Dinner for One-on-One Connections		

SPECIAL FEATURES

- **SE Showcase:** 3 installations (Spaces for Deeper Connections) – 3 Mirrors- size of a door in arranging concave style, Table 4 seater,
- **Wellbeing Sessions:** Daily Wellbeing Activities + Standing room for one on one founder’s therapy session, Spaces for relaxation, sitting quiet
- **Podcast Recording:** Recording of Podcasts by Fellows
- **Africa Changemakers Documentary:** Filming for a Documentary to be showcased at the upcoming Ashoka events
- **Funder’s saloon:** Open session with funders who want to understand the future of Africa and or are looking for the next big thing in their sectors.

OUTCOMES

- **Collaborative Initiatives:** Concrete partnerships formed during the summit.
- **Commitments to Action:** Pledges towards growing social entrepreneurship & EACH in Africa.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Resources and best practices shared through a summit report.
- **Content Monetization:** Monetization of summit content to fundraise for future initiatives.
- **Post-Summit Support:** Continued engagement and impact assessment of fellowship initiatives.

FELLOWS PROFILE



Name: Osmond Mugweni
Founder: The Njeremoto Enterprises
Elected: 2002
Country: Zimbabwe

Osmond is reversing decades of harmful colonial-era livestock practices in Zimbabwe by introducing a land management system that blends traditional farming knowledge with modern agricultural science. Through collective herding models, he is helping farmers regenerate degraded land, prevent overgrazing, and restore productivity in arid and semi-arid regions. His approach yields environmental, economic, and social benefits, increasing income, rebuilding community ties.



Name: Irene Mutumba
Founder: Private Education Development Network
Elected: 2004
Country: Uganda

Irene is reshaping Uganda's education system by replacing outdated, colonial-era rote learning with student-driven, action-oriented youth clubs that empower the next generation to think creatively, act confidently, and pursue their own ideas. Through Young Entrepreneurs clubs in secondary schools and Aftatoo clubs in primary schools, Irene is helping young people develop real-world skills, start small businesses, and take charge of their futures. Her work is inspiring a broader movement: teachers, parents, and government officials are beginning to adopt her model, recognizing that long-term transformation in Uganda starts with bold changes in how children learn.



Name: Philomena Anyanwu
Founder: EI - Aged Care Initiative
Elected: 2023
Country: Nigeria

Philomena is redefining the way rural communities in Nigeria care for older persons by creating innovative, community-driven care models that promote dignity, independence, and active aging. Through her nonprofit, EI-Aged Care, she combines social care and peer support to challenge ageism and empower older persons to support one another. Partnering with traditional rulers, she is transforming community halls into geriatric care centers and social hubs. To drive systemic change, Philomena founded a national coalition of 60 organisations called, the Association of Care Service Providers to Older Persons in Nigeria (ACSPOPIN), to professionalize aged care services through advocacy, training, and Nigeria's first-ever quality standards manual for elderly care.



Name: Jude Chimdi Ohanele
Founder: Development Dynamics
Elected: 2012
Country: Nigeria

Jude is empowering farming communities in Eastern Nigeria to reclaim control over agricultural input distribution by replacing riddled government supply chains with trusted, citizen-led systems. Through the revival of the traditional age grade system, a respected, peer-driven community structure. Jude has built a grassroots distribution network that delivers fertilizers and high-yield seedlings directly to farmers. His model not only restores productivity to depleted farmlands but also protects rural livelihoods, reduces hunger, and strengthens social cohesion in the face of rising food insecurity.



Name: Mathias Bodman Yashim
Founder: Hope Builders International Consult
Elected: 2013
Country: Nigeria

Mathias is transforming education in Northern Nigeria by embedding entrepreneurship and leadership training into schools and universities. Through partnerships with educational institutions and community leaders, he equips students with practical skills while training lecturers to become mentors and future program leaders. He is formalizing entrepreneurship centers and advocating for statewide policy reform to expand his reach. His model includes inclusive programs for disabled and at-risk youth, along with enterprise clubs in secondary schools that inspire leadership and innovation from an early age.



Name: Henoc Muhindo
Founder: PPSDR ONGD
Elected: 2024
Country: DRC

Henoc is transforming the lives of Pygmy communities in Central Africa by championing their rights to education, citizenship, and land. Through Health Promotion and Development in Rural Areas (PPSDR), He has created a network of inclusive schools recognized by the government, enabling Pygmies to access formal education and become advocates. Beyond schooling, He supports the transition from displacement to stable livelihoods by securing land and promoting sustainable agriculture. His work is expanding regionally to empower marginalized Pygmy communities across borders.



Name: Lucy Wairimu Mukuria
Founder: The True North Kenya
Elected: 2023
Country: Kenya

Lucy, Kenya's pioneering military psychologist and a retired Major of the Kenyan Defence Forces, is transforming the way veterans and active service members receive mental health care. Through her organization, True North, she is embedding veteran mental health into law and national policy, dismantling stigma, and building a robust, accessible system of care. Her holistic 'Cradle Method' goes beyond clinical treatment, engaging families and communities to support long-term reintegration and wellness. Lucy has driven major legislative reforms in Kenya and is now shaping mental health policy at continental and global levels, positioning veteran care as a human right and a public health priority across Africa and beyond.



Name: Hamadou Tidiane
Founder: ACC/Ouestaf
Elected: 2008
Country: Senegal

Tidiane is pioneering independent, digital investigative journalism in West Africa through Ouestaf news, a region-wide online news platform run by Africans, for Africans. Frustrated by state-controlled and traditional media, he created a space where journalists can pursue stories free from external pressure, holding power to account and amplifying underreported issues. Committed to the highest ethical standards, Tidiane is setting a new benchmark for trustworthy, fact-based reporting across the region. By building a sustainable, respected alternative to mainstream news, he is empowering a new generation of African journalists to reshape the media landscape.



Name: Dr. Wamuyu Mahinda
Founder: Youth Banner
Elected: 2010
Country: Kenya

Wamuyu is fueling a nationwide movement of youth entrepreneurship in Kenya by building networks that equip young people, especially rural and female youth, with the tools, mentorship, and peer support they need to start and grow businesses. Through Youth Banner, she partners with youth-serving organizations to create Enterprise Clubs across the country and establish a national directory of business resources for aspiring entrepreneurs. Over the past two decades, Wamuyu has shifted the narrative around Africa's youth bulge, from a looming crisis to a powerful engine for development, and is now using her platform to integrate health, gender, and social issues into her work, shaping socially responsible young leaders for Kenya's future.



Name: Mwalimu Musheshe

Founder: Uganda Rural Training & Development Program

Elected: 2001

Country: Uganda

Mwalimu is redefining how development professionals are trained in Africa by bridging the gap between theory and practice. Through the African Rural University, he is bringing farmers, artisans, and other grassroots problem solvers into the classroom to teach hands-on, contextual skills to students from all walks of life, including rural youth, policymakers, and university graduates. The university offers a uniquely African curriculum that equips students to design and lead sustainable community development efforts. Mwalimu's vision is not only to empower local change-makers but to influence how traditional institutions approach development education across the continent.



Name: Megan Mukuria

Founder: Zana Africa

Elected: 2014

Country: Kenya

Megan is tackling menstrual health inequity in Kenya by building an end-to-end system that makes high-quality sanitary products affordable and accessible for girls and women. Through ZanaAfrica, she developed Nia pads, the lowest-cost sanitary pad on the market, and reusable menstrual underwear. Her innovative distribution model partners with women entrepreneurs and local organizations to deliver product and reproductive health education across the country. Megan's Nia Network tracks the impact on school attendance and performance, while EmpowerNet Clubs offer girls safe spaces to learn about reproductive health. She is transforming the menstrual health ecosystem through market innovation, policy change, and community empowerment.



Name: Lillian Keene-Mugerwa

Founder: Platform for Labor Action (PLA)

Elected: 2002

Country: Uganda

Lillian is advancing labor rights for some of the most vulnerable and often undocumented workers in the informal economy, domestic workers, hawkers, garage workers, fuel attendants, and market vendors. She provides legal representation, negotiates settlements, and litigates cases of wrongful dismissal, contract breaches, and workplace injuries, especially for child and adult domestic workers. Through strategic litigation, Lillian is also shaping national labor policies to prevent exploitation and hold employers accountable. Her approach blends legal action with advocacy, laying the groundwork for policy reform and future training programs for employers and union leaders. Lillian's model is designed to be replicated across the region to protect informal workers at scale.



Name: Omowumi Ogunrotimi

Founder: Gender Mobile

Elected: 2023

Country: Nigeria

Omowumi is confronting sexual harassment in Nigerian universities by partnering with institutional leaders and student bodies to shift perceptions, expose systemic abuse, and drive accountability within higher education. Through Gender Mobile and its Campus Pal app, she is empowering students to act as active bystanders and accountability partners, equipping them with tools to report cases of sexual violence and advocate for justice, while compelling authorities to create safer, more equitable learning environments.



Name: Adebowale Onafowora

Founder: Bic Farms concepts

Elected: 2017

Country: Nigeria

Adebowale is revolutionizing farming in Nigeria by introducing hydroponics, a soil-free growing system that enables farmers to grow healthier, faster-yielding crops with less water, space, and labour. By equipping farmers with the tools and knowledge to adopt this technology, he is helping them boost productivity, improve food quality, and reduce input costs, while also increasing profits and protecting the environment. Adebowale is also addressing the root causes of farmer-herder conflicts by pioneering fodder production systems that offer sustainable feeding alternatives for cattle rearers across Nigeria.



Name: Bukky Shonibare

Founder: Invictus Africa

Elected: 2024

Country: Nigeria

Bukky is advancing gender justice in Nigeria by using data as a powerful tool to spotlight inequality, influence policy, and drive systemic change. Through her initiative, iData, she leads a network of community-based data collectors who provide real-time, context-driven insights that inform government action on gender issues. By presenting findings through infographics, scorecards, and dashboards, she captures attention and shapes state and national policies and budgets, engaging key institutions like the Nigerian Governors Forum and the Nigerian Governors Wives Forum. Bukky is equipping civil society and policymakers alike with the tools to promote a more gender-equal Nigeria.



Name: Jacques Mbusa Buligho

Founder: UPDECO

Elected: 2024

Country: DRC

Jacques is securing the release and full reintegration of child soldiers in the DRC by designing a nationally endorsed blue print that guides every step, from negotiation with rebel commanders to long-term psychological care and social reintegration. Through UPDECO, he partners with government agencies, international organizations, and local leaders to ensure each child receives mental health support, vocational training, and access to education. Jacques co-leads a national technical task force to shape child protection policy and is expanding his work across conflict-affected regions, creating a sustainable model to prevent future recruitment of children into armed groups.



Name: Paschal Achunine

Founder: Health Emergency Initiative

Elected: 2023

Country: Nigeria

Paschal is reviving Nigeria's emergency healthcare system by enabling timely and equitable access to lifesaving care for accident victims, especially those from low-income backgrounds who cannot afford initial hospital deposits. He is empowering everyday citizens, such as truck drivers, artisans, and market women, to become trained first responders, ensuring immediate care at accident scenes. By combining behavioural change, mass media, and community training, Paschal is building a citizen-led first-response movement that protects human life and reduces preventable deaths.



Name: Nelson Olanipekun

Founder: Citizen Gavel

Elected: 2023

Country: Nigeria

Nelson is revamping Nigeria's justice delivery system to ensure that everyone, regardless of socio-economic status, has access to fair and timely legal support. He is partnering with the Office of the Chief Justice to deploy Justice Clock, an automated case management system that tracks ongoing cases and prompts action when delays occur, preventing lost files and ensuring due process. Through his platform PODUS, Nelson is also connecting citizens with pro-bono legal support and legal education.



Name: [Alice Emasu](#)
Founder: **Terrewode**
Elected: **2011**
Country: **Uganda**

Alice is building a national grassroots movement to remove economic and legal barriers facing small-scale farming women in Uganda's post-conflict regions. Through, the Re-orientation and Rehabilitation of Teso Women for Development (TERREWODE), she is addressing critical issues of health, agricultural productivity, and land ownership by mobilizing women, local leaders, and retired civil servants to draft and enforce local bylaws that protect women's land rights. Alice is connecting rural communities to national and regional networks to ensure women not only know their rights but can also claim them, turning local women into advocates for justice across the country.



Name: [Susannah Farr](#)
Founder: **GOLD**
Elected: **2014**
Country: **South Africa**

Inspired by the power of youth-led network effects to solve large problems at scale amongst the most vulnerable, Susannah Farr founded gold Youth Development Agency (gold-youth) and gold-youth Enterprises of which she is the current CEO. Gold-youth is scaling youth-led change through a ground up peer education model which holds at its core the belief that the message giver is the strongest message. Through the gold hybrid structure, young Africans from disenfranchised communities are being ignited with hope. They are skilled and supported to complete their education and go on to reach their social, spiritual, and economic potential.



Name: [Joel Ogunsola](#)
Founder: **Technology for Social Change and Development (Tech4Dev)**
Elected: **2024**
Country: **Nigeria**

Joel is transforming Nigeria's outsourcing industry into a driver of economic growth and job creation for marginalized youth. Through Tech4Dev, he is building the infrastructure, policy environment, and training standards needed to unlock tech-based employment opportunities for those traditionally excluded from the workforce. Joel partners with government at all levels and with private companies to create jobs and scale skills training across the country. His work led to the design of the National Talent Export Programme, opening global markets to Nigerian talent. Joel is laying the foundation for a tech-enabled future that advances equity and opportunity across Africa.



Name: Malik Shaffy
Founder: Kina Rwanda
Elected: 2023
Country: Rwanda

Malik is transforming education and community development in Rwanda by integrating play, creativity, and entrepreneurship into learning. Through Kina Rwanda's play-based education programs and the KINA Festival, he is improving learning outcomes, empowering educators and communities, and boosting the country's creative industry. By promoting inclusive cultural exchange and digital access, Kina Rwanda is nurturing a more skilled, expressive, and empowered generation.



Name: Abubaker Musuuza
Founder: Village Energy Uganda
Elected: 2014
Country: Uganda

Abu is transforming clean energy from an end goal into a tool for achieving broader development outcomes such as healthcare, education, and employment in energy-marginalized communities. Through VillageEnergy, he is producing and distributing locally made solar products tailored to the unique needs of off-grid populations, while building a grassroots network of trained village technicians to provide technical services, after-sales support, and restore trust in clean energy solutions across rural Uganda.



Name: Dr. Ashwin Naik
Founder: Vaatsalya Healthcare
Elected: 2010
Country: India

Ashwin is expanding access to quality and affordable healthcare by building India's first network of hospitals focused on semi-urban and rural areas. Through Vaatsalya, he is delivering efficient, low-cost medical services to middle- and low-income families by establishing small, manageable hospitals, partnering with local organizations, and promoting insurance coverage. Ashwin is now developing a new generation of doctor-entrepreneurs to replicate and scale this innovative model across underserved regions in India.



Name: [John Christensen](#)
Founder: Tax Justice Network
Elected: 2020
Country: United Kingdom

John is increasing transparency and accountability in the global financial system by challenging tax avoidance and holding multinationals, wealthy individuals, and banks to account. Through the Tax Justice Network, he has built global momentum for tax reform by equipping journalists, influencing international regulatory standards, and cultivating networks that expose and address tax injustice, ultimately helping redirect billions back into public systems.



Name: [Radwa Rostom](#)
Founder: Hand Over
Elected: 2016
Country: Egypt

Radwa is making safe, sustainable housing accessible for low-income families in Egypt by using locally sourced earth-based materials and participatory design. Through her organization, Hand Over, she trains architecture students to co-create affordable homes with communities, engages private and public partners for support, and incorporates rooftop gardens to enhance food security and economic empowerment, enabling families living on \$6 a day to build and own structurally sound, environmentally friendly homes.



Name: [Zaher Redwan](#)
Founder: Green Hand
Elected: 2012
Country: Lebanon

Zaher is making biodiversity a national priority in Lebanon by aligning financial incentives with environmental stewardship, encouraging landowners, herb collectors, and farmers to adopt ecologically sustainable practices. Through a youth-led network, he is cultivating a new generation of environmental leaders, delivering biodiversity education in schools, and advancing national policy by connecting grassroots efforts with local government action across the country.



Name: Zeinab Al-Momani
Founder: Sakhrah Women's Society Cooperative
Elected: 2009
Country: Jordan

Zeinab Al-Momani believes that only women themselves can demand their full economic, social and political participation and they can do this best when organized. As a result, she has founded the first agricultural union for and by women in the Arab world. By liberating rural women, Zeinab believes it will affect children, men, and other women to create a more just and successful region.



Name: Amr El Tayeb
Founder: Smart Medical Services
Elected: 2017
Country: Egypt

Amr is expanding access to affordable, personalized healthcare by creating SmartMed, a low-cost platform that connects underserved individuals and small enterprises to tailored medical programs. By streamlining healthcare delivery and offering third-party administration services to insurers, he is lowering costs across the system and integrating marginalized populations into sustainable healthcare networks, moving beyond charity to long-term inclusion across Egypt and the broader MENA region.



Name: Ahmed El-Hawary
Founder: Bashkatib
Elected: 2015
Country: Egypt

Ahmed is decentralizing Egypt's media landscape by empowering youth in marginalized communities to create and manage their own local media outlets. Through Bashkatib, he trains young people to produce print and multimedia content that reflects their lived realities, fostering dialogue within and between communities. His work is building a new generation of media-savvy youth leaders who use journalism to strengthen local identity, challenge stereotypes, and promote civic engagement across Egypt and the Arab region.



Name: Maryam Montague

Founder: ProjectSoar

Elected: 2022

Country: Morocco

Maryam is advancing girls' rights in rural Morocco by empowering teen girls to stay in school, delay marriage, and build leadership skills through a year-long, community-led empowerment program. Through Project Soar, she provides girls with tools to nurture self-worth, voice, and agency in environments where early marriage and school dropout are common. With support from local facilitators and national institutions, her model is scaling across Morocco and beyond, creating a growing network of confident, civically engaged young women.



Name: Mohammed El Raffeï

Founder: CORD (Competition for Robot Design)

Elected: 2012

Country: Egypt

Mohammed is democratizing access to science and engineering in Egypt by challenging youth to build robots from everyday materials through his Competition of Robot Design (CORD). By removing financial and educational barriers, he is empowering young people to see themselves as creators and problem-solvers. Through CORD and Robo Academy, he is nurturing a generation of innovators who apply teamwork, creativity, and scientific thinking to shape Egypt's future, from public schools to professional fields.



Name: Adnane Addioui

Founder: Tamkeen

Elected: 2017

Country: Morocco

Adnane is transforming Morocco's education system by empowering students to become changemakers within their own schools. Through Tamkeen, he equips youth with creativity, leadership, and problem-solving skills to design and implement their own school-based innovations. By engaging teachers, parents, NGOs, and the broader community, Adnane is turning schools into hubs of social innovation and building a movement for systemic change across the national education landscape.



Name: Mohamed Zariat

Founder: Tibu Maroc

Elected: 2018

Country: Morocco

Mohamed is empowering youth in Morocco's underserved communities by using sports as a tool for self-development, academic success, and employability. He has created a model that fosters self-worth, leadership, and civic engagement by integrating sports-based life skills into schools and communities. By engaging students, parents, teachers, and coaches, Mohamed is transforming sports into a vehicle for social inclusion and nurturing a new generation of confident, capable changemakers.



Name: Mohannad Hesham

Founder: Life From Water

Elected: 2013

Country: Egypt

Mohannad is creating networks of communities equipped with the capabilities to identify investment opportunities and evaluate the feasibility of operating state-of-the-art water treatment facilities. The success of Mohannad's methodology has led to its replication in projects across Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania



Name: Christian Intwari

Founder: Our Past Initiative

Elected: 2025

Country: Rwanda

Christian is bridging Rwanda's generational divide by engaging youth in the reconciliation process through art, education, and dialogue. By integrating creative expression with trauma-informed workshops and cross-generational storytelling, he equips young people to understand and carry forward the history of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. Through hands-on community service, school-based education, and youth ambassador programs, Christian is promoting empathy, healing, and a new generation committed to remembrance and unity.



Name: Tochukwu Clinton Chukwueke

Founder: Clintonel Foundation

Elected: 2024

Country: Nigeria

Tochukwu is building a manufacturing-driven economy in Nigeria by transforming engineering education, upskilling talent, and supporting SMEs to scale production. Through partnerships with government, academia, and industry, he is laying the foundation for a homegrown manufacturing ecosystem that reduces import dependency and tackles unemployment. His scalable model is shifting mindsets, from consumers to creators, and setting a blueprint for industrial transformation across Africa.



Name: Dr. Gladys Kaleema Zikusoka

Founder: Conservation Through Public Health

Elected: 2006

Country: Uganda

Gladys is bridging the gap between public health and wildlife conservation by tackling zoonotic disease transmission in Uganda's protected areas. By linking the Ministry of Health with the Uganda Wildlife Authority, she is creating joint early warning systems and community-led health programs that safeguard both people and animals. Her integrated approach is shifting attitudes, empowering communities as stewards of public health and conservation, and building resilient ecosystems that support sustainable tourism and livelihoods.



Name: Haron Wachira

Founder: Akili

Elected: 2010

Country: Kenya

Haron is transforming subsistence farming into a thriving agribusiness model by linking smallholder farmers to value chains and market-driven partnerships. By organizing farmers into productive units and building ownership structures with local processing companies, he is enabling farmers to earn more while boosting local industry. His scalable, replicable model equips farmers to become co-owners in the agricultural economy, creating sustainable livelihoods and long-term wealth across rural Kenya.



Name: [Sage Rutakaza](#)
Founder: Sage Entrepreneurs Academy
Elected: 2024
Country: DRC

Sage is transforming food production in the Great Lakes region by transitioning informal businesses into thriving formal enterprises led by youth entrepreneurs. Through the Sage Entrepreneurs Academy, he equips conflict-affected and out-of-school youth with the tools, resources, and training to build scalable food ventures. His public production labs, value chain innovations, and tax-exempt partnerships with government are creating a supportive ecosystem for local businesses. By driving policy change, local investment, and franchising opportunities, Sage is building a sustainable food economy that generates jobs and revitalizes communities across the DRC and beyond.



Name: [Sam Agutu](#)
Founder: Changamka Microhealth
Elected: 2012
Country: Kenya

Sam is expanding access to affordable, quality healthcare for low- to middle-income Kenyans by building a mobile-based, paperless health savings and insurance system. Through a smart card linked to mobile phones, individuals can save in small amounts toward medical care and instantly access discounted services from private providers. His model shifts health coverage from institutional to individual membership, allowing for shared contributions among families and communities. By making care affordable and accessible, Sam is not only reshaping Kenya's health insurance market but also transforming health-seeking behavior across the country.



Name: [Fr. Jean Patrice Ngoyi](#)
Founder: JPDC (Justice, Development and Peace Commission)
Elected: 2006
Country: Nigeria

Patrick is building grassroots democratic accountability in Nigeria by equipping citizens to track government budgets, monitor campaign promises, and influence public policy. Through town halls, citizen-led monitoring groups, and civic publications, he is creating platforms for communities to actively participate in governance. By leveraging trusted local networks like religious institutions and microfinance groups, he is promoting political literacy, fiscal transparency, and systemic behavior change from the ground up.



Name: Doris Mollel
Founder: Doris Mollel Foundation
Elected: 2025
Country: Tanzania

Doris is improving the survival and well-being of premature infants by introducing affordable medical innovations, building healthcare worker capacity, and pushing for policy reforms that strengthen neonatal care systems across Tanzania and the region. She is combining grassroots engagement with national advocacy to increase public awareness, expand insurance coverage, and ensure premature babies receive the care they need. Doris is creating a scalable model for neonatal care that empowers communities and transforms health outcomes for vulnerable newborns.



Name: Jonas Habimana
Founder: BIFERD
Elected: 2025
Country: DRC

Jonas is transforming access to clean water in conflict-affected communities by replacing costly emergency trucking with gravity-fed water systems designed, built, and managed by local residents. His model empowers communities, improves public health, and enhances safety for women and girls, who no longer face the risks of traveling long distances for water. Through this work, Jonas is also advancing gender equity by promoting women's leadership in water governance and fostering long-term sustainability through community financing and ownership.



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