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100 WOMEN IMPACTING AFRICA

INSPIRATIONAL LEADERS

They motivate, move, and inspire others to think deeper, try harder, and achieve more.

ALTRUISTIC WOMEN

Women who are selfless, passionate and inspirational.

PEOPLE- FOCUSED

Celebrating Women who are empathetic, resilient, and inclusive.



The theme for this year's International Women's Day is DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality. **#EmbraceEquity.**

Gender equality and technology are inextricably linked. The present gap existing in women and girls' digital adoption and use compared to men and boys, is a major contributing factor to gender inequality, especially in Africa.

It is an indisputable fact that gender equality is key to the development of any country or society. This is because women are a necessary resource for the growth of every nation.

At WIN, we remain committed to gender equality and encourage everyone to Embrace Equity.

TOP 100 WOMEN IMPACTING AFRICA



Tope Imasekha
Founder, Women Impacting Nigeria

Our Top 100 Women Inspiring and Impacting Africa list aims to celebrate African women from various and diverse backgrounds in business, leadership, academia, diplomacy, philanthropy, entrepreneurs, investors and many more.

This is the third publication from Women Impacting Nigeria featuring African women who inspire the next generation of women around the world.

Women Impacting Nigeria will always stand in solidarity with women and help to create a more gender-inclusive world.

Today we celebrate 100 women in Africa who are making an impact across Africa.

We extend our gratitude, towards all the millions of unsung heroines who are not in the list, but still make a difference, through their struggles, perseverance and determination, so that younger generations of women can finally reap the benefits of a fairer, more equal and equitable world.



Dupe Olusola

Dupe Olusola is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigeria-based Hospitality company, Transcorp Hotels plc, subsidiary of the Nigerian conglomerate, Transnational Corporation of Nigeria. Before joining Transcorp Hotels Plc, Dupe was Group Head of Marketing at United Bank for Africa (UBA).



Dianne Dusaidi

Dianne Dusaidi is the new Board Chairperson of AB Bank Plc, Rwanda, becoming one of the youngest and few women to sit at the helm of a board in the local banking sector. Diane is an investor in Financial Technology as well as the Co-founder of Uplus. She also serves as a mentor at Google for Startups Accelerator.



Wanjiru Koinange

Wanjiru Koinange is a writer, restorer of libraries and entrepreneur from Nairobi, Kenya. Her debut novel, *The Havoc of Choice* is currently a national bestseller. She co-founded Book Bunk, a social impact trust based in Nairobi, alongside Angela Wachuka. Book Bunk has digitized about 21,840 items identified as some of the rarest and most endangered items in the library at the McMillan Memorial Library.



Miishe Addy

Miishe Addy is the CEO of Jetstream, Africa. She is using digital technology to tackle inefficiencies that make shipping difficult in Africa. Jetstream Africa, which she co-founded in 2018, provides a supply chain management platform that quickly connects importers, exporters, and logistics providers with trade finance.



Mrs. Nneka Onyeali-Ikpe

Mrs. Nneka Onyeali-Ikpe is the Managing Director and CEO of Fidelity Bank. She was formerly Executive Director, Lagos and South West, overseeing the bank's business in the six states that make up the South West region of the bank. She is a consummate professional with over 30 years' experience across various banks including Standard Chartered Bank Plc, Zenith Bank Plc and Citizens International Bank Limited.



Samia Suluhu Hassan

Samia Suluhu Hassan is the current President of the United Republic of Tanzania. She served as Vice President of Tanzania from 2015 before becoming the first female president of Tanzania. Samia's government recently announced the removal of barriers to access to education, including those that had prevented pregnant girls and young mothers from attending formal school.



Tosin Faniro-Dada

Tosin Faniro-Dada is the Managing Director & CEO of Endeavor in Nigeria. Tosin is passionate about supporting entrepreneurs and helping them scale, not just for the immediate impact this has on their organization but more for the multiplier effect on the larger society and economy.



H la Cheikhrouhou

Hela Cheikhrouhou is IFC's regional Vice President for the Middle East, Central Asia, T rkiye, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Previously, she was the CEO of Nithio, an artificial-intelligence-driven platform for clean energy investment. In her home country of the Republic of Tunisia, she served as the Minister of Energy, Mining, and Renewables.



Regina Honu

Regina Honu is a Ghanaian social Entrepreneur, software developer and founder of Soronko Solutions, a software development company in Ghana. She opened Soronko Academy, the first coding and Human-centered design school for children and young adults in West Africa. She was named by CNN as one of the 12 inspirational women who rock STEM.



Hindou Ibrahim

Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim is an environmental activist and founder of the Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad (AFPAT). Through collaborative tools such as 3D participatory mapping, she has guided her pastoralist community in building sustainable ecosystems, while building the capacity of women through new income generating activities.



Neema Iyer

Neema Iyer is the founder and Executive Director of Pollicy, an organization focused on the intersections of data and feminism. Through Pollicy, Neema has trained over 5,000 people on vital data skills and developed a game called Digital safe-tea that provides women with training to confront scenarios of online violence.



Adora Nwodu

Adora is a Software Engineer at Microsoft, where she builds cloud services and High-Value Experiences related to Artificial Intelligence and Mixed Reality. She is also the co-founder of unStack Africa, an open-source meetup for software developers.



Berita Khumalo

Berita is a Zimbabwean-born singer, songwriter and music producer. Her music is a combination of soul music containing elements from Afro Jazz, contemporary pop influences as well as South African dance music. She is the owner of the independent record label Assali Music. She is also the founder of the Women of Music Business (WOMB), a pan African women empowerment organization in the music industry.



Amira Cheniour

Amira Cheniour co-founded Seabex with a mission to help Tunisian farmers use what little water is available more efficiently, with the help of machine learning. Starting with four farmers on a few dozen acres, Seabex reached a valuation of \$2.3 million in 2020 and is now used on nearly 1,000 acres in Tunisia and France.



Moky Makura

Moky Makura is the executive director of Africa NoFilter (ANF). The organization, which began as a project under the Ford Foundation and became its own entity in 2019, aims to support the development of nuanced and contemporary stories that shift stereotypical and harmful narratives within and about Africa.



Catherine Nakalembe

Catherine Nakalembe is the program director for NASA Harvest Africa, the space agency's food security and agriculture program for Africa. Her work has led to the development of policies and programs to shield farmers against the impacts of food failure. It has led to the creation of food security and crop monitoring bulletins that incorporate satellite data in Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya and Rwanda.



Sade Falase-Morgan

Sade is the Corporate Affairs Director of Nigerian Breweries. She is a Corporate Affairs Management specialist with a wide cross-geographical experience. She has brought a significant contribution to operational success. She has a strong focus on women empowerment and talent development.



Lilian Azizi

Lilian Azizi is a Gambian entrepreneur. She is the founder and the Chief Executive Officer of Afriq Cars Motors, a one-stop transport solutions company in The Gambia. She is one of only a few young Gambian women working in a mostly male-dominated business.



Wendy Okolo

Wendy A. Okolo is a Nigerian-American aerospace research engineer in the Intelligent Systems Division at NASA Ames Research Center. She is the first Black woman to obtain a PHD degree in aerospace engineering from University of Texas at Arlington. She is also the Special Emphasis Programs Manager for Women at Ames



Azukaego Chukwuelue

Azukaego Chukwuelue is a Supply Chain Director in Kimberly Clark Nigeria. Azukaego is passionate about gender inclusion in male-dominated fields and she achieves this through the Truss Eempowerment Foundation. She's a gender inclusion advocate and thought leader.



Tope Imasekha

Tope Imasekha is a brilliant Development Economics Specialist. As an innovative leader, strong advocate and strategist she dedicates her time to women empowerment and women's human rights. She is the founder of Women Impacting Nigeria, an organization which offers impact-orientated and community centered solutions, and has reached over 800000 women and 10000 SMES in Nigeria alone.



Meaza Ashenafi

Meaza Ashenafi is the first female Chief Justice of Ethiopia and a trailblazer in many ways, mainly for legal advocacy through her work with Ethiopian Women's Lawyers Association (EWLA), an organization she co-founded with like-minded young female lawyers.



Dr. Amy Jadesimi

Dr Amy Jadesimi is the Chief Executive Officer of the Lagos Deep Offshore Logistics Base (LADOL) and a founding Commissioner for Business and Sustainable Development Commission. She was voted the Young CEO of the Year in 2018 by the African Leadership Forum, an Archbishop Tutu Fellow working to reduce maternal mortality.



Jihan Abass

Jihan Abass is a Kenyan entrepreneur and businesswoman who is the founder and CEO of Lami Insurance Technology, an insurance technology company based in Nairobi and Kenya, and Griffin Insurance, a digital vehicle insurance company. Abass founded Lami to increase Africa's low insurance coverage.

Hadjira Oumouri

As a midwife, Hadjira Oumouri, spent years advocating for the health and rights of women. Today, she is the second-ever female Member of Parliament in Comoros, and currently the only female MP. Her experience has informed her leadership. Since taking office, she has introduced multiple bills to promote gender equality, and she has worked hard – with success – to gain the support of her male colleagues.

Francisca Okeke

Professor Francisca Okeke was elected as a fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science, the highest scientific organization in Nigeria. She was inducted into the academy alongside Abba Gumel, a Professor of Mathematical biology and fellow of the African Academy of Sciences. Okeke was the first female professor of physics in the eastern part of Nigeria.

Omowunmi A. Sadik

Dr. Omowunmi A. Sadik is a Nigerian professor, chemist, and inventor working at Binghamton University. She has developed microelectrode biosensors sensitive to trace amounts of organic materials, technology which can be used for drug and bomb detection. In 2012, Dr. Omowunmi co-founded the non-profit Sustainable Nanotechnology Organization.

Alice Banze

Alice Banze, born and raised in Maputo, Mozambique, is a trained social scientist with a 25-year career in civil society organizations (Oxfam, Gender Links) and government. She is the Executive Director of Gender and Sustainable Development Association and a member of the UN Women-supported African Women Leaders Network.

Ada Nduka Oyom

Ada is the founder of She Code Africa, a non-profit organization that empowers young girls and women in Africa with technological skills. She founded SCA in 2016 and has since impacted over 17,000 women members across 20 African countries with her team, while championing gender diversity in tech.

Victoire Tomegah Dogbé

Victoire Tomegah Dogbé is a Togolese politician who has served as the prime minister of Togo since 28 September 2020. She is the first woman to hold the office. Before becoming head of government, Tomegah Dogbé was previously the Minister of Grassroots Development, Handicrafts, and Youth Employment.

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala is the Director-General of World Trade Organization. She is a global finance expert, an economist and international development professional with over 30 years of experience working in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and North America. Previously, Dr. Okonjo-Iweala twice served as Nigeria's Finance Minister (2003-2006) and (2011-2015) and briefly acted as Foreign Minister in 2006, the first woman to hold both positions.

Monica Mutsvangwa

Minister Monica Mutsvangwa is the first female Minister of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services in independent Zimbabwe. A former freedom fighter who joined the war as a young girl, Minister Monica has always been an ardent advocate of women empowerment.

Omobola Johnson

Omobola Johnson is a Senior Partner at TLcom Capital, a venture capital firm focused on investments in technology-enabled companies in sub-Saharan Africa. Before joining TLcom, Omobola was Minister of Communication Technology, Nigeria from 2011 to 2015.



Ugochi Akwiwu

Ugochi Akwiwu is currently the Supervisor, Operations Performance Management in the Planning & Commercial Division of the NPDC, a subsidiary of the NNPC. A sought after thought leader, she was a speaker at the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), Benin section, and was also discussant at the 2020 virtual colloquium which dwelt on business growth, survival and improvement in the post-covid-19 era.



Nunu Ntshingila

Nunu Ntshingila is currently serving as Non-Executive Independent Director of the Ivanhoe Mines, a position she's held since 2020. She is former Meta/Facebook's Regional Director for Africa, where she was responsible for building Facebook's commercial presence across the entire African continent.



Farida Charity

Farida Charity is a community leader and peace advocate supporting peace initiatives in the conflict-affected district of Yumbe, Northern Uganda. Charity started her activism at a very young age, when she participated in the peace negotiations with the Uganda National Rescue Front which led to a formal ceasefire agreement between the rebels and the government in 2002. Today, Charity is the speaker of the Yumbe District Council.



Alero Balogun

Alero Balogun is the Head, Corporate Communications and CSR at Oando PLC, with over 15 years' experience in marketing and communications. She successfully managed the strategy development and execution of local and international campaigns for Oando's N1.6bn acquisition of ConocoPhillips Nigeria in 2014.



Cathye Moukoko

Cathye Moukoko is the founder and CEO of The Shapers Investors, an investment and advisory firm headquartered in Paris, and operating in the DRC, with plans to expand to Cameroon, Gabon, and Angola. Her discovery that a third of businesses worldwide are owned by women, but female-led businesses struggle to raise capital and are underrepresented as investors prompted her to start The Shapers Investors.



Kafilat Araoye

Kafilat Araoye is the pioneer Managing Director/CEO of LOTUS Bank, the latest non-interest bank in Nigeria. Having put over 25 years into banking, Kafilat has expertise in virtually all areas of core banking, with emphasis on International and Domestic Operations, Payments, General Management, Business Development, Risk Management, Human Resources and Strategy.



Kalista Sy

Kalista Sy is the creative force behind one of the most watched African shows on YouTube known as Maitresse d'un homme marié (The mistress of a married man). In Kalista's work, the place of women is rehabilitated. Her characters are often strong and financially independent. Kalista does this to empower and create role models of strong women to help little girls grow up and aspire to.



Jane Onwuchekwa

Jane Onwuchekwa is an Educator, Data Analyst, Coursera, Data Stuma LLC
Jane is a data-driven and insightful educator who is passionate about STEM, bridging the gender gap in STEM and redefining the educational sector. She is involved in mentoring and coaching girls from low-income backgrounds to become confident to face challenges irrespective of their environment.



Bintou Mariam Traoré

Bintou Mariam Traoré is an Ivorian born radical feminist and communications professional in Senegal. She is also a founding member of the Ivorian League for Women's Rights, an organization that fights against gender-based violence across Ivory Coast. In 2020, she launched a discussion on these topics under the hashtag #vraiefemmeafricaine (the real African woman). The hashtag turned the stereotype of African women on its head, forcing people to confront societal expectations of women.



Lara Yeku

Lara is a global HR leader, a coach, and a strategist who has had a progressive career climb. She is also the author of a first of its kind, imaginative mentoring through storytelling concept book - My HR Storybook for HR professionals. She is currently the Head of HR, Food Division at Flour Mills of Nigeria.



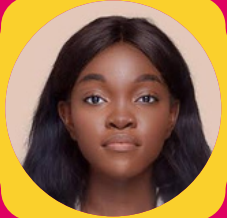
Seynabou Dieng

Seynabou is the founder and CEO of Maya, a food processing company for products made with ingredients sourced from farmer associations. She was motivated by a cultural mission to ensure there is a connection between what Malians eat and what they produce. With a foothold in Mali, Maya now also operates in Senegal, where it could find a market with Dakar's culturally diverse populace.



Xaviera Kowo

Xaviera is a Cameroonian programmer who developed a waste treatment robot capable of picking up debris as it passes by and transporting it to a defined area (garbage can, waste disposal center, recycling center, etc.) in record time. She is the first winner of the Margaret Junior Prize organized by JFD.



Dorsaf Ganoiaty

Dorsaf Ganoiaty made history when she became the first Arab and African woman to referee a men's first division football match in the Tunisian League in 2019, thus breaking many taboos for Arab and African women in sports. According to the Tunisian Football Federation, she is the first woman outside the European Union to have refereed a professional men's football match.



Engr. Lola Masha

Lola Masha is a Nigerian technology executive. She is currently the Executive Director of Babban Gona, "an innovative Agricultural Franchise model founded to leverage the private sector to address Nigeria's spiralling youth unemployment challenge."



Mariam Chabi Talata

Mariam Chabi Talata Zimé Yérima is a Beninese politician who is the current Vice President of Benin after being elected in the 2021 Beninese presidential election as the running mate of President Patrice Talon. Mariam Talata, is Benin's first female vice-president. Mariam is a former professor of philosophy and former Vice President of the National Assembly of Benin. She is a member of the Progressive Union party.





Seun Runsewe

Seun Runsewe is the Vice President of Growth at Softcom, where she is leading efforts to deliver growth to Nigerian entrepreneurs through their digital bank, Eyowo. Before Softcom, she was the Director of Product at Opera-backed payments startup OPay. She founded Biamo Maternity designs, a thoughtful mummy gear, born out of the pain of HG in pregnancy.



Lilian Azizi

Based in the UAE, Sudanese-Iraqi Maha Jaafar is a dentist turned comedian. Although she graduated from Ajman University with a degree in dentistry, Jaafar is one of YouTube's up and coming stars, praised for her ability to unite Arab cultures by impersonating different regional accents. She has been named a fellow of YouTube's Creators for Change program, aimed at boosting the profile of innovators whose videos promote "empathy and understanding".



Bukola Kogbe

Bukola is the Regional HR Director, Africa, Barry Callebaut Group. She has over 17 years of proven track record in delivering outstanding value in the Manufacturing, Pharmaceutical, Consumer Goods, B2B, Investment Banking industries. She is an HR professional, founder and coordinator of Working Woman Africa. She is a speaker, certified job plus coach and a certified investigator.



Najla Mohammed

Najla Mohammed El Mangoush is a Libyan diplomat and lawyer. She is Libya's first female foreign minister, as well as the fifth woman to hold the position of a foreign minister in the Arab World. As a conflict-resolution expert, she was the country representative in Libya for USIP (United States Institute of Peace). In 2022, Mangoush received the International Women of Courage Award from the United States Department of State.



Nadia Gamal El Don

Nadia Gamal El Don is the Founder & CEO of Rahet Bally Co. Her organization, Rahet Bally is an all-inclusive platform to support Egyptian mothers financially, physically, emotionally, and intellectually, both online and in person. Nadia was awarded by Cartier for having the most impactful women-led business in the MENA region. She was also awarded by Facebook for having the most impactful community in Egypt.



Mathilda Twomey

Mathilda Twomey is a Seychellois lawyer and academic. She is the first female judge in the history of Seychelles and also the first woman to be appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Seychelles. Her published book, Legal Métissage in a Micro-Jurisdiction: The Mixing of Common Law and Civilian Law in Seychelles, has impacted and enlightened the justice system of the country in no small way.



Oluwatomi Somefun

Oluwatomi Somefun is an award winning Nigeria banker. She is the Chief Executive Officer/ Managing Director of Unity Bank, making her the first in the bank's history to hold this position. Named as one of the top 25 most distinguished Chief Executive Officers of quoted Nigerian companies for the 2015 financial year, Oluwatomi Somefun does not have any question mark about her competence.



Anne-Marie Dias Borge

Anne-Marie Dias Borges is a Cape-Verdean journalist who is fluent in French, English, Portuguese and Spanish and has worked extensively in TV and radio over the past 18 years. She currently works as a TV Anchor and Producer for BBC Business in London.



Fawzia Yusuf

Fawzia Yusuf H. Adam is a Somali politician. She is currently the Chairperson of the National Democratic Party and Chair of HIGSI, a Coalition of 10 political parties in Somalia. In 2012, she became the first female Foreign Minister and deputy Prime Minister of Somalia. She is a notable woman and is presently the first female to run for the office of president of Somalia.



Moremi Lilian

Moremi Lilian is the founder of Botswana Student Network and is currently a Learning and Development consultant at Career Coaching (Pty) Ltd, a social enterprise she founded in 2013 to promote skills development and productivity in the workplace. Her work also involves helping organizations successfully transition youth from school to the world of work.



Grace Muliisa

Grace Muliisa, is a Ugandan banker and corporate executive, who in August 2021, was appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Ecobank Uganda Limited, a commercial bank in the country. Prior to that, she was the Head Personal and Business Banking at Stanbic Bank Uganda Limited, the largest commercial bank in Uganda by assets.



Solape Akinpelu

Solape Akinpelu is the founder and CEO of HerVest, a women-focused and inclusive fintech platform for the underserved and excluded women in Africa. She is a financial feminist with over eight (8) years' of consummate experience in marketing communications. Solape is pro SDG5 and SDG10. She believes in achieving gender equality and reducing inequality through financial literacy and access.



Veyrl Adell

Veyrl is the founder and C-Chair of the Advisory Board of Signifide Group. She is a gender economist, who is driven by passion and committed to excellence and excited by positive change. She is a world thought leader, advisor, coach and public speaker. Her mission revolves around reaching the untapped rural populations with disruptive financial solutions.



Ire Aderinokun

Ire Aderinokun is a self-taught Frontend Developer and User Interface Designer from Lagos, Nigeria. She is the co-founder, COO, and VP Engineering of Helicarrier (YC S18), a company building cryptocurrency infrastructure for Africa. Helicarrier is behind products such as Buycoins, Sendcash, Sendcash Pay, and more.



Adesuwa Okunbo Rhodes

She is the Founder and Managing Partner of Aruwa Capital Management, one of the few women owned and led private equity funds in Africa investing into untapped investment opportunities in West Africa in the small to lower mid-market. Adesuwa is a leading investment professional with over 14 years of experience in investment banking and private equity in developed and emerging markets across a number of sectors including healthcare, financial services, technology and consumer goods.



Rewa Udoji

Rewa Udoji is a Director in Investment Management in Chapel Hill Denham. She is the founder of Cranstoun Corporation; a global equities fund focused on offering African clients access to international capital markets and providing tangible value to her investors by way of returns. She is a leading African finance expert with an extraordinary journey into the visual art world.



Nkemdilim Begho

Nkemdilim Begho is the Founder and Managing Director of Future Software Resources Limited, an IT solutions provider focused on online solutions, e-learning and IT security. She's a recipient of many awards including the Jim Ovia Prize for Software Excellence, and the Etisalat Prize for Innovation. Her success is founded on a passion for driving innovative thinking, building a globally recognized technology brand and setting trends in the Nigerian Technology space.



Juliet Ehimuan

Juliet Ehimuan is a Nigerian technology expert and entrepreneur who currently serves as Google's Country Manager in Nigeria. In August 2011, she was listed in Forbes' "20 Youngest Power Women In Africa". A Fellow of the Cambridge Commonwealth Society, Ehimuan's contributions to technology and entrepreneurship has won her several awards and recognitions. In 2021, She was ranked among the 50 Most Innovative Youths in Nigeria.



Adelaide Retselisitsoe

Dr. Adelaide Retselisitsoe Matlanyane is a Director at Large on the AERC Board. She is the immediate former Governor and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Lesotho, a position she held from 2012 to 31 December 2021. She was the first female Governor in the history of the Bank.



Catherine Chinedum

Catherine Chinedum Aniagolu-Okoye is the regional director of Ford Foundation for West Africa. She oversees all of the foundation's grantmaking in the region and leads the team to promote human rights, democracy and social inclusion in West Africa. She has over 20 years of experience leading a variety of country offices in Nigeria for a range of international development organizations.



Monica Geingos

Monica Geingos is the first lady of Namibia. She is a qualified lawyer and also a successful businesswoman. Through her One Economy Foundation, she facilitates the full social and economic participation of identified communities and breaks aspects of the poverty cycle experienced by many Namibians. Monica is also the UNAIDS Special Advocate for Young Women and Adolescent Girls.



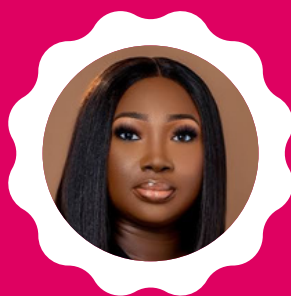
Oyinkansola Alabi

Oyinkansola Alabi, popularly referred to as The Emotions Doctor, is the Founder of Emotions City. Africa's Leading Emotional Intelligence Centre. She is the first female founder of an Emotional Intelligence Academy in Africa and is the convener of Africa's first Emotional Intelligence Week. She is a Productivity Enhancement and Life Validation Strategist.



Sola Adesakin

Sola Adesakin is the Founder and Lead Coach of Smart Stewards Academy. She is a Global Personal and Business Finance Coach. She is a Chartered Accountant with over 20 years hands-on experience. She has been featured in many local and global articles including Yahoo Finance, Business Day, Tribune, Guardian, Punch and many more.



Phoebe Dami-Asole

Phoebe Dami-Asole is a marketing professional with over seven years' experience across major multinationals. She is a seasoned professional versed in brand building, brand strategy development, integrated marketing, and communications. She is the Director of Operations for Coca-Cola India, Southwest Asia, becoming the first African woman to hold such a position in Coca-Cola.

Betlehem Dessie

Betlehem Dessie is a tech educator, entrepreneur, and the founder and CEO of iCog- Anyone Can Code (ACC). She has been lauded by many as the youngest tech innovator in Ethiopia, including CNN. She is the founder and CEO of the iCog Anyone Can Code programme, an EdTech project offering instruction in robotics, AI and IoT (Internet of Things) to young Ethiopians.

Olayemi Dawodu

Dr Olayemi Dawodu is the MD/ CEO of Clina-Lancet Laboratories, a household name in the healthcare space and a part of the Cerba-Lancet Healthcare group. She is an Anatomic and Molecular Pathologist who holds an M.B.B.S from the College of Medicine, University of Lagos, as well as fellowships in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria and West African College of Physicians respectively.

Jessica Anuna

Jessica Anuna is the Founder and CEO of Klasha, a technology company specializing in building software to power African commerce. She has been featured in Forbes, WWD and BBC London News and has given keynote speeches at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva and Nairobi and the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa. She has founded two online businesses, and, in her spare time, studied and became conversant in Mandarin Chinese.

Pearl Uzokwe

Pearl Uzokwe is the Director for Governance and Sustainability at Sahara Group Limited. Pearl has had remarkable professional growth in the last fifteen years whilst building her legal career within the UK and Nigerian corporate structures. In 2002, she began working at the Crown Agents UK providing specialist and multidisciplinary services in institutional development, international trade & procurement and finance.

Ini Abimbola

Ini is the Founder and former Lead Consultant and CEO of ThistlePraxis Consulting Limited (TPC), a management consulting, sustainability, strategy, and business advisory firm she founded in 2010. She is a business executive with over 20 years' experience working in the international development space with broad consulting experience and expertise.

Merieme Chadid

Merieme Chadid is a Moroccan astronomer and researcher. She was the first woman in the world to have installed a large astronomical observatory in Antarctica, and she was also the first person to place an Arab flag (the Moroccan flag) at the South Pole. Merieme also worked at Dome C in Antarctica, one of the coldest, most deserted and inaccessible places on the planet. She is the Vice President of the International Astronomical Union.

Abiola Adekoya

Ms. Abiola Adekoya is the Lead Wealth Advisor at Artios Capital Limited, a boutique wealth advising firm dedicated to providing private clients with creative financial solutions. She has almost two decades of expertise in the financial services industry. She worked as the MD/CEO of FBN Quest Securities, a subsidiary of First Bank of Nigeria Holdings Plc, as well as RMB Nigeria Stockbrokers, a part of the FirstRand Group, before transitioning to Artios Capital.

Adja Samb

Adja Samb is currently the CEO of Jubilee Allianz General Insurance Limited, Kenya. Prior to her current appointment, she was CEO Allianz Senegal managing both Life and Non-Life entities, a position she took over in January 2019. Prior to her appointment as CEO Allianz Senegal, she served as Head of Operations and Chief Marketing Officer at Allianz Morocco, a position she held from March 2015.

Teju Abisoye

Teju Abisoye is a lawyer with extensive experience in development finance, project planning, execution, monitoring and evaluation of humanitarian projects, government interventions and investment opportunities. Before joining LSETF where she acts as the Acting Executive Secretary, she served as Director (Post Award Support) of YouWin!

Funke Medun

Funke Medun is the CEO of Leapworld Limited, a full-service business development support (BDS) and human resources consultancy with global alliances. She is an accredited and World Bank trained BDS Expert Consultant. She is an associate member of women in business and management (WIMBIZ) Nigeria, a business coach and mentor, and sits on the board of some organizations.

Adeolu Adewumi-Zer

Adeolu Adewumi-Zer currently serves as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for Allianz Nigeria Insurance Ltd (Allianz Nigeria), a subsidiary of the German multinational Allianz SE. She is a US-trained actuary and business consultant with over two decades of professional experience. She is a member of the Institute of Directors Nigeria (IoD Nigeria), the Nigerian Actuarial Society (NAS), and Women in Management, Business and Public Service (WIMBIZ).

Yemisi Edun

Yemisi Edun is the Managing Director of First City Monument Bank. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria and a CFA® Charter holder. She is also an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers; an Associate Member of the Institute of Taxation of Nigeria; a Member of Information Systems Audit and Control, U.S.A; and a Certified Information Systems Auditor.

Jessica Nabongo

Jessica Nabongo is a Ugandan-American travel blogger and brand influencer. Most notably, she is the first black woman to have traveled to every country in the world. Known to her more than 100K followers on Instagram as The Catch Me If You Can, she achieved her dream of visiting all 195 UN member countries and observing states, including the Vatican and Palestine In October 2019.

Vera Esperança

Vera Esperança dos Santos Daves De Sousa is an Angolan politician who has been the country's Minister of Finance since 2019. Vera was the head of research for a local bank in 2011, and became a regular commentator on TV discussing finance and the economy.

Wunmi Adelusi

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