The Future Awards Africa 2015 Nominees List

Award Category: The Future Awards Africa Prize for Young Person of the Year

Adesoji Solanke

27 years

Nigeria

Adesoji Solanke graduated with a first class degree in Economics from Babcock University at the age of 19. Since he discovered his passion for finance and research during his internship days at Vetiva Capital Management, he has gone ahead to achieve moderate success in his chosen field.

Over his 8-year career in equity research, Solanke has evolved into a globally respected analyst. In May 2015, he was ranked best equities analyst in Africa (ex. SA), at the annual Financial Mail top analyst awards as voted for by the South African asset management industry. He is also an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers (CIS).

In his present role as Vice President, Head of Nigeria Research at Renaissance Capital, Solanke supervises four upcoming analysts, with a core focus on grooming each one to become globally respected professionals in their respective fields. Over the years, Solanke has also demonstrated passion for developing younger professionals by taking time to mentor students at his Alma Mata.

As RenCap's Sub-Saharan Africa Banking Analyst, he covers over 15 stocks on the continent and often makes investment pitches to investors multiple times a year across the United States, Europe, United Kingdom and South Africa.

Teresa Mbagaya

28 years

Kenya

Mbagaya, 28, previously worked at Google on its Education team and partnered with the Emerging Markets Outreach team to provide free open source education materials to emerging markets.

In 2013, she joined Econet Wireless as the youngest executive to found and lead Econet Education. Since joining Econet, Mbagaya has launched three education services in Zimbabwe with further aims for international expansion. Econet Zero targets 5 million Econet Broadband subscribers, offering them free access to 50+ education websites including Coursera, EdX, Wikipedia, Codecademy and others; a global first for any Mobile Network Operator in scale. EcoSchool targets all tertiary institutions in Zimbabwe, an education platform that provides on-the-go, affordable, and reliable access to world-class educational content via the EcoSchool tablet. Recently, the business launched EcoSchool Academy to all 9 million subscribers, an interactive mobile learning environment which provides 50 short courses covering a range of topics.

Econet Education has reduced the tuition costs for medical students in Zimbabwe, providing tablets on which they can access their text books at significant savings.

Barclay Okari

23 years

Kenya

Barclay Okari is the founder of Impact Africa Industries, a company that produces *Safi Pads*, an inexpensive, reusable, washable sanitary towel for low-income women. Okari has pioneered commercial production of the reusable sanitary pads on commercial scale in Africa and with his unique focus on social impact, has won a lot of global recognition. This

unique model of incorporating the community into his business has seen him create massive employment for women involved in production and distribution of the pads. More than 125,000 young girls have been impacted, with the company racking up distributions of more than a million pads in East Africa alone.

The seed for this business was sown in 2011 when Okari volunteered to teach at a Girls High School in rural Kenya. After having to deal with impoverished female students routinely missing classes as a result of their monthly menstrual periods, Okari took a $1,500 loan from his parents to address this need.

Impact Africa employs 70 staff members and currently distributes within Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan and Tanzania. A serial start up investor, Barclay is an author of the book Market Place, which gives start-ups advice on how to navigate the early days of running a company. He is a World Economic Forum Global Shaper and was an Anzisha Prize winner in 2013.

Philip Obaji Jnr.

1 game campaign

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A winner of The Future Awards Africa Prize in Education 2014, Philip Obaji Jnr has shown extraordinary courage and commitment in advocating for basic primary education for street children popularly called Almajiris in North-East Nigeria, a region where Islamist militant group, Boko Haram forbids western education and attacks those in support of it. Philip who once escaped Boko Haram attack has defied their threats and continues to make huge contributions to improve access to school for Almajiris, many of whom have been recruited into the deadly sect.

In 2014, the 1 GAME Campaign which he founded four years earlier with an objective to fight violence and ignorance through education, met with nearly 100 community leaders in North-East states of Borno, Yobe and Gombe on raising a volunteering team to move house to house, encouraging parents to send their children to tuition-free public primary schools rather than to Almajiri Mallams. Collectively, they have reached out to nearly 1,000 families.

To make learning easy and affordable, Philip's 1 GAME Campaign provided 100,000 exercise books and pens to about the same number of children in Borno and Gombe States with virtually every recipient attending school for the first time. 1 GAME also established a book centre in Maiduguri, the Borno State, where poor school children who are in need can get writing material.

Through 1 GAME Campaign, Obaji Jnr has brought together, hundreds of former child soldiers in a movement to end the conscription of children by local vigilantes fighting Boko Haram. He has told the stories of hundreds of children affected by the insurgency, published on foreign journals, and helped get foreign aid to thousands of displaced children particularly in Borno State.

Through his 'Off The Streets' project, Philip supports these children by catering for them through the provision of food and clothing and at the same time prepares them for western education through a mentoring program.

Off The Street Project Van goes out every last weekend of the month in Maiduguri to Almajiri centers, delivering food stuffs, beverages and clothing to children in need. It reaches out to about 10 major centers with a near total of 20,000 children every month.

Now backed by various global humanitarian agencies including Compassion It and UNICEF, Philip's 1 GAME Campaign will be reaching out to most of the 800,000 children displaced by the insurgency in northeastern Nigeria through the recently launched #BringBackOurChildhood campaign.

Trevor Noah

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South Africa

Having appeared in a soap opera in his late teens, Noah started to hone his skills as a comedian in his 20s, taking to the comedy stage in response to a friendly dare. His skill and talent blossomed, and Noah became one of the leading figures of stand-up comedy in his country.

In 2009, Noah helmed his own one-man show, *The Daywalker*, which was also filmed as a documentary, and hosted The South African Music Awards. In 2010, the comedian's own talk show, *Tonight with Trevor Noah*, debuted on M-Net and Mzansi Magic channels.

After performing stand-up in the United States, Noah staged another one-man show, *The Racist*, at the 2012 Edinburgh Fringe festival. That year he also made his U.S. TV debut on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, becoming the first African comedian to appear on the program. The following year Noah had his own comedy special on Showtime, *Trevor Noah: African American*. In late 2014, Noah landed yet another major gig, debuting as a correspondent for *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart.

After Stewart announced in February 2015 that he would be leaving *The Daily Show*, it was revealed in March that Noah would be his replacement. Noah had appeared on the program three times previously. The Daily Show with Trevor Noah made its debut on September 28, 2015, with fellow comedian Kevin Hart as first guest.

Award Category: The Future Awards Africa Prize in Advocacy & Activism

Anoziva Marindire

27 years

Zimbabwe

Marindire is an activist and journalist with a passion to see African women develop to become their best selves. She is a climate change advocate and sexual & reproductive health rights activist working with African women and youths to bring understanding on these topics and positive change into African communities. She was listed on the Inspiration Group Under 30 Emerging Zimbabwean Leaders 2015. She is also the Southern African representative in the African Student Energy Assembly (2014-1016).

Since 2014, Marindire runs an online blog magazine that focuses and address issues on women's rights, gender equality, sexual & reproductive health rights, communities & the environment. She was part of the youths selected to help draft the African Union Commission 2015 Youth Road-map in November 2014 and part of the young people who drafted the World Youth Foundation Youth on Climate Change Action Plan that will be presented to world leaders during the United Nations COP21 conference in France in December.

Olumayowa Okediran

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Nigeria

Olumayowa Okediran leads a crop of young people across Africa dedicated to promoting human rights and individual liberties as well as market-based solutions to Africa's problems. He founded African Students For Liberty in Nigeria in 2013 and the organization quickly expanded to 10 African countries networking and training thousands of young Africans. With hubs in several Universities across Africa, Okediran travels extensively giving lectures in Universities and conferences around the world.

Through African Students For Liberty, Okediran has reached thousands of young Africans from Tanzania, Malawi, Kenya, South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria, The Gambia and Uganda. Okediran has trained these young people on the use of entrepreneurial based approaches in developing their advocacy programs. These efforts have led to the establishment of advocacy and research think tanks in Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi and The Gambia.

Olumayowa co-authored the book "Why Liberty" with an extensive focus on the development of private enterprise in Africa. 350,000 copies of the book have been distributed in English across the globe and the book translated to Russian, Portuguese, French, Spanish and Greek.

With over 100 volunteers engaging over 4,000 students in 18 African countries, Olumayowa has built African Students For Liberty into the largest free-market and human rights youth movement on the continent. Asides from his role building the youth movement for liberty in Africa, Olumayowa in 2014 became a Policy Analyst with the Independent Entrepreneurship Group based in Cape Town and also a mentor for Refugee students studying at Kiron University in Berlin via Kwantum Mentoring Ltd.

Segawa Patrick

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Uganda

Segawa Patrick is a sexual and reproductive health and rights advocate and public health practitioner with a passion for social entrepreneurship and ICT for health. He has over three years' experience working with youth and community empowerment projects, health education and promotion (Music, Dance & Drama), research methods, volunteering, customer care service and developing working relationships between the community and local leaders towards addressing prioritized health needs.

Patrick is the founder and Programme Manager at Public Health Ambassadors Uganda (PHAU); a youth led organization addressing issues of sexual and reproductive health through

sustainable and innovative interventions among young people in Uganda. He is also CEO for Rabbit Factory Ltd; a specialty green business enterprise dedicated to improving the livelihoods of all youths and women through Rabbit Farming in Wakiso district, Uganda. He also works as an Advocacy Officer at Community Integrated Development Initiative (CIDI) with the Advocacy for Better Health Project in Nakasongola, Luwero and Kayunga District funded by PATH and USAID.

Segawa was part of the Ugandan delegates during the High Level Youth Dialogue on Sustainable Development Goals in August 2014 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Sakar Uchechukwu

22 years

Nigeria

Sakar Uchechukwu's development organization, Sakar's Foundation International For the Empowerment of the Physically Challenged, Marginalised Groups and Destitute is dedicated to empowering the physically challenged persons, marginalized groups and destitute.

In his quest for the galvanization of physically challenged persons, Uchechukwu has succeed in identifying impaired persons with special talents and has been linking them to career boosters. This includes physically challenged persons in the entertainment sector and even academics. The foundation has mapped out over 80 communities in Anambra state, and persons living with disabilities have been identified and placed into cooperative societies to accrue micro credits from potential financiers.

During the outbreak of the Ebola Virus Disease in 2014, Uchechukwu and his team embarked on a project of awareness campaign against Ebola in several Secondary schools in the eastern part of Nigeria, distributing antiseptic and preventive lectures.

He also runs a skill and trend acquisition workshops across tertiary institutions and teaches science, management and general courses for free in several tertiary institutions.

Queen Baboloki

25 years

Botswana

In her native Botswana, Baboloki has made significant strides in the field of gender equality. She works at the vanguard of a movement to stop gender violence in Botswana. Starting in 2009, Queen began mentoring vulnerable students through the Face the Nation Program in Botswana. Stationed at Good Hope Senior Secondary School, Baboloki saw firsthand the impact of gender-based violence. As a counselor, she helped young girls cope with violence experienced in the home. She taught those vulnerable students life-skills and reinforced their value as people.

Building on that work, Baboloki became a University of Botswana Peer Counselor focusing on young women who had experienced violence. Her work combines counseling with educational guidance, mentorship and career decision-making. By integrating these concepts together, battered young women become psychologically as well as financially independent.

Realizing that no serious national organization is committed to the goal of eradicating gender-based violence in Botswana, Baboloki set up the Dream Hub Project, to take the kind of counseling she developed at the University of Botswana to rural areas to the most vulnerable women and girls. She has attracted the attention of the Moremi Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment and Development in Africa (MILEAD), and was invited to become a 2013 MILEAD Fellow. She was also selected as a 2014 Mandela Washington Fellow- President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative; 2015 VV Lead Fellow and 2015 Global Laureate Fellow.

The Dream Hub Project, through Baboloki's direction, has developed partnerships with law enforcement agencies, local resource and advocacy groups, and University groups to promote a comprehensive and coordinated response to tackling gender based violence at the individual, community, and societal levels.

Award Category: The Future Awards Africa Prize in Education

Josephine Marie Godwyll

29 years

Ghana

Josephine Marie Godwyll believes in inculcating the interest in technology in young Africans right at their formative stage. Driven by the passion of volunteerism and innovative technology, she is the founder and coordinator of Young At Heart Ghana.

Her team has spearheaded a total of 12 technology outreaches organized to targeted rural areas in the Ashanti, Eastern and Greater Accra Regions in Ghana. The Technology outreaches have impacted over a thousand school children in rural schools and have made a huge difference as over 90% of the school children before the outreach, had never personally interacted with computers.

Godwyll seeks to champion the extension of technology outreaches to other African villages and she dreams of an Africa driven by technical innovators. Her efforts have been recognized by The Ghana Institute of Engineers (GHIE) and Tigo/Reach for Change Ghana who have awarded her the awards in the categories of Excellence in Engineering and People's Choice Awards for Digital Change Makers respectively.

She is also the founder an innovative group called "Team JESKI" a team that creates useful technologically inclined products aimed at solving problems which everyday people face. Projects worked on include an Emergency Response Information System (ERIS) for hostels on University campuses.

Abena Agyemang

29 years

Ghana

Abena Agyemang, is the national director of School Partnerships, Families for Excellent Public Schools. In this capacity, she works closely with school leaders in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York in the US to provide families with access to the tools necessary to advocate for better schools in their communities. According to Forbes, Abena and others on the list are reinventing education and also causing great transformation in that sector.

Gyemang plays command center for all 120 Families for Excellent Schools' schools and partners, focusing on lifting charter school caps and mobilizing nearly 60,000 people for rallies over the year. “It's personal”, says the Tufts alum who once commuted three hours daily to school. "Kids should not have to travel as far as I did to get a good education."

As Chief of States, Abena manages Families for Excellent Schools’ parent organizing and school partnerships programs. Before joining Families for Excellent Schools, Abena completed her Master’s degree at Teachers College, Columbia University, while working at Hyde Leadership Charter School in the Bronx. Prior to Hyde and Teachers College, Abena lived in Spain and worked for the Ministry of Education in Madrid. She currently serves on the board of Yoga Foster, a program committed to bringing mindfulness into public schools across the county.

Cynthia Onwuchuruba

23 years

Nigeria

Cynthia Onwuchuruba has dedicated her life to improving education, leadership and community development through seminars, tutorials and provision of necessary facilities for schools.

In June 2015, she commissioned a block of four toilets and borehole which she built in a 24-year old Community Secondary School (CSS) located in Abuloma community Area of Port Harcourt, Rivers State. She has organized weekend tutorials for over 140 SS3 students preparing for their JAMB and WAEC Examinations, a dental program involving Glaxo Smith doctors, as well as several career development programs.

Born 29, January 1992, Onwuchuruba attended the Nnamdi Azikiwe University where she graduated with a first class honours, as the best graduating student from the Mathematics department. She is a recipient of the 2014 Future Africa Leaders Award (FALA).

On the 25th of May 2015, she was certified by the Royal Commonwealth society as an Associate Fellow for commitment to promoting the values of the commonwealth and working to improve the lives and prospects of commonwealth citizens.

Lily Kudzro

29years

Ghana

Lily Kudzro is the CEO of Devio Arts Center. A social entrepreneur, Kudzro believes that children and young people can create and inspire their own future and can become change-makers in their communities. She makes use of creative and imaginative ways to introduce students and schools to practical visual arts application. A strong advocate for attitude and policy change towards improving the overall quality of STEAM education in African schools, Kudzro hopes to impact 100,000 African students within the next 5 years.

With a passion for creative arts, Kudzro recognized the sincere gap in the educational structures of Ghana for children to explore and realize their artistic potential.

The Devio Arts Centre, a social enterprise initiative, uses creative and digital art as a catalyst, to stimulate constructive learning and creative thinking in Ghanaian children. The center tackles creativity in communities and helps to build creative life skills through programs that bring experts from the working field, and makes use of technology to engage and train students on current trends.

Devio Arts through its programs has provided transformational impact by providing infrastructure, resources and inclusive access to children from disadvantaged backgrounds to engage in creative and digital arts, reaching over 1700 children since 2014.

Maccathy Lomotey

28 years

Ghana

Lomotey is a student of Tamale Polytechnic, an entrepreneur and co-Founder of Hopin Academy, a social enterprise that grew out of a growing frustration with the existing educational system in Ghana.

Hopin, based both on personal experience with self-directed learning as well as exposure to many kinds of technology for learning has trained 90 local participants. Hopin collects the best content and tools from the internet and mobile content and combines it with a strong local learning community where participants can learn individually and collectively via, coaching, peer to peer learning, mentoring, project-based learning and experimental processes.

Lomotey is also an active member of a vibrant youth networking organization in Ghana called Barcamp Ghana.

AWARD CATEGORY: The Future Awards Africa Prize in Enterprise Support

Clarisse Iribagize

Rwanda

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Iribagize is a 26 year old Rwandan lady with a passion for the ICT business. She is the CEO of Hehe Ltd; a mobile computing technology company.

A graduate of Computer Engineering and Information Technology from the Kigali Institute of Science and Technology, Iribagize was in her 3rd year when she and a team of 3 other students from the same learning institution conceived Hehe Ltd. Hehe Ltd's main goal is to change Africa as a whole, by making it an ICT society. It achieves this by developing products that increases the flow of information to people through enterprise, education and public sector participation.

Hehe.com enables more than 80 SMEs to interact with their customers while on the go. This is enabled via mobile and web based platforms conducting extensive marketing campaign geared towards meeting the businesses' goals of establishing a superior brand loyalty and growing their customer base. There is also a digital platform that enables Girl Hub Rwanda through the NiNyampinga project which motivates more than 12,000 girls to achieve their goals.

Iribagize is actively engaged in promoting tech entrepreneurship through iHills which is an association of Rwandan youths in ICT that helps tech-startups. She accomplishes this by being a member of a Think Tank member of the World Entrepreneurship Forum's Global Shapers Kigali Chapter.

Enow Awah Georges Stevens

21 years

Cameroon

Enow Awah Georges is a Cameroonian medical student, community leader and health personnel who has coordinated and implemented extensive work on comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), feminist and youth leadership, HIV and AIDS, advocacy, policy engagement, project management, peer education and capacity building.

He works in rural communities by distributing free menstrual materials to vulnerable women and ladies in local rural communities in Cameroon, educates them on how to manage their monthly menstrual flow and advocate for the rights of these women,

With his team of five medical personnel, he has covered up to 40 communities in a period of 3 months, helped over 300 women as the team leader for the women health's program in February 2015, educated over 700 ladies and provided free menstrual pads in place of the rags being used commonly in the community.

Olufunbi Falayi

29 years

Nigeria

Falayi is a Computer Science & Economics graduate of Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria who has previously worked as the Project Lead in the CSR department of Mit-Glauben Engineering Ltd (IT section). Olufunbi, has since helped launch a privately owned and managed vocational training institution, Southern Business Academy Lagos. Olufunbi is a co-founder of Project 4 (an education non-profit organization).

Passion Incubator provides immense support to focused individuals by helping young technology entrepreneurs build their businesses from scratch. In the one year Passion Incubator has been in existence, it has helped different dreams become established businesses.

As co-founder of Passion Incubator, Falayi is very driven to help his people and his country thrive in the technology and business sector. One of his main goals is to help his clients turn their business ideas into successful results. Recent successes with clients include Warra Cakes and Talking Books. With Warra Cakes, he helped developed a middle-ware platform for consumers to order sweets and bakeries from different suppliers of bakers. And with Talking Books, he is turning all Nigerian literature and books into audio books.

Catherine Mahugu

Kenyan

27 years

The Soko solution, founded in 2012 by Catherine Mahugu transforms the mobile phone into a tool that expands access to economic opportunity for artisans in underserved communities, disrupting the traditional export supply chain to revolutionize the way money and goods are transacted into peer-to-peer and business-to-business exchange. This new technology revolutionizes international trade by using technology facilitation to cut out the traditional middlemen, reducing logistical costs and increasing profits for artisans.

Soko was created by women for women to help fashion a better world through the equitable direct trade of goods between artisans in the developing world and web consumers worldwide. Working at the bottom of the pyramid communities around the world, Soko leverages technology and existing infrastructure in an innovative way to create a platform to enable any talented artisan to participate in international trade.

There are presently over 1000 artisans in the Soko Commmunity. An average of product sold per artisan is 1090. In 2014/15, the numbers of female working with Soko increased by 74 percent.

Catherine Mahugu who has been recognized as one of Forbes' Most Promising Young Entrepreneurs in Africa (2015) is involved in various ICT for Development projects including Stanford University and Nokia Africa Research Center Design Projects focused on building mobile applications targeting informal communities.

Venuste Kubwimana

29 years

Kenya

Kubwimana was born and grew up in a rural, impoverished family of seven siblings in the Southern province of Rwanda. After losing his entire family between 1994 and 1999, he was forced to look for a job to meet his needs but no one would give an unknown boy a stable job. The frustrations he went through stoked the passion to create opportunities for fellow youths.

In 2009 with support of fellow East African youth, Kubwimana established International Transformation Foundation (www.itfsecretariat.org) as a youth platform to harness creativity. ITF provides jobs; offers security, opportunities to grow, and contributes to the development of communities.

The Join the Pipe project (JTP) is the first micro-credit project in schools across Kenya for people to access clean tap water whenever possible. It consists of financing community

schools to set up JTP water kiosk at school. The kiosk is managed by the students with multiple benefits.

Between January 1st till 30th June 2015, 7 water kiosks have been built providing clean water to 26909 students and 62528 People across Kenya at affordable price.

Kubwimana won the 2015 Pan-African award for entrepreneurship in Education.

AWARD CATEGORY: The Future Awards Africa Prize in Community Action

Edmund Duodu Atweri

27 years

Ghana

Through his non-profit, Divine Mother and Child Foundation, Atweri has been able to organize free health screening for over 15000 persons on Malaria, Syphilis, Hepatitis B, Hypertension, Diabetes, Anaemia, Typhoid fever, Blood groupings, body mass index, breast cancer and eye.

Atweri has through the foundation, been able to pay for hospital bills for the poor and needy which estimates about $6000.00. Surgeries like suprahyoid colopharyngoplasty, radiotherapy, plastic surgery, glaucoma surgery were done for the needy.

Renovations of health center and donations were also done in one of the rural communities in Ghana and sponsored by the Ghana Health Service and the regional coordinating council in eastern region of Ghana.

Atweri has also dabbled in educational support by paying school fees and providing support for widows.

Kelvin Mutize

27 years

Zimbabwe

Kelvin Mutize volunteers in the world's largest psychosocial programme for children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS, Champions for Life started in 2005 in Harare, Zimbabwe by Tom and Bonnie Deuschle and spear headed by physician Dr Andrew Reid. The programme has had more than 15,000 children in sub-Saharan Africa receive the emotional, moral and physical support required.

Kelvin Mutize, a young leader who has travelled to more than six of these sub-Saharan nations to see the programme launched all at his own expense has served Champions for Life for close to eight years now as an unpaid volunteer and is one of the key leaders in the organization.

Mutize has travelled and set up Champions for Life programmes in South Africa, Zambia, Malawi, Botswana, Namibia, Mozambique, Lesotho, Swaziland and Uganda. He has started his own organization called Tehillah Media that seeks to empower youths living with HIV/AIDS with internet based skills that will enable them to generate income. To date he has successfully built a team of four key leaders who develop websites and have started their own Youtube channels to tutor others.

Mutize's community building efforts were recognized by President Barack Obama when he was invited to attend the Mandela-Washington Young Leaders six week programme in the USA in June/Aug 2015.

Elijah Amoo Addo

25 years

Ghana

Elijah Amoo Addo for the best 6 years has been recovering food that goes to waste along the food supply chain to feed less privileged people including the mentally ill, aged, street kids and vulnerable in society. Through his Feast of Hope project, he has fed over 20,000 less privileged people in Ghana.

In the year 2015, he launched the Food for All Ghana campaign, a project he aims to use to build Food recovery banks across West Africa and Africa in the next 5 years. His organization through his Chefs for Change Ghana Foundation has initiated the 1st West Africa food for all conference scheduled for October 2015 and intends to make a Guinness World Record for the longest Charity dinner table on a UN World food day.

Felix Richard Manyogote

24 years

Tanzania

Felix Manyogote is a social entrepreneur and medical student at Weill Bugando School of Medicine (CUHAS-BUGANDO) dedicating his life to help others especially those in vulnerable communities. He has been committed to creating a positive change in his community by integrating poverty reduction, eco protection and community health projects.

He founded an organization called Child In Action Foundation, an NGO which is aimed at improving the lives of women and children in vulnerable communities with the approach of "Knowledge first" to access health for development.

In 2015, Manyogote ran two projects; MAMA AFYA (MAMA Delivery KIT) aimed at providing free maternal and new born health services and Speak out cancer (Project PINK) an initiative that works to provide free breast and cervical cancer awareness, free screening services, psychosocial care and support for cancer patients and their families.

Through these projects, Manyogote distributes free clean delivery and new born kits and develops an effective line distribution that will see women in Tanzania connected to life savings irrespective of their location thus help to eradicate maternal and child mortality rates.

Endorsed by the government of Tanzania as a brand innovator for improving lives of vulnerable communities, Manyogote has also been working to tackle prevalent issues among

women such as female genital mutilation, early marriages and promotion of girls' education through well designed activities, forums ,public awareness campaigns and households visits.

Daniel Nii Adom Oodnkor

30 years

Ghana

Daniel Nii Adom Oodnkor's Webykids (www.webykids.com) has been able to support over 10,000 youngster, parents, teachers and over 50 schools and communities across Ghana. Webykids project envisions a world where all youngsters, no matter where they live, have the opportunity to become educated, healthy, safe, counted and positioned to be the next generation of leaders.

Through community outreach programmes such as workshops, vacation camps and after school programmes, Oodnkor has been able to introduce underprivileged girls to basic programming skills. Between 2012 and early 2015, over 50 youth empowerment programmes have been carried out in the following thematic areas: education; child protection; health and nutrition, sanitation and youth participation.

AWARD CATEGORY: The Future Awards Africa Prize in Technology

Rasheeda Mandeeya Yehuza

25 years

Ghana

25 year-old Rasheeda Mandeeya Yehuza is passionate about technology and how society can apply it to improve development in Ghana and Africa at-large. Yehuza currently works as a software engineer at VOTO Mobile, which provides a platform to amplify the voice of the under-heard and under-represented via a mobile phone notification and survey platform.

In 2013, Rasheeda founded Nasara Tech Ltd, a technology-focused company that creates solutions to problems identified in local communities, and accordingly can be applied worldwide. She has led and managed the development of Nasara Tech's two in-house products, Nasara Mobile and The Nasara Voting System, as well as custom application projects for specific client needs. With her keen knowledge of technology and programming, she has also built computer games such as Buju Hunt and Sphere Attack and has developed desktop applications, including the snapso shutdown manager and web browser as freewares which can be found on softpedia.

Rasheeda is very passionate about youth development and as a result, is an active member and organizer of the GhanaThink Foundation programs; Barcamp Kumasi and 'Kumasi Konnect', both of which bring together young Ghanaians to learn about the issues that affect them, generate ideas for development, network and partner with others who have similar interests to improve or create businesses and projects.

As part of her commitment to social entrepreneurship, Rasheeda co-founded Tech Needs Girls Ghana, an interactive workshop for girls in Ghana. The workshop involves a hands-on session where girls learn to develop mobile and web applications, interact with software that teaches them more about STEM, and provides mentoring for female technologists. Rasheeda has instructed and mentored at several Tech Needs Girls events and has spoken at youth and girl education camps around Ghana to help raise the awareness for females in information technology.

Joshua Ihejiamaizu

23 years

Nigeria

Twenty three -year-old Joshua Ihejiamaizu is a Nigerian techpreneur, designer (web, graphics, UI/UX) and innovator who has been involved in several digital health projects in Nigeria. In

partnership with Johnson Okorie, he released the HealthMobile app which is projected to be the Wikipedia of Health related matters.

Ihejiamaizu has worked on several mobile application projects in different sectors - health, enterprise communication, space exploration and mobile money. He won the NASA Space Apps Challenge Nigeria in 2014 after building an Android Space application during the three-day hackathon. Prior to the release of HealthMobile, Ihejiamaizu and his partner designed and launched The HealthBook Project on campus in April 2013. It was an application for Blackberry and Java devices that helped students on campus diagnose malaria and typhoid, and to help them see which diseases were spreading on campus in order to take action.

The HealthBook Project was a huge success and gained attention globally, including being named as a semi-finalist for the 2013 Anzisha Prize for Social Innovation. His ultimate goal is to create a 'Wikipedia for health' that fosters preventive medicine through timely information to different medical conditions everywhere in the world.

Abiola Olaniran

26 years

Nigeria

Abiola Olaniran is the Founder and CEO of Gamsole, one of the most successful game developers in Nigeria on the Windows Phones and PC platforms in terms of game downloads and gross revenues.

Within six months of launch on the Windows Phone Store, over three million people from all over the world had played Gamesole's games. As at February 2015, Gamsole's games have been downloaded over 10 million times across 25 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. Gamsole has created more than 35 games, and releases new titles every month. Gamsole's investors and partners are 88mph and Microsoft.

Abiola studied computer science and mathematics at the Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife, Nigeria. He was the winner of the Microsoft Imagine Cup software competition 2010

Nigeria, earning a place on the team that represented Nigeria at the world finals in Warsaw, Poland. In the same year, he was the winner of the Samsung Nigeria Developer Challenge in the games and entertainment category.

In January 2015, Forbes listed Abiola as one of Africa's most promising entrepreneurs.

Duran De Villiers

30 years

South Africa

De Villiers is the founder of SteadiDrone, a South Africa-based company that develops and manufactures advanced small unmanned aerial multi-rotor systems for a wide range of applications and industries.

SteadiDrone, which only last year completed its first financial year and recorded more than R14-million in revenue, is the brainchild of De Villiers and his wife, Alexa. The company effectively began as nothing more than a couple with a PC and some big ideas.

After completing high school in Knysna, De Villiers worked as a waiter, teaching himself graphic design and creating his media production house, MotionPixel.

Having always nursed an interest in electronics, De Villiers acquired the necessary components, bought a 3D printer, and set about designing his own drones. With its distinctive branding, significantly lower costs, and the advantages of being foldable and capable of carrying multiple payloads, SteadiDrone took off.

SteadiDrone won the Step Up awards last year and was shortlisted to participate in UStart in Milan recently. It also recently participated in the 2014 AUVSI expo in Orlando, US.

Arthur Zang

27 years

Cameroon

Arthur Zang, a 27 year-old Cameroonian engineer, has invented the Cardiopad, a touch screen medical tablet that enables heart examinations such as the electrocardiogram (ECG) to be performed at remote, rural locations while the results of the test are transferred wirelessly to specialists who can interpret them. The device spares African patients living in remote areas the trouble of having to travel to urban centers to seek medical examinations.

Zang grew up in Mbankomo, a town 22 kilometres from Cameroon's capital, Yaoundé that had no running water and intermittent electricity supply. While in the University studying Computer Engineering in Yaoundé, Zang became fascinated by the potential of computers to change lives. From his disadvantaged beginnings, he drew the motivation to solve problems that would leave humanity better off. Conscious of the rising toll from heart disease caused by changing lifestyles and the difficulty of getting a reliable early diagnosis – especially in rural communities – he has designed a robust, portable, low-cost way to measure heart health, anywhere, any time. In 2014, his invention inspired U.S. business magazine Forbes to list Zang among the 30 most promising entrepreneurs in Africa.

AWARD CATEGORY: The Future Awards Africa Prize in Entertainment

Olamide "Badoo" Adedeji

26 years

Nigeria

Olamide's road to fame is one for the history books. Not too long ago, he was a regular kid growing up in Bariga, at the Heart of Lagos Mainland. His talent and doggedness got him the right notices and in 2010, he hit the ground running with his first hit single, Eni duro. He has gone on to release 4 commercially successful studio albums as well as a collaborative record with fellow indigenous rapper Phyno.

Olamide raps in a unique blend of Yoruba and English with lyrics that are at once playful and punchy. He has emerged in the last five decades as one of the most prolific and commercially viable artistes on the continent. With numerous hit singles and albums, Olamide has been able to crossover into mainstream circles.

A businessman and label boss, Olamide's YBNL label and artiste management outfit manages his career and has introduced fast rising acts such as Lil Kesh, Viktoh, Chinko Ekun and Adekunle Gold.

Yemi Alade

26 years

Nigeria

Yemi Eberechi Alade is a Nigerian Afro pop singer. She came into the limelight after winning the *Peak Talent Show* in 2009 and is best known for her hit single "Johnny"

Born in Abia State, Nigeria, Alade made her debut in a girl group named Noty Spices and in 2012, was signed to music label Effyzzie Music Group.

In the last quarter of 2013, Yemi Alade broke records when the single, "Johnny", produced by Selebobo, was released. The dance number received major critical acclaim and became an instant smash hit, topping and dominating countless music charts across the globe.

Alade has featured on the covers of a number of magazines and has performed around the world, sharing the stage with Mary J. Blige, Shina Peters, M.I, Wizkid, Becca, May D, Waje and Yemi Sax. She headlined the Super Diva's Nite at the 2013 Calabar Festival, and also was called upon to open the 2013 edition of the televised Headies Awards ceremony (popularly referred to as the "Nigerian Grammys") with an electrifying performance.

The music video for "Johnny,"directed by Clarence Peters was released in March 2014 to critical acclaim and now has more than 16 million views on VeVo/YouTube. ".

She released her debut album, *King of Queens*, on 2 October 2014 and embarked on a promotional tour.

Vanessa Mdee

27 years

Tanzania

Vanessa Mdee started her career as a VJ with MTV in Dar es Salaam. Afterwards, she joined Carol and Kule to host the Coca Cola Chart Express. By 2008, Mdee had established herself in Tanzania and around the continent, hosting shows in Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya, Mozambique, Angola, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

On 26 March 2015, Vanessa Mdee released her hit single *Nobody But Me* where she collaborated with heavy hitting South African rapper K.O

On May 13, 2015 Vanessa Mdee joined forces with arguably seven of Africa's most popular songstresses for the ONE mission,- Celebrating girl power.-The campaign is calling on world leaders to put girls and women in the forefront in 2015.

In 2015, Mdee was nominated for Tanzania's Choice awards, MTV Africa Music Awards and won the African Muzik Magazine Awards for Best Female Artiste in East Africa.

Refiloe Maele "Cassper Nyovest" Phoolo

25 years

South Africa

Cassper Nyovest is a South African recording artist and record producer currently signed to his own independent label and Media Company.

Nyovest grew up in Montshiwa in Mafikeng, the capital city of the North West province and started rapping when he was in grade 6, at the age of 12. At age 16, he decided to drop out of high school and relocated to Johannesburg the following year to pursue a career in music as a rapper.

In 2013, he released "Gusheshe" as the first official single from his debut album, *Tsholofelo*. The single was well received and playlisted across various radio stations in South Africa. It was accompanied by a music video which premiered on Vuzu's V-Entertainment.

After "Gusheshe", Nyovest released his second single titled "Doc Shebeleza" which saw him gain major success. The song peaked at number 4 on South Africa's official music chart. The song received positive reviews from the public and other South African acts including Yvonne Chaka Chaka.

Nyovest announced that he was planning to headline a concert at South Africa's Ticket Pro Dome billed as "Fill Up the Dome". The concert would also double as the release of his sophomore album, *Refiloe*.

On October 25, 2015, Nyovest announced on his official Twitter account that tickets to Fill up the Dome sold out. Each purchased ticket to the upcoming concert comes with a complimentary copy of his much anticipated upcoming sophomore album *Refiloe*, which each concert goer will receive on October 31, 2015. *Refiloe* is expected to be certified Gold by the Recording Industry of South Africa for shipments of 20,000 copies on its opening weekend.

Anne Kansiime

28 years

Uganda

Anne Kansiime, is an entertainer, comedienne, and actress. She has been referred to as East Africa's Queen of Comedy by some media outlets. Her comical journey took her from Theatre Factory where she made her debut to Fun Factory where she is currently retained. The group plays every Thursday evening at Uganda's national Theatre. She also co-

presented the MiniBuzz series on NTV where she provided comic video dramatizations of topical issues that random passengers discussed in the taxi.

As of November 2014, Kansiime's YouTube channel had amassed more than 15 million views and she has appeared on BBC Focus on Africa. She has played to packed houses in Blantyre, Gaborone, Kigali, Kuala Lumpur, Lagos, Lilongwe, London and Lusaka.

In 2014, Kenyan based Citizen TV offered her a slot to produce and present a comedy show once a week. The TV show titled 'Don't Mess With Kansiime' was well received by both Kenyan and Ugandan viewers.

AWARD CATEGORY: The Future Awards Africa Prize in Agriculture

Witness Sanga

29 years

Tanzania

Witness Sanga organized and inspired more than 1500 women farmers to become local entrepreneurs. The savings from the businesses were used to rescue children from becoming child laborers in a tobacco farming area in Tabora region of Tanzania.

Sanga has organized women in groups, making use of group strength to support the very disadvantaged women. These women were able to send their children to school while saving disposable cash income at the same time. The women grew different crops, which were sold, and the surplus ploughed into training the women to process and add value, thereby improving the food security of the households.

Sanga's commitment to the work has inspired many of the poor illiterate women in these forgotten areas to become financially dependent.

David Asiamah

27 years

Ghana

David Asare Asiamah is extremely passionate about the development of a new generation of African youth with the requisite capacity to exploit the diverse opportunities in Agriculture as an avenue for sustainable employment and food security.

Agro Mindset which was created while David was in his 3rd Year on campus has imparted positively in the lives of over 7000 young students both in Ghana and beyond through its innovative and creative programmes like agribusiness outreach programmes, field trainings, farm business development, entrepreneurial workshops and symposia.

David's understanding of agribusiness and entrepreneurship has earned him the opportunity to speak on several platforms in Ghana and other African countries like Nigeria. In recognition of his outstanding contribution to youth involvement in Agriculture, Agro Mindset won the 2013 edition of the Ghana UK Based Award (GUBA) on Invest in Africa Sustainable Business Award.

The project kicked off with the Farm, which has so far sold over a million eggs to the Ghanaian populace. This farm has also generated employment to people and families even as Asiamah continues to challenge a generation of people to go into agriculture.

FANKA A YENAH

28 years

Cameroon

Fanka A. Yenah has opened a Non-Governmental Organization & agricultural cooperative called Rural Agricultural Development Initiative (RADI) which is bridging the gap between smallholder farmers and research by focusing on new soil fertility measures, which are biological and chemical to help farmers to determine soil fertility and what further steps to take.

This year, Yenah has innovated a new organic fertilizer called Super-Limax from local raw materials. This organic fertilizer is environmental friendly and climate-smart as it would increase the soil organic carbon content and reduce greenhouse gas emissions during this era of climate change. It is cost-effective and affordable for all farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Momarr Mass Taal

27 years

Gambia

Momarr Mass Taal is the founder of Tropingo, an agro processing company involved in groundnut and mango value addition with focus on social inclusion and value chain development. Tropingo employs 100 seasonal staff, 70% of whom are women.

It's Out-grower program supported by the World Bank trains rural farmers in financial literacy and basic business management in order to gradually integrate their business into the formal economy. Tropingo also gives suppliers opportunity to grow from raw materials suppliers into semi processors, by providing tools and skills required to process raw material which is purchased by Tropingo Foods at a higher price.

Momarr Mass Taal is an gavid social entrepreneur recognized by the World Bank, UNDP, US State Department (GES2015), GEIPA, Ministry of Trade and the ministry of agriculture for his intervention in agriculture value chain development in The Gambia. Momarr Mass Taal is also involved in various non-profit initiatives including Ebola free Gambia and WEF global shapers where he serves as the curator for the Banjul hub. He is also involved in community development, charity, mentorship and impact investing in The Gambia with a vision to expand his program across the Continent. He is part of a new generation of Africans who believe that we must take control of our agricultural systems for food sustainability.

Lawrence Afere

32 years

Nigeria

Lawrence Afere, is an organic farmer and founder of Springboard Nigeria, a social enterprise that uses organic farming and healthy food production to create meaningful and responsible work for rural and semi urban youth in Ondo State, Nigeria. Presently, Springboard has over 200 members within its network of organic farmers and village entrepreneurs.

Springboard farmers grow plantain, banana, vegetables, pepper, corn, pineapple and pawpaw. They also convert their plantain into organic plantain chips. Afere envisions a nation where everyone has access to fresh, local, healthy, affordable food and communities feel connected to the land and each other and where rural and semi-urban youth are active leaders in the area of organic farming and healthy food production.

AWARD CATEGORY: The Tony O. Elumelu Prize in Business

Samuel Malinga

26 years

Uganda

Samuel Malinga's team has developed a mechanism to address the entire faecal sludge management chain. They have developed a new modular latrine called DuraSan (made up of durable, interlocking, precast concrete blocks), a low-cost pit emptying pump called a Rammer, primary transportation devices (Grappler, handcart & Shlifter), and a Decentralized Faecal Sludge Treatment System (DFSTS).

The modular toilet is usually constructed in 2-3 days depending on the number of stances. It is long-lasting, and avoids the common problems of other latrines arising from poor workmanship, delays by masons and over-charging. The Rammer makes it possible for full pits (both lined and unlined) in informal settlements to be emptied in an acceptable sanitary manner.

The DFSTS is made up of rota-mould plastic tanks for treatment of faecal sludge in areas lacking treatment plants. Together, this suite of technologies provides affordable quality sanitation services to different communities / individuals, improving hygiene and reducing faecal-related diseases.

Malinga was shortlisted for the Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation and in Kampala, other entrepreneurs have entered into the pit emptying business using the technology pioneered by Malinga and his team.

Kasope Ladipo-Ajai

28 years

Nigeria

OmoAlata is a Nigerian food service brand focused on the production and sale of hygienically processed and packaged local Nigerian spice & pepper. Since Kasope started the business in 2012, OmoAlata uses only farm fresh peppers in preparation of all its pepper mix. This mix does not contain any food coloring or artificial preservatives and it is packed under hygienic conditions with a strict quality assurance policy. The product is registered by The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC).

In 2015, Kasope Ladipo-Ajai emerged winner of the She Leads Africa 2015 Pitch Competition as Nigeria's first NAFDAC approved 100% organic packaged blended peppermix.

Evans Wadongo

29 years

Nairobi

Evans Wadongo invented the first African designed solar lamp, Mwangabora at 19 years, and later formed a social enterprise, Sustainable Development for All, through which he has

created direct impact to over 300,000 people. He then set up GreenWize Energy Ltd that is designing and developing cutting edge renewable energy solutions, made by Africans for Africa.

GreenWize Energy Limited is an innovative and fast growing for profit energy social enterprise based in Sub Saharan Africa. GreenWize seeks to introduce innovative green energy products and solutions that beat competitors in the African market on originality, pricing, reliability in performance, ease of use, customization, and excellent support services. This for-profit venture builds upon the successful non-profit social entrepreneurship venture being implemented by Sustainable Development for All (SDfA), also founded by Evans Wadongo.

Wadongo has received global recognition including Outstanding Social Entrepreneur in Africa and CNN Hero, among others. He was also named by UK Esquire Magazine among the 20 men who will shape the next 20 years. Evans is also an angel investor in new innovative ideas by young people, helping create the next generation of African innovators and entrepreneurs.

Titus Mawano

24 Years

Uganda

Ugandan Titus Mawano is the 24-year-old entrepreneur behind Ffene, an award-winning business management platform for African small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that assists with accounting, customer and inventory management.

Ffene is a business platform designed to improve efficiency in African, and global businesses. It aims to provide a powerful low cost solution to facilitate various business processes. Currently, users can manage customer relations, product inventory, expenses, sales/invoicing and access relevant business analytics. As a web based platform, this data is

available anywhere in the world at any time. In order to provide deeper customization, apps are planned to enable industry specific functionality.

Ffene is somewhat of a one stop shop for SME's who desire to be more organized and keep up with Technology developments. Ffene presently serves about 600 companies and the software runs on both desktop and mobile devices.

Ali-shah Jivraj

27 years

Uganda

Jivraj, a 27 year-old third generation Asian-Ugandan entrepreneur is unarguably one of Africa's most successful young entrepreneurs. He is the founder and CEO of Royal Electronics, a $15 million (annual revenues) Ugandan company that assembles and distributes electronic home appliances such as Television sets, radios, speakers, and DVD players.

Jivraj was born into one of Uganda's most legendary business dynasties. His grandfather, Merali Jivraj, was one of the richest and most influential businessmen in the pre-Idi Amin era, with extensive interests in mining and agribusiness in western Uganda.

But in 1972, the Jivraj family lost almost everything when the Ugandan President at the time, Idi Amin, expelled all Asians and Ugandans of Asian descent in an ethnic cleansing and Jivraj had to build his fortune almost from scratch.

He owns a real estate firm which is developing high-end residential apartments in two of Kampala's toniest residential areas, and he is setting up a battery manufacturing plant in the country of Burundi, in Southeast Africa.

AWARD CATERGORY: The Future Awards Africa Prize in Public Service

Nkechi Okwuone

27 years

Nigeria

In her capacity as open data manager of the Edo state open data portal, Nkechi Okwuone has been one of the fore runners of transparency and citizen participation in governance and economic development.

Apart from managing the release of data for public use, the previous TFAA nominee also champions a foremost community, Sabihub where she encourages and trains entrepreneurs, CSOs, NGOs and journalists to use open data to solve social problems.

Currently, she is a 2015 School of Data Fellow in Nigeria, an initiative of Open Knowledge that works to empower civil society organizations, journalists and citizens with the skills they need to use data effectively. She is known to regularly organize data literacy events for non-state actors in collaboration with school of data and Sabihub to hold data awareness and engagement sessions with CSOs, entrepreneurs and Journalists within Nigeria and Africa.

She has trained over 120 CSOs, journalists, government officials and entrepreneurs in 2015 (within and outside Nigeria) on using open data for economic development and currently mentors 2 civic engagement startups in Edo state- Eco-future and Open data companion.

She is a member of the highly esteemed open data Institute - Open Data Leaders Network (ODLN), 2015

Obiefule Iroabueke

30 years

Nigeria

Obiefule Iroabueke is currently an Assistant General Manager (Business Development and Investment) at the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA). Iroabueke returned to Nigeria from a stint at HSBC Bank Plc in the United Kingdom.

He was employed as Special Assistant (Financial Strategy) to the Hon. Minister of Aviation where he worked in several committees and initiated various developmental projects within the Nigerian Aviation Industry.

One of his notable achievements would be the success he achieved while working as a Special Assistant to the Honourable Minister of Aviation, where he was responsible for the Airport Cargo Terminal Project Initiative (Perishable Cargo Initiative) which focused on rural development especially in the area of empowering women and youths through agricultural (perishable) export. The initiative received wide applaud and recognition and a presidential endorsement.

The Perishable Cargo Project aimed to develop access roads, provide technological development, expedite rural access to international markets as well as also assist in the establishment of market-oriented infrastructure.

Iroabueke was responsible for general research, idea development, policy documents, business modelling, financial consultation and process refinement.

Emmanuel N. B. Flomo

27 years

Liberia

Emmanuel Flomo is a member of the President's Young Professional Program, the flagship program of the Liberian President, Madame Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, a youth capacity and public service program.

He was selected by the President based on his accomplishment at the Cuttington University while serving as a student leader. Flomo was assigned to the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning as a Budget Analyst working in the Economic Services Sector. In that

department, he worked on preparing budget for other ministries and agencies in Government, work plans, spending plans and managing the execution of the budgets.

Based on his performance, Flomo was appointed by the Finance Minister of Liberia as Budget Director for the Ministry of Commerce & Industry to help in their formulation and preparation of the ministry's budget while also providing guidance on the execution.

In April 2015, he was honored by the President of the Republic of Liberia for his outstanding performance at the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning.

Besides serving in the Government or in Public Service, Flomo was elected in February 2015 as the Vice President for International Affairs of the Liberia National Student Union (LINSU), the umbrella organization for all students in Liberia.

Lefatshe Anna Moagi

30 years

South Africa
Lefatshe Anna Moagi is a Lecturer at University of South Africa teaching a International Relations and Honors course to First/Second year students.

As part of her work with the WIPHOLD-Brigalia Bam Chair in Electoral Democracy, housed in UNISA's political science department, Moagi, in 2014 co-authored the book South Africa: Twenty Years Into Democracy – The March to the 2014 Elections.

The book provides perspectives on the political climate in South Africa in the wake of the country's 2014 elections and its impending celebration of twenty years of post-apartheid democracy. She was also a key organiser of UNISA's Election Observer Mission which deployed election observers throughout Gauteng during the 2014 national and provincial elections, promoting the university's commitment to electoral democratic participation in South Africa.

Sakaja Johnson

30 years

Kenya

Johnson is the National Chairman, The National Alliance (TNA); and in year 2013, was nominated as a Member of Parliament of the National Assembly of Republic of Kenya

In 2015, he sponsored the following bills in favor of the Kenyan youth - National Youth Employment Authority Bill which will establish job centers in all the 47 counties. It is charged with facilitating increased employment and internship with an emphasis to the youth and creating job centers across the country for registration and continuous job skills training. The Performing Arts Funds Bill which will lead to the establishment of an Arts Fund to help upcoming artists, and the Public Procurement and Disposal Bill which will push to legalize the implementation of the presidential declaration that 30 per cent of public procurement should go to the youth.

With his infectious zeal, Johnson's fight is for the creation of avenues and structures that will enable the youth to harness their potential.