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**Jumoke
Dada**

TAEILLO

Manufacturing



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Taeillo is a Nigerian Furniture and Lifestyle Brand, manufacturing furniture using local resources available with both local and modern technology.

For founder, Jumoke Dada, the goal was to create products that are contemporary and affordable but could rival imported ones, while using technology to improve furniture experiences.





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**Dare
Odumade**

Chekkit
ICT



Dare Odumade

Chekkkit
ICT

Dare Odumade is an avid innovator on a mission to make every tangible consumer product smarter, safer, and trackable. He is the Founder/CEO of Chekkkit, a company which helps to prevent millions of people from losing their lives yearly to counterfeit products.

Chekkkit develops anti-fake solutions and supply chain tracking services for consumer goods, electronics, automobile and pharmaceutical producers by leveraging Artificial Intelligence and block chain technology.



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**Che
Bruno**

Digifarms
Agriculture



Che Bruno

Digifarms
Agriculture

Che Azenyui Bruno is the founder of Digifarms, a Cameroonian tech-driven agribusiness providing eCommerce services to agricultural producers with a mission of ensuring food self-sufficiency for every African Citizen.

The platform currently has over 300+ farmers registered and incorporates the latest innovations in technology into the cultivation, processing, packaging, and marketing of agricultural products and cash crops in Cameroon.



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**Oluseun
Onigbinde**

Budgit
ICT

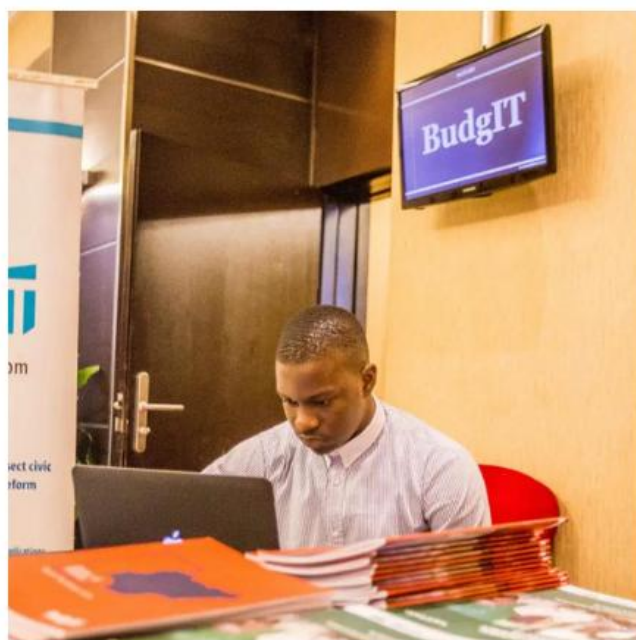


Oluseun Onigbinde

Budgit
ICT

Oluseun Onigbinde, an award-winning public data visualisation expert and open government advocate, is the director/co-founder of Budgit, the leading fiscal transparency & data visualization organization in Nigeria.

Since 2011, he has worked to strengthen fiscal transparency in Nigeria, building a reputation for public sector efficiency. The Nigerian civic startup provides access to a public data visualisation platform using visual intelligence, info-graphic display and online interface expertise to deliver data to citizens for actionable intelligence.



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Adereni
Abiodun

HelpMum
Health



Adereni Abiodun

HelpMum Health

In 2017, Dr. Adereni Abiodun started HelpMum to tackle maternal and infant mortality in remote rural areas in Nigeria.

HelpMum uses the power of mobile technology and low cost innovation to deliver lifesaving health information to pregnant women on their mobile phones, provide clean birth kits for women in deprived and underserved communities, remind women of their children's vaccination appointments through its vaccination tracking system and train community birth attendants using its E-Learning platform by providing HelpMum free mobile tablets.





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**Oduwa
Agboneni**

Neni's Autocare
Automotive

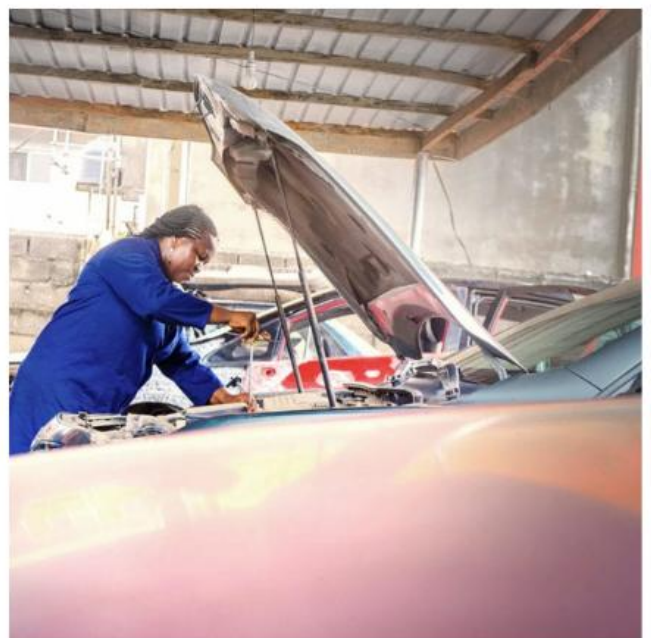


Oduwa Agboneni

Neni's Autocare Automotive

Oduwa Agboneni is a Mechanical engineer passionate about promoting a positive representation of women in Engineering. She founded Neni's Auto Care, a full-service automobile repair and maintenance company to create jobs for the unemployed youths in her community.

Her driving force is to increase the self-confidence of women through automotive care knowledge. Oduwa plans to set up an NGO to empower young ladies in STEM, and to see her business represented in all countries in Africa.





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**Kimberly
Addison**

'57 Chocolates
Manufacturing



Kimberly Addison

'57 Chocolates

Manufacturing

On a mission to show the world that quality chocolate can be produced in Ghana, sisters Kimberly and Priscilla Addison created '57 Chocolate, a pioneer artisanal bean to bar chocolate manufacturer in Ghana defined by creativity and luxury.

Founded in 2016, this growing business and brand, whose name is inspired by the year of Ghana's independence, is catering to not only a generation of aspirant future chocolatiers in the country but also the tastebuds of the world's chocolate lovers.





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Helina Teklu

Seedbomb Ethiopia
Environment



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Seedbomb Ethiopia Environment

Helina Teklu is an Ethiopian architect promoting the importance of involving African youth in actions related to climate change mitigation. She co-founded Seed Bomb Ethiopia, a seed ball manufacturing company that provides affordable, fast growing, light weight and easily to make seed balls, with the aim of increasing farmer's productivity and reforest the deforested parts of Ethiopia and Africa. She also co-founded Climate Change Africa (CCA), a platform for African youth to showcase their climate change adaptation and mitigation solutions in a bid to find more ways to fight climate change.





Moutawakilou Gounou

Gounou

Manufacturing



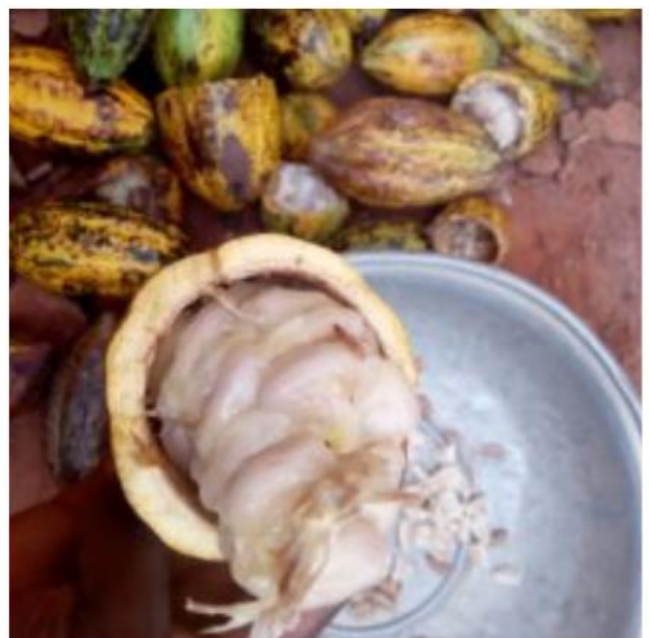
Moutawakilou Gounou

Gounou

Manufacturing

Moutawakilou Gounou is the founder of Gounou, a spread that is 100% made in Benin, which is successfully expanding its range and its distribution network focusing on quality product.

The raw materials of the product come from Beninese agriculture where women make up a significant part of the production basins and take part in the processing of cocoa and cashew nuts.





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**Chioma
Ogbudimkpa**

Redbutton
Fashion



Chioma Ogbudimkpa

Redbutton

Fashion

Chioma Ogbudimkpa, founder of Redbutton, focuses on workwear for the fashion-forward female professional, fusing African aesthetics, ecofriendly materials and art from all over the world.

With every piece, the brand places emphasis on African stories, powerful women and sustainability, and the brand's tailoring is done in Nigeria and sold globally online and in other local and international retail stores. With Redbutton, Chioma aims to project rare design innovation and modern African culture to the rest of the world.



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**Lilian
Nakigozi**

Women Smiles Uganda
Agriculture



Lilian Nakigozi

Women Smiles Uganda Agriculture

Lilian Nakigozi is a social entrepreneur and founder of Women Smiles Uganda. Growing up in Katanga slum, she experienced hunger and poverty at a young age with her family and decided to dedicate her knowledge and skills to avail women and young girls in underserved communities with platforms that enable them to grow crops for both food and livelihood in limited spaces, utilising vertical farming.

Her vision for Women Smiles is to provide 2 million women without land with vertical farms to practice agriculture.





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Okey
Esse

Powerstove
Energy



Okey Esse Powerstove Energy

Okey Esse is a visionary entrepreneur, determined to provide a long-lasting solution to thick smoke, unbearable heat and uncontrollable fires from the use of firewood for cooking.

Okey founded Powerstove, a smokeless, IoT enabled stove that uses 70% less charcoal to generate electricity and monitor, quantifies and monetize carbon offsets. Powerstove Energy also designs and manufactures the clean cookstove to burn wood pellets like gas and self-generate electricity to charge phones and electricity home.





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**Aisha
Ayensu**

Christie Brown
Fashion



Aisha Ayensu

Christie Brown Fashion

Aisha Ayensu is the Creative Director and CEO of the internationally acclaimed luxury fashion label, Christie Brown, which represents a taste of true neo-African culture in a chic modern and classic style.

The Ghanaian award-winning fashion designer is known to have designed outfits and stage costumes for Beyonce, Genevieve Nnaji, Jackie Appiah and Sandra "Alexandrina" Don-Arthur.





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Isaac
Sesi

Sesi Technologies
Agritech



Isaac Sesi

Sesi Technologies Agritech

Isaac Sesi is a Ghanaian entrepreneur and an engineer. He is the co-founder of Sesi Technologies, an AgriTech company that develops hardware and software solutions for farmers and agribusinesses in Africa.

His passion for STEM led him to also cofound Nsesa Foundation, a STEM non-profit whose programs have trained hundreds of high school students in electronics and computer programming and have reached over 300,000 people across the world since 2013.





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**Shamim
Kaliisa**

Chil Ai Lab
Health

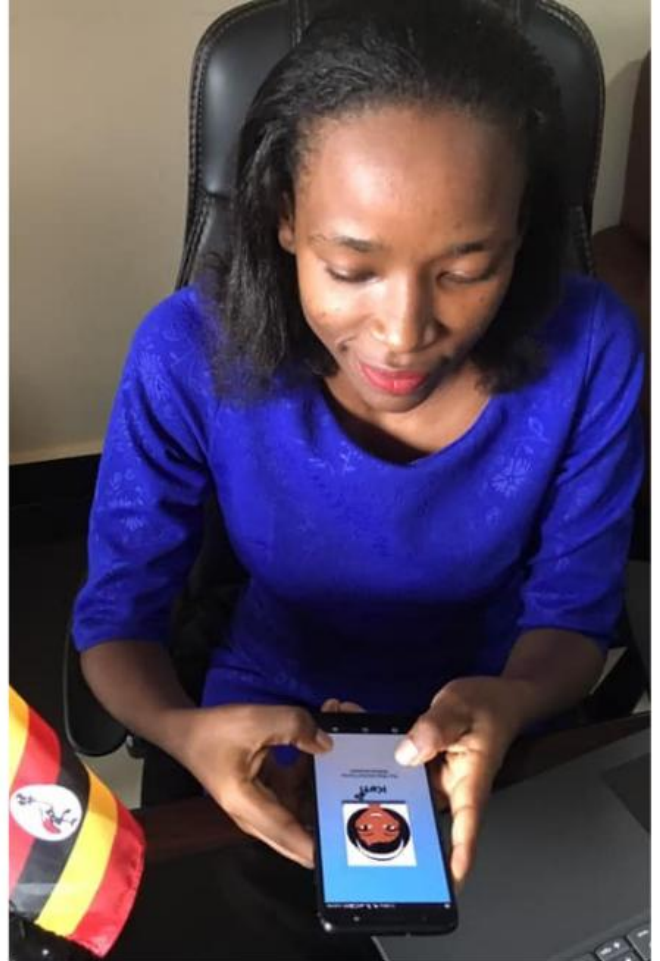


Shamim Kaliisa

Chil Ai Lab

Health

Shamim Nabuuma Kaliisa is a social entrepreneur, innovator and cancer survivor. She is the Founder and Executive Director of Chil Artificial Intelligence Lab [Chil AI Lab], which is using technology to change the lives of women in Uganda, through early cancer detection. One area of focus as a preventative measure is cervical cancer screening. A critical component to the company's mission, which also includes advocating for the health rights of the marginalised population, is access to health care. All health services are mobile, providing healthcare to rural regions of Uganda.



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**Nora
Chaynane**

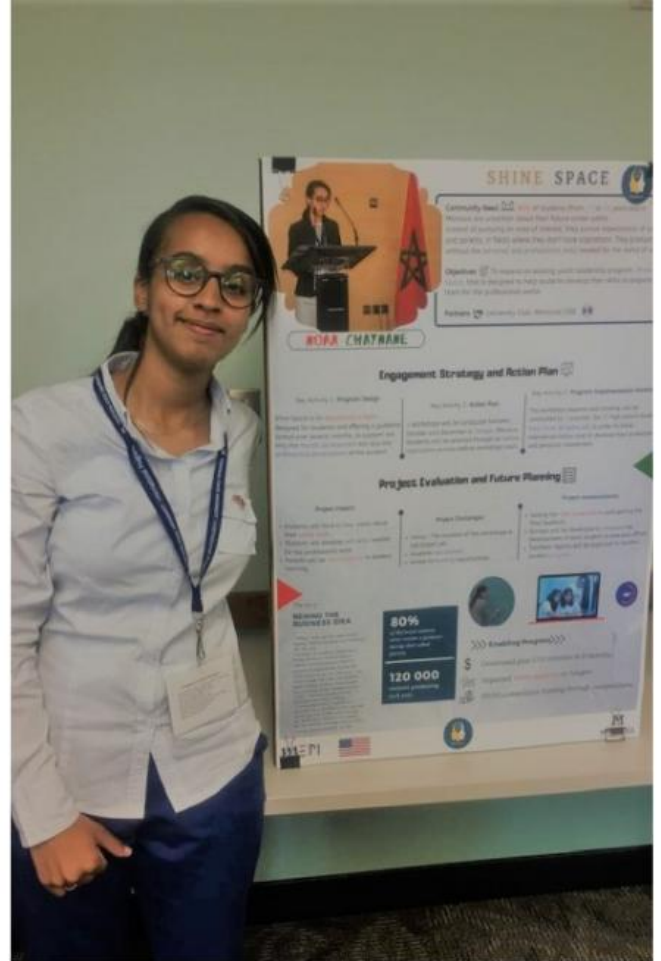
Shine Space
Education



Nora Chaynane

Shine Space Education

In Morocco, 80% of students between the age of 15 – 18 are uncertain about their future. As a result, they graduate without the personal and professional skills needed for the world of work. To tackle this growing silent crisis, Nora Chaynane founded Shine Space, Morocco's foremost socio-educational initiative to bridge the knowledge gap and guide students to finding the right career path. Shine space offers opportunities to students to prepare early and acquire technical and interpersonal skills, beyond what the schools provide, to meet the demands of today's world of work.





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**Bosun
Tijani**

Co-Creation Hub
ICT

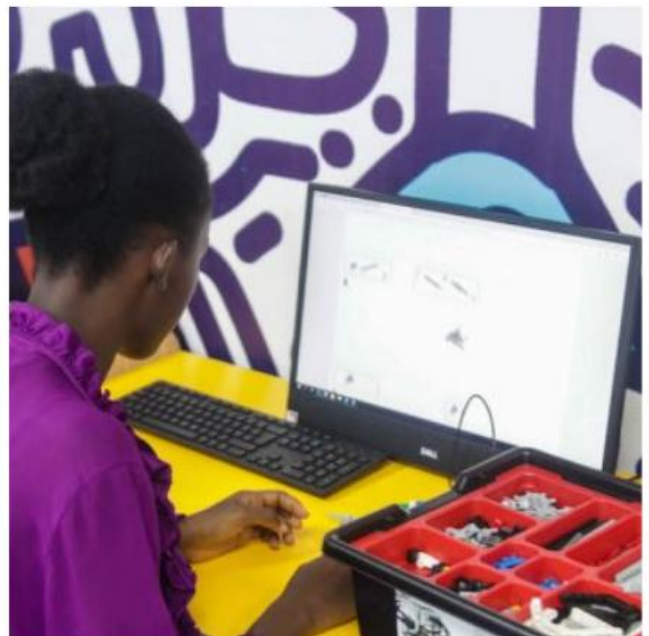


Bosun Tijani

Co-Creation Hub ICT

Bosun Tijani is a Nigerian entrepreneur and co-founder and CEO of Co-Creation Hub, a technology innovation centre that provides a cushy nest for Innovators and Creatives solving pressing social problems in Africa.

One of the continent's most prolific tech hubs, Co-Creation Hub works at the forefront of accelerating the application of innovation and social capital for a better society.





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Alan
Knott-Craig Jr

Project Isizwe
ICT



Alan Knott-Craig Jr

Project Isizwe ICT

Renowned South African entrepreneur, Alan Knott Craig Jr, has spent his career transforming lives by co-founding and/or funding over 25 companies in the Technology, Media and Telecommunications sector in Africa.

His latest initiative is Project Isizwe, an NGO that deploys affordable public WiFi to rural communities across Africa. Users of the Project Isizwe WiFi R5, can access free education and free resources that will empower them in the quest to build a better Africa.





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**Fisayo
Longe**

Kai Collective
Fashion

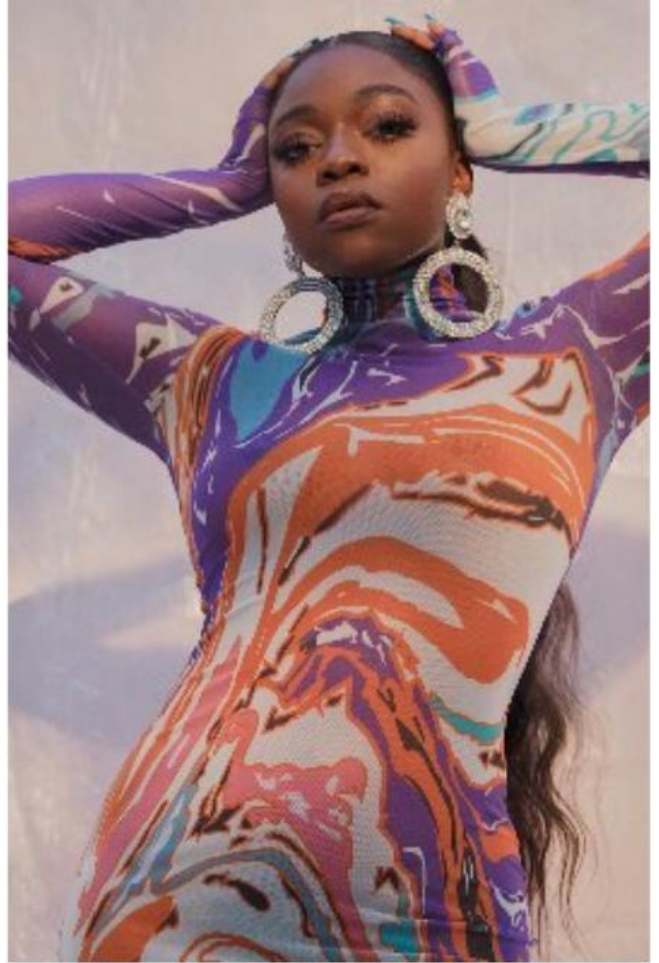


Fisayo Longe

Kai Collective Fashion

The fashion brand KAI collective is one of the few brands in 2020 that received a significant amount of press with no paid marketing or advertorial budget. The entrepreneur behind it, Fisayo Longe, credits this rare feat to its authenticity and socially empowered mission.

Fisayo carries a palpable passion for women and equality and launched KAI to create clothing for multi-dimensional women and empower them to embrace their femininity in all its various forms.





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**Mohamed
Dhaouafi**

Cure Bionics
Health



Mohamed Dhaouafi

Cure Bionics

Health

Mohamed Dhaouafi, is founder and CEO of Cure Bionics — a Tunisian startup launched in 2017 which is developing a 3D-printed solar-powered and affordable bionic hand to help amputees and other people with physical disabilities across Africa.

Cure Bionics hopes to improve the lives of disabled people in Tunisia by making high-tech bionic limbs more accessible and affordable for the people who need them.





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Hayet
Rida

The Rida Collective
Service



Hayet Rida

The Rida Collective Service

From super-saturated faraway landscapes to random self-portraits, influencing has gone from limited traditional confines and into leveraging quintessential habits via social media. Founded by influencer and creative strategist Hayet K. Rida, The Rida Collective is an e-learning hub for influencers, brands and content creators to boost their performance as small businesses. An uncommon enterprise, the platform shares video lessons on building brands, and communicates and design templates that will enable budding influencers present their services in a professional manner.



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**Adenrele
Sonariwo**

**Rele Art Gallery
Service**

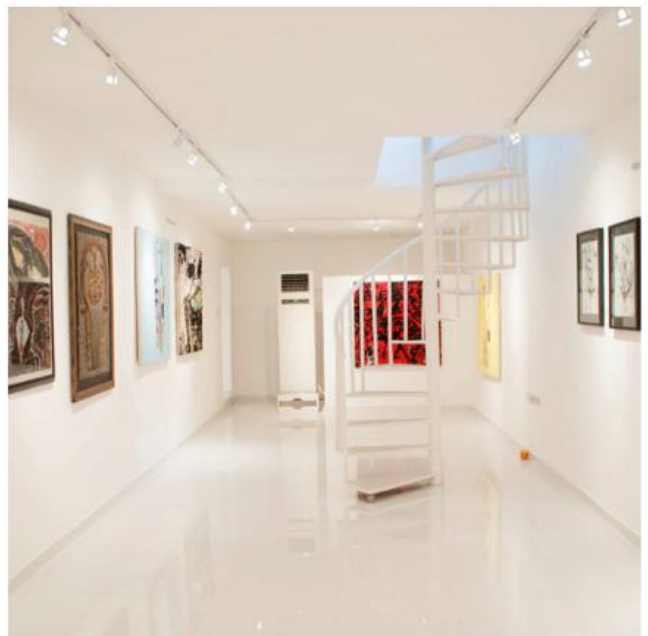


Adenrele Sonariwo

Rele Art Gallery Service

Africa's rich history and heritage has always been best captured through art and Nigerian Gallerist and curator Adenrele Sonariwo is dedicated to sharing work by African artists to the world.

As an entrepreneur and founder of Rele Gallery, she can be described as a new-age Nigerian art businessperson who is passionate about amplifying the voices of talented young emerging artists against all odds. With its first international expansion in Los Angeles in February 2021 during a pandemic, Rele Gallery is set to significantly influence the contemporary art space.





Tutuwa
Ahwoi

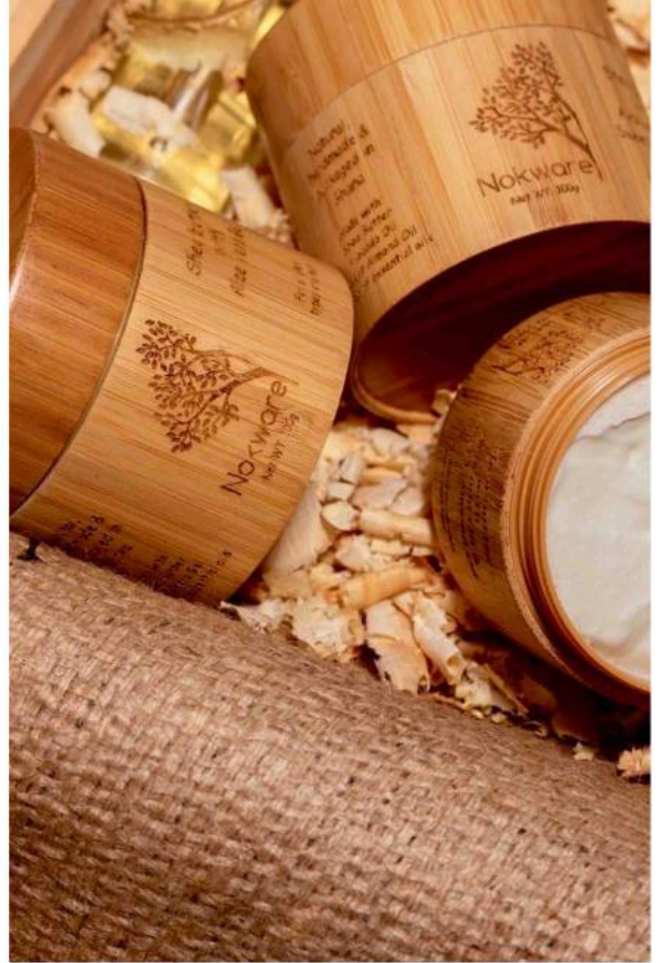
Nokware
Beauty



Tutuwa Ahwoi Nokware Beauty

In order to challenge colour discrimination, skin bias and monotonic understanding of beauty, Ghanaian Tutuwa Ahwoi and Motswana Thato Tau knew that they had to create a product line that celebrated the black skin.

Nokware is a 100% natural brand committed to providing a blend of the finest natural ingredients, sourced from sustainable local farms in West Africa and packaged with sustainable materials. Tutuwa runs her businesses with an all-female team, helping women earn an income just as it is giving them a voice and power in their identity.





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**Elsa
Majimbo**

Elsa Majimbo
Entertainment

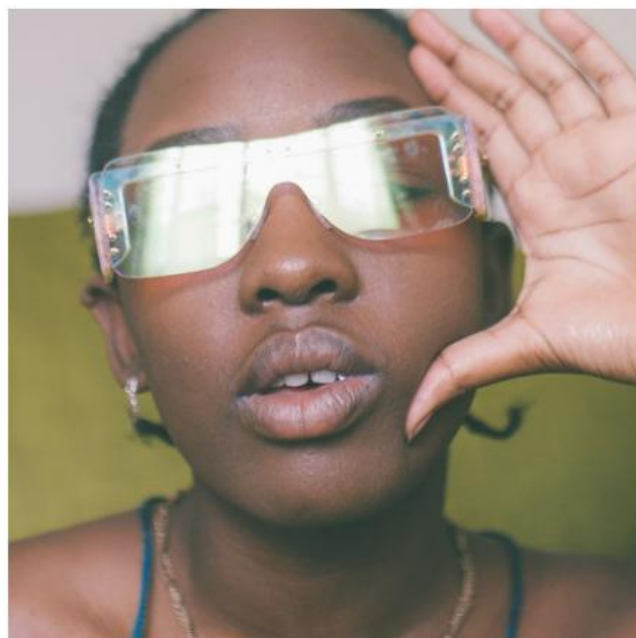


Elsa Majimbo

Elsa Majimbo
Entertainment

An accurate illustration of enterprise during unprecedented times is Kenyan internet comedienne from Nairobi, Elsa Majimbo.

The 19-year-old's satirical video monologues –eating potato crisp in a pair of tiny 1990s sunglasses – during the Covid-19 quarantine period plunged her into a global audience curtailing the loneliness and anxiety brought about by the lockdown. Elsa's ability to leverage her newfound fame and make entrepreneurial inroads with Rihanna, Beyonce and some of the biggest brands like Fenzy and MAC, has established her as a force in the entertainment sector.



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Chilufya
Mutale

PremierCredit
Finance



Chilufya Mutale

PremierCredit

Finance

Entrepreneurs know, first-hand, how challenging it could be to acquire loans. For this reason, Zambia's micro-lending platform

PremierCredit, founded by Chilufya Mutale, facilitates micro-loans to entrepreneurs and small-scale traders, primarily women, within 30minutes.

Since launching in 2019, PremierCredit has maintained a track record of supporting the informal sector and making informal trading possible for many by providing timely and appropriate loans to help businesses thrive. In 2020, the company successfully raised US\$650,000 in funding to help it scale further.



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**Olalekan
Olude**

**Jobberman
Service**



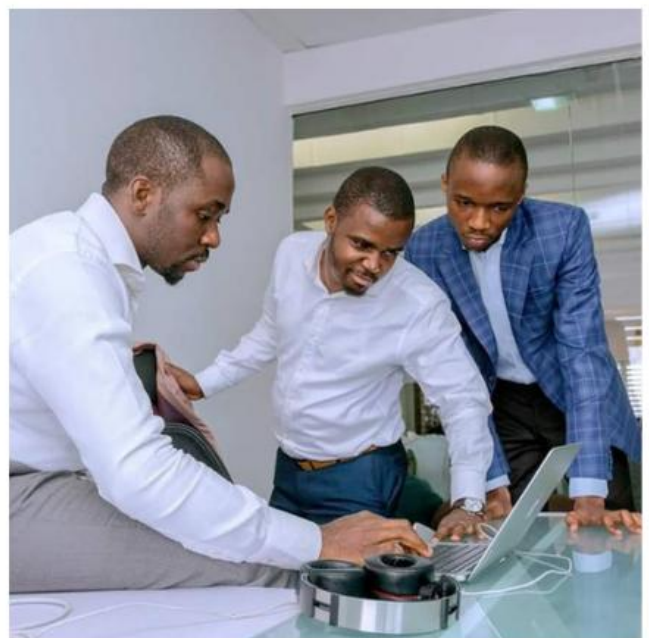
Olalekan Olude

Jobberman Service

In Africa, unemployment has by far become one of the greatest threats to economic development.

By connecting SMEs to quality human capital, Jobberman, a Nigerian-based job portal and career platform, is playing a key role in transforming Africa's workforce and entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Founded by Ayodeji Adewunmi, Opeyemi Awoyemi and Olalekan Olude, the platform lists candidate job applications for employers and helps connect people looking for jobs with possible employers.



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**Adegoke
Olubisi**

Helium Health
Healthcare



Adegoke Olubisi

Helium Health Healthcare

After raising over \$10million in 2020, Helium Health now sits in the position to revolutionize healthcare deliveries in Africa. Founded in 2016 by Adegoke Olubisi, Dimeji Sofowora and Tito Ovia, Helium Health is the largest electronic medical records (EMR) provider in West Africa, backed by Y Combinator and Tencent. Their three-phased model to transform the healthcare system in Africa is by tackling inefficiency due to manual processes, fragmentation, and lack of data. Being one of the largest social platforms and productivity suites in Africa with over 30 million users, Adegoke is at the forefront of technological disruptions across the African continent.



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Said
Twahir

Kencoco
Energy



Said Twahir

Kencoco

Energy

Kencoco Company makes and sells charcoal briquettes from recycled coconut waste (coconut shells, husks) and charcoal dust. The charcoal briquettes are a viable low-cost alternative to environmentally damaging fuels such as firewood, kerosene, and wood charcoal and have served the community with clean energy and reduced deforestation.

In partnership with the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstove, they have received approximately \$50,000 in funding to support scaling up their work.





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**Tokini
Peterside**

Art X
Art



Tokini Peterside Art X Collective Art

Tokini Peterside is an entrepreneur and strategic advisor dedicated to defining a new narrative about Africa through its culture and creative industry.

She is the Founder & CEO of ART X Collective.

Tokini worked extensively with brands cutting across culture, fashion and luxury, prior to creating ART X Lagos - West Africa's first international art fair. Since its launch in 2016, ART X Lagos has become a cornerstone of the African art sector and has contributed significantly to positioning Lagos globally, as a fast-emerging and exciting cultural hub.





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Laud Basing

Incas Diagnostics
Health



Laud Basing

Incas Diagnostics Health

Laud Basing is the founder of Incas Diagnostics, a medical diagnostic development and manufacturing social enterprise located in Kumasi, Ghana.

The company seeks to save lives through the design of low-cost, easy-to-use, point-of-care diagnostic test kits designed specifically for Africa. During the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic, Dr. Laud Anthony Basing led his team at Incas Diagnostics, in partnership with Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), to develop a rapid diagnostic test for COVID-19.





Mostafa
Kandil

SWVL
Transport



Mostafa Kandil

SWVL

Transport

In Egypt, Swvl is responsible for the revolution of private individual transportation by connecting 25million daily commuters to vehicles through optimized micro-transit.

Founded in 2017 by CEO Mostafa Kandil, Ahmed Sabbah and Mahmoud Nouh, Swvl allows users to book fixed rate affordable rides – 80% cheaper than on-demand ride-hailing services – on its network of vans and buses through its app. Swvl intends to invest 300 million EGP in the local market to empower as many micro-entrepreneurs as possible in Egypt and the region and to become one of the biggest job creators in the country.



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**Folusho
Ogunwale**

iFitness
Health



Folusho Ogunwale

iFitness
Health

In Nigeria, the current prevalence of Diabetics among adults aged 20–69 years is reported to be 1.7%.

Charting the course for more conscious and healthy living is Folusho Ogunwale, founder and CEO of iFitness, Nigeria's first and fastest-growing fitness chain. In 2020, he expanded the fitness chain to accommodate 11 branches, all in his quest to make fitness accessible and affordable for people across different communities. The N2b investment is projected to have over 100,000 members by 2024, with a goal to operate one branch within a 5km radius in urban cities across West Africa.





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**Shola
Akinlade**

Paystack
Fintech



Shola Akinlade

Paystack Fintech

Shola Akinlade is CEO and co-founder of Paystack.

Founded alongside Ezra Olubi, Paystack lets businesses in Africa accept payments by anyone, anywhere in the world via credit card, debit card, money transfer, and mobile money on their websites or mobile apps.

In 2020, US-based digital payment powerhouse Stripe acquired Paystack, reportedly for over \$200 million. Founded in Lagos in 2015, Paystack says it now has more than 60,000 clients, including corporations like Domino's Pizza and telecom giant MTN.





Diana Opoti

Diana Opoti PR
Fashion



Diana Opoti

Diana Opoti PR

Fashion

Fashion brands with the right marketing and branding strategy have higher chances of scaling. In this regard, Kenya's Diana Opoti has committed to expanding the opportunities in Africa's fashion industry. As founder of Diana Opoti PR, a fashion consultancy company based in Nairobi, Kenya, that focuses on brand strategy, publicity and campaign development and management for emerging fashion brands in Kenya, Diana's business connects local designers to high-level industry players across value chains. Diana is at the forefront of ensuring that Africa fashion brands are appropriately supported to maximize their operations and deliveries.



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**Chioma
Ukonu**

RecyclePoints
Waste Management



Chioma Ukonu

RecyclePoints

Waste Management

Recycle Points is Nigeria's foremost waste recycling and social benefit venture that motivates consumers to recycle by creating value from their everyday waste. Recycle Points developed a point-based incentive model where waste collected from registered post-consumers and in turn reward them with POINTS, with the seed funding from TEF, Chioma was able to drive innovation by procuring two electric cargo tricycles (first of its kind in Africa) for door-to-door recyclable material collections.

With a revenue of over \$400,000, Recycle Points has been instrumental in empowering women in low-income communities



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Souzane Murekatete

Iriza Ntako Heritage
EcoTourism



Souzane Murekatete

Iriza Ntako Heritage EcoTourism

Souzane Murekatete is the founder of Iriza Ntako Heritage LTD, a weaving company supporting tourism in Rwanda, by working and teaching women production and weaving techniques which in turn are sold to visitors in the country.

By empowering women and helping them with their weaving skills, Iriza Ntako Heritage Ltd. is ensuring that women can earn their independence as a way of fulfilling their basic needs. This business is now able to allow women to work from home and make money while attending to other basic needs of their communities.





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Liberatha Kawamala

Libe Green
Environment



Liberatha Kawamala

Libe Green Environment

Libe Green Innovation is dedicated to the development of sustainable solutions to plastic pollution and the empowerment of disadvantaged group's especially rural and tribal families, through grassroots action, research, and education.

Libe Green Innovation recycles waste plastic into resources for the manufacturing industry such as flakes. Through a partnership with the World Business Angel Investment Forum, Libe Green has been nominated in participating in the Climate LaunchPad and UNDP accelerator program in Tanzania.



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**Rita
Idehai**

EcoBarter

Waste Management



Rita Idehai

EcoBarter

Waste Management

Ecobarter provides municipal waste reduction, collection, recycling, and repurposing services. The company runs an online store, Ecobarter mall where eco-friendly alternatives to everyday products are made available to reduce waste generation.

Through her company, Ecobarter and with a revenue of \$20,000, Rita Idehai has been able to divert 200,000 kilograms of waste and cleared up open dumps across Abuja, Nigeria. She has also helped 10 women start micro-businesses leveraging waste and is currently supporting 20 young people working in the informal waste collection sector.





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Maureen Amakabane

Usafi Sanitation
Waste Management



Maureen Amakabane

Usafi Sanitation

Waste Management

After working in the private sector for 10 years, Maureen Amakabane decided to venture into a social enterprise.

Usafi Sanitation markets and promotes the use of green waterless toilets in schools, they also have a hand wash station that is ideal for use in schools and uses minimal water, with a design inspired by GIZ.

Usafi's vision is to make sanitation solutions accessible by providing affordable Eco-friendly toilets to the low income and densely populated areas of the country.





Leandra
Lyimo

Refixit
Interior Design



Leandra Lyimo

Refixit

Interior Design

Leandra Lyimo is the founder of Refixit, a social enterprise that is combining modern design and traditional skills with a focus on sustainable resource use to create eco-conscious products for buildings spaces.

Refixit utilises Tanzanian natural sisal fibres to produce eco-conscious and creative handmade products for building spaces i.e., interior décor, lighting fixtures and furniture. With distributors currently in Arusha and Nairobi, the business has expanded beyond Tanzania.





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Monica Kangombe

Dimitru Events

Landscape Design



Monica Kangombe

Dimitru Events

Landscape Design

Monica Dimingo Kangombe is the founder of Dimitru Events, an environment-friendly company participating in the keep Zambia clean and green campaign.

Dimitru has a mission of solving issues of climate change and unmaintained premises by offering landscaping services, supplying plants, and trees and affordable event management services.





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Edwin
Mwachula

Cirlex
Health



Edwin Mwachula

Cirlex Health

Cirlex System Ltd is providing safe water to those in need by rehabilitating or abandoned boreholes due to the high cost of running and maintenance, fitting them with solar operating pumping systems to pump water from the source to tap using renewable energy easily available with zero energy cost and extremely low maintenance costs.

Since the start of its operations, there has been an increase in the number of rural communities with changed attitudes and practices in relation to health and hygiene and sanitation.





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**Ronald
Hakiza**

Ugabus
Transport

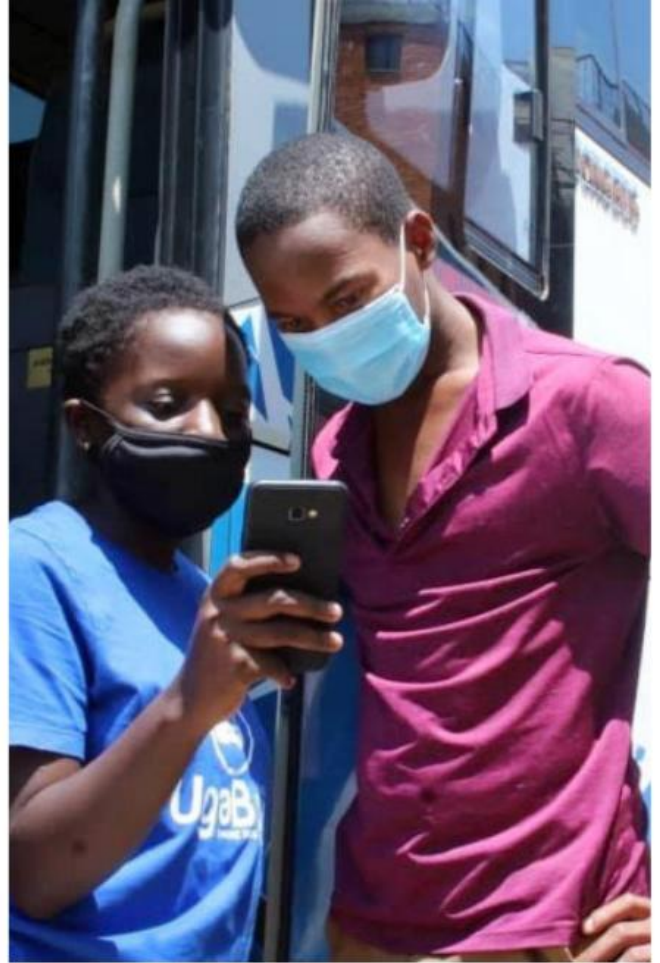


Ronald Hakiza

UgaBus Transport

UgaBus.com helps in ensuring that its customers get the most accurate real-time updates on bus seat availability, time and price while booking through UgaBus.com

UgaBus has reshaped public transport in Uganda by digitising 45% of bus operations hence reducing paper printing and paper waste. They enabled the ticketing model and establishment of data analysis tools to understand public transit and its modelling behaviour through imperial data analysis. In 2018, UgaBus won the African Entrepreneurship Award and was part of Seedstars Kampala in 2019.





Ange
Imanishimwe

Biocoor
Environment



Ange Imanishimwe

Biocoor Environment

Ange Imanishimwe is working to protect the environment and promote biodiversity in Rwanda. His organisation, Biodiversity Conservation Organisation (BIOCOOR) works with smallholder farmers in the eight administrative sectors bordering Nyungwe rainforest to promote biodiversity and climate stewardship alongside grassroots development.

Ange, who is also a President Obama's Mandela Washington Fellow, is providing opportunities for the ex-poachers, developing ecotourism businesses outside protected areas, and creating jobs through natural ecosystem restoration.





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**Bethelhem
Abebe**

Zafree
Environment



Bethelhem Abebe

Zafree Papers Environment

Bethelhem Dejene Abebe is the Co-founder and CEO of Zafree Papers, a company that is introducing a 100% tree-free paper pulp made from agricultural waste.

Zafree is a unique company that is solving 3 problems in just one simple solution. Zafree makes paper pulp that are 100% free from trees by using crop residue as an input instead of wood. It saves trees from being cut, avoids burning of crop-residue in the fields and enables paper and paper product factories with a passion for sustainability to be more environmentally responsible with our 100% tree-free, carbon neutral paper pulp that is more sustainable and cheaper input.



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**Palesa
Moloi**

**Parkupp
ICT**



Palesa Moloi

Parkupp ICT

South African entrepreneur Palesa Moloi is the founder of ParkUpp, an online marketplace that connects property owners with empty parking spaces to drivers that need parking.

ParkUpp provides drivers with a safer alternative to parking on the streets while generating extra income for property owners. The service concept is simple — connecting drivers to unused parking spaces in private lots, empty driveways or big corporate garages. With the lifestyle changes caused by the pandemic, ParkUpp now used their services to introduce drive-in cinemas during the Covid-19 pandemic.





Njawa
Mutambo

Kibanda Topup
Logistics



Njavwa Mutambo

Kibanda Topup Logistics

At only 21, Njavwa Mutambo co-founded Musanga Logistics, a freight marketplace. The platform had over 1500 truck drivers, local and global companies and had a presence in two cities.

Leveraging his experience at Musanga, Njavwa has now co-founded Kibanda TopUp, a company on a mission to increase restaurants' contribution to Africa's GDP. Njavwa says his company is reducing the cost of delivery significantly, having partnered with a company that provides electric tricycles or tuk-tuks as they are popularly known in Kenya, for this purpose.





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**Megan
MacDonald**

Sasa Designs by the Deaf
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People living with disabilities are often faced with all forms of marginalisation. In Kenya, unemployment rates for the deaf are as high as 85%. Addressing this inequity is Megan MacDonald, an inspirational social entrepreneur who is offering independence and a bright entrepreneurial future to deaf women artisans in Kenya through her enterprise Sasa Designs by the Deaf. Launched in 2011 to combat the stigma on deafness, Megan MacDonald has paved way for dignified work opportunities to Deaf women who are empowered to earn income and celebrate their existing potential through the production of handcrafted jewellery.





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**Obinna
Okwodu**

Fibre
Real Estate



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Obinna Okwodu is the co-founder of Fibre, a Nigeria-based company helping users find rental accommodation by reducing the entry barriers to renting property in the country.

Through the platform, people can purchase portions of or entire properties and explore renting opportunities. With a 15 percent fee, compared to the standard 20-25 percent fees, Fibre is making real estate more affordable and convenient for Africans across different income brackets. Since launching in June 2016, Fibre has generated over \$1.5 million worth of rental payments to landlords.





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**Steve
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Ecotech
Waste Management



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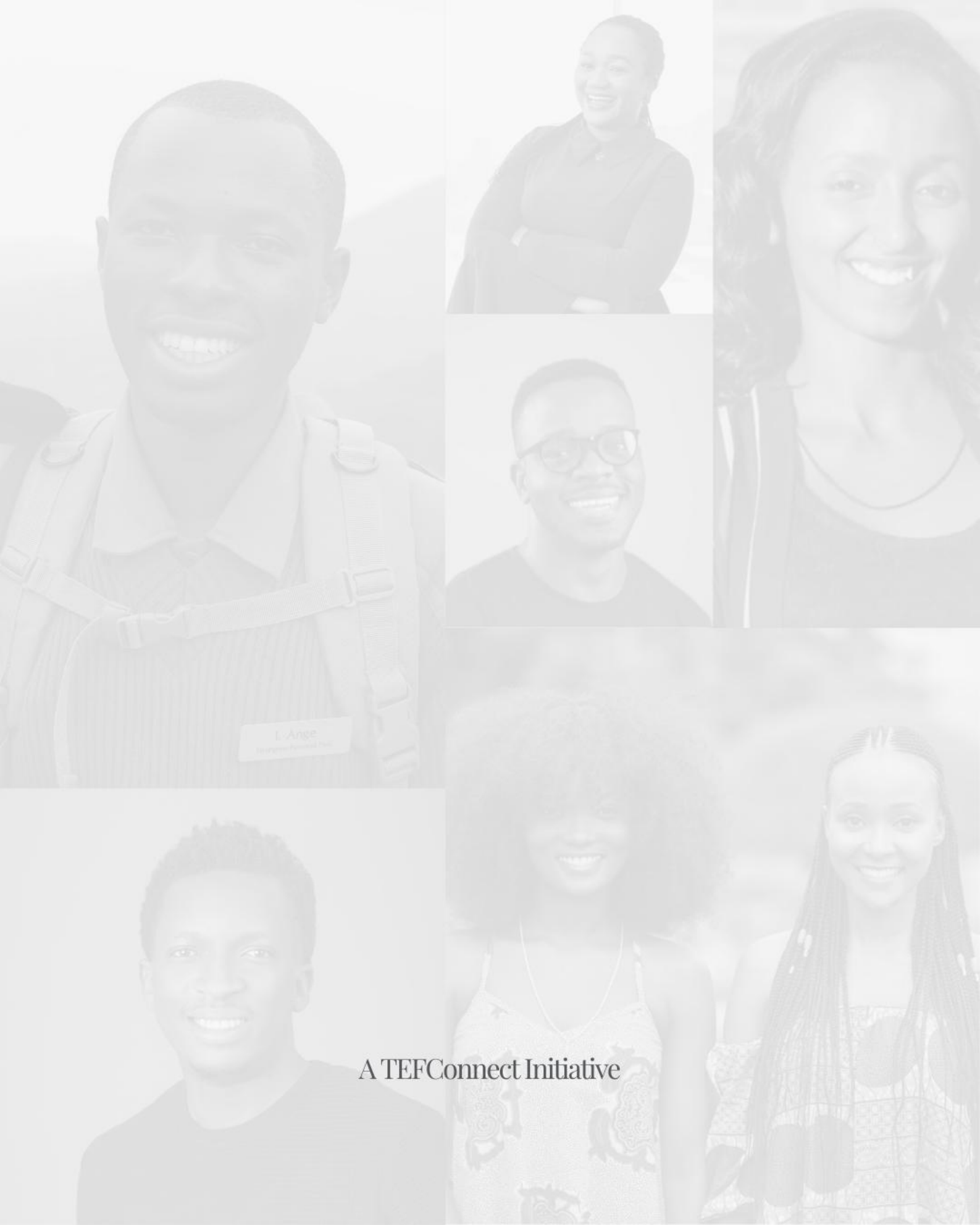
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EcoTech RDC is a Congolese Start-Up specialised in the development of innovative technologies in the field of ecology. In 2012, they developed a new ecological construction binder called "PLASTON" made from recycled plastic waste which is an alternative to concrete and bitumen. Compared to concrete, this binder offers better strength, elasticity, and thermal insulation.

EcoTech DRC was selected as the winner of the Challenge 1000 Entrepreneurs Afrique-France organized by the French government in collaboration with Digital Africa.





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