



OMLA ACTIVITIES

END OF THE YEAR NEWSLETTER FROM OMLA.



“ACTION WITHOUT VISION IS ONLY PASSING TIME; VISION WITHOUT ACTION IS MERELY DAY-DREAMING, BUT VISION WITH ACTION CAN CHANGE THE WORLD”. - NELSON MANDELA

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Dear OMLA Friends,

While covid-19 has had reverberations around the world, One Million Leaders Africa (OMLA) is relentless with actualizing our vision of raising a million credible young leaders across the continent by 2030. The second half of the year 2021 had its highlights moving us in the direction of achieving this vision. In this newsletter, we are happy to share the following updates with you from the secretariat team. Thank you!

OMLA WEBSITE REBRANDING

To fast track the actualization of the OMLA vision, the OMLA website has been rebranded to have a new look and structure, such that our supporters and friends will have no need to get to the secretariat office before having access to all our resources.

The OMLA Fellowship Information Packet, The African vision map, OMLA Fellowship FAQ, OMLA fellow's portal and more can be acquired on our website without extra efforts. You can visit our website <https://onemillionleadersafrica.org/> to know more.

In addition to the website redesign there is also an update of the change in donation platform. However, the secretariat is also building online presence via different social media platforms, all of which are linked to the website.



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OMLA Fellowship Program

ONE MILLION LEADERS AFRICA (OMLA) FELLOWSHIP



Meet the 2021/2022 OMLA fellows from 14 African countries



OMLA offers training to young African talents who are awarded an OMLA Fellowship. The Fellowship kick starts by January 2022.

OMLA, raising new generation of leaders that will help put Africa on a more sustainable path!

<https://onemillionleadersafrica.org/>

You can visit our website to see exciting things our fellows are doing across Africa.

For Sponsorship, please see details here:
<https://onemillionleadersafrica.org/get-involved/>

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The OMLA mandate is a bold one that requires lots of efforts to see it come to fruition. Call for the OMLA fellowship application was made in October and over 100 young people across about 20 African countries applied. 23 young visionaries were finally shortlisted after undergoing series of screening exercises by some of OMLA founding members and advisory board members. In December the 20th, the 23 young people shortlisted as the OMLA Fellows were inaugurated as pioneer fellows into the OMLA fellowship pilot phase. The inauguration ceremony was wrapped up with an inspiring African song and the spirit of a united Africa was aroused in everyone. The fellowship will kickstart by January 2022 with a 2-month virtual training for the fellows and the recruiting of the OMLA Stars. It will also be followed by the OMLA stars onsite training by the trained fellows for 3 months.

Afterward, the OMLA stars and fellows will be subjected to the task of identifying social problems in their various communities (with other young people they come across during the course of the project, called Starlets), and work on them. Mini-grants would be awarded to execute all social projects after they've been properly vetted by the secretariat. At the end of their fellowship, OMLA Fellows, Stars, and Starlets that successfully complete the fellowship program shall all be welcomed to a vibrant and life-long OMLA Alumni community that is privy to several life-transforming opportunities. To know more about the terms of the OMLA fellowship, please download the OMLA Fellowship Information Packet on our website.



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Fundraising

“Fundraising is the gentle art of teaching the joy of giving.” – Hank Rosso. A

To support our activities, we participated in the GlobalGiving Accelerator Crowdfunding Campaign where we raised more than \$5,000 which was the general funding goal and became qualified to be a permanent partner of the fundraising platform. Right now, we have raised \$12,287 through the platform to support the pilot year of the OMLA Fellowship program. However, we still have a long way to go in getting funds because the funds we have raised so far does not amount up to a quarter of the total budget to run the fellowship pilot year; and one of the major factors that determine the success of the OMLA Fellowship is the availability of funds. To enhance fundraising, we are currently working on creating a fundraising team, which will be led by Lina Khaznadar, a member of the Advisory board of OMLA.

The purpose of this team will be to make research on charity organizations and other organizations that fund projects like OMLA and apply for available grants and other fund allocations. Also, the team is working on creating a business model which will help fund the project sustainably. You might want to join this team, send an email to omla@nelisglobal.org and we will connect you with other team members. Also, we now have an account on Flutterwave, to ease donations especially inter-continental donations. You can see more ways to donate and raise a future leader on our website. Do not forget that with as little as 13 USD, you can raise a responsible leader that will transform Africa!



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Strategic Meetings



Strategic meetings were held with some stakeholders within the NELIS (Next Leaders Initiative for Sustainability) Community. This was majorly on the proposed partnership between NLU – Next Leaders University and the OML project, which was to align NLU's vision with that of OMLA. While conclusions are yet to be drawn, conversations with the persons of contact in these departments are still ongoing with the target of joining forces to deliver the Africa we envision in the next decade. In the same vein, the secretariat team communicates constantly

with other regions of the OML projects; OMLATAM (One Million Leaders Latin America), OMLMENA (One Million Leaders Middle East and North Africa) and the OMLAS (One Million Leaders Asia) team to share ideas and strategies on how to move the One Million Leaders project forward. We rounded up the year with the OMLA Advisory board meeting where the OMLA secretariat shared updates on activities so far in OMLA and board members also gave comments and suggestions that will help move OMLA forward and also have a successful 2022.



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Dear Partners and Supporters,

On behalf of the OMLA Founding Members, Mentors and beneficiaries across Africa, I will like to appreciate your support towards developing and empowering a million credible young leaders that will help put the continent on a more sustainable and prosperous path by 2030. Please do share this with family, friends, colleagues, and anyone else who is interested in supporting Africa get better.

Thank you for a successful 2021, we look forward to a more productive engagement with you in 2022 and we hope you do too.

We wish you a wonderful year ahead!

Compliment of the season!

Prosperous Africa,

Mary Afolabi

OMLA Project Director

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