

OMLA NEWSLETTER 2022 SECOND QUARTER

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.” By John C. Maxwell

Dear OMLA Friends and Supporters,

Happy new month to you. We are glad to be coming your way again.

The second quarter of the year 2022 had its highlights, moving us in the direction of achieving our vision. In this newsletter, we are happy to share the following updates with you from the secretariat team. We hope that you have an exciting glance.

Thank you for partnering with us to transform Africa! Many Blessings upon you.

OMLA FELLOWSHIP

Pictures of OMLA Fellows from different countries during their training sessions with their OMLA Stars. There are around 600 OMLA Stars (young changemakers across 7 African countries) currently receiving training.



The Gambia



Kuje, Nigeria



Chiribi, Nigeria



Bafoussam, Cameroon



Beau, Cameroon



Bamenda, Cameroon



Yaounde, Cameroon



Ghana

THE FEAT: OMLA FELLOWS' CHALLENGE

Right from mid-April 2022, OMLA Fellows have gone back to their communities and recruited over 500 young people (OMLA Stars), whom they are currently training on leadership, sustainability, social innovation and social entrepreneurship skills after they (OMLA Fellows) have received these trainings from the OMLA Fellowship since January till date; alongside, preparing their OMLA Stars to execute community change projects in their localities.

Moreover, fellows are rounding-off their training with the Stars and making preparations to launch into the next phase of the fellowship, THE STARS CHALLENGE. In this phase, OMLA Stars will execute the community-change project they applied for through their project proposals after receiving approval and support from the OMLA secretariat, and alongside recruit other young people that are passionate for change in their communities for the next 5 months. Progress on this phase will be shared in our third-quarter newsletter, so stay tuned.

OMLA FELLOWSHIP MASTER CLASSES

Another regular program embedded in this phase of the fellowship is the monthly masterclass. Through this second quarter, we have had five masterclasses on several topics pertaining to leadership development:

Global Megatrends 1900-2050 and The SDGs – facilitated by Peter David Pedersen,

The Doughnut Economy Model – facilitated by Erinch Sahan,

Goal Mapping/Setting – facilitated by Felix Iziomoh,

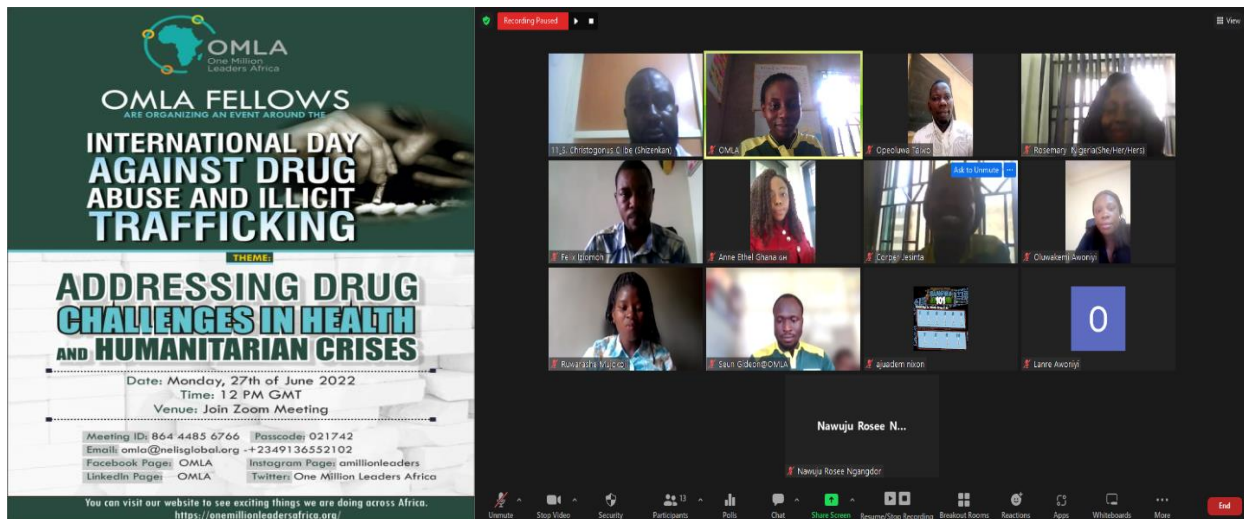
African megatrends till 2050 – facilitated by Salam AL-khateeb.

THE OMLA FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION 2023

Application for the second cohort of the OMLA Fellowship was opened on the last week of April and closed on the 30th of June. We received 2371 applications from 43 African countries (covering all six regions of the African union). We invited these applicants in May and June to an INTRODUCTION WEBINAR where we gave them hands-on information about what we are up to in OMLA and what they should expect as they apply to be an OMLA Fellow. 1,126 of the applicants registered for the webinar while over 400 of them joined the Webinar.

The next stage for the 2023 cohort application is shortlisting for interviews and screening. By November 2022, successful applicants will be shortlisted and notified.

OMLA ACTIVITIES



INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

The OMLA fellows organized an event to commemorate International Day Against Substance Abuse and Illicit Trafficking tagged “ADDRESSING DRUG CHALLENGES IN HEALTH AND HUMANITARIAN CRISES”. Two of OMLA Founding members, Felix Iziomoh and Christogonus Ibeh were invited as speakers and they gave well-analyzed explanation of the subject matter.



NEW OML FELLOWSHIP IN TWO REGIONS OF THE WORLD

In early June, two other regions of the OML initiative (MENA and Asia) had their first summits and more than 1700 young people with a strong interest in sustainability and social innovation registered for the summits. The [OMLMENA \(One Million Leaders Middle East and North Africa\)](#) and [OMLAS \(One](#)

[Million Leaders Asia](#)) Fellowship starts this autumn and application is open for young people across these regions.

We hold bi-monthly meetings with the OMLA founders where we give updates from the secretariat and discuss steps to move forward.

OMLA FINANCIALS

On behalf of the Founders and Board of OMLA, I want to appreciate our donors and partners. Your support helps to empower young, heart-centered leaders across the continent. Up until now, we have raised \$12,687 through the [Globalgiving](#) platform and \$21,227 through other means, particularly wire transfers. Altogether, we have raised **\$33,914.72**, while we still need about **\$25,730** to finance the pilot year of the OMLA Fellowship program and make it a success.

You can continue to support us financially via any of our platforms [here](#). Do not forget that with as little as **13 USD**, you can raise a next generation leader with the hearts, minds and skills to enable and unleash the future, instead of destroying the present!

Regularly, we display a consolidated report of OMLA financial statement on our website. You can view it [here](#).

Dear Partners and Supporters,

On behalf of the OMLA Founding Members, Mentors and beneficiaries across Africa, I want 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's progress. It is our hope that you will continue to engage with our monthly newsletter on a continuing basis.

We wish you an excellent third quarter ahead!

Prosperous Africa,

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