



"Real leaders must be ready to sacrifice all for the freedom of their people."

- Nelson Mandela -

Dear OMLA Friend,

Merry Christmas and Happy new year!

We are excited to count our achievements and activities this year as we are moving in the direction of achieving the vision of raising one Million Leaders in Africa who will put Africa on a sustainable path by year 2030.

For us at OMLA, it was a year well spent from OMLA Fellowship, to strategic meetings and launching of the Alumni community.

It is a wrap for us and we welcome you to the last edition of the quarterly newsletter.

OMLA 2023 FELLOWSHIP

Application for OMLA 2023 Fellowship was very competitive as we received over 2000 Applications from young people across more than 34 countries of the Africa continent. Only 52 of them were inaugurated into the 2023 Fellowship on 16th December. The event was remarkable as the Fellows took the pledge to be committed to duties and activities in making Africa a better place. Kudos to these next generations of leaders for making it into the Fellowship!



OMLA FELLOWSHIP LITE

In order to accommodate other Applicants (more than 2,000) who could not make it into the 2023 Fellowship. A platform has been created called OMLA lite which seeks to connect, inspire and empower young Africans. This platform will give these Applicants the opportunity to be trained and mentored in webinar series on how to impact their communities with their leadership skills that are sustainability driven.

These young leaders will also compliment the Fellowship as they can be trained as OMLA Stars and Co-Stars by the Fellows who are in their various countries within the Continent.

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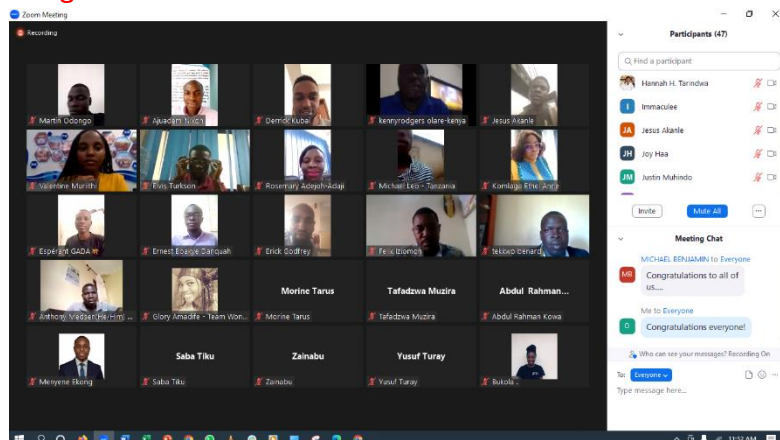
It has been a whole year of different phases such as the Immersion which includes masterclasses on “Building Skills for Community Change Project where Fellows were equipped with skills needed to guide them and their Stars and Starlets through the process of creating solutions to social problems in their communities, “African Values” where they were trained on the values they must uphold as Next Generation Leaders, as well as the OMLA core values.

The Second Phase of the 2022 Fellowship was the Feat where the Fellows recruited 30 OMLA Stars (in average) each, mentored and trained these young people to identify and solve social problems in their communities.

The most impactful and practical session of the Fellowship was the Community Development Phase. OMLA disbursed \$6300 to sponsor 21 projects in 5 African countries which include Gambia, Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria, and Cameroon.

The 2022 Fellowship ended in a grand style as 2022 Fellows graduated and were inducted into the Alumni Community alongside with their Stars and Starlets. These young African leaders are the pioneer of OMLA Alumni Community.

Congratulations Dear OMLA Alumni!



OMLA IMPACT ACROSS THE CONTINENT IN RELATION TO UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

GOAL 1; NO POVERTY

As part of effort to end poverty in all forms in Africa. **Ernest Mukete**, OMLA 2022 Fellow with his OMLA Stars and Starlets worked on **Decreasing poverty among 30 vulnerable youths in Bamenda 3 subdivision, Cameroon.**

GOAL 2 ; ZERO HUNGER

- **Toulack Kingsley**, a fellow in Cameroon whose project is on **Fighting climate change and hunger**
- **Limbi Tata** is a fellow in Beau, Cameroon contributing to the achievement of Goal 2 by **establishing an indigenous seed bank for major crops** such as Rice, and also setting up a **mushroom farm for under nourished school children.**

GOAL 3 (GOOD HEALTH AND WELL BEING)

- **Rosemary Adejoh** is an OMLA 2022 Fellow who is passionate about preventing needless suffering from preventable diseases and premature death in Nigeria as her project is based on **Building local consensus for malaria eradication through sustainable solutions to sanitation challenges in Nigerian urban slums.**

Goal 4 ; QUALITY EDUCATION

- **Anne Ethel** is a fellow in Ghana who is contributing to the achievement of achieving the UN SDG Goal 4 through her project on **Youth employment skills training.**
- **Hannington Wako** is a fellow in **Uganda** who is also working on achieving this goal based on his **Engaging UPE & Use Schools in Environment Conservation Practices**

GOAL 5 (GENDER EQUALITY)

- **Toulack Kingsley** is a young Africa leader who lives in Beau, Cameroon. Despite being a man, he is so passionate and committed towards the Goal 5 as he is currently working on **Educating female students on menstrual hygiene and training them on use and care for reusable sanitary pads** in his community.
- **Limbi Tata** is curbing the rate of rape in Beau, Cameroon as her project focuses on **Educating people on rape**

GOAL 8 (DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH)

- **Ejolle Lovert** is a young leader who is empowering 10 youth residing in Beau on hairdressing and fashion make up which will help in reducing unemployment rate which is prevalent among young persons in Africa.
- **Rosemary Adejoh** is contributing to the achievement of Goal 8 by creating sustainable mechanisms for improving Livelihood and Economic Empowerment among young people in Nigeria.

GOAL 13 (CLIMATE ACTION)

As part of efforts needed urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts on Africa continent.

- **Bakary Janneh**, one of the OMLA 2022 Fellows is presently working on Reforestation of Janneh Kundah community forest located in Kiang Janneh kunda, Gambia. Bakary, with his Stars and Starlets planted over 1,000 trees in order strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in Africa.
- **Ajuadem Forjia's** community project focused on Waste Management, Recycling of Waste, Proper Waste Disposal, and Rubbish Disposal in a Hygienic Manner, in Bafoussam.

Kindly find some of the impact pictures below.

LIMBI TATA SETTING UP A MUSHROOM FARM FOR UNDER NOURISHED SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH HER OMLA STARS.





ANNE ETHEL AND HER STARS IN GHANA





MUKETE ERNEST ALONG WITH HIS OMLA STARS IN STARLETS IN CAMEROON



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ROSEMARY ADEJOH WITH HER OMLA STARS AND STARLETS IN ABUJA, NIGERIA





TOULACK KINGSLEY WITH HIS OMLA STARS AND STARLETS.





STRATEGIC MEETINGS

We held bi-monthly meetings with the OMLA Founders and some stakeholders within the NELIS (Next Leaders Initiative for Sustainability) Community. In the same vein, the secretariat team communicated constantly with other regions of the OML projects; OMLATAM (One Million Leaders Latin America), OMLMENA (One Million Leaders Middle East and North Africa), and OMLAS (One Million Leaders Asia) team to share ideas and strategized 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 to have a progressive 2023.

One Million Leaders - OML APP

We are relaunching the OML APP Pre-sign up Campaign!

The OML APP is a tool that allows anyone anywhere to support and partner with an emerging generation of social innovators and sustainability leaders worldwide for as little as \$1 /month, while gaining insights from local community projects and action-oriented wisdom from an expanding local2global network.

Our aim - **getting 5000 people signed up by the end of the year**

Our dream - having at least One Million subscribers supporting One Million Leaders worldwide.

Please join us in the mission to empower young leaders across the world. You can sign-up [here](#) to be the first to know about the launch of the OML App!

DONATE

As ever, we thank you for being part of the OMLA journey and for supporting us in 2022. Thank You!

We look forward to a very exciting and impactful year 2023 at OMLA. We would train 52 Fellows from 22 African countries. These fellows would work with over 1000 young people to create several community projects across their communities in the continent. We count on your support to make our journey in 2023 a big success.

You can make monthly donations or a one-time donation via our [Globalgiving](#) platform or other platforms [here](#). Thank you!

Dear Partners and Supporters,

On behalf of the OMLA Founding Members, Mentors and Beneficiaries across Africa, we 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 a prosperous year ahead.

PROSPEROUS AFRICA,

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