

***To be a great leader, one must never give up,  
try to bring people together and be selfless”-  
Nelson Mandela***

Quarterly Newsletter - Q1 2023

## *Welcome Note*

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Dear OMLA Friend and Supporter,

Welcome to the second quarter of the year! it is so great coming your way for the first time in 2023. Kindly permit me to wish you a great New Year

How has the first quarter of the year been for you?

For us at OMLA, the first quarter of the year has been delightful and had its highlights moving us in the direction of accomplishing of our vision of raising A Million credible leaders that will transform Africa by 2023.

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## 2023 OMLA Fellowship

OMLA 2023 Fellowship has been fantastic so far with various sessions to equip and empower the next generations of leaders in Africa.

The past months have been so engaging for the Fellows as they are at the building phase of the Fellowship. There were fascinating sessions held such as Non-violent communication, where the Fellows were taught on effective communication. Offers and Need focused on how to identify the needs of their communities and brilliant ways to offer sustainable and workable solutions to the identified needs, both sessions were facilitated by Suzan Joy.

Andras Nevai from Hungary also took the Fellows on Foundation of leadership which the major highlight of the class was "Only Africans can build Africa: As an African, do not forget your culture and traditions rather learn more about it, listen to Elders who are familiar with history, and value it".

*"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." - Robert Swan*



Rich Adeyemi is one of the amazing facilitators for the 2023 Fellowship. He did a great job teaching the Fellows on Proposal writing as that will enable them to move to the next phase of the Fellowship which is Fellows 'challenge

Lawrence Afere and Peter Adeko are currently having their sessions on Social Entrepreneurships and story-telling respectively.

More so, the OMLA 2023 Fellows are participating in Fellow's Challenge where they are recruiting their 100 OMLA Stars in various communities across the continent.

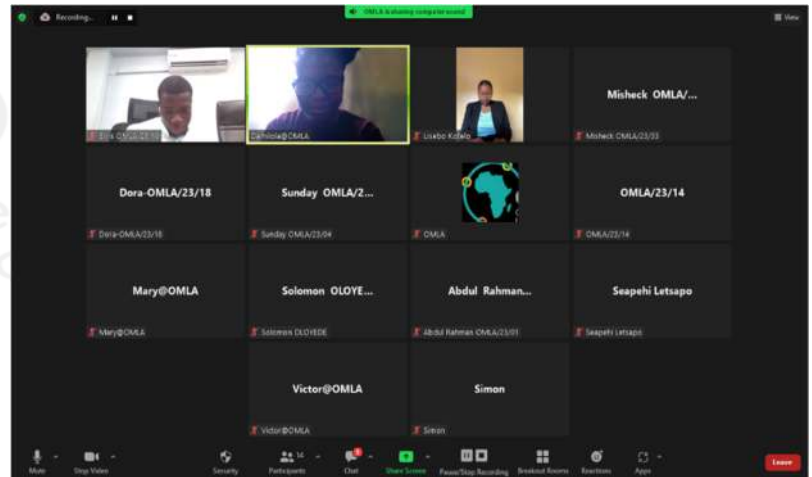
## OMLA Fellowship- Lite



Recall that over 2,000 Applications were received from 43 countries in Africa, 52 Fellows were selected for the OMLA 2023 Fellowship. OMLA Fellowship-lite is a structure built for the applicants that could not be selected for the Fellowship. It tends to connect, inspire and empower young Africans, and give its participants the opportunity to be trained in webinars on how to impact their communities with leadership skills that are sustainability driven.

Trainings are great ways to inspire people to take actions that lead to the changes we desire. The OMLA Fellowship-lite webinar is a monthly training to inspire and connect the young Africans who are part of the Network.

The participants were trained on Goal setting and Mapping, Leadership and Personal Development, Social entrepreneurship and the training is still ongoing.

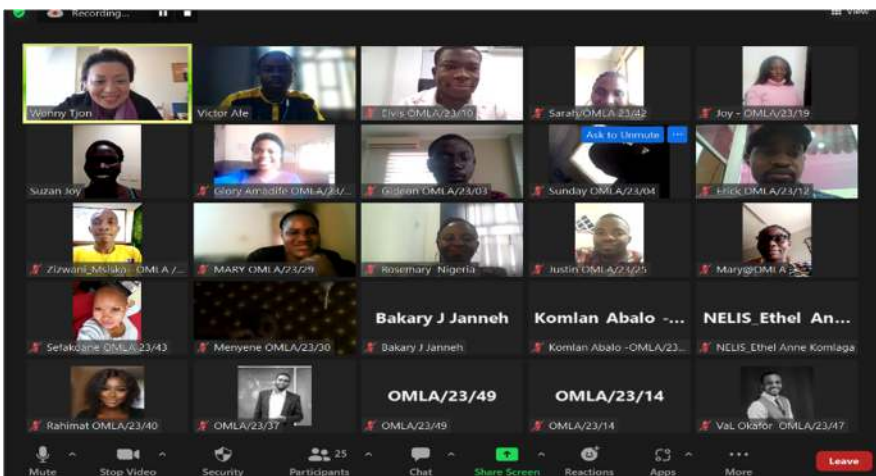


## Alumni Update

Successful 2022 OMLA Fellows were inaugurated into the Alumni community. The pioneer executives of the community have also been elected to paddle the affairs of the community.

The OMLA pioneer Executives held their first meeting to discuss and work on the Roadmap for the Network as they are not only the First Alumni for OMLA alone but first across the OML regions (OML Asia, OML Middle East and North Africa, OML Latin America).

Meanwhile, the community is currently having their workshop on Non-violent Communication with Suzan Joy.



*"Sustainability is not a choice. It's a necessity." - David Suzuki*

## OMLA IN ACTION

Africa's most abundant resources are the youth with 60% of the entire continent aged below 25, making it the youngest continent in the world hence a need for raising the next generation of sustainable leaders.

Africa youths play a significant role in driving economic growth therefore, it is very critical that the youths are informed and engaged with the global vision to positively impact economies and heal the endemic of corruption and bad leadership that is ranging war against the continent.

OMLA 2022 Fellowship ended after a year of training, building and amazing impacts recorded across Africa through the \$6,300 disbursed to sponsor 21 community projects. After a successful year of impacts, 19 Fellows were inaugurated into the Alumni community to foster the growth of the credible leaders raised.

The 52 OMLA Fellows inaugurated into the 2023 Fellowship are undergoing training on community development, leadership and alongside recruiting their 100 OMLA Stars each in their various communities who they will train and guide to identify, plan and execute community projects in their localities. OMLA will disburse more than \$15,600 to support the community projects, the Fellows will also receive Professional Development Support (PDS) for their social entrepreneurship journey at the end of the Fellowship.

At the end of the 2023 fellowship, we hope to have empowered, inspired and connected over 7000 young Africans and executed more than 50 community projects in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals such as Goal 1(No poverty), Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being), Goal 4(Quality Education), Goal 5(Gender equality), Goal 8(decent work and Economic Growth), Goal 10( Reduced inequalities) and Goal 13 (Climate Action) respectively in different localities from 22 countries therefore contributing to the achievement of the UN SDG Goals by 2030.

Through 2023 Fellowship, OMLA is set to achieve greater milestone and incredible success.

### Words on Marble



Sustainability is a way of life. It's not just about saving the planet; it's about creating a better world for future generations.



Sustainability is no longer about doing less harm. It's about doing more good."  
- Jochen Zeitz

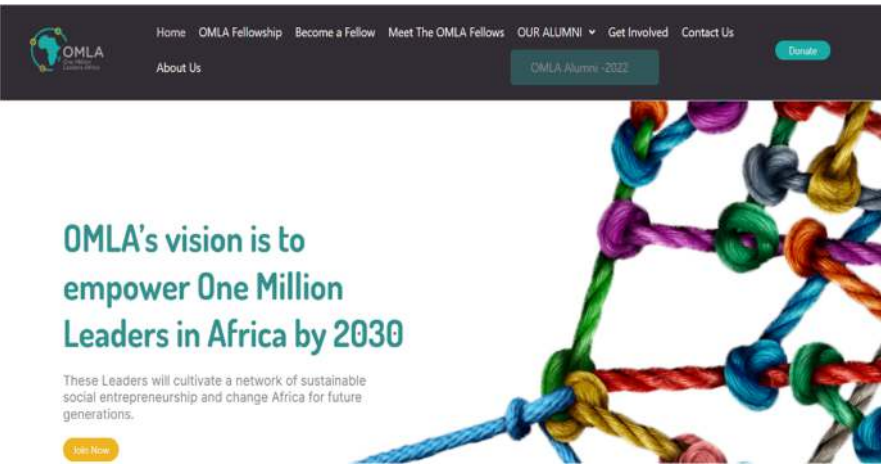


Sustainable leadership is about taking care of the present and the future at the same time." - Simon Sinek



Sustainable leadership is about creating a culture of trust, transparency, and accountability." - Daniel Goleman





## OMLA Website Redesign

To better tell the OMLA story in a more captivating and convincing way, the OMLA website was redesigned for optimization. As OMLA's digital office, the website now reflects the activities and projected events of OMLA as little steps to achieving the end goal.

In addition to the website redesign, the secretariat is also building online presence via different social media platforms, all of which are linked to the website.

## OMLA App

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.

We are excited to announce the launching of the OML APP which is scheduled for April 29th, 2023.

Join our global launch event online!

- Be inspired by the words and experiences of our four global keynote speakers
- Learn about the One Million Leaders App, its vision, content, and the people it engages with and supports.
- Hear our vision of leadership for the world in 2030.
- Help ignite a global movement of hope and action.



We have prepared a dynamic, 90-minute program for you, which will travel from Africa across Asia to the Middle East and end in Latin America.

Spread the word, join the movement, and help create a liveable future for all on Earth

Register <https://lu.ma/jointhemovement>



## Meet The New Faces at the OMLA Secretariat

We are over the moon to introduce new community members who are actively involved in raising sustainable one million leaders in Africa by 2030.



**John Akalagboro U**



**Taiwo Olagun**

**JOHN AKALAGBORO** is a Mechatronics Engineer and growth strategist with over 8 years of experience as a full stack developer. He has vast knowledge in community building and youth development and committed to developing sustainable technological solutions to combat poverty and other issues prevalent in Africa.

**TAIWO OLAGUN** has a Bachelor degree in Public Administration, she is passionate about managing both human and material resources to achieve common goals by maintaining relationships and collaborating effectively with team members. She is relentlessly dedicated to achieving organizational aims and its objective build a sustainable and transformative Africa.

## OMLA Financials

On behalf of the Founders and Board of OMLA, we want to appreciate our donors and partners. Your support is really helping to empower the young, determined, and heart-centered across the continent. Up until now, we have raised \$12,957 through the GlobalGiving platform and \$21,308 through other means, particularly wire transfers. Altogether, we have raised \$34,184, while we still need about \$25,730 to finance the OMLA 2023 Fellowship program and make it a success.

You can continue to support us financially via any of our platforms. 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's financial statement on our website. You can view it [here](#).



## Book of the Month

Why should you read a book this month?

Reading improves your focus, memory and communication skills. It also reduces stress and help you live longer.

OMLA Book of the month is *Things Fall Apart*, it is the debut novel by Nigerian author Chinua Achebe, first published in 1958. It depicts pre-colonial life in the south-eastern part of Nigeria.

Have you been willing to read and learn more about Nigeria? Things Fall Apart is a book you should check