

NEWSLETTER



“Every leader knows how to produce more leaders and is an expert in it” - Nelson Mandela.

Dear OMLA Friend and Supporter,

As another year draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the journey we've shared. We have faced challenges, celebrated triumphs, and witnessed moments of incredible growth. This newsletter is an opportunity to look back on the year and share some of the highlights with you, our valued community.

From the successful completion of the second cohort of the OMLA Fellowship to the successful execution of the OMLA boot camp pilot, we've strived to raise passionate young individuals committed to making a meaningful impact in their community. Your unwavering support and participation have been instrumental in this year's success.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

The OMLA Team

In this newsletter, you'll find:

- **Stories of impact:** We'll share stories from members of our community who have been positively impacted by our work and highlight some of our key milestones in our Impact report.
- **A look ahead:** We'll offer a glimpse into our plans for the future and how we'll continue to serve our continent in the coming year.

We're excited to share this year's journey with you. We hope you'll join us in celebrating the past and looking forward to a brighter future together.



OMLA'S IMPACT: A BEACON OF HOPE FOR AFRICA'S FUTURE

The journey towards a brighter Africa starts with empowering its youth. That's the mission of One Million Leaders Africa (OMLA), and our latest Impact Report is a testament to the incredible progress we've made. Take a peek into the successes shaping a greener, more sustainable future for the continent:

Transforming young minds

2390 + Young Africans Trained 

Over 2,390 passionate young Africans have been trained in sustainable leadership and equipped with essential skills in social and business entrepreneurship. These future leaders are ready to tackle the challenges facing their communities and drive positive change.



Nurturing local heroes:

100 + Children and Teens

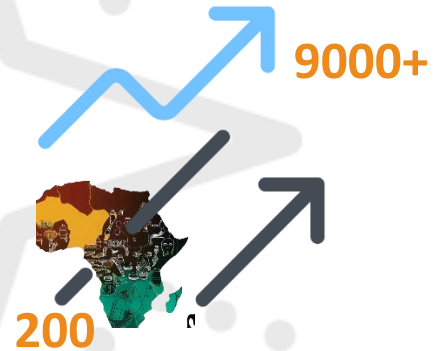
The 2023 OMLA Bootcamp empowered 100 young farmers' children from rural communities in Nigeria with knowledge and resources to develop leadership and sustainability skills, improve community resilience, and build skills for small business to support their education needs.



Sparking a ripple effect:

OMLA's impact extends beyond individual projects. Their growing popularity, with applications skyrocketing from just over 100 in 2022 to over 2,000 in 2023 and over 9000 in 2024 (which is still ongoing), speaks volumes about the program's effectiveness and the growing desire for sustainable leadership across Africa.

Exponential Growth



This is just the beginning! The OMLA Impact Report offers a deeper dive into their achievements, challenges, and plans. Dive in and get inspired by the stories of young leaders transforming their communities and the potential for a thriving Africa:

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW IMPACT REPORT](#)

THE OMLA FELLOWSHIP

2024 Cohort in view

It is no longer news that the 2023 Fellowship was concluded in August 2023, having raised 268 young OML leaders, after passing through intensive training on Leadership, Sustainability, Social Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation and impacting their communities positively by solving social problems in 15 communities from 9 countries through the community-change project they executed.

Now, we are excited to let you know that the application for the next cohort in 2024 is opened and applications are flooding in from different corners of Africa. In one month, more than 7000 people have applied from 37+ countries.

Join the OMLA FELLOWSHIP 2024 and shape Africa's future!

This is a call for passionate, innovative young Africans dedicated to creating positive change and shape a sustainable, prosperous future for Africa.

BENEFITS

- Training in Leadership, Sustainability, Social Innovation, and Entrepreneurship
- Join a network of changemakers and mentors
- Implement impactful community projects

DEADLINE

Start Date: 20th November 2023
End Date: 20th January 2024

APPLY HERE

<http://africa.omlglobal.org/apply/fellowship>

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If you are a young African that is passionate for change, Don't wait till it's too late, apply now and you could secure yourself the opportunity to be amongst the 100 that would be welcomed in the amazing 2024 fellowship journey, the global network you need, to make a real impact. However, before you apply, ensure that you carefully read and digest the [Information Package](#) to fully understand what you are committing yourself to.

[Apply Now](#)

The OMLA Fellowship in 2024 promises to be great with exciting programs and activities packed in it to engage the next-gen leaders. We are ready to launch them on the journey where they will unleash their leadership potential, and then dive deep into hands-on community projects with our hybrid fellowship. Below is an overview of the structure of the 2024 Fellowship cohort:



FELLOWS' INTENSIVE TRAINING: Fellows' Intensive Training is the first phase, where 100 selected young leaders will receive intensive training based on the five pillars of the OML Fellowship Curriculum. These selected young leaders are referred to as Fellows.

LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE: Fellows take on a leadership challenge to connect, inspire, and empower young community leaders as they pass on their learnings and build a team. or country. We call this second tier of young leaders Champions, and each Fellow is expected to build a team of at least 50 Champions. In this phase, Fellows will also be provided with a series of Masterclasses on key sustainability topics, while they lead the training with their Champions.

THE OMLA FELLOWSHIP CONT'D

ACT-FOR-CHANGE: Fellows enter into a community project implementation phase in collaboration with the team they built in Phase 2. Based on a rigorous screening process, selected fellows will be able to do their projects to innovate around key sustainability challenges in their communities with a micro-grant from NELIS. Fellows may propose themes based on what they perceive to be key social and environmental challenges in their community or country.

GRADUATION AND OML ALUMNI COMMUNITY: All Fellows and Champions who have completed the Fellowship will graduate as OMLA leaders and may join the global OML Alumni Community. They will help connect, inspire, and empower NexGen leaders around the world and gain access to the networking and empowerment opportunities provided in and through the Alumni Community.



OMLA CASCADE MODEL

1 Fellow engages 50 Champions

100 Fellows => 5000 Champions

Total OMLA leaders in one OML region: 5100

Additionally, we expect several hundred OML Lite participants to join the online-only training curriculum.

Total OMLA leaders from 2024 OMLA Fellowship Cohort = 11400 plus OMLA Lite participants. Of these, we aim to graduate a minimum of 5100 leaders in 2024.

Future Opportunities for Champions and OMLA Lite Participants

OML Champions may join the global OML Alumni Community and apply for the full OMLA Fellowship Program 2025.

OML-Lite participants, upon completion of their training, may also apply for the OMLA Fellowship Program 2025.

POST BOOTCAMP EXPLOIT

INTRODUCING THE OMLA CLUB

Igniting the Flame

The kick-off was nothing short of electrifying. We explored the transformative power of clubs, showcasing how they go beyond academics to fuel social development, leadership skills, and lifelong passions. Through guest speakers and interactive activities, supervisors were equipped with the tools and inspiration to guide their clubs towards success.

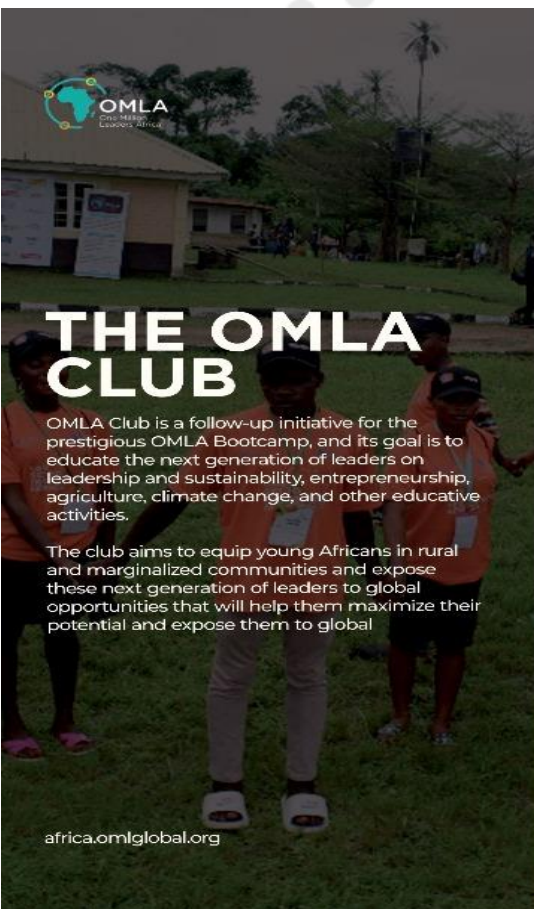
No voyage is complete without a map! With a comprehensive overview of club policies, resources, and procedures, supervisors navigated the ins and outs of registration, communication, and student safety. We ensured they feel confident and empowered to tackle any challenge that may arise.



*OMLA Club Supervisors Shine at the Orientation Program.
Building A Thriving Club Ecosystem*

Empowering the Journey:

Beyond information, the orientation provided a platform for open dialogue. Supervisors' questions, suggestions, and concerns were heard and addressed, ensuring they felt equipped and supported throughout their journey. This two-way communication paves the way for a thriving club environment where both students and supervisors can flourish.



This is just the beginning! As supervisors embark on this rewarding adventure, we celebrate their dedication and the positive impact they will have on countless students. Stay tuned for more updates and exciting news in future newsletters! Remember, supervisors, you are not just club overseers; they are architects of dreams, builders of communities, and champions of potential.

We are confident that with their dedication and the information they gained at the orientation, they will make this year the best one yet for the club participants!

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO A BETTER AFRICA

You can continue to support us financially via our [GlobalGiving](#) platform or any other platform [here](#). Do not forget that with as little as 48 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 reports of OMLA's financial statement on our website. You can view it [here](#)





THE OMLA BLOG

Are you driven by good leadership? Do you want to know and learn more about sustainability, leadership, and entrepreneurship?

The OMLA Blog is your way to go! Kindly visit our website to stay updated. Click here to read more.

African Youth Inclusion: A Catalyst to Transformation

Africa has the youngest population in the world, with 70% of sub-Saharan Africa's population under the age of 25. Having a young population brings many opportunities for economic growth, innovation, and leadership, but only if this is perceived, recognized, and utilized as an opportunity. Having a high percentage of young people is an opportunity for the ...

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CLOSING NOTE

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 who will help put the continent on a more sustainable and prosperous path by 2030. Please share this with family, friends, colleagues, and anyone interested in supporting Africa's progress.

We hope that you will continue to engage with our quarterly newsletter.

Remember, every small step towards sustainability paves the way for a brighter future. Share OMLA's story and join the movement to empower Africa's next generation of leaders!

We wish you an amazing year ahead!

#OMLA #OneMillionLeadersAfrica #SustainableLeadership #EmpoweringYouth #BuildingBrighterFutures

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