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OVERVIEW

The One Million Leaders Africa (OMLA) Alumni network is a dynamic community of change-makers who have graduated from the OMLA Fellowship program. Together, these alumni represent a force for positive transformation across Africa, addressing critical challenges and driving sustainable development in their communities.



Alumni Spotlight '2024

Welcome to the 2024 Edition of the One Million Leaders Africa Fellowship Alumni Spotlight.

LEADING THROUGH CHANGE: Guiding Your Team Through Uncertainty

The experience I had with working with my OMLA champions throughout the fellowship was an inspiring and enriching experience. From the onset, their unwavering commitment to our shared mission made a significant impact on the success of our project: **“Empowering Rural Communities through Briquette Production”**

Together, we trained 265 women and youth in Kaduna and Minna on briquette production, tackling the issues of deforestation and indoor air pollution. The champions demonstrated exceptional teamwork, resourcefulness, and dedication, making them invaluable collaborators. Their ability to mobilize participants, engage with stakeholders, and offer hands-on support during the training sessions was remarkable. Despite challenges such as time constraints and logistical hurdles, the champions remained resilient and solution-oriented.

These experiences taught me the power of collective effort and reinforced the importance of inclusive leadership. The champions' support extended beyond the training, as they contributed ideas and insights to ensure the sustainability of our project. They embodied the values of OMLA by serving as role models and changemakers.

Working with them has been a privilege, and I am proud to have been part of such a dynamic and impactful team.

Abdulbasit Bashir
Nigeria

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVES: LESSONS AND REFLECTIONS-

OMLA alumni share profound insights from their journeys as leaders and change-makers:

Q: Could you introduce yourself and share a bit about your background?

A: I am Ache William Anubofeh from Bamenda, Cameroon, a social entrepreneur and founder of Sustainable Ecosystem Development Association (SEDA). SEDA empowers underserved women and youths in the Global South. I also work as an Entrepreneur for Rural Access with Access Agriculture, promoting agroecology and organic farming. I hold a Master's in Mining Engineering and certifications from Aspire Leaders Program, OMLA, and Ban Ki-Moon Centre for Global Citizens.

Q: In what ways has the "One Million Leaders Africa Fellowship" contributed to your personal and professional development?

A: The fellowship enhanced my skills in problem-solving, systemic thinking, and ethical leadership. It expanded my professional network and improved my communication.

Q: How has the fellowship influenced your leadership style and the way you approach challenges?

A: It inspired me to foster trust through transparency, fairness, and accountability in my team.

Q: Could you provide details about the project you implemented during the fellowship?

A: My project, "The People's Enterprise Without Borders," addresses poverty and food insecurity by empowering displaced women and youths through training, mentorship, and seed capital for climate-smart agriculture.

Q: What advice would you give to aspiring leaders who want to launch community development initiatives?

A: Stay positive, motivated, and committed to your passion.



**ACHE
WILLIAMS**

Cameroon

Q: Could you introduce yourself and share a bit about your background?

A: I am Sunday Akinrelere, a 2024 OMLA Fellow, certified educator, and founder of SALEMi Leadership School. I hold a degree in Biochemistry, a diploma in Education with distinction, and advocate for the UN SDGs with over eight years of experience in civic engagement.

Q: In what ways has the "One Million Leaders Africa Fellowship" contributed to your development?

A: The fellowship sharpened my entrepreneurial leadership skills, equipping me to lead impactful community projects and advocate for transformative leadership.

Q: How has the fellowship influenced your leadership style?

A: It refined my leadership approach, fostering collaboration and using human-centered design to solve community problems.

Q: Could you provide details about the project you implemented?

A: My team trained 50 youths and parents with disabilities in vocational skills at Ago-Ireti Camp. Ten participants received startup equipment, establishing businesses and addressing unemployment while aligning with SDGs 1, 2, and 8.

Q: What advice would you give aspiring leaders?

A: Conduct needs assessments, collaborate with stakeholders, and ensure initiatives are SMART—Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound.

Q: What challenges did you encounter, and how did you address them?

A: Challenges included retaining team members and communication gaps. Regular motivation and adapting training schedules helped overcome these issues.

Q: What recommendations would you offer to future participants?

A: Embrace OMLA's core values of commitment, discipline, and excellence, and always value your initiative's impact.



**SUNDAY
AKINRELERE**

Nigeria

AGRI:

TRANSFORMING DAILY WASTE INTO OPPORTUNITIES



By addressing food insecurity, waste management, and environmental degradation, the Antsirabe Green Revolution Initiative (AGRI) is committed to creating a sustainable future in Antsirabe, Madagascar. It focuses on community empowerment and integrates eco-friendly agricultural practices, waste reduction strategies, and educational programs to promote environmental stewardship. By engaging youth and women, AGRI fosters inclusivity and resilience in tackling pressing challenges, including waste management issues and climate change.

AGRI aims at educating communities on innovative ways to repurpose waste for environmental and economic benefits. This includes composting organic waste to enhance soil fertility, supporting sustainable school gardens, and reducing dependency on chemical fertilizers. Since the launch of AGRI, we have empowered around 600 students and community members in the composting process and techniques and installed two composting bins in two different areas. These efforts helped us cultivate a culture of sustainability that benefits present and future generations.

AGRI envisions going beyond compost education. We plan to introduce biogas technology as a solution for waste management and clean energy in Antsirabe and beyond. Through workshops and hands-on training, we intend to teach residents how to transform organic waste into biogas, a renewable energy source that can power homes and farms.

This process not only addresses issues on access to clean energy but also only creates a a circular economy.

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Madagascar



CLEAN NKAMBE: INITIATIVE

The Clean Nkambe Initiative, funded by OMLA in collaboration with the Nkambe Council, addresses solid waste management in the Nkambe New Market. This project emphasizes community education on waste segregation and recycling. Key achievements include the installation of durable trash bins, stakeholder engagement, and the involvement of 52 youth champions.

Organic waste is repurposed into compost, while inorganic waste like plastics is prepared for recycling. Workshops have raised awareness, encouraging sustainable waste practices among market users.

This initiative has improved environmental hygiene, enhanced community participation, and set the stage for the Green Nkambe Initiative, focused on circular economy solutions.

Walter Chuye
Cameroon



ALUMNI MAKING WAVES

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT OF SADIQ BA'BA

My professional journey has been defined by diverse experiences and a steadfast commitment to community development and sustainable impact. Before joining the fellowship, I served as a Community Ambassador for the Kaduna Capital Territory Authority, where I led initiatives that strengthened community engagement and development. As a team lead for the LEAP Africa youth development project, I empowered young individuals with ICT and entrepreneurship skills, fostering innovation and self-reliance. As a Global Shaper, an initiative of the World Economic Forum, I contributed to youth-led efforts that addressed critical societal challenges, further solidifying my passion for creating meaningful change.

My contributions to the community go beyond projects; they lie in building networks and fostering a ripple effect of empowerment. Through initiatives like LEAP Africa and #DigitHer, I have directly impacted young people, equipping them with essential skills and creating a foundation for long-term resilience.

Mentoring young leaders has been particularly rewarding, ensuring that the impact is multiplied through their continued efforts and innovations.

In terms of innovation, I have had the privilege of leading projects that challenge norms and create lasting change. One such example is the climate change sensitization program with the Global Shapers, which inspired the creation of the Greening Minds Club. This initiative not only raised awareness but also equipped young participants with tools to address climate resilience and foster innovation in their schools and communities.

Looking ahead, I aim to continue making a difference professionally by driving sustainable development initiatives and fostering resilience in communities.

Personally, I am committed to mentoring more young leaders and contributing to a future where equitable opportunities and sustainability are central to progress.

Through these efforts, I hope to inspire others to pursue impactful paths and collectively shape a better future for all.

Sadiq Ba'ba
Nigeria

COMMUNITY BUILDERS:

ALUMNI CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES

The OMLA Fellowship has been a transformative journey, significantly shaping my career and community impact. Before joining, I worked as a WASH Assistant, organizing workshops, facilitating community mobilization, and leading a Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage project. Despite these accomplishments, I sought a deeper understanding of leadership and sustainable innovation.

Through the fellowship, I gained invaluable training in leadership, sustainability, and social entrepreneurship. I led the "Clean Sweep: Transforming Plastic Bottles into Household Brooms" project in Yaoundé, Cameroon, tackling plastic waste while equipping youths with repurposing skills. Winning the Most Impactful Project Award for OMLA 2024 validated our efforts.

This experience inspired me to establish the Community Outreach and Development Initiative (CODI), addressing challenges in WASH, equality, GBV, health, and climate action. With a renewed focus on scaling impact and mentoring future changemakers, I am committed to fostering sustainable and equitable solutions for underserved communities.



BLESSING ICHU
CAMEROON



ANNETTE TCHOWAU
CAMEROON

The OMLA fellowship was transformative, significantly shaping my professional journey. Before joining, I led four community projects empowering disabled individuals and displaced persons through urban farming. During the fellowship, I designed and implemented a project that improved the nutrition of 37 children at Orphanage "Divin" in Yaoundé. The initiative introduced sustainable farming practices, repurposed over 100 plastic bottles, and engaged the community in environmental preservation efforts.

The fellowship taught me leadership, design thinking, and project management skills. While assembling a committed team was challenging, I adapted by mentoring volunteers and focusing on dedicated individuals. This experience enhanced my empathy, decision-making, and ability to inspire confidence.

Currently, I am developing an outreach program for nutrition and digital skills in orphanages, seeking financial assistance to scale its impact. My goal is to replicate this initiative, addressing challenges in education, health, and access to technology for vulnerable children.

The Move and Pick project has greatly transformed the Tabata Dampo community in Dar es Salaam, creating a cleaner and greener environment. In collaboration with SUSTAINABLE OCEAN ALLIANCE TANZANIA (SOA) and other organizations, we planted 2,000 tree seedlings, contributed 100 tree seedlings ourselves, distributed 30 dustbins to improve waste management, and organized clean-up activities at the local market and Tabata Dampo.

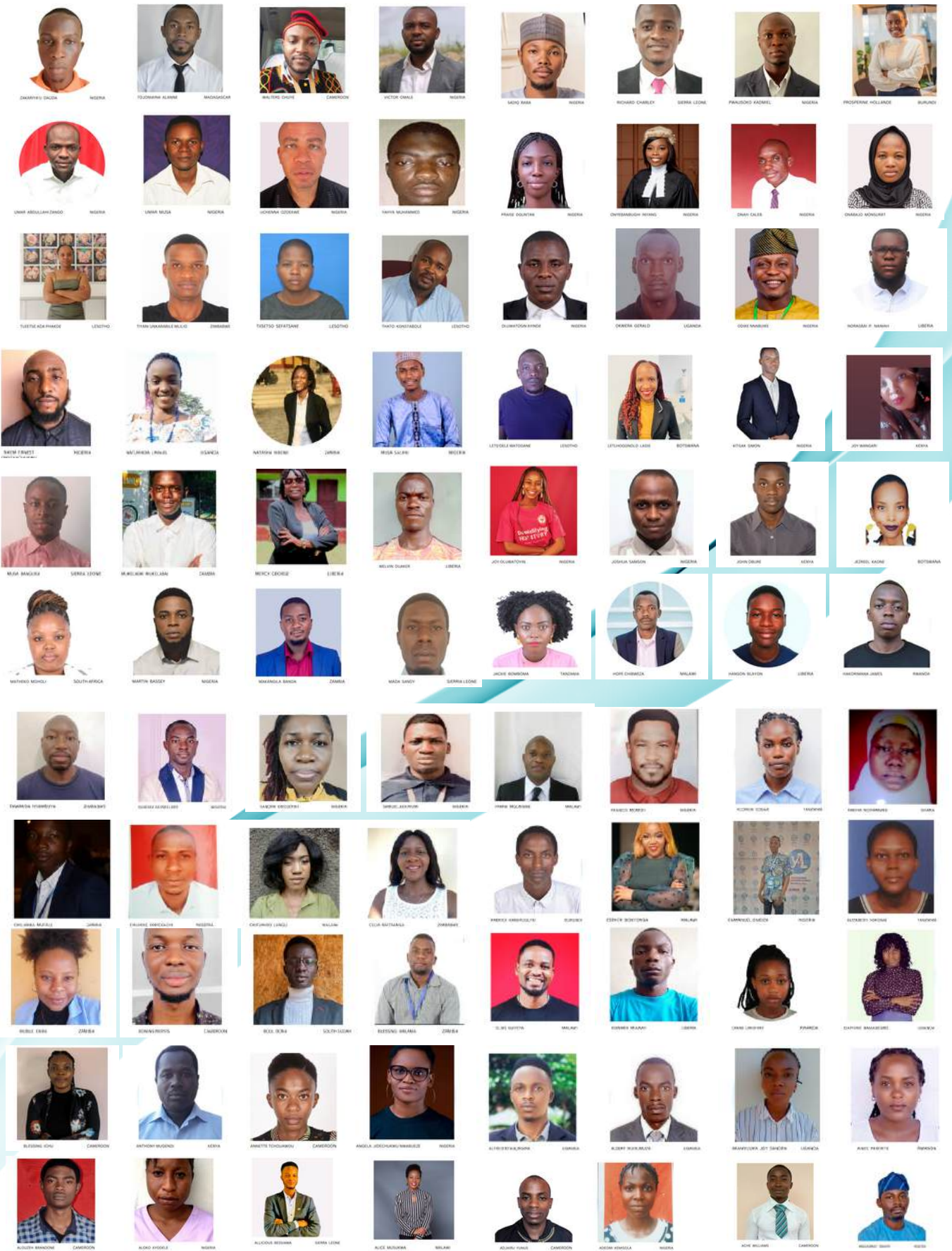
These efforts not only enhanced the community's environment but also fostered a sense of responsibility among residents. By repurposing waste into reusable items such as charcoal and decorations, we've promoted sustainable practices. Guided by our motto, "It begins with you; Africa is our business," the project demonstrates how collective action can create lasting, positive change.



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We extend our congratulations to the remarkable individuals of the Class of 2024. Stay connected and Stay Inspired



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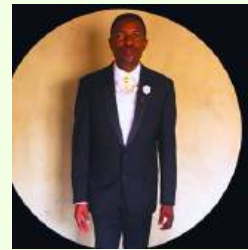
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