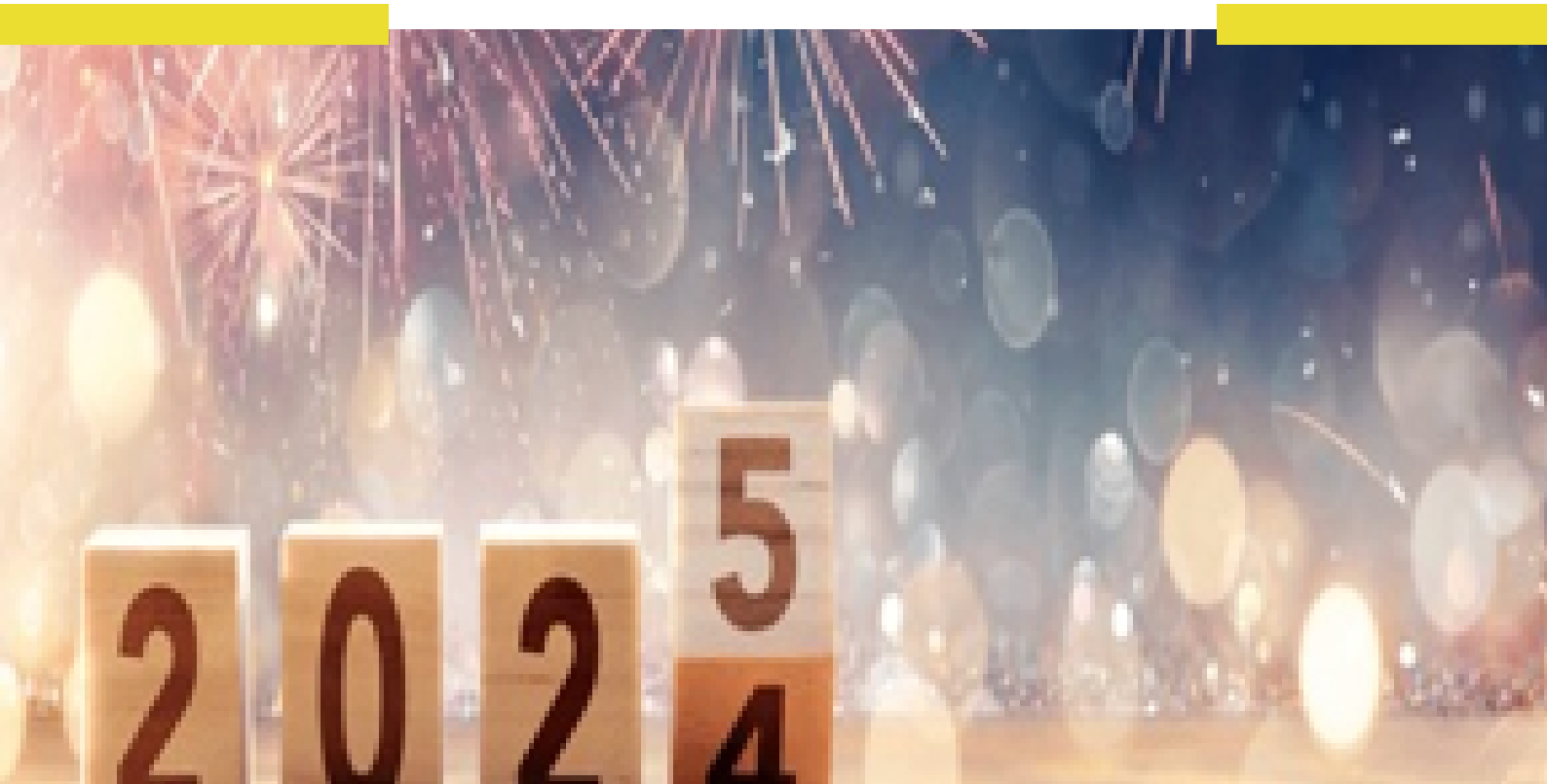




## »»» YEAR END NEWSLETTER, 2024 «««



**"The youth are the leaders of tomorrow, and it is up to us to equip them with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed." - Tony Elumelu**

Dear OMLA Friend,

We are pleased to present the 2024 Annual Newsletter of the OMLA programs. This year has been marked by significant achievements and challenges, which we have navigated with resilience and innovation.

From Intensive fellowship training to leadership and entrepreneurship boot camp and clubs for young folks to community project execution and keeping a vibrant Alumni community, we've made significant strides in raising and empowering young African leaders. Read on to learn more about our impact.

Best wishes,  
Mary

# OMLA FELLOWSHIP

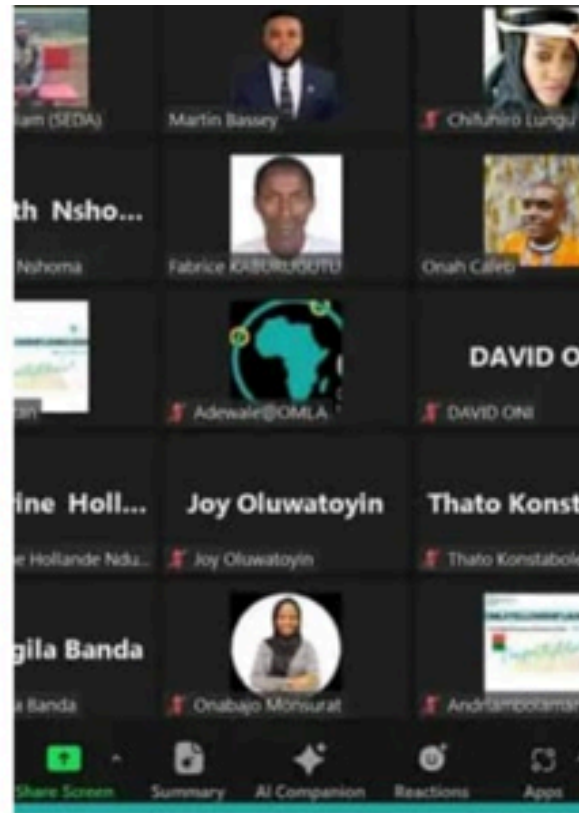
This year, we were overwhelmed by the response to our fellowship, receiving over 15,000 applications from 40 African countries. In April, we proudly inaugurated 200 young and passionate individuals as Fellows.

A significant milestone was reached as 140 Fellows embarked on the 5 OML Pillars training, marking the beginning of their leadership journey. These Fellows, in turn, identified and mentored 4,000 young and passionate individuals as OMLA Champions within their communities.

The third phase of the fellowship, "Act for Change," saw Fellows and Champions collaborate to identify pressing social issues within their communities. 82 project proposals were submitted, and 22 were selected for funding and implementation.

As the year COMES TO CONCLUSION, we celebrated the achievements of 88 graduating Fellows and 1,131 Champions from 23 African countries. To delve deeper into the impact of the 2024 fellowship, please refer to our [ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT](#) and documentary video of some projects [here](#).

We are excited about the future and look forward to a greater impact in 2025. Stay tuned for the application process for the next cohort, opening in January 2025!



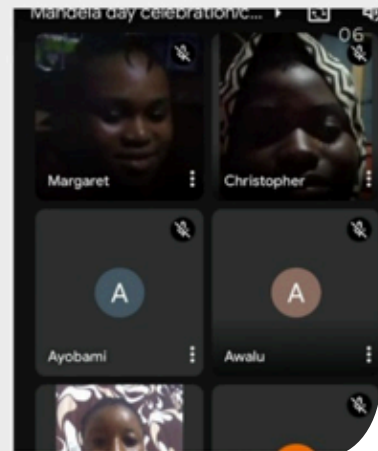
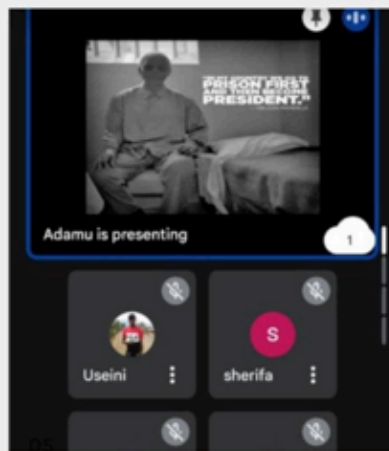
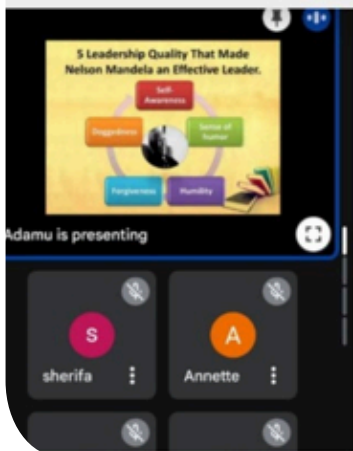
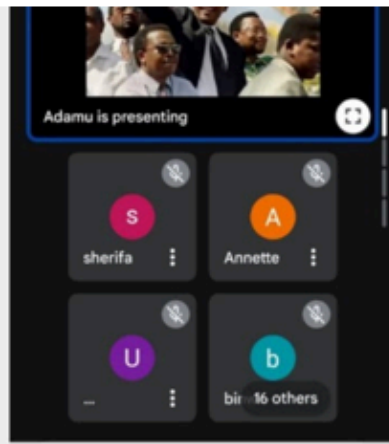
# OMLA CLUB AND BOOT CAMP



The year kicked off with the much-awaited launch of the OMLA Club, welcoming over 300 enthusiastic students from last year's school boot camp. Armed with a comprehensive manual, club members are eager to unlock their leadership abilities and become agents of positive impact. The OMLA Club initiative continued to thrive, with a growing membership of over 300 active participants. The second edition of the One Million Leaders Africa (OMLA) Bootcamp 2024, held at St. Louis Grammar School in Akure, Nigeria, empowered 120 young minds aged 13-18. This transformative week-long experience focused on leadership, sustainability, entrepreneurship, and climate change. The boot camp, part of a larger movement to inspire a million young leaders by 2030, provided participants of this year's edition with practical skills and knowledge. They learned about climate change mitigation, leadership techniques, career paths, technology, and entrepreneurship. Through hands-on workshops, they gained experience in metalworking, food processing, and tree planting. The event culminated in a grand finale, showcasing the participants' achievements, including their entrepreneurial projects and essay competition winners. See the video documentary of the boot camp [HERE](#).

OMLA 2024 has set a strong foundation for future initiatives, demonstrating the immense potential of Africa's youth.

# OMLA ALUMNI COMMUNITY



Celebrating Our 2024 Alumni-Mentors We extend our deepest gratitude to the exceptional OMLA Alumni-Mentors of 2024. Their invaluable expertise, guidance, and unwavering support HAVE been instrumental in empowering our 2024 fellows to successfully implement their impactful community projects. THEIr dedication to nurturing the next generation of leaders is truly inspiring. Nelson Mandela Celebration On July 18, 2024, OMLA Fellows celebrated Mandela Day across 20 African countries with impactful initiatives, including clean-up campaigns, tree planting, food distribution, ICT training, health drives, and youth empowerment workshops. The events honored Mandela's legacy by promoting unity, sustainability, and community development. [Click here](#) to view a compilation of the celebration.

## Global Impact:

OMLA proudly represented Africa at the Next Leaders Initiative for Sustainability (NELIS) Summit in Tokyo, Japan. Erick Ramsey from Tanzania and Rosemary Adejoh from Nigeria engaged with over 200 Japanese university students, fostering global collaboration and exploring sustainable solutions to pressing global challenges. This prestigious summit highlighted the critical role of youth in driving sustainable development. Looking Ahead: 2024 Alumni Orientation Get ready for the 2024 Alumni Orientation Ceremony in January 2025! Stay tuned for more details on this exciting event.

## A Year of Growth and Impact

The OMLA Fellowship 2024 was a year of significant growth and impact. 1,336 young leaders were empowered, and 26 community-change projects were supported. The OMLA Club initiative also flourished, with over 300 members joining and actively participating in various activities.

Since our inception in 2022, we have empowered 1992 young leaders from 40 African countries to execute 65 community-change projects.

OMLA has made a substantial contribution to youth development and community empowerment across Africa! [VIEW MORE ON OUR IMPACT REPORT.](#)

### **PAY FORWARD TO THE FUTURE OF AFRICA!**

We invite you to contribute to our ongoing 2025 crowdfunding campaign, a noble endeavour to empower 300 young African leaders. Your generous donation will directly contribute to our goal of training 500 young Africans and supporting them in solving pressing community challenges in 2025. By investing in our project, you will be:

1. Providing free training programs to young people all over Africa
2. Supporting young people in difficult environments to make changes on their own.

To donate, please visit <https://nelisglobal.org/donation/> or <https://flutterwave.com/pay/omldonations>

Thank you for your time and consideration. Together, we can leave a legacy of hope and action for future generations!

### **A Call to Action and a Thank You**

On behalf of the OMLA team, we extend our sincere thanks for your ongoing support. Your contributions are vital to our mission of empowering a million young African leaders. We encourage you to share this newsletter and help us build a sustainable and prosperous Africa.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

Mary Afolabi

OMLA Project Director