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The Africa's Future

In 2020, at the Next Leaders Africa Summit, a remarkable gathering took place. Over 200 young Africans from 30 different countries united — not just to discuss problems, but to reimagine Africa's future. What emerged was a bold vision: a continent that thrives on sustainability, justice, opportunity, and inclusive leadership.

That vision gave birth to One Million Leaders Africa (OMLA).

OMLA started as a shared belief — that young Africans have the power, creativity, and heart to lead their communities into a brighter future. So we created a movement.



OUR vision is to connect, inspire and empower One Million Leaders in Africa by 2030.

Vision

Mission



OMLA builds a dynamic network of next-gen African leaders, equipping them with transformative leadership and social innovation skills to train others and lead sustainable change across Africa.



We the OMLA community, will not be SPECTATORS on the road to Africa of 2030 We will make EXPLOITS with the OMLA CORE VALUES that we share in common — I AM SET to transform Africa!

Values

Club/ Bootcamp



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The OMLA Boot Camp 2025 brought transformative skills to the heart of Ondo State. By focusing on youth in underserved communities, we trained 91 teenagers through immersive, hands-on sessions. The curriculum bridged the gap between leadership, digital skills, and entrepreneurship, ensuring these young leaders are prepared for the challenges of tomorrow. The impact of this program confirmed an outstanding achievement: 100% of all participants acquired new skills in their chosen area.



Furthermore, a remarkable 98.7% of these young leaders now feel confidently equipped to generate a sustainable source of income. This success metric confirms the program's power in driving economic self-reliance.





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2025 edition

Application
207

Selected
150

Graduated
91

OMLA club is an extension of the Bootcamp where students who have participated in the Bootcamp continue learning leadership skills and sustainability. The initiative has grown into a powerful movement for leadership and social awareness, currently engaging over 450 members across 11 participating schools¹. In 2025, the clubs demonstrated the incredible potential of African youth through a year of advocacy, environmental stewardship, and practical skill-building, ensuring that OMLA Club members are not just students, but active change-makers in their communities.



Sponsors

We thank our sponsors and partners for their support in making the OMLA Boot Camp 2025 possible.





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OMLA Fellowship

The One Million Leaders Africa (OMLA) Fellowship continues to stand as a powerful platform for nurturing young African leaders who are committed to creating meaningful change within their communities. Across different countries and sectors, OMLA alumni are translating leadership training into action, implementing projects that address real social, environmental, and economic challenges.



Blessing Ichu (Cameroon) turns plastic bottles into household brooms through her “Clean Sweep” initiative, tackling pollution while creating income opportunities for youth. Annette Tchouawou (Cameroon) improved food security for 37 orphaned children through a sustainable farming project in Yaoundé. In Nigeria, Sadiq Ba’aba’s #DigitHer Project equips young girls with digital skills, promoting inclusion and bridging gender gaps in technology.



The OMLA Fellowship strengthened my leadership and commitment to environmental sustainability, enabling me to work with young people to combat plastic waste through recycling and upcycling. With mentorship and peer support, I scaled my impact and achieved measurable results, reflecting OMLA’s mission of empowering young leaders to drive sustainable change.

Victor Omale
OMLA Alumni President



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2025 Fellowship Cohort

Application
2317

Selected
280

Graduated
Fellows
60

Graduated
Champions
74

The culmination of 2025 was marked by the successful completion of our Fourth Cohort of the OMLA Fellowship. In a dynamic online graduation ceremony, 134 young change makers and leaders (60 Fellows and 74 Champions) officially graduated and were warmly inducted into the now even more vibrant OMLA Alumni community.

Each of these leaders (Fellows) has completed the rigorous training in leadership, sustainability, social entrepreneurship, and innovation. They are now empowered and fully equipped to launch new social enterprises designed to directly address pressing environmental and social challenges, starting within their local communities.

This cohort represents a major investment in the future of the continent. We are immensely hopeful and confident that, in the years to come, these newly launched social entrepreneurs will significantly impact lives, ignite widespread positive change, and transform Africa, one community at a time.



New Alumni Faces



We proudly welcome you into the OMLA Alumni Community — a network of purpose-driven leaders committed to creating real impact across Africa and beyond. Their journey through the Fellowship has been inspiring, and their projects reflect courage, innovation, and service.

Take a moment to explore their profiles and outstanding projects, and celebrate the incredible work they are doing to shape a better future for Africa.

[Alumni Profile](#)

Welcome to a lifelong community of leaders. The journey continues!





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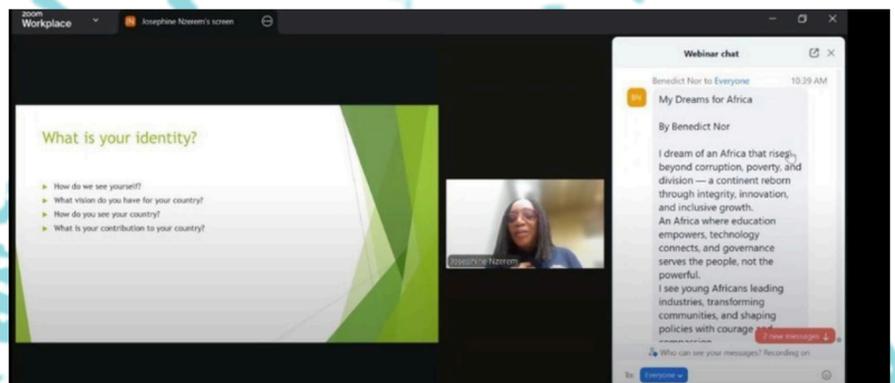
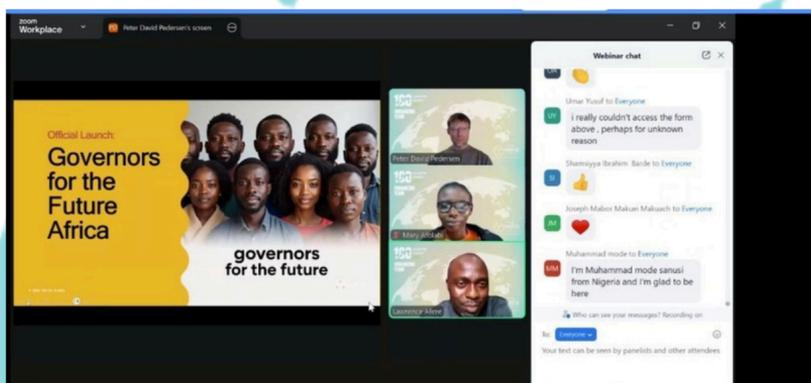


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The 100-Country Summit, hosted by One Million Leaders (OML) and NELIS, was a landmark global gathering that brought together thousands of young leaders, innovators, and change-makers from over 100 countries. A major highlight was the African Youth Virtual Town Hall, which placed African youth at the center of conversations on leadership, development, and nation-building.

Through dialogue and collaboration, participants co-created the African Youth Vision 2040 Framework – a forward-looking blueprint capturing the aspirations, priorities, and solutions of young Africans for the continent’s future. The summit amplified youth voices, strengthened global connections, and reaffirmed the role of young leaders as key drivers of Africa’s transformation.

Governors of the future Theme song



Secretariat Team

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the OMLA Secretariat for their dedication, professionalism, and tireless efforts throughout 2025. Your commitment behind the scenes made every program, milestone, and success possible, and your service continues to drive the OMLA vision forward. Thank you!



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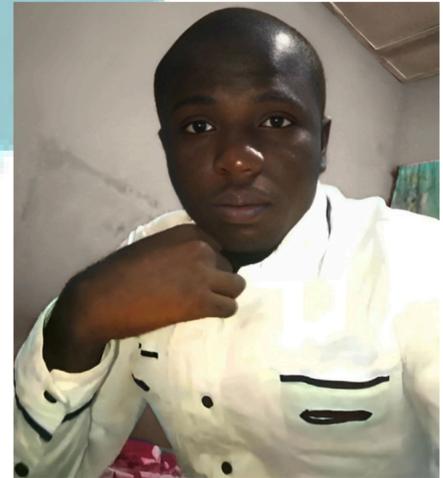
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