

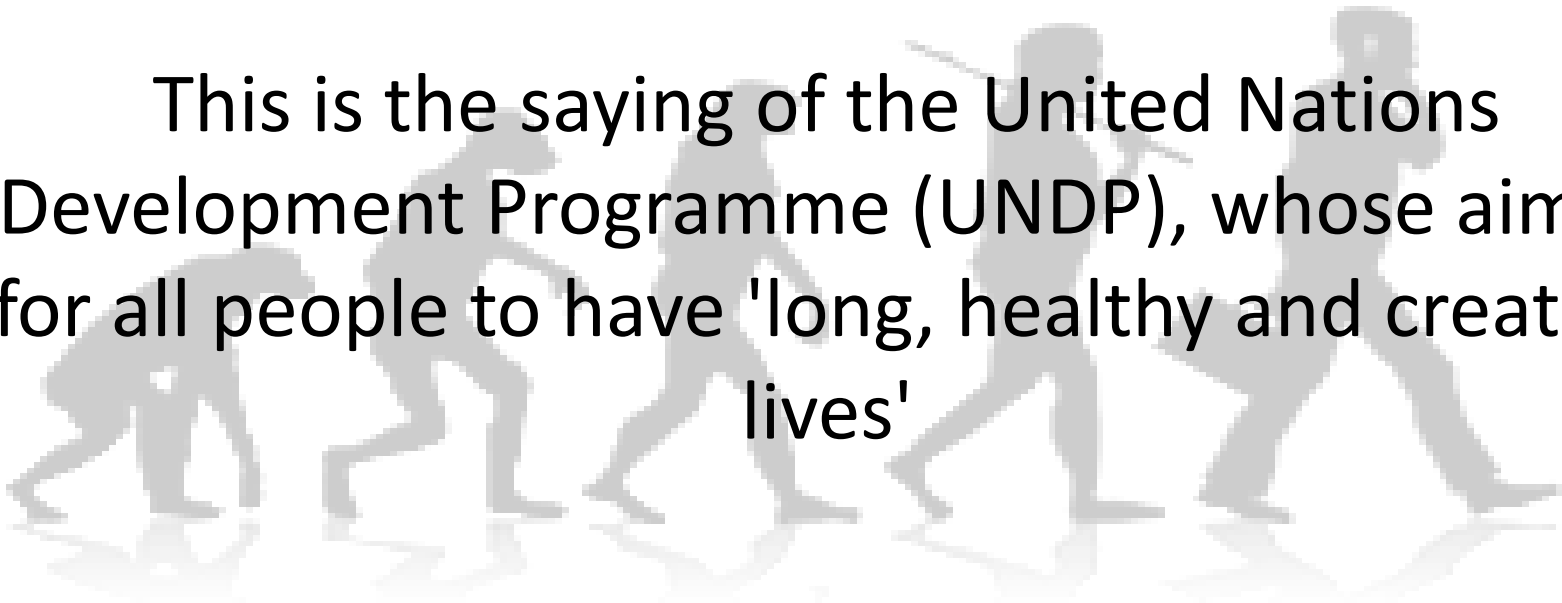
# Africa on the up



# Developing

‘People are the real wealth of a nation.’

This is the saying of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), whose aim is for all people to have 'long, healthy and creative lives'



# Looking to develop by;

Many nations need to focus on the welfare of their people and look to work on improvements in health and education as a priority.

Many African countries have made huge efforts after electing stable governments. Some countries such as Mozambique, Namibia and Ghana suffered years of war, but are now peaceful and prospering under democratic systems.

# Women

Africa is the fastest-growing continent, the population forecast is set to reach 2 billion by 2050. With its growing workforce and rising economies, the continent is expected to become more prosperous.

As countries are getting richer, women tend to have fewer children. This happens as girls become more educated and are able to exercise choice over the size of their family.

Once given access to finance (through banks providing micro-credit/loans), women often invest more successfully than men to increase their family's income.

When women have greater knowledge and equality in making decisions about families and livelihoods, they raise the productivity of a community and then society.

# Successful Female Africans

- **Teta Isibo, Rwandan**
- Founder, Inzuki Designs
- Teta Isibo, 32, she is the founder of Inzuki Designs, a young Rwandan brand specializing in Jewellery, accessories and Interior decor hand-made primarily from Local materials. Inzuki's products typically fuse traditional craftsmanship and contemporary style to present a transcontinental finish.





- **Lucia Bakulumpagi-Wamala, Ugandan**
- Founder, Bakulu Power
- Lucia Bakulumpagi-Wamala, 34, she is the Founder and CEO of Bakulu Power, a Ugandan renewable energy company. Bakulu Power is currently developing 3 solar mini-grids on islands off Lake Victoria and a clean cooking fuel (biomass) production plant on a refugee camp in Western Uganda.



- **Brigitha Faustin, Tanzania**
- Founder, OBRI Company
- Faustin, 30, is the founder and managing Director of OBRI Company, an Agro-Industrial company whose main businesses include edible oils manufacturing and fractionations under the OBRI brand. OBRI Company is modelled as a co-operative social enterprise. Under this model, OBRI has empowered more than 230 local Tanzanian farmers who are organized under farmers associations in Tanzania by providing sustainable market channels for their produce. OBRI's cooking oils are sold in retail outlets across the country.



- **Jennifer Shigoli, Tanzania**
- Founder, Malkia Investments Company Limited
- Jennifer Shigoli, 30, a trained lawyer and diplomat, is the founder of Malkia Investments Company Limited, a company that produces and distributes personal hygiene products. Malkia's most popular product is its Elea Reusable Sanitary Pads which are produced in Tanzania and packaged with information on hygiene. Shigoli won a \$150,000 prize at the BMCE African Entrepreneurship Award last year.







- **Nichole Onome Yembra, Nigerian**
- Managing Partner, GreenHouse Capital
- Nichole Onome Yembra, 29, is the Chief Financial, Risk and Investment Officer for Venture Garden Group (VCG) and a Managing Partner at GreenHouse Capital, VCG's investment arm. Venture Garden Group is a holding company of financial technology entities dedicated to innovative and data-driven solutions. When Nichole joined the VGG and Greenhouse Capital teams, she guided the formal legal structure of the fund and led the investment into 8 new ventures in 2016, raising the group to the 14 companies it has today.
- Nichole is not only driving the financial strategy of Venture Garden Group through challenging economic times, she is also actively engaged in serving as the local partner for foreign investors eager to transform African technology startups. Through GreenHouse Capital, she takes on fintech enabled portfolio companies looking to transform the education, renewable energy, big data, and fintech ecosystems.

# Successful Male Africans



- **Fahad Awadh, Tanzania**
- Founder, YYTZ Agro-Processing
- Fahad Awadh, a 29-year old entrepreneur, has set up a cashew processing facility in Tanzania in an effort to bring international standards and traceability to the cashew nuts. He is the founder of YYTZ Agro-Processing, a cashew processing company that is adding value locally while creating jobs and boosting the income of farmers and the community as a whole.

- **Alloysius Attah, Ghana**
- Founder, Farmerline
- Alloysius Attah, 27, founded Farmerline, a software company and social enterprise, in 2013. With offices in Kumasi and Accra, Ghana, and a current full-time staff of 23, Farmerline builds technologies to connect rural customers to information, financial services, and supply chains, with an emphasis on smallholder farmers. Farmerline has developed multiple proprietary software's that are used widely across different sectors.



- **Aigbe Omoregie, Nigeria**
- Founder, Intercontinental Paints
- The 34 year-old entrepreneur is the founder of Intercontinental Paints, a fast-growing paint manufacturing company based in Lagos. He founded the company in 2006 with a little over \$100 in savings, and the company has employed more than 50 people since its inception.





- **Rajiv Mehta, Kenya**
- Founder, Tangerine Investments
- Rajiv Mehta, 31, is one of Kenya's most outstanding young entrepreneurs. He is the founder of Tangerine Investments, an outdoor advertising firm that uses public transit vehicles, litterbins and street poles to market leading consumer goods in Kenya. It was founded in 2008, has clients such as Kenya Airways, Pizza Inn, Subway and Coca Cola HP among others.





- **Bruce Dube, South Africa**
- Founder, Nine80 Digital
- Bruce Dube, 28, is the founder of Nine80 Digital, a Pan African digital media publishing company that targets the youth demographic in South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Nigeria. The business generates hundreds of thousands of monthly unique youth users from its numerous digital media platforms ranging from youth portals, reference sites, classifieds platforms, gaming sites and video platforms.

- **Jean Bosco Nzeyimana, Rwandan**
- Founder, Habona
- An entrepreneur, Jean Bosco Nzeyimana, 23, is the founder of Habona Ltd, the company produces affordable and environmentally friendly fuels in form of biomass briquettes and biogas from waste. They also produce bio-fertilizer for farmers and provide a consultancy and maintenance service regarding integrated waste management and energy solutions.



- **Amr Sobhy, Egypt**
- Founder, PushBots
- Sobhy , 28, is an entrepreneur, technologist and data/information activist. He founded and runs Cairo-based PushBots, a tech startup that helps mobile publishers better engage their users via mobile messaging.



- **Heritiaina Randriamananatahina, Malagasy**
- Founder, Fiombonana
- Randriamananatahina, 22, is the founder of Fiombonana, an agro-processing enterprise that manufactures dairy products and confectioneries. The company uses only Malagasy raw materials in their products and increases local jobs by hiring low-income local farmers



- **Prinesh Naidoo, South Africa**
- Founder, Geco Cam
- Prinesh Naidoo, 25, is a co-founder of Eeezee Foam, which has one of the largest polyurethane foam manufacturing plants in South Africa. Geco Cam, his most recent venture, is the world's first glasses mounted action cam, and was launched at the International CES in Las Vegas in 2015, where it was the only hardware start-up from South Africa to exhibit.







- **George Mtemahanji, Tanzania**
- Founder, SunSweet Solar
- 23-year-old George Mtemahanji is the founder of SunSweet Solar, a solar photovoltaic company based in Tanzania. SunSweet Solar designs and installs Solar Off-Grid Systems, Solar Mini and Micro Grid Systems.

- **Issam Darui, Morocco**
- Founder, Lagare.ma
- Darui is the founder of Lagare.ma, Morocco's first electronic bus station which allows the country's growing number of bus users book tickets online, instead of wasting time and resources standing in long queues. The app is available in 10 languages and will accept 25 different currencies.



- **Calvin Mathibeli, South Africa**
- Founder, Calvin & Family Group
- Calvin Mathibeli, a former garden boy, is the founder of Calvin and Family Group (CFG), a construction company. The company develops residential properties and later branched out into commercial, retail and industrial developments. He also owns the Unique Lifestyle Café - a high-end restaurant at the heart of the leafy suburb of KZN, Durban.



- **Onyekachi Ekezie, Nigeria**
- Founder, Kaptain Foods
- Onyekachi Ekezie, 33, is the founder of Kaptain Foods, a Nigerian food processing company that produces a range of pre-cooked and packaged ready to eat tomato stews using locally grown fresh produce and spices.



- **Mubarak Muyika, Kenya**
- Founder, Zagace
- 22-year-old Mubarak is the founder of Zagace, a custom-built app store for small-medium size enterprise packages called zag apps. The platform offers a full suite of enterprise management products from accounting, inventory, sales, manufacturing, storage, HR at a price affordable to small businesses.





- **Knight Ganje, Zimbabwe**
- Founder, H&G Advertising
- Knight Ganje, a 29 year-old Zimbabwean entrepreneur, is the founder of H&G Advertising, a Botswana-based ad agency with a clientele listing that includes brands such as Unilever, Emirates, Coca-Cola and Samsung.



- **Jamie Pujara, Kenya**
- Founder, BuyRentKenya
- Pujara, a 33 year-old Kenyan entrepreneur is the founder of BuyRentKenya, one of Kenya's most popular property listing sites.



- **Nadeem Juma, Tanzania**
- Co-founder, AIM Group
- In 2004, and at the age of 19, Tanzanian serial entrepreneur Nadeem Juma founded Efulusi Africa, a software development company that develops custom software with a focus on mobile finance apps and aggregation.



- **Anda Maqanda, South Africa**
- Founder, AM Group
- 29-year-old Maqanda owns the AM Group – a provider of engineering solutions, focusing mainly on Engineering Consulting, Design and Construction of Electrical Overhead Power Lines, Renewable Energy, Automation and Research and Development.



- **Mutoba Ngoma, Zambia**
- Founder, Tapera Bio Industries
- After studying aeronautical engineering in the United Kingdom, Ngoma, a 31 year-old Zambian entrepreneur returned home to seek his fortune in the renewable energy business. He started Tapera Bio Industries Limited in 2009, a business which is focused on the production and promotion of biodiesel fuel and derivatives of vegetable oils.



# Successful African Partnerships

- **Benson Mengi and Esther Lugoe-Mengi, Tanzania**
- Founders, Serensic Africa
- A husband and wife duo, Benson Mengi (29), and Esther Lugoe Mengi (26), are the founders of Serensic Africa, one of Tanzania's leading indigenous cyber security and software development companies.





- **Chude Jideonwo & Adebola Williams, Nigeria**
- Founders, Red Media
- Chude Jideonwo (32) and Adebola Williams (31) are co-founders and Partners of RED — a leading full-service media-content, communication, and development company behind well-known brands like YNaija, Rubbin' Minds and The Future Awards. The duo built the RED media empire before they turned 30.



# Dreams can be achieved

- Knowing who you are and where you are from will give you security and a sense of drive to achieve your goals and satisfy your ambitions.
- Focus and commitment can empower you and those around you to help develop and strive for success.



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