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ABOUT WIMBIZ

WimBiz (Women in Management, Business, and Public Service) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting women in leadership roles.

The organization is of African roots with a global perspective of connecting and inspiring women across the globe to catalyze their growth to leadership positions and contribution to nation building. With a history spanning 24 years, WIMBIZ has implemented various programs that inspire, empower, and advocate for greater representation of women in both the public and private sectors. WIMBIZ has a global network of over 3,357 accomplished women who contribute to its initiatives in management, business, and public service.

WIMBIZ collaborates with reputable domestic and international organizations to deliver impactful programs, positively influencing over 344,335 women to excel in their careers and businesses.



VISION

To be the catalyst that elevates the status and influence of women and their contribution to nation building.



MISSION

To inspire and empower women to attain leadership positions in business, management and public service.



CORE VALUES

- Selflessness
- Passion
- Professionalism
- Respect
- Integrity
- Team Work



KEY PILLARS & PROGRAMS

Inspire

- Annual Conference
- Big Sister Program (BSP)
- International Women's Day (IWD)
- International Conference

Empower

- Impact Investment ■
- Partnership Programs ■
- WIMBIZ Mentoring ■
- Entrepreneurship Masterclass ■

Advocate

- WIMBIZ Advocacy
- WIMBIZ Women on Boards (WIMBoard)

Connect

- WIMBIZ Associates Engagement ■
- WIMBIZ Roundtable ■



24 YEARS OF IMPACT

We have Empowered and Inspired a total of **344,335** Women worldwide through various our programs and initiatives. We are growing network of accomplished women comprising of **3,027** Associate Members and **330** Life Members across **24** countries, including: Benin Republic, Canada, China, Cote D'Ivoire, Dubai, France, Ghana, India, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Netherlands, Nigeria, Poland, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom, United States.



2,181+ Women Mentored and Trained in Leadership Skills, including Board Positions through our Women on Boards Program.

International standard research & publications (in digital prints, & audio-visuals) on gender inclusivity for private sector organizations to assess and improve on their gender equality and equity status.

Facilitated **28+** Grants for businesswomen through our Impact Investment Program.

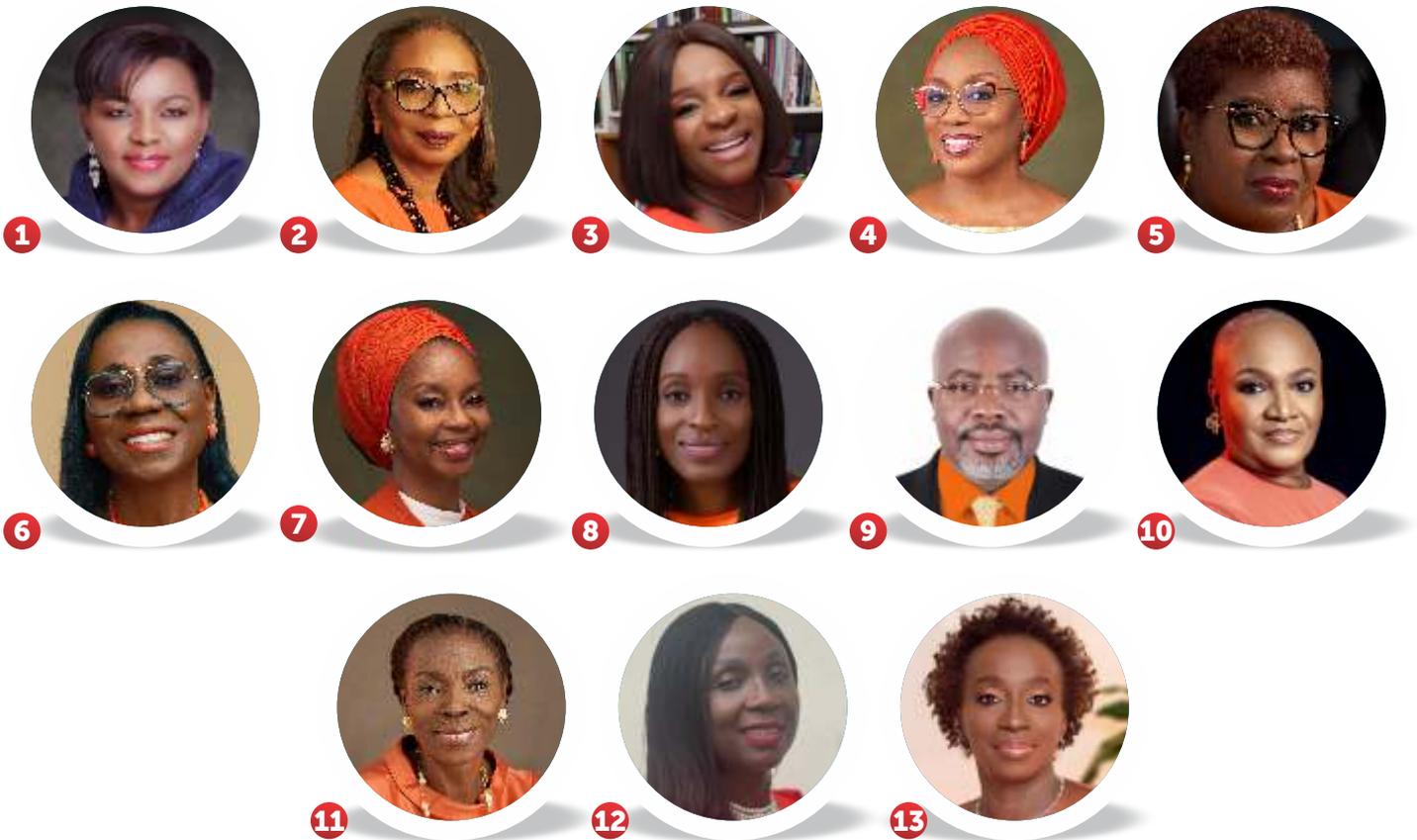
Mentored **9,151** Young Girls in Secondary Schools. Reached Over **78,000** Families through the WIMBIZ Cares Initiative.



Key Pillars: Inspire • Empower • Advocate • Connect

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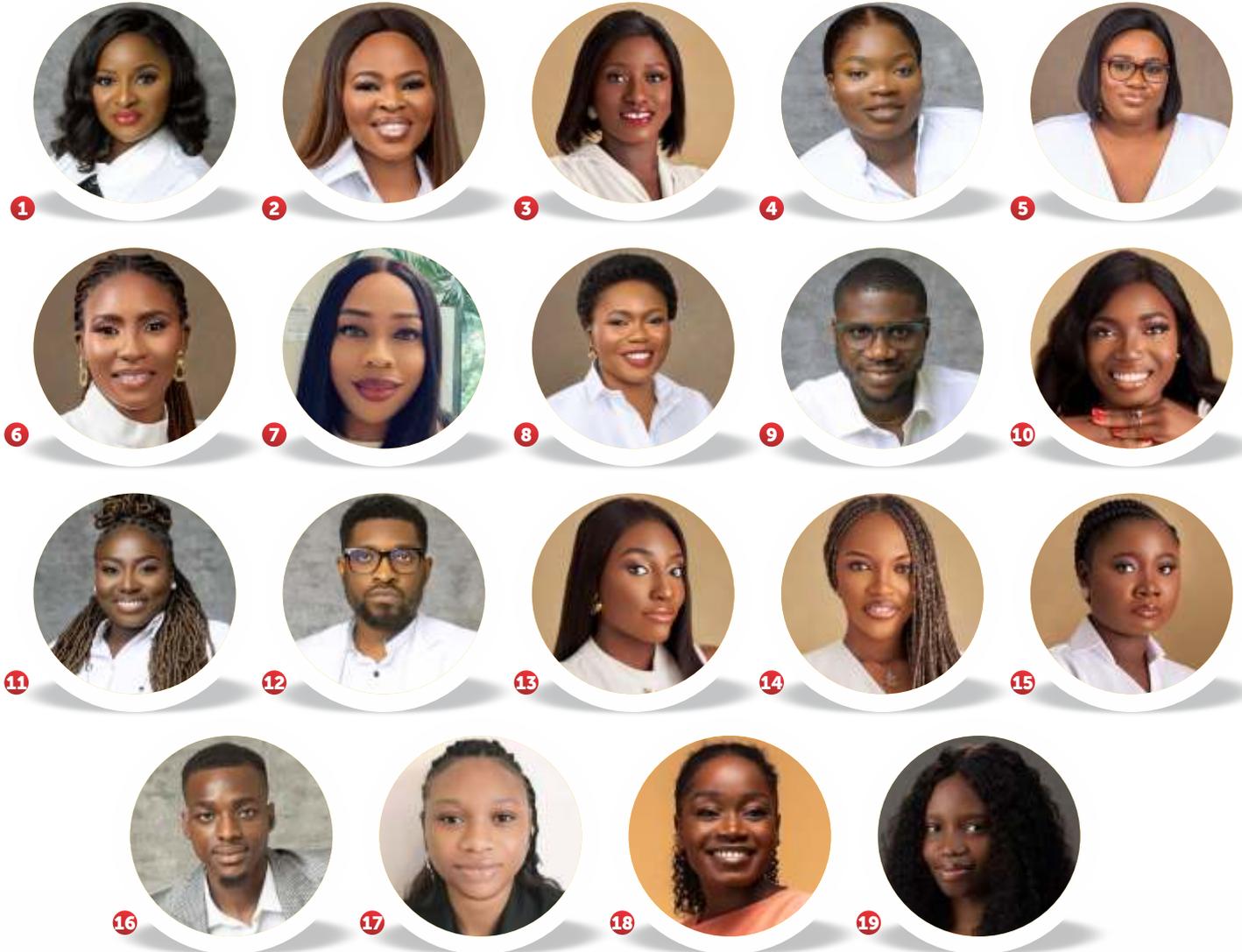
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CONFERENCE AGENDA



2025 LONDON CONFERENCE AGENDA

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025	
8.30am - 9.25am	REGISTRATION, NETWORKING & EXHIBITION Kemi "Lala" Akindoju, CEO, The Make It Happen Productions
9.30am - 9.35am	INTRODUCTIONS & SETTING THE TONE Kemi "Lala" Akindoju, CEO, The Make It Happen Productions
9.40am - 9.45am	WELCOME ADDRESS Bisi Adeyemi , Chairman, Board of Trustees, WIMBIZ
9.45am - 9.55am	THE POWER OF US! Omowunmi Akingbohngbe , Executive Director, WIMBIZ Caroline Popoola , Chair, 2025 London Conference Planning Group, WIMBIZ
10.00am - 10.15am	DARE TO SHARE YOUR STORY - 1 Belinda Otas , Journalist/Podcast Lead/Editor, Pin-Africa
10.15am - 10.20am	GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM THE UK TRADE ENVOY TO NIGERIA Florence Eshalomi MP , UK Trade Envoy to Nigeria
10.25am - 11.25am	PLENARY 1: HARNESSING COLLABORATION OVER COMPETITION Dr. Lisa Adjei , Partnership Manager/ Diversity & Inclusion Consultant Eryca Freemantle , Founder, E.A.T.O.W Global, Strategist & Beauty Industry Matriarch Sandra Pollock, OBE , Founder, Leadership Consultant, Equality Advocate Tola Onigbanjo , CEO & Founder, Women4Africa (Moderator)
11.30am - 12.00pm	TEA BREAK AND NETWORKING
12.05pm - 12.35pm	FIRESIDE CHAT Ann Cairns , Chair, TMF Group & Crown Agents Bank Aishah N. Ahmad, CFA , Global Finance & Policy Adviser (Moderator)
12.40pm - 12.55pm	DARE TO SHARE YOUR STORY - 2 Morenike Ajayi , Exec. Dir (GCHA) & CEO/ Founder - Career Nuggets
1.00pm - 1.20pm	A WORD ON BEHALF OF THE FOUNDERS OF WIMBIZ
1.20pm - 2.20pm	LUNCH BREAK
2.20pm - 3.20pm	PLENARY 2: MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY Marcia Dixon MBE , Publisher, Keep the Faith Magazine & PR Specialist Oluwayemisi Jenkins MBE, President , Association of British Nigerian Law Enforcement (ABLE) Officers Simi Nwogugu , President & CEO, JA Africa Rolake Akinkugbe-Filani , Managing Director/CEO, EnergyInc Advisors (Moderator)
3.25pm - 3.40pm	UNITED IN PURPOSE: HONOURING UK ALLIES FOR WOMEN
3.45pm - 4.45pm	DEBATE: Yanmo Adetula , Award-Winning Career Consultant & Forbes Coaches Council Member. Feizin Amlani , Co-Founder & CEO, Excellent Consulting Dr. Gospel Obele , Economist & Impact Investor Mayowa Oluyede , Founder/CEO, MS Estates Eunice Afolabi , Founder/CEO, Adler Technology (Moderator)
4.50pm - 4.55pm	VOTE OF THANKS Ononuju Irukwu , Vice Chair, 2025 London Conference Planning Group, WIMBIZ
4.55pm - Late	CONFERENCE AFTER PARTY

WELCOME ADDRESS

BISI ADEYEMI

Chairman, Board of Trustees, WIMBIZ



Good morning, distinguished guests, trailblazing women, partners, and friends of WIMBIZ.

It is with immense pleasure and a deep sense of purpose that I welcome you to the 3rd Edition of the WIMBIZ London Conference, a gathering that has become a beacon of inspiration, collaboration, and collective impact beyond borders.

Our theme this year, “The Power of Us: Uniting for Impact,” could not be more timely. It speaks directly to the heart of what WIMBIZ represents: a vibrant community of women united by shared values, bold vision, and an unwavering commitment to advancing female leadership.

For 24 years WIMBIZ has remained steadfast in its mission to inspire and empower women to attain leadership positions across sectors, geographies, and generations. Our work directly contributes towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality, a global challenge that is not peculiar to Nigeria alone.

We are proud to witness the expansion of the WIMBIZ network across 23 countries, a testament to the universal relevance of our cause. Citizens of different nationalities, including here in the United Kingdom, have not only participated in our programs but have become part of our growing sisterhood. This organic growth underscores the rationale behind a pivotal milestone we are celebrating today: the formal establishment of WIMBIZ UK.

Under the capable leadership of our Executive Director, and the dedicated WIMBIZ Management Team at the Headquarters, we are excited to deepen our presence in the UK. This step further amplifies our voice on the global stage and strengthens our



ability to foster meaningful connections and opportunities for women across both nations.

It is also important to spotlight the growth in trade and business opportunities between Nigeria and the UK a space where many of you here are already thriving. Over the past year, we have taken deliberate steps to highlight these opportunities through our Cross-Border Trade Webinar and the Nigeria-UK Trade Journal, which will be unveiled later today.

Indeed, collaboration has always been at the core of our impact. We have seen, time and time again, that when women come together, extraordinary things happen. As we engage with today's brilliant speakers and explore the curated sessions, I encourage you all to be intentional. Let us listen not only to learn but to connect, to collaborate, and to co-create solutions that will positively shape the lives of women in the UK and beyond.

In closing, I must extend my heartfelt appreciation to the WIMBIZ International Committee, led by the very passionate and diligent Caroline Popoola. Over the past six months, you all have poured your time, energy, and resources into bringing this remarkable conference to life. We are deeply grateful.

I thank and salute our Founders; the true visionaries who birthed this movement for the legacy that is WIMBIZ. My fellow Trustees, your support in making this day happen is truly heartwarming. To the HQ Team, led by Omowunmi Akingbohunge, a powerhouse of dedication and excellence, I say thank you and very well done!

To our partners and sponsors, thank you for believing in our vision and walking this journey with us. Your support is helping to build a more inclusive and impactful world.

Together, let us harness the power of us to make a lasting difference. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I say "Thank you, and welcome!".



OPENING REMARKS

CAROLINE POPOOLA

Chair, London Conference Planning Group



Good morning, ladies and distinguished guests, and welcome to the 2025 Women in Management, Business, and Public Service (WIMBIZ) London Conference.

It is truly an honour to stand before you today as the 2025 UK Chair of this incredible gathering of women who are shaping industries, influencing policies, and transforming communities.

Our theme this year, “The Power of Us: Uniting for Impact,” reminds us that greatness is rarely achieved alone. Power speaks to the strength we find when we collaborate, support one another, and share wisdom freely.

Impact is the mark we leave behind the positive change we are inspired through our actions, decisions, and leadership.

When women come together, magic happens:

1. We share ideas that spark innovation.
2. We empower each other to rise beyond limitations.
3. We create safe spaces for learning, healing, and growth.
4. We uplift the next generation of leaders.
5. And we show the world that our unity is our superpower.

There is so much power in women walking side by side be it in the boardroom, classrooms, on the frontlines of service, and behind the scenes of real change. Together, we are unstoppable.

Let today be more than a conference. Let it be a turning point where new partnerships are formed, old doubts are silenced, positive narratives are created, and fresh confidence is awakened.

You are not just here to attend; you are here to contribute, to connect, and to carry the torch forward. Your voice matters, your story matters, and your presence here today is powerful.

I leave you with this:

“Leadership is not about being in charge. It is about taking care of those in your charge.” – Simon Sinek

Here's to the power of us.

Thank you.



GOODWILL MESSAGE

FLORENCE ESHALOMI MP

UK Trade Envoy to Nigeria



Florence was elected to Parliament in 2019 and served on the London Assembly for Lambeth and Southwark prior to her election.

Florence was asked by the Business Secretary and Prime Minister to become the UK Trade Envoy for Nigeria earlier this year, and has been the Chair of the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee since September 2024.



FIRESIDE CHAT

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER'S PROFILE

ANN CAIRNS

Chair, TMF Group & Crown Agents Bank



Ann Cairns started life as a research scientist and was the first woman to work offshore with British Gas. She moved into investment banking in her 30's and rose up the ranks in Citibank.

After 15 years at Citi, she enjoyed senior roles at other financial institutions before finishing her career as Executive Vice Chair at Mastercard.

Ann believes that women should rise to the top of the corporate world in equal numbers to men, has chaired both the 30% Club and the Financial Alliance for Women.

She is a strong advocate for women in STEM.



FIRESIDE CHAT

MODERATOR'S PROFILE

AISHAH N. AHMAD, CFA

Finance & Policy Strategist &
Deputy Governor, CBN (2018-2023)



Aishah N. Ahmad is a global finance and policy expert with over 28 years of experience spanning public policy, private markets, and governance.

A trailblazer in finance, she made history as the first female Deputy Governor for Financial System Stability at the Central Bank of Nigeria (2018–2023), following a distinguished career in private wealth management and banking. With a proven track record of transformative leadership, Aishah has been instrumental in driving financial performance, fostering innovation, and leading collaborative efforts to build resilient and inclusive financial ecosystems.

At the CBN, she played a pivotal role in shaping financial policy, preserving stability—particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic—and driving financial innovation in Africa's largest economy. Under her regulatory stewardship, Nigeria strengthened its position as a leading financial hub through groundbreaking reforms, including the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (BOFIA 2020), Africa's first domestic card scheme (Afrigo), the introduction of telco-led Payment Service Banks, adoption of Open Banking, among others.

Aishah pioneered Nigeria's first International Financial Inclusion Conference while mobilizing national stakeholders to drive financial inclusion, achieving a record 11% increase to 74%. These initiatives strengthened the financial system—spurring record growth in real-sector credit, significantly expanding electronic transactions, and advancing digital financial services.

A sought-after speaker, she has addressed global forums, including the World Bank/IMF, Harvard Kennedy School, and Saïd Business School, Oxford University. Widely recognized for her contributions to global finance and gender advocacy, Aishah was honored with the national award of Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) in 2023 for her impact on Nigeria's financial sector.



A seasoned board director, Aishah serves on the global boards of the Financial Alliance for Women and SOS Children's Villages International and is a trustee of Women in Management, Business & Public Service (WIMBIZ). She has previously chaired strategic public, private and non-profit institutions, including Nigeria Interbank Settlement System (NIBSS), the country's primary payments market infrastructure.

Beyond finance, Aishah is a passionate advocate for gender equity. At the CBN, she institutionalized female leadership and empowerment as a strategic priority, mentoring thousands of female policymakers through her 100 Women Breakfast initiative and helping increase female CEO representation in Nigeria's banking sector to an all-time high of 25%. As Executive Chairperson at WIMBIZ, Africa's largest female-focused NGO, she launched the Big Sister Programme, impacting over 8,000 teenage girls in public secondary schools across Nigeria.

Aishah holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA), and INSEAD's International Director's Programme (IDP-C) designations (amongst other leadership and economic policy credentials) reflecting her deep expertise in financial markets and board governance.

An alumna of Cranfield School of Management, UK, and the University of Lagos, she earned a Master's in Finance & Management and an MBA in Finance, respectively. She also holds a Bachelor's degree (2:1) in Accounting from the University of Abuja.

Aishah Ahmad remains committed to championing financial stability, inclusive growth, and the next generation of leaders.



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Embracing the transformative power of storytelling, this plenary session invites you to 'Dare to Share Your Story.' By courageously sharing our experiences, we not only empower others but also amplify our collective voice. In the spirit of 'The Power of Us: Uniting for Impact,' we'll come together to celebrate the triumphs, challenges, and resilience of Black women in contemporary Britain.

Your story has the power to inspire, to heal, and to mobilize others to take action. By sharing your journey, you'll not only affirm your own value and influence but also contribute to a rich tapestry of experiences that will uplift and motivate others. Join us as we harness the collective power of our stories to drive meaningful change and foster a more inclusive, supportive community.



DARE TO SHARE YOUR STORY

SPEAKER'S PROFILE

MORENIKE AJAYI

Exec. Dir (GCHA) & CEO/ Founder, Career Nuggets



Morenike Ajayi MBE, DStG (Dame of the Order of St George), is the visionary CEO and Founder of Career Nuggets, a pioneering social enterprise committed to building black professional leaders for the future. Through Career Nuggets TV, as well as mentoring, networking, workshops, and events, Career Nuggets serves as a dynamic career development support hub, providing these services entirely on a voluntary basis.

In addition to leading this impactful organisation, Morenike works full-time as the Executive Director of Corporate Services, where she oversees key corporate functions including IT, Finance, HR, Risk, and Governance. Her distinguished career has spanned prominent roles with leading organisations such as PricewaterhouseCoopers, Transport for London, and the Housing and Local Authority sectors. She also managed an impressive £6bn pension fund during her time in the pensions industry.

In 2022, Morenike was honoured with an MBE by Her Majesty the Queen, in recognition of her exceptional contributions to race equality and inclusion. Beyond her professional achievements, Morenike serves on multiple boards, including as Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and Treasurer for London Youth. She has previously held trustee roles with the National Union of Students (UK) and Hopscotch Asian Women's Centre.

A woman of many talents, Morenike is not only a chartered accountant but also an award-winning executive producer, TV presenter, property investor, author of 2 books, author of 2 books (Career Nuggets ... bite sized tips for career progression and Career Nuggets... Undeniable Secrets for Career Success) and sought-after inspirational speaker. Her leadership and passion continue to inspire change and uplift communities



DARE TO SHARE YOUR STORY

SPEAKER'S PROFILE

BELINDA OTAS

Editor/Journalist/Podcast Lead, Pin Africa



Belinda Otas is an editor, journalist, writer, and media consultant with a heartbeat for African stories at the intersection of entrepreneurship, tech, innovation, art, culture, gender, health, and the African diaspora. She was previously the Business & Innovation editor at AMAKA Studio, where she commissioned and curated content which celebrated the trailblazing achievements of African women.

A freelance journalist for over a decade, Belinda contributed to diverse publications: The New African, Africa Report, Wings, and BBC Focus on Africa magazines. Her editorial experience includes serving as editor of Selamta (Ethiopian Airlines inflight magazine) and as deputy editor of the New African Woman (NAW). At NAW, she focused on stories which amplified the success of African women, while raising a clarion call for change about their challenges. Belinda has interviewed notable African women changemakers like Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Angelique Kidjo, Black Panther actress Danai Gurira, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Jumoke Adenowo, Joyce Banda, Arunma Oteh, Folorunso Alakija, Amma Asante, and Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee.

An advocate of organ donation, Belinda uses her personal journey with chronic kidney disease to raise awareness and believes storytelling is key to destigmatisation. She gave a TED Talk in 2019 about the power of organ donation to save and transform lives. She lives on dialysis but refuses to give up on her dreams and is currently studying for her master's degree in creative writing.

Belinda is inspired by the "Can Do" spirit of African women



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In a world where competition often dominates the narrative, we've witnessed the transformative power of collaboration among women. By lifting each other up, sharing resources, and co-creating opportunities, we unlock a collective potential that far surpasses individual success. When we prioritize mutual support and empowerment, we build a stronger, more resilient community that celebrates every woman's win as a victory for all.

Through intentional mentorship, strategic partnerships, and shared success, we can create a lasting legacy of empowerment that transcends generations. By embracing our diversity, leveraging our unique strengths, and fostering a culture of inclusivity and collaboration, we'll unleash a wave of positive change that resonates throughout our communities and beyond.

Together, let's redefine the paradigm of success and forge a new path that prioritizes collective growth, empowerment, and impact.



PLENARY 1

SPEAKER'S PROFILE

DR. LISA ADJEI

Partnership Manager/ Diversity & Inclusion Consultant



Dr. Lisa Adjei is an international speaker and writer who holds a Ph.D. in Biochemistry & Physiology from the University of Surrey in Guildford, where she was also a lay church leader for many years. Lisa is the founder of Sankofa Collective, an ecumenical racial justice and reconciliation community for Christians. Dr Lisa Adjei currently works in the London Diocese of the Church of England as Head of Racial Justice Priority.

She also sits on Churches Together England's Board of trustees and their Racial Justice Working Group. Dr Lisa is the chair of a global climate youth community, Climate YES, a movement of young activists engaging in political and societal transformation. Lisa is currently an active member of Trinity Baptist Church and studying for at Spurgeon's College for a master's in theology with Ministry formation.



PLENARY 1

SPEAKER'S PROFILE

ERYCA FREEMANTLE

Founder,

E.A.T.O.W Global, Strategist & Beauty Industry Matriarch



Eryca Freemantle is a globally respected voice in beauty, culture, and creative leadership — known not only for her four-decade career at the intersection of business, branding, and representation, but for the lives, industries, and nations she has quietly shaped behind the scenes.

A master convenor, Eryca connects worlds that often remain apart: the corporate and the creative, the diasporic and the local, the underrepresented and the elite. Her legacy has spanned beauty, property, media, and trade — but always with a singular mission: to ensure that no woman, no voice, no shade is left behind.

Founder of E.A.T.O.W. (Embracing All Tones of Women), she has built a global movement that empowers women through education, exposure, and elevation. From launching awards that spotlight African talent, to leading trade missions and masterclasses across the UK, Nigeria, the Caribbean, South Africa, Dubai and beyond — Eryca has become a cultural strategist whose work reaches and partners with governments, global brands, and grassroots communities alike.



PLENARY 1

SPEAKER'S PROFILE

SANDRA POLLOCK OBE

Founder, Leadership Consultant, Equality Advocate



Sandra Pollock OBE is a dynamic, multi-award-winning entrepreneur and leadership expert with over three decades of experience driving strategic growth and inclusive change. As the Founder and Director of Open Mind Training & Development Ltd., Inspiring You CIC, SHINE Together CIC, and The Women's Awards, Sandra is renowned for her impact across business and community sectors.

Her career spans industries including transport, retail, engineering, education, and local government, where she has led transformative initiatives in leadership, diversity, and inclusion. A sought-after motivational speaker, Sandra is also a coach, Reiki Master Practitioner, freelance radio presenter, and author.

Sandra holds a Master of Arts (MA) in Creative Writing from the University of Leicester. She also serves as an Advisor on several national and local boards, including the Employers' Initiative on Domestic Abuse (EIDA), is a Director of Porsche Club Great Britain (PCGB), Director-Trustee of Bamboozled Theatre Charity, and Co-Chair of the Strategic Independent Advisory Group Leicestershire, amongst other influential roles.

As the former National Chair of the CMI's Women in Management Network, she expanded its UK membership from 5,000 to 23,000 and launched the Horizon Mentoring Programme, empowering hundreds of women in leadership.

In December 2020, Sandra was awarded an OBE for her outstanding services to equality. She continues to champion visibility, recognition, and opportunity for women through her work and The Women's Awards.



PLENARY 1

MODERATOR'S PROFILE

TOLA ONIGBANJO

CEO & Founder, Women4Africa



Tola Onigbanjo popularly known as Wisetola, is a dynamic British-Nigerian leader whose multifaceted career spans education, events management, media, coaching and women's empowerment. As the Founder of Women4Africa, she has created one of Europe's most prominent platforms celebrating African women's achievements across various sectors, including business, education, humanitarian work and more.

With over 15 years of experience in the African entertainment industry, Tola has excelled as a project manager, entertainment journalist, compere, and author. Her diverse background enables her to connect with audiences and stakeholders across multiple domains.

In the educational sector, Tola serves as an independent panel member to UK public sector schools, where she leverages her expertise to enhance educational outcomes and support institutional development. Her commitment to education is further reflected in her authorship of her books around "Parenting, Conversations with My Teenage Girls and Conversations with My Teenage Boys," books that venture into the thoughts and experiences of teenage girls, boys and parents, aiming to bridge generational gaps and foster understanding.

Beyond her professional endeavours, Tola is a passionate advocate for women's visibility and empowerment. Through initiatives like The Solid Woman and her coaching she mentors women to amplify their voices and achieve personal and professional growth.

Tola Onigbanjo's unwavering dedication to uplifting others, coupled with her strategic acumen, continues to inspire and effect meaningful changes within communities both in the UK and across Africa.

Let me know if you need anything else.

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PLENARY 2

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**Making an
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Collective action has the power to transform communities and drive lasting change. As individuals, we often underestimate the impact we can have when we come together with a shared purpose. This plenary session, 'Making an Impact in the Community,' will explore the ways in which we can harness our collective strength to create meaningful difference in the lives of those around us.

Through inspiring stories, expert insights, and interactive discussions, we'll delve into the transformative power of community-driven initiatives and collaborative social impact efforts. We'll examine the ways in which women, in particular, can leverage their unique perspectives, skills, and experiences to drive positive change and uplift their communities. Join us as we unpack the potential of 'The Power of Us: Uniting for Impact' and discover how, together, we can create a brighter, more equitable future for all.



PLENARY 2

SPEAKER'S PROFILE

MARCIA DIXON MBE

Publisher, Keep the Faith magazine and PR Specialist



Marcia Dixon MBE is one of the most well know women within Britain's black Christian community due to her work as former Religious Columnist at The Voice, Britain's most well-known black newspaper.

She is currently Publisher/Editor of Keep the Faith, Britain's most well-known magazine about the black Christian community.

In 2020 Ms. Dixon was listed in the Queen's Birthday's Honour's List for her services to 'Inter Faith Relations' for which she received an MBE.

Aside from serving as Publisher of Keep the Faith, Ms. Dixon runs a PR company that specializes in helping clients reach the Black community via its churches. Clients have included the YMCA, Donnie McClurkin, Muiyiwa, Wise Women Awards, The NHS, Sony Music, Angie Le Mar, BET, Street Pastors, Pentecostal Community Bank and Christian Aid.

Ms. Dixon is founder of the DTS Women's Ministry Breakfast which brings together female leaders to network, get support and share insights to help them achieve their professional goals. She also hosts online Masterclasses and is a lead member of the Black Church Domestic Abuse Forum (BCDAF) which provides training for churches so that they can effectively support victims of domestic abuse.

In 2010 Ms. Dixon was appointed as Faith Advisor to the British Labour Government and was a member of a panel comprised of 13 faith advisors who acted as a 'sounding board' to advise the government on effective engagement with faith communities.



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SPEAKER'S PROFILE

OLUWAYEMISI JENKINS MBE

President, Association of British Nigerian Law
Enforcement (ABLE) Officers



Oluwayemisi "Yemisi" Jenkins MBE is currently, the President of Association of British Nigerian Law Enforcement (ABLE) officers, an organisation setup to address the negativity towards Nigeria and Nigerians in the UK, she continues to facilitate collaboration between UK and Nigerian law enforcement agencies, raising awareness regarding pertinent issues impacting the African diaspora community especially the Nigerian community.

She initiated and facilitated the first Law Enforcement Engagement symposium in the UK aimed at improving the relationship between the Nigerian community and UK-Nigerian law enforcement agencies. As a result of this event the Foreign Commonwealth Office collaborated with ABLE to promote some government initiatives which the community was unaware of.

She is a career civil servant with over 24 years in both operational and strategic delivery roles across various departments within the UK civil service.

She is passionate about educating and raising awareness within the African Diaspora communities, promoting integration and good relationship with law enforcement agencies, ensuring that the Africans in diaspora are aware of their rights and pointing them in the right direction especially when they have been victims of exploitation through Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence and Abuse.

She has a track record of providing support to vulnerable women who feel trapped due to their immigration status, encouraging them to engage with Home Office thereby improving their general wellbeing and developing their self-confidence and rediscovering themselves.



Yemisi initiated and facilitated the recognition and registration of British Africans in Government (BIG) as a recognized, civil service network, whose aims is to develop a strong network of British Africans in Government to assist the development of Africa", thus enhancing British African relationships.

Yemisi is also a Diversity and inclusion expert, whose work has contributed towards changing National Policy. Yemisi has received various awards both internationally and locally.

Achievements

- MBE - for securing the borders and promoting staff wellbeing.
- Home Office Equality and Adviser Award of the year.
- The Network (Largest staff network in the UK Civil Service) - Recognized for outstanding community engagement. Raising awareness within the African Diaspora Community in the UK and abroad, providing support for vulnerable people, improving relationships between Home Office and these communities, she was recognized for Outstanding Community Engagement by
- Home Office Immigration Enforcement Excellence award Winner - Inspiring others.
- Nigerian High Commission Honorary Award in recognition of meritorious contributions to the Nigerian Community in the UK
- Nigeria Custom Service (NCS) - Excellence Award
- Ekiti Parapo UK Chapter - Leadership Service Award
- Nigerian British Awards - Merit Award
- Nigerian Community Oxfordshire - Achievers Award
- Good Samaritan Foundation Leadership Award - Women of Inspiration



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SPEAKER'S PROFILE

SIMI NWOGUGU

President & CEO, JA Africa



Simi Nwogugu is President & CEO of JA Africa, which equips young Africans with financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and employability skills. Prior to joining JA Africa, Simi served as the executive director of Junior Achievement (JA) Nigeria, which she brought to Nigeria in 1999, after she served as a volunteer in New York and realized that the entrepreneurial training programs were exactly what the large unemployed youth population in Nigeria needed.

Simi started her career as an investment banker at Goldman Sachs, where she was first introduced to JA New York. After setting up and running JA Nigeria for three years, she left to pursue an MBA at Harvard Business School, after which she worked at MTV Networks in Business Development and Corporate Strategy for a few years before launching HOD Consulting, Inc., a New York-based leadership development firm that helped major corporations retain and advance high-performing women. In 2016, she returned to the role of Executive Director at JA Nigeria, building digital and out-of-school youth programs that enabled the organization to reach underserved populations in the North even during the Boko Haram crisis and COVID-19 pandemic. Simi became CEO of JA Africa in 2020, and since then has expanded JA operations to 23 countries in Africa reaching over one million youth annually.

Simi and her contribution to work-life management in the United States, youth empowerment in Nigeria and her own personal struggles to balance work, family, and social responsibility, are the subject of a Harvard Business School case study titled, An Entrepreneur's Journey: Simi Nwogugu. Simi has been recognized by the school with numerous awards including the Bert King Award for Social Impact presented by the Harvard Business School African-American Alumni Association. She was also declared winner of the prestigious Africa Education Medal 2023 by T4 Education, HP and Microsoft, and selected as one of Africa's Top 100 most influential women both by Avance Media and Ascent Club. Simi was also recognized in 2023 by The International Alliance for Women (TIAW) for her work in empowering women and girls.

Simi is a fellow of the Aspen Global Leadership Network (AGLN) where she is pursuing her passion to empower and equip 10 million African girls (10MAG) to build thriving, sustainable communities by 2050. 10MAG was officially launched on International Women's Day (March 8) 2025.



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MODERATOR'S PROFILE

ROLAKE AKINKUGBE-FILANI

Managing Director/CEO, EnergyInc Advisors



Rolake Akinkugbe-Filani is a senior finance and investment executive with over 18 years' experience advising and financing high-growth companies across Africa's energy, infrastructure, and financial services sectors. As Chief Executive Officer and Managing

Director of EnergyInc Advisors, she supports firms with capital raising, investor relations, and strategic growth, having helped mobilise and structure over \$8 billion in deals across corporate finance, infrastructure, and energy.

She was most recently Head of Investor Relations and Corporate Development at a Tier-1

Nigerian financial institution, where she led a landmark, oversubscribed capital raise in 2024 and drove engagement with institutional investors and capital markets stakeholders. Prior to that, she held senior roles at the Danish Investment Fund (IFU), advising on energy sector equity investments, and as Head of Energy at FBNQuest Merchant Bank, where she structured and executed debt and equity financing for clients in the energy and infrastructure sectors.

Rolake has served on several investment and advisory boards. She is a Non-Executive Director and Investment Committee member of All On, a Shell-backed energy impact fund investing in off-grid energy ventures, and previously served on the boards of Aruwa Capital Management, a gender-lens private equity fund, and Persistent Energy, a climate-focused investor. She is also on the board of UpEnergy, a carbon finance platform, and Save the Children International, contributing to governance through its global Audit & Risk and People & Organisation Committees.

She also anchors Business Week on Arise News, where she covers global economic, finance, and business themes shaping African and international markets, and holds a BSc and MSc from the London School of Economics and an MBA from TRIUM (LSE, HEC & NYU).



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Traditional VS Progressive Change

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In an era defined by rapid innovation, global integration, and shifting gender roles, younger women stand at the intersection of inherited tradition and transformative change.

This thought-provoking debate will explore whether preserving long-standing cultural norms offers stability and identity—or whether challenging these norms is essential to progress, equity, and authentic self-expression.

The session will bring together accomplished voices to interrogate the tensions between reverence for heritage and the urgency of reform. Advocates for tradition will argue that cultural continuity fosters community cohesion, moral grounding, and intergenerational respect. On the other side, transformation

champions will contend that many customs—though cherished—may perpetuate inequality, limit opportunity, or suppress individuality, especially for women navigating contemporary professional and personal landscapes.

This debate is not merely academic—it speaks directly to leadership, legacy, and the evolving role of women in shaping society. Delegates could/would be invited to reflect on questions such as:

- Can culture evolve without losing its soul?
- When does upholding tradition become complicity?
- What is the cost of challenging norms, and who pays it?
- How can younger women honour their roots while forging their own path?



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SPEAKER'S PROFILE

YANMO ADETULA

Award-Winning Career Consultant &
Forbes Coaches Council Member



Yanmo is an Award-Winning Career Consultant & Forbes Coaches Council member, an Author, and dynamic speaker dedicated to empowering colleagues in the workplace to unlock their leadership potential and excel in their careers.

She draws upon her extensive 15-year experience in FTSE 100 companies and across nine industries. Yanmo has worked at renowned organisations such as HSBC, British Airways, John Lewis & Partners, Financial Conduct Authority, Marks & Spencer, New Look Retail, Whitbread and more. Yanmo is a knowledgeable, energetic, and empathetic facilitator. She is also a guest lecturer at Loughborough University on Cultural Leadership.

Her guest speaking sessions are recognised and acknowledged by the House of Lords, GSK, BBC, The Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy, Loughborough University, Lloyd's Banking Group, the Black Police Association, and the UK Black Business Show. She is a Certified Neurolinguistic Programming coach and certified life coach.



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SPEAKER'S PROFILE

FEIZIN AMLANI

Founder & CEO, Excellent Consulting



Feizin is a seasoned rainmaker with over 15 years of experience in building relationships in the legal industry. She has expertise in developing and maintaining partner relationships with magic circle firms and global corporate clients.

She was instrumental in taking her prior firm from tier 4 to band/ tier 1 in Chambers and IFLR and strategically developing the brand and status of the firm as 'counsel of choice' in Tanzania.

Feizin is the co-founder and CEO of Excellent Consulting and the creator of the 'Networking Ninja Masterclass'. The firm specializes in coaching, consulting and leadership development. Their clients include Magic Circle law firms, investment banks, Diplomatic offices, global FMCG firms, global logistics leaders and QSF brands.

She is an ACC Accredited Member of the International Coaching Federation (ICF) and coaches at the highest levels of leadership across the globe using her own unique methodology of Excellence Coaching.

Within the legal industry, Feizin consults with law firms on client acquisition, development and retention, branding, rankings, magic circle relationships, leadership, corporate governance and high-level networking.

Previously, she was a Director with FB Attorneys in Tanzania, Programme Director with McKinsey & Co's Touch Foundation and Country Director for Children in Crisis in Afghanistan.

Feizin has lived in Africa, across the Middle East and Central and Southern Asia and worked with a vastly diverse spectrum of cultures, ethnicities, societies and networks, often in uniquely challenging situations.

Feizin was born and educated in the UK. She holds a degree in Economics and a Masters in Education and International Development.



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SPEAKER'S PROFILE

DR. GOSPEL OBELE

Economist & Impact Investor



Described as a “consummate professional”. I am a Research & Development Economist helping C-level business decision makers, policy stakeholders and institutions understand the market they serve, and position them for growth, innovation, and sustainability in a changing business environment.

Certified by the Oxford-Blavatnik School of Government on Evidence in Public Policy; the Bloomberg markets Institute; and the Wharton School. I have extensive experience working for both private, public, social enterprises in over 25 sectors across 40 markets including Nigeria, Africa, and the United Kingdom.

I have provided business and strategy solutions to over 50 corporates and led private workshop initiatives for executives seeking to understand their market and the changing consumer behavior that impacts bottom line.

I have made over 350 media interview appearance (in five years) on top media platforms like Aljazeera, BBC, Arise TV, CGTN, Channels Television etc; discussing core issues pertaining to economy, international development, sustainability, social inclusion, and growth markets.

Some of the clients I have corporately engaged include: Deloitte, MasterCard Foundation, Ford Foundation, Heineken, Unilever, Fate Foundation, Coca-Cola, GIZ, Jobberman, Fidelity Bank, Novo Nordisk, Michelin, First Bank, FCMB, WEMA Bank, Credit Direct Limited, Infomineo, Cerebral Digital, Big Cabal, TechCabal, NPower – VAIDS program, WAVE Academy, Policy Development Facility II (PDF II), Partnership for Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND Foundation), Traction Ventures, Bet King, SO&U, etc.

In the past 10 months, I have raised at least £850,000 and managed a portfolio of £2.7m in both core and project funding for grassroot institutions in the UK, and up to \$750,000 in international funding to support black women and youths' access to finance for their businesses and personal well-being within the UK and in Africa.



In the Eleven (11) years of my career, I have worked with the Black Equity Organisation UK, GlobalData UK, Sporting Equals UK, Social Reputation UK, ExxonMobil, BusinessDay, Streetnomics LTD, ReportKard etc. I have led over 50+ C-Level executive outlook sessions. I have strategically shaped and impacted growth solutions for over 15,000 SMEs, provided extensive policy solutions on diverse thematic areas and supported impact investing causes in different markets.

I hold a Honorary Doctorate in Economics, Policy and Market from Myles Leadership University, an MBA with Nexford University Washington DC, Master of Research and Public Policy with the University of Lagos, BSc in Economics and Statistics from University of Benin and a Professional Certification in Marketing with the Chartered Institute of Marketing, United Kingdom (UK).

I am on a mission to lead sustainable growth and innovation for businesses, government and institutions with data and technology, built on the foundation of sound economics.



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SPEAKER'S PROFILE

MAYOWA OLUYEDE

Founder/CEO, MS Estates



Mayowa Oluyede is a successful entrepreneur in the United Kingdom, with an impressive track record in real estate and property investment. As the founder and CEO of MS Estates, a leading agency with offices in Dagenham and Grays, Essex, Mayowa has cultivated over three decades of expertise in the real estate sector, positioning himself as a trusted authority in property investment.

Through his weekly vlog, he shares invaluable insights from his entrepreneurial journey, offering practical advice to aspiring investors and business owners. Additionally, he hosts highly-regarded webinars and monthly seminars, addressing key topics such as property investment, capital market trading, wealth creation, and entrepreneurship, all based on his experience in building a multi-million-pound property investment portfolio.



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MODERATOR'S PROFILE

EUNICE AFOLABI

Founder/CEO, Adler Technology



Eunice Afolabi is the Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Adler Technology, a leading technology company providing smart business solutions that support people, leaders, and organizations to achieve results in competitive markets. Through the sales of high-performance hardware, software solutions, and exceptional after-sales support, Adler Technology helps businesses remain profitable and future-ready.

With over 15 years of experience in the traditional technology hardware and support ecosystem, Eunice began her career at the HP Service Center, where she served as a Client Service Professional and transitioned to other Marketing roles, she delivered seamless hardware support services to HP's corporate clients across Nigeria and extended her expertise to channel partners in the B2C markets. Her passion and vision led her to establish Adler Technology operations in 2020.

Most recently, Eunice led the opening of Adler Technology Experience Center, a landmark walk-in tech hub located in the heart of Lekki, Lagos. Adler Technology operates through two strategic business expressions: The Enterprise Solutions and The Experience Center. Together, they offer services in Backup Solutions, Cloud Solutions, Cyber Security, Network Solutions, Infrastructure Solutions, Computing Systems, Cybersecurity Solutions, Networking & CCTV, Server & Storage Systems, Applications, Special IT Projects and Mobile Devices for private individuals and businesses.

The company partners with global OEMs including HP, Dell, Lenovo, Cisco, Commvault, Huawei, Samsung, Apple, Logitech, and Hikvision, among others.

Eunice has been recognized for her outstanding leadership and business acumen. Her achievements include Business Management, Business Leadership, and Marketing Excellence Award by The Bizz Awards in Miami, Florida, USA. She was a delegate at the



World Bank Youth Summit in 2018 and a delegate at the Commonwealth Business Conference, Rwanda in 2022.

She holds an MBA from the University of Chichester United Kingdom, her global impact is reflected in the awards and recognitions she has received across multiple countries, including Italy, Germany, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

Beyond business, Eunice is passionate about children and women empowerment through education, technology, and entrepreneurship. She is also a conference speaker on topics related to life, business and leadership, she is consistently inspiring others through her voice and vision.





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KEMI "LALA" AKINDOJU

CEO, The Make It Happen Productions



Kemi Lala Akindoju is an award-winning Actor, Producer and Casting Director who is credited as a key player in the Nigerian movie industry known as Nollywood. For over fifteen years, Akindoju has developed strong working relationships with industry professionals across Nigeria and beyond. She has collaborated with directors, producers, actors, writers, and other off-screen talents in the creation of many of Nollywood's breakout productions.

Akindoju's passion for growing talent and capacity within the industry has led her to an expansive career in the arts. She is also a leading voice in the Nigerian theatre space, and a celebrated connector in many creative industries across the country.

In 2011 she started 'Open Mic Theatre', a talent-generating theatre platform for actors and writers where many of today's Nollywood stars were discovered. This platform became a key stage to screen pipeline, a space for filmmakers and directors to discover new talent. In 2020, she also created 'The Actors' Blueprint Course' – an online course to help actors navigate the early days of their career.

She combines exceptional artistic vision and the breadth of her experience and networks in the development and production of big-budget, award-winning and high-quality films across genres for Nigerian and global audiences. Akindoju has worked on some of the biggest projects out of Nigeria and has a proven track record of managing and coordinating projects across departments. Her experience stretches across the life span of a project from idea inception and pitch development all the way through to post-production and beyond. With her outstanding leadership skills and keen understanding of the unique context of film production in Nigeria, Akindoju has been a key asset on projects across the country. Her most recent credits include Prime Video's first African Original, 'Gangs of Lagos' and Netflix's 'The Black Book' as producer on both. She is also the casting director on NAACP nominated 'Eyimofe' and Disney's first Nigerian animation series, 'Iwaju'.



She is an alumna of the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) by the US State Departments, and the prestigious Berlinale Talents – a training program for outstanding filmmakers around the world, which takes place during the annual Berlinale Film Festival. Kemi Lala Akindoju was the winner of the most promising actor award at the Africa Movie Academy Awards (AMAA) in 2015 and the Trailblazer Award at the Africa Magic Viewers' Choice Awards (AMVCA) in 2016.

She worked as the first Senior Development Executive (Movies) for Nigeria at Amazon Studios and Prime Video. She also possesses excellent collaboration and communication skills – speaking, presentation and teaching, with native English and Yoruba language skills. She currently works as an independent filmmaker and is committed to telling authentic African stories for a global audience through her company, The Make It Happen Productions.



ANNA KUZMINA

Acoustic & Electric Violinist



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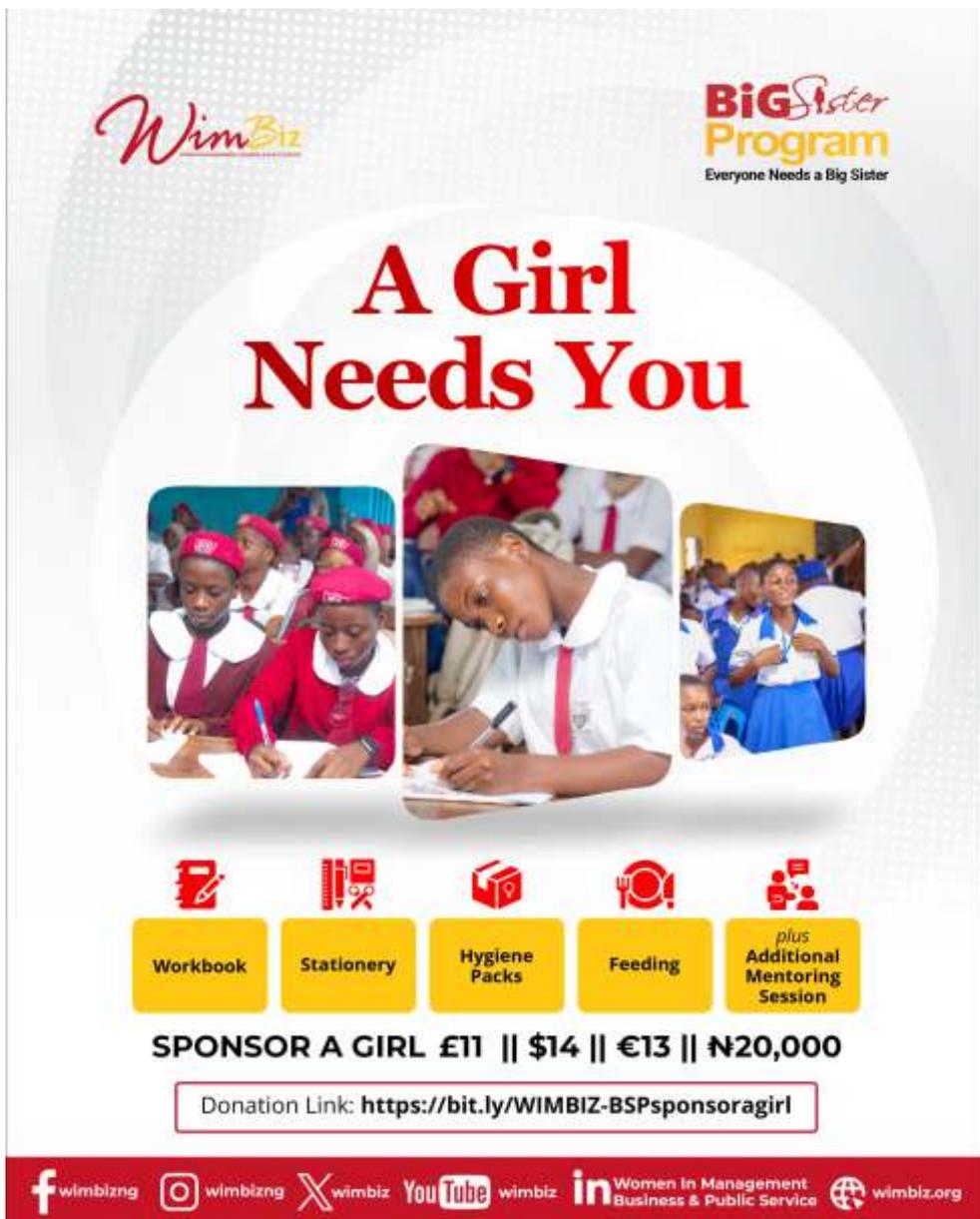
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