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The Most Influential People of African Descent (MIPAD) is a global civil society initiative in support of the United Nation's International Decade for people of African Descent.

The Decade was proclaimed by the United Nation's General Assembly resolution 68/237, to be observed from 2015 to 2024. MIPAD identifies high achievers of African descent in four categories: (I) Politics & Governance (II) Business & Entrepreneurship (III) Media & Culture (IV) Religious & Humanitarian from all around the world as progressive network of relevant actors to join together in the spirit of recognition, justice and development of Africa, its people on the continent and across its Diaspora.

Vision

A WORLD DRIVEN BY EXCELLENCE ...

Mission

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CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL OF THE

MIPAD Honorees

We love telling your stories to the world

Teresa H. Clarke, Chairman, CEO and Executive Editor, Africa.com
MESSAGE

It is with great honor we unveil the 2017 Most Influential People of African Descent (MIPAD) global list to highlight the positive contribution made by people of African descent in public and private sectors worldwide.

MIPAD is a unique global listing that identifies in total 200 outstanding young individuals, 100 inside Africa, 100 outside Africa in the Diaspora.

Our goal with MIPAD is to build a progressive network of civil society actors to join together and support the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent, 2015 - 2024, as proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 68/237.

Please join us in congratulating the 2017 MIPAD honorees for their contributions to societies around the world for their resilience and strength in the face of adversity, BRAVO!

Kamil Olufowobi, Civil Society Lead

SPECIAL THANKS


Bishop Dr Wayne Malcolm, is the Founder and President, The International Christ Ambassadors Network (iCAN) popularly known as the Business Bishop, he is considered to be a master of motivation and a leading performance coach. With over 25 years of ministry on four continents. London, UK

Foluso Phillips is the Executive Chairman of the Phillips Consulting Group, a firm engaged in business and management consulting, with offices in Nigeria and South Africa. He’s shown a keen commitment to the African Renaissance, and he is very active in supporting Pan-African initiatives. Lagos, Nigeria.

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THE SELECTION CRITERIA

Progressives, upwardly mobile people of African descent in public and private sectors from all over the world (Africa, USA, North America, South & Central America, Europe, Asia and Oceania) will be recognised for their achievements and united towards one vision of a brighter tomorrow for Africa and its people.

All recipients are influencers in one of the following four categories:

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### Regions

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<td>$485 million</td>
<td>Didier Drogba</td>
<td>$90 million</td>
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<td>*Richest person and net worth (Business and Entrepreneurship category)</td>
<td>Jamal Edwards</td>
<td>$45 million</td>
<td>James Mworia</td>
<td>Annual compensation of $2 million</td>
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<td>Largest number of Facebook followers</td>
<td>Robyn ‘Rihanna’ Fenty</td>
<td>82 million</td>
<td>Didier Drogba</td>
<td>9.2 million</td>
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<td>Largest number of Twitter followers</td>
<td>Robyn ‘Rihanna’ Fenty</td>
<td>70 million</td>
<td>Alioune Damala Badara Akon Thiam (‘Akon’)</td>
<td>6 million</td>
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<td>Largest number of Youtube subscribers</td>
<td>Robyn ‘Rihanna’ Fenty</td>
<td>24 million</td>
<td>Naseeb Abdul Juma (‘Diamond Phannuma’)</td>
<td>471,000</td>
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<td>Largest number of Instagram followers</td>
<td>Beyoncé Giselle Knowles-Carter</td>
<td>95 million</td>
<td>Didier Drogba</td>
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*based on available data
Most Influential People of African Descent (MIPAD) announces the Diaspora Champions Index to rank African Countries with the best attractiveness index, engagement strategy, sustainable development goals and foreign policy towards the African diaspora.

The Leading African Countries are

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38. Wesley Korir, Member of Parliament/Long Distance Runner/Politician, Kenya
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Group Chief Marketing Officer, Jumia
& Founder Jumia Ivory Coast

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27. Edwin Broni-Mensah, Founder of GiveMeTap, UK (Ghana)
28. Eric Kinoti, Founder and CEO of Shade Systems EA, Kenya
29. Erica Joy Baker, Senior Engineer at Slack Technologies, USA
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60. Munyaradzi Gwatidzo, CEO of Astro Mobile, Zimbabwe
61. Mutoba Ngoma, Founder and CEO of Tapera Bio Industries, Zambia
62. Nicholas Richards, Founder and CEO of Roho, Jamaica
63. Ntombenhle Khathwane, Founder of AfroBotanics, South Africa
64. Patrick Ngowi, Founder and CEO, Helvetic Solar Contractors, Tanzania
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Aubrey Graham
Ayodeji Ibrahim Balogun
Beyoncé Giselle Knowles-Carter
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Chiwetel Ejiofor
David Oyelowo
Denise-Marie Lawton
Didier Drogba
Ding Hui
Eldrick Tiger Woods
Fally Ipupa
Farai Gundan
Florence Ifeoluwa Otedola
Halima Aden
Ikpomwoe Osakioduwa
Irving Jahir Saladino Aranda
MEDIA & CULTURE

A - Z

Jidenna Theodore Mobisson  Keinan Abdi Warsame  Kerry Washington Asomugha  Kevin Darnell Hart  Kiernan Jarryd Forbes

Laxaro Ramos and Tais Araujo  LeBron Raymone James  Leila Lopes  Lewis Hamilton  Linda Ikeji

Liya Kebede  Lupita Nyong’o  Michael Collins Ajereh  Michael Owusu Addo  Naseeb Abdul Juma

Nate Parker  Nima Elbagir  Omayomi Megbele  Paul Pogba  Peace Hyde
MEDIA & CULTURE

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Robyn Rihanna Fenty
Samuel Eto'o Fils
Serena Williams
Simone Biles
Sir Mohamed Muktar Jama
Stephanie Busari
Suleyman A. Muntari
Trevor Noah
Usain Bolt
Will Genia
Yaa Gyasi
MEDIA & CULTURE
A - Z

1. Adriana Barbosa, Director, Feira Preta, Largest Afro Festival, Brazil
2. Alek Wek, Model, South Sudan
3. Alicia Augello Cook (aka Alicia Keys), singer, songwriter, record producer, pianist and actress, USA
5. Aubrey Graham ("Drake"), Rapper/Singer/Actor, Canada
6. Ayodeji Ibrahim Balogun ("Wizkid"), Recording Artist, Nigeria
7. Beyoncé Giselle Knowles-Carter, Singer/Actress, USA
8. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Author, USA (Nigeria)
9. Chiwetel Ejiofor, Actor, UK (Nigeria)
10. David Oyelowo, Actor/Producer, UK (Nigeria)
11. Denise-Marie Lawton, Actress, South Korea
12. Didier Drogba, Football Player, Côte d’Ivoire
13. Ding Hui, Volleyball Player, China
14. Eldrick "Tiger" Woods, Professional Golfer, USA
15. Fally Ipupa, Singer-Songwriter, Democratic Republic of Congo
16. Farai Gundan, Editor-in-Chic, Farai Media and Harvard Mason Fellow, USA (Zimbabwe)
17. Florence Ifeoluwa Otedola ("DJ Cuppy"), Music Producer, Nigeria
18. Halima Aden, Super Model, USA (Somalia)
19. Ikponmwosa Osakioduwa ("Wildchild"), TV and Radio Presenter, Nigeria
20. Irving Jahir Saladino Aranda, Athlete, Panama
22. Keinan Abdi Warsame ("Knaan"), Rapper, Somalia
23. Kerry Washington Asomugha, Actress, USA
24. Kevin Darnell Hart, Actor/Comedian, USA
25. Kiernan Jarryd Forbes ("AKA"), Rapper, South Africa
26. Lazaro Ramos and Tais Araujo, Actor & Actress, Brazil
27. LeBron Raymone James, Basketball Player, USA
28. Leila Lopes, Super Model, Angola
29. Lewis Hamilton, Formula One Race Driver, UK
30. Linda Ikeji, News Blogger, Nigeria
MEDIA & CULTURE

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31. Liya Kebede, Super Model, Ethiopia
32. Lupita Nyong'o, Actress, Kenya
33. Michael Collins Ajereh, ("Don Jazzy"), Music Producer, Nigeria
34. Michael Owusu Addo, ("Sarkodie"), Rapper, Ghana
35. Naseeb Abdul Juma, ("Diamond Platnumz"), Singer, Tanzania
36. Nate Parker, Actor, Director, Producer, USA
37. Nima Elbagir, CNN Senior International Correspondent, Sudan
38. Paul Pogba, Football Player, France National Team & Manchester United, France
39. Peace Hyde, TV Personality and Media Entrepreneur, United Kingdom (Ghana)
40. Robyn "Rihanna" Fenty, Singer, Barbados
41. Samuel Eto'o Fils, Football Player, Cameroon
42. Serena Williams, Professional Tennis Player, USA
43. Simone Biles, Artistic Gymnast, USA
44. Sir Mohamed Muktar Jama, ("Mo Farah"), Athlete, United Kingdom (Somalia)
45. Stephanie Busari, Head, CNN Africa United Kingdom (Nigeria)
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Naadiya Moosajee
Noella Coursaris Musunka
Noushka Teixeira

Nyadol Nyuon
Rashad Robinson
Saran Kaba-Jones
Stephanie Nyombayire
Thione Niang

Umaa Omar
Victor Ochen
Violet Banda
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A - Z

1. Afua Osei, Co-Founder, She Leads Africa, Ghana
2. Akon Thiam, Singer/Songwriter/Record Producer, Senegal
3. Angelica Ross, Founder/CEO, TransTech Social Enterprises, USA
4. Brandon M. Frame, Founder and Chief Visionary Officer of TheBlackManCan, USA
5. Bree Newsome, Activist/Film maker, USA
6. Charlene A. Carruthers, National Director of the Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100), USA
7. Daniel Maree, Civil Rights Leader, USA
8. Elisabeth Kaneza, Founder and Director of the Kaneza Initiative for Dialogue and Empowerment, Germany (Rwanda)
9. Emmanuel Makandiwa, Founder, United Family International Ministry, Zimbabwe
10. Farida Dziila Alabo Co-Founder, Smiles for Christmas, Ghana (Morocco)
11. Francine Furaha Muyumba, President, Pan African Youth Union, Democratic Republic of Congo
12. Francisco J. Tovar B, Executive Director of the Institute of Afrodisasporic Studies (IAS) Venezuela
13. Fred Swaniker, Co-Founder of African Leadership Academy, Ghana (South Africa)
14. Georgette Schutte, Gender and Human Rights, UNICEF (The Netherlands) (Mauritania)
17. Isha Sesay, CNN Anchor & Founder of W.E. Can Lead Sierra Leone
18. Ishmael Beah, Author/Human Rights Activist, Sierra Leone
19. Jesse Williams, Human Rights Activist/Actor/Model, USA
20. Khadija Gbla, Activist/Founder and Director, Khadija Gbla Cultural Consultancy, Sierra Leone
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27. **Rashad Robinson**, Non-Profit Executive of Color of Change/Civil Rights Leader, USA
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29. **Stephanie Nyombayire**, Director General of Communication in Office of the President of Rwanda, Rwanda
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- **Politics & Governance**: 20 Africa, 20 Diaspora
- **Business & Entrepreneurship**: 40 Africa, 36 Diaspora
- **Media & Culture**: 20 Africa, 31 Diaspora
- **Religious & Humanitarian**: 20 Africa, 13 Diaspora

### Regional Representation

- **Diaspora**
  - USA: 15, Europe: 12, N. & C. America: 10, Africa: 6, Asia: 5, Oceania: 2
- **Africa**

### No. of Countries Represented

- **Diaspora**: 19 Countries
- **Africa**: 29 Countries

### Countries with Most Representation

- **Diaspora**
  - USA: 65
- **Africa**
  - Nigeria: 21

### Gender Distribution

- **Diaspora**
  - Politics and Governance: 11 Male, 9 Female
  - Business and Entrepreneurship: 19 Male, 17 Female
  - Media and Culture: 18 Male, 13 Female
  - Religious and Humanitarian: 5 Male, 8 Female
- **Africa**
  - Politics and Governance: 10 Male, 10 Female
  - Business and Entrepreneurship: 23 Male, 17 Female
  - Media and Culture: 10 Male, 10 Female
  - Religious and Humanitarian: 6 Male, 14 Female

### Age Distribution

- **Average age**
  - Diaspora: 33
  - Africa: 33

- **Youngest**
  - Diaspora: Halima Aden, Cult. & Med., USA: 19
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Barbados
Singer
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Africa
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Barbados
Singer
70 million

Africa
Alioune Damala Badara Akon Thiam ("Akon")
Senegal
Singer / Philanthropist
6 million

Largest number of Youtube Subscribers

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Barbados
Singer
24 million

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Tanzania
Singer
471,000

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