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About MIPAD

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

IDENTIFY Excellence	CONNECT Excellence	DEVELOP Excellence
1. Publish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Most Influential Genius (Under 20's) b. Most Influential Under 40 c. Most Influential 40-50 d. Lifetime Achievers e. Definitive Guide to Excellence 2. Global Index Performance (GPI)	2. Organize Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Annual Summits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> @ UN General Assembly, New York @ AU Summit, Addis Ababa b. Regional Roadshows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Africa - America's - Asia-Pacific - Europe 	3. Provide Consulting Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Governments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harnessing the economical potential of Diaspora - Harnessing human capital for nation building b. Corporations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doing Business in Africa - Building Business in Diaspora c. MOST INFLUENTIAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal Brand Management Services - Digital Footprint Services (DFS) - Leadership Training - Public Speaking Training d. MIPAD Talks

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The most influential people of African descent in Religious and Humanitarian endeavors.

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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

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Aziz G. Adetimirin, Founder, President and Publisher, The Network Journal (TNJ) Communication Inc Organizers of 25 Influential Black Women in Business Awards and 40 Under-Forty Achievement Awards. **New York, USA**

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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**:*

Categories	Politics & Governance	Business & Entrepreneurship	Media & Culture	Religious & Humanitarian
				
Criteria for assessment / nomination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of impact • Coverages/span of control • Position/ level/ rank within government institution • Achievements/awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of impact • Net worth • Turnover(Corporate) • Portfolio size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following/coverage • Social media presence • Achievements/awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of impact • Followership • Achievements/awards

AGE LIMIT: All Finalist must be 40 as at the commencement of the United Nations International Decade for people of African Descent. http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/68/237

CORRECTIONS: All corrections to NAME, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, TITLE, PICTURES etc should be sent to honorees@mipad.org

FACTOIDS

No.	Category	Diaspora	Africa
1	Politics & Governance	20	20
2	Business & Entrepreneurship	36	40
3	Media & Culture	31	20
4	Religious & Humanitarian	13	20
Total		100	100

Gender Ratio		
Gender	Diaspora	Africa
Male	53	48
Female	47	52
Total	100	100

No.	Factoid	Diaspora	Person	Africa	Person?
1	Number of countries represented	19	-	28	-
2	Most represented country	66 candidates	USA	21 candidates	Nigeria
3	Average age	33.4	-	33.9	-
4	Youngest	19	Halima Aden	24	Prosconvia Alengot Oromait

Regions	Number
USA	66
North & Central America (excluding USA)	9
South America	5
Europe	15
Asia	3
Oceania	2

Regions	Number
Central Africa	10
East Africa	22
North Africa	7
Southern Africa	19
West Africa	42

100

100

No.	Factoid	Diaspora		Africa	
		Person	Value / Title	Person	Value / Title
1	*Richest person overall and net worth	LeBron Raymone James	\$485 million	Didier Drogba	\$90 million
2	*Richest person and net worth (Business and Entrepreneurship category)	Jamal Edwards	\$45 million	James Mworira	Annual compensation of \$2 million
3	Largest number of Facebook followers	Robyn "Rihanna" Fenty	82 million	Didier Drogba	9.2 million
4	Largest number of Twitter followers	Robyn "Rihanna" Fenty	70 million	Aliaume Damala Badara Akon Thiam ("Akon")	6 million
5	Largest number of Youtube subscribers	Robyn "Rihanna" Fenty	24 million	Naseeb Abdul Juma ("Diamond Platnumz")	471,000
6	Largest number of Instagram followers	Beyoncé Giselle Knowles-Carter	95 million	Didier Drogba	4.5 million

*based on available data

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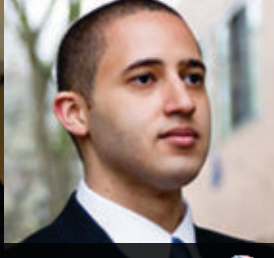



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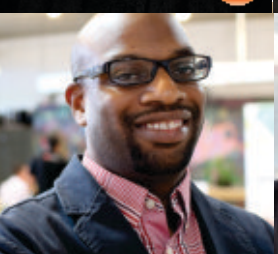








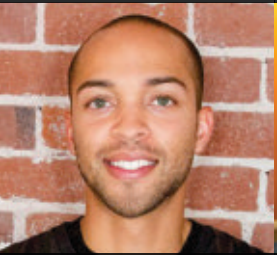










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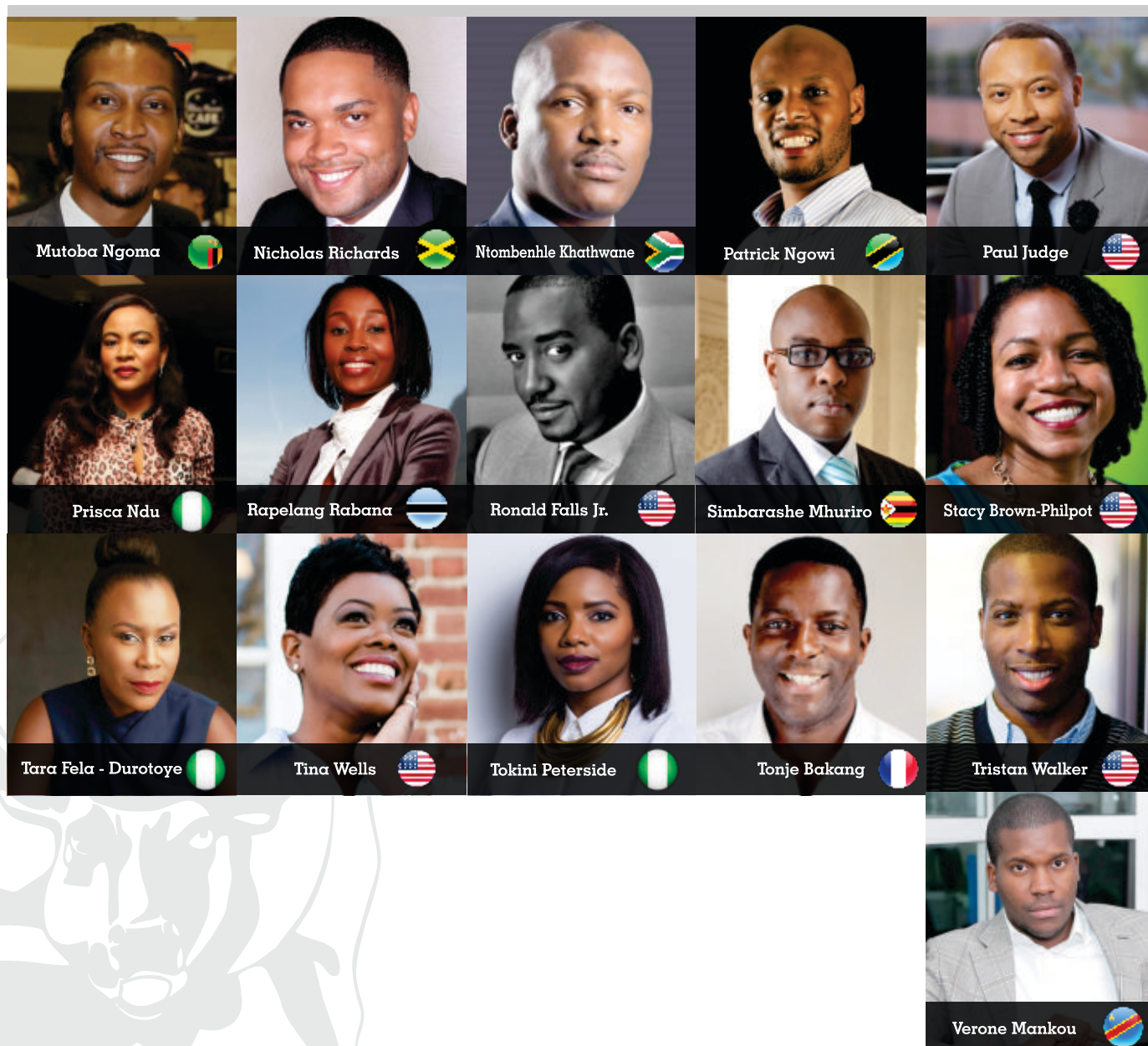
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This new feat is a concrete affirmation your exceptional and charismatic personality; your inspiration to many – including friends and associates.

A hearty congratulations to you!





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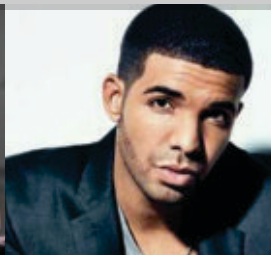










































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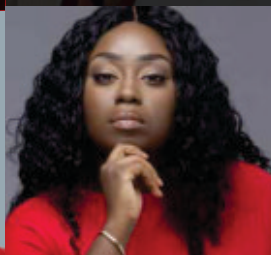

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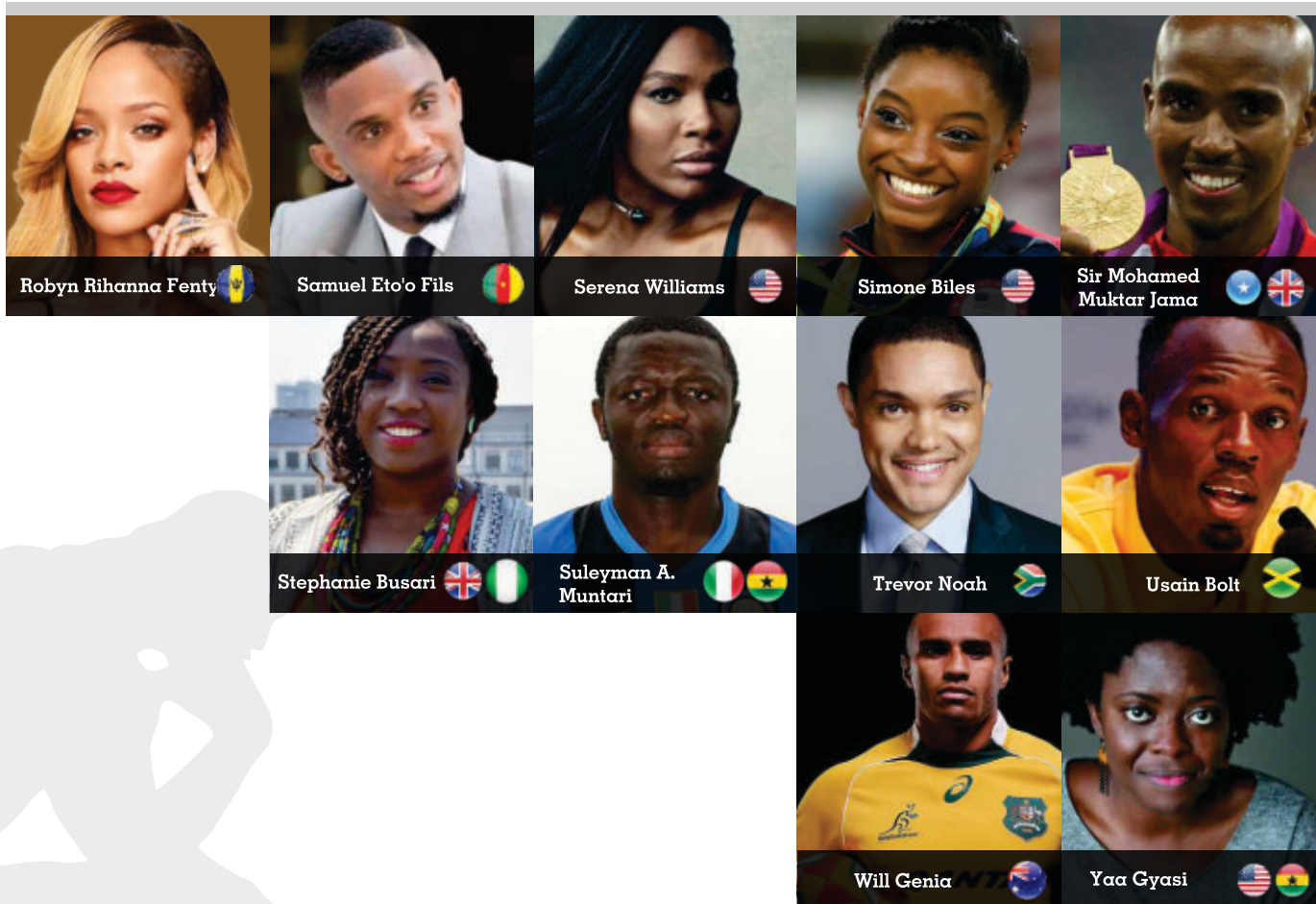
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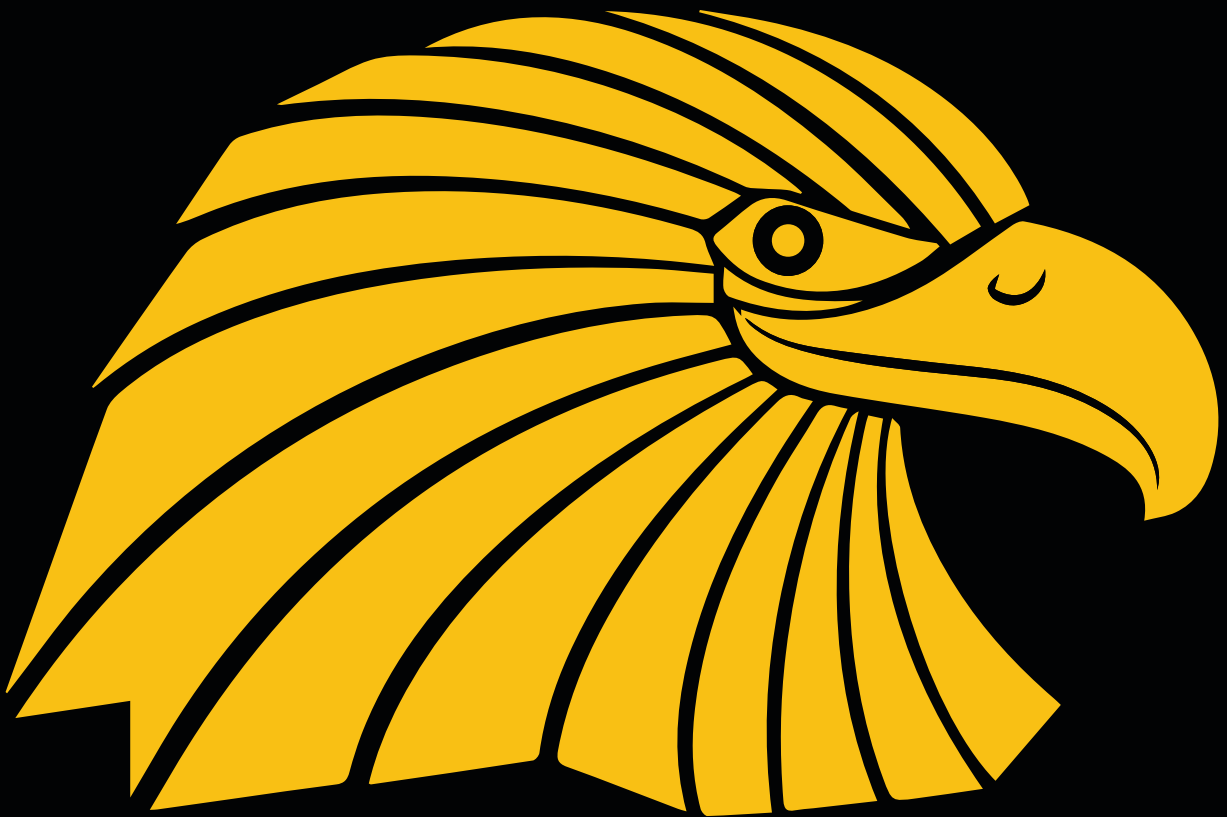


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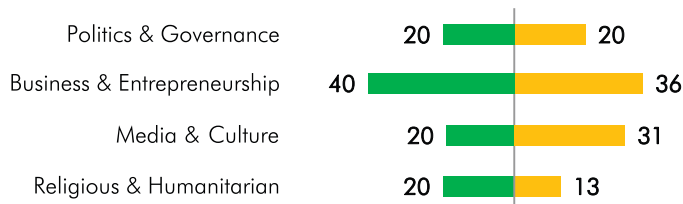
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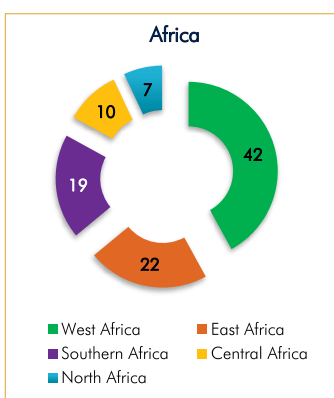
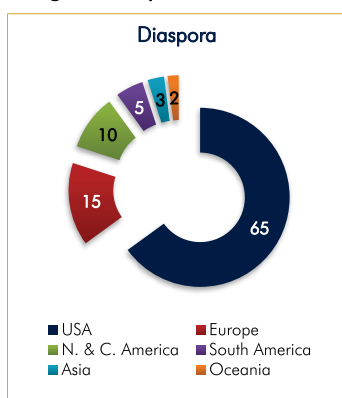
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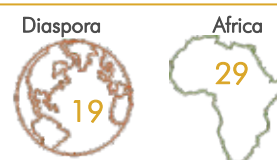


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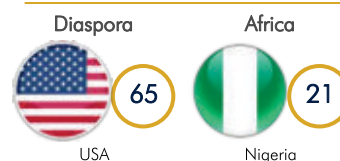
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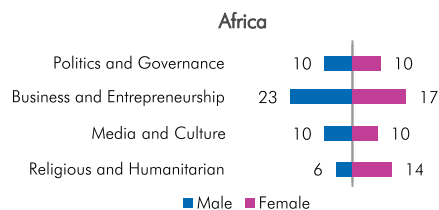
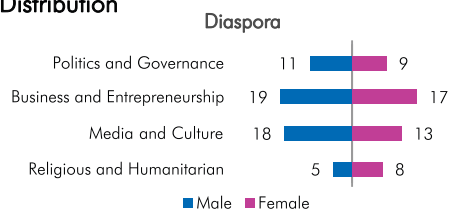
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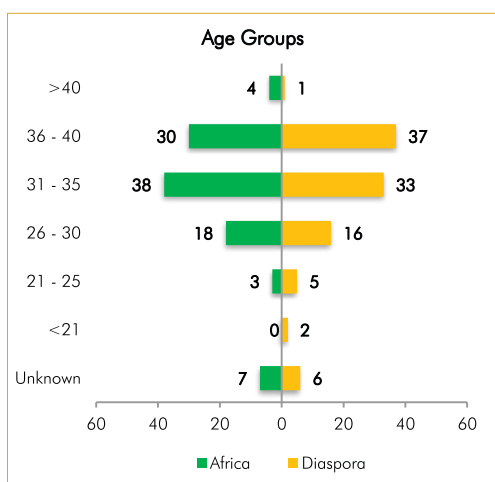
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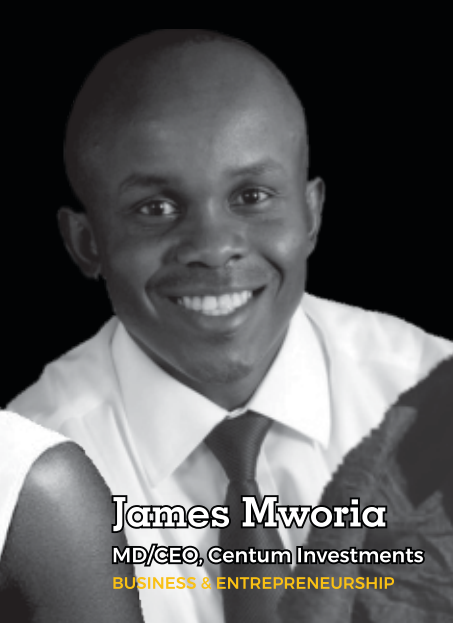
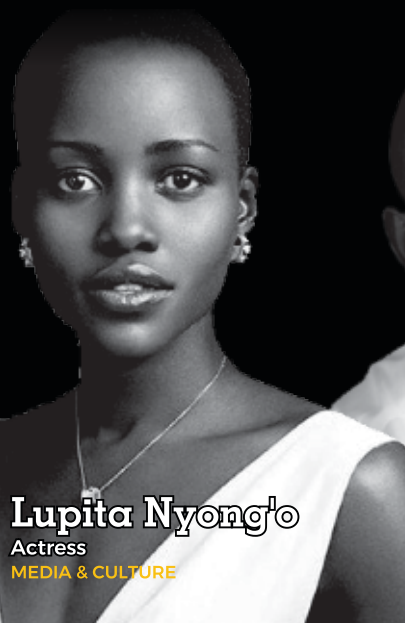
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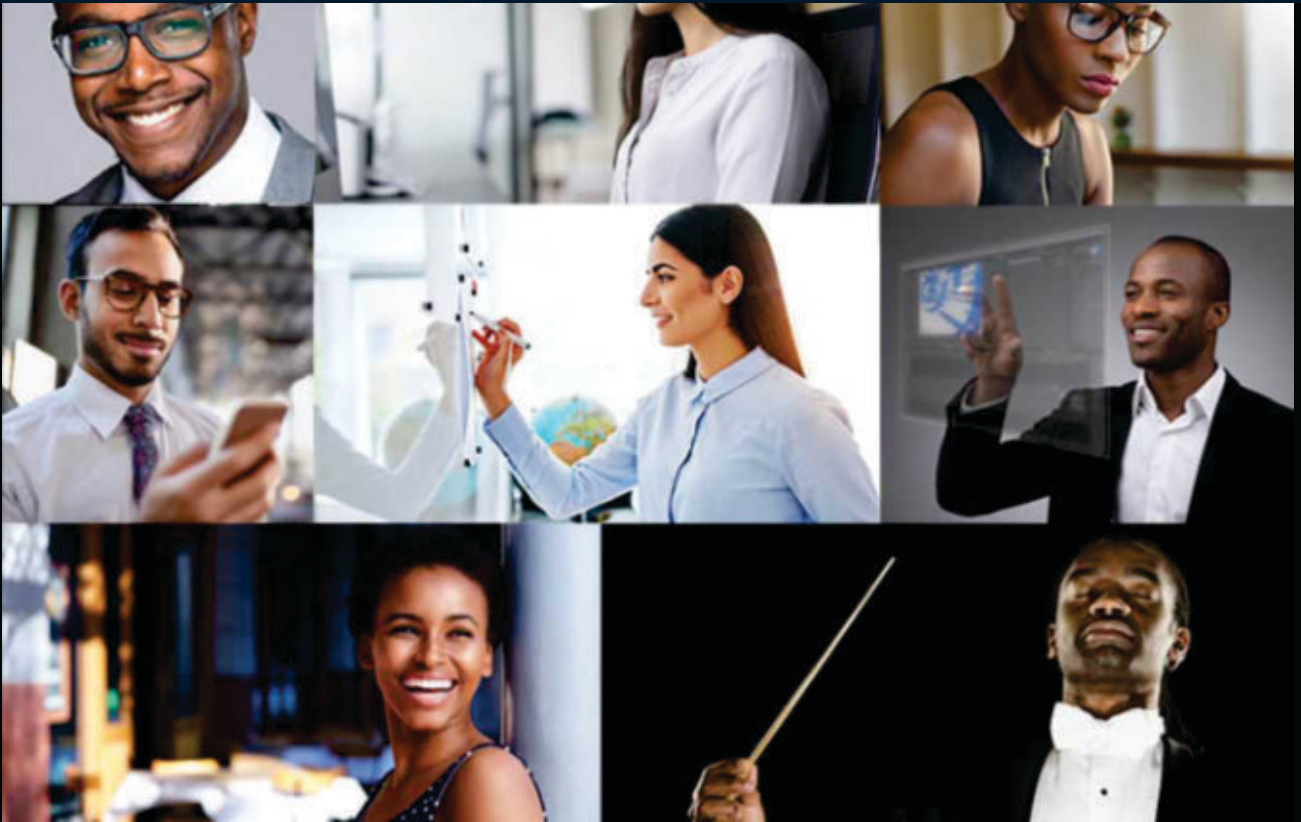
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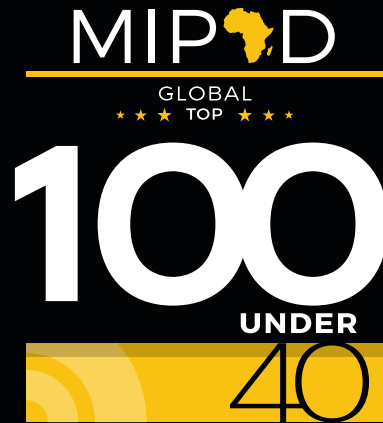
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