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- Kwame Nkrumah
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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 around the world in four categories: (I) Politics & Governance (II) Business & Entrepreneurship (III) Media & Culture (IV) Religious & Humanitarian, with the aim to build a progressive network of relevant actors who will join together in the spirit of recognition, justice and development of Africa both on the continent and across the diaspora.

Vision

A WORLD DRIVEN BY EXCELLENCE ...

Mission

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WHERE ARE WE AS AT 2019

**Global Recognition**
Fewer than 35 of the 193 member states have recognized UN IDPAD since 1 January 2015.

**Regional Recognition**
- Africa: 2
- Americas: 15
- Asia: 1
- Europe: 14
- Oceania: 1

**Governmental Recognition**
Only 4 countries have recognized IDPAD at the highest levels of government: Belgium, Canada, The Netherlands, and Venezuela.

**IDPAD Implementation**
- Canada announced its commitment to the national implementation of IDPAD on 30th January, 2018.

The African Union committed to integrating IDPAD into each state’s national curricula in September 2018.
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We love telling your stories to the world
MESSAGE

It is with great honor that we unveil the 2019 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.

The theme for 2019 Recognition Week is "SOCIAL IMPACT" What is the social impact that your life story is creating? What social cause(s) are you most passionate about?

We are excited to align all MIPAD honorees with tracking their social impact footprint because influence can only be understood when it is manifested in making real change and impact in society. Discover your social impact number within the frameworks of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) sdgs.mipad.org

Please join us with mobilizing MIPAD honorees and the global community in supporting the United Nations achieve the goals of International Decade for People of African Descent before 2024 and Sustainable Development Goals before 2030.

Kamil Olufowobi, CEO Most Influential 100

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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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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:

MIPAD invites all interested African countries delegation to UNGA for 2019 Recognition Week, Sept 28th - Oct 4th 2019

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COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
19 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE

GENDER
FEMALE: 12
MALE: 13

DIASPORA/AFRICA
DIASPORA: 10 COUNTRIES
AFRICA: 9 COUNTRIES

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Roberto Rojas Davila, Sahar Albazar, Tanzeela Qambrani, Taylor Griffin

Travis Lamar Robinson
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A - Z

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BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
15 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE

DIASPORA/AFRICA
DIASPORA: 9 COUNTRIES
AFRICA: 6 COUNTRIES

GENDER
FEMALE: 10
MALE: 15

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Thierry Lindor
Veille Nhlapo
Veronica Bolton-Smith
William Heard
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MEDIA AND CULTURE

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13 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE

GENDER
FEMALE: 14
MALE: 11

DIASPORA/AFRICA
DIASPORA: 9 COUNTRIES
AFRICA: 4 COUNTRIES

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MEDIA & CULTURE

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Abel Makkonen  
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Bob Koigi
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Funa Maduka
Jacqueline Nwobu
John "Legend" Stephens

Karent Hinestroza  
Konrad "KondZilla" Dantas
Mariatu Kargbo
Melissa "Lizzo" Jefferson
Michael "Stormzy" Owuo, Jr.

Naomi Osaka  
Nomzamo Mbatha
Oluwatosin "Mr. Eazi" Ajibade
Richard "Prince EA" Williams
Sabry Mosbah

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2. Akinyi Ochieng Marketing, Nova Credit, Kenya/Gambia
3. Asa Bukola Elemide Singer, Songwriter, and Recording Artist, Nigeria/France
4. Bob Koigi Multiple Award Winning Journalist, Kenya
5. Chiquita Evans Professional e-sport NBA Player, USA
6. Colette Otusheso Head, Accelerate TV, Nigeria
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13. Mariatu Kargbo Black Pearl of China, China/Sierra Leone
14. Melissa "Lizzo" Jefferson American singer, rapper, and activist, USA
15. Michael "Stormzy" Owuo, Jr. Musician, Activist, Campaigner, Philanthropist, UK
16. Naomi Osaka Professional Tennis Player, Japan/Haiti
17. Nomzamo Mbatha Actress, and Human Rights Activist, South Africa
18. Oluwatosin "Mr. Eazi" Ajibade Musician, Nigeria/Ghana
19. Richard "Prince EA" Williams American Spoken Word Artist, Poet, and Filmmaker, USA
20. Sabry Mosbah Singer, Tunisia
21. Santilla Chingaie Award-winning Journalist & Filmmaker, Zambia/Australia
22. Tiffany Haddish Actress, USA/Eritrea
23. Toyin Ibrahim Adekeye Filmmaker, Bigger Than Africa, USA/Nigeria
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15 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE

GENDER

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MALE: 12

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HUMANITARIAN AND RELIGIOUS

DIASPORA/AFRICA

DIASPORA: 8 COUNTRIES
AFRICA: 7 COUNTRIES

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COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
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HUMANITARIAN & RELIGIOUS

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Abisoye Ajayi-Akinfolarin
Ajak Majok
Amr Dawood
Ariel DeNey Rainey
Atti Worku

Babatomiwa Adesida
Bukunyi Olateru-Olagbegi
Chaka Clarke
Chika Ezeanya Esiobu
Eddie Ndopu

Elizabeth Masiyiwa
Indira Pires
Jean Paul Laurent
Koketso Moeti
Lawrence Linker

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Marco Patrice da Silva Victor Life
Peter Tabichi
King Rukidi IV, of Toro
Rodney William
HUMANITARIAN & RELIGIOUS

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Sophie Zala Kanza
Tamika Danielle Mallory
Thenjiwe McHarris

Ukinebo Dare
Zied Rouine Mnemty

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3. Amr Dawood Co-Founder, The Good Summit, Egypt/Ireland
4. Ariel DeNey Rainey Founder/CEO, Hustle Mommies, USA
5. Atti Worku Founder & CEO, Seeds of Africa, Ethiopia
6. Babatomiwa Adesida Private Sector Engagement Specialist, Sahara Foundation, Nigeria
7. Bukunyi Olateru-Olagbegi Activists & Chairman, Modern Democratic Party, Nigeria
8. Chaka Clarke Founder, Spartanfam, UK/Barbados
9. Chika Ezeanya Esiobu, PhD Founder, African Child Press & Indigenous Knowledge Advocate USA/Nigeria
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14. Koketso Moeti Executive Director, AMANDLA.MOBI, South Africa
15. Lawrence Linker Founder, BlackNet Singapore Singapore/USA
16. Lukwesa Morin Miss Africa Union / Global Director Social Impact France/Zambia
17. Marco Patrice da Silva Victor Life, Executive and Sports Mental Coach Angola
18. Peter Tabichi Teacher of the Year, Global Teacher Prize 2019 Kenya
19. Rukidii IV of Toro Youngest King in Africa, Omukama of Toro, Uganda
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SPANISH-SPEAKING ACTIVISTS OF AFRICAN DESCENT WORLDWIDE

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importance, the quality of opportunities for members of the African diaspora in Asia will be of utmost importance. Now is the time to take control of the narrative.

If you could send a message to your younger self...tell her/him what you now know that you wish you knew when you first started?

Just get started. Some of my most successful projects are those that I began years ago, was laughed at, failed at, looked at in disbelief of how much time and energy I had wasted and seen no returns for, and then one day it all clicked together and I realized it was all meant for something. I believe if you just get started and keep moving, you will be amazed at how far you’ll go.

How did you overcome your greatest challenges?

I believe when faced with the greatest challenges you have to rely on faith. I am not a religious person, so this is complicated for me sometimes, but I believe that at a certain point you just have to commit to the idea that things will work out and behave in that way even if it seems completely crazy. Most of the times I have been in a situation I thought I couldn’t get out of, it’s that faith that brought me through.

What is it that drives you?

I think I’m very driven by the pain or injustice I see in the world and a desire to be able to change that through education. Most of the time I think people make bad decisions because they don’t know any better, or simply don’t know enough about another person’s situation for empathy to kick in. I believe most people are fundamentally good and can be educated. When I see something I don’t like, I make a mental note as if I am keeping a ledger in my brain that one day, if I have the opportunity, I will try to help.

Describe a day in your life?

My days are almost the same every day! I wake up fairly early and go for short jog. I make breakfast while listening to the news and then walk to my office. I spend most of the day typing emails on my computer, talking on the phone or meeting with people. In the afternoon I go to the nearby gym to lift some weights then I go for a quick swim and a sauna. Then back to the office until usually around 8 or 9, then I walk home, do some reading and head to bed.
Sophie Zala Kanza

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Reduced Inequalities & Peace
I am most passionate about the representation of youth migrants, asylum seekers, refugees and stateless people

If you could send a message to your younger self...tell her/him what you now know that you wish you knew when you first started?
You are not voiceless. You have a voice and you can use your own voice to share your story. Do not be afraid to be different and proudly so, wear your culture and heritage with pride!

What is it that drives you?
I don’t want any other migrant, asylum seeker or refugee to feel subhuman or not worthy like I did.

Describe a day in your life?
No day is ever the same.

Ukinebo Dare

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If you could send a message to your younger self...tell her/him what you now know that you wish you knew when you first started?
Nothing can stop you. Don’t waste time being afraid, God is with you. You are special and unique. Don’t waste time trying to hide or trying to conform Your voice matters. Speak Up more.

How did you overcome your greatest challenges?
I discovered that challenges don’t stop you, they make you stronger, wiser and a better version of yourself when you overcome them. So I overcome challenges by appreciating them and looking for what I can learn within them.

What is it that drives you?
To add all the value I can to the world and to notably transform the lives of millions of people who may not have been reached if I did not show up. To hear God say well done by the time I am done.

Describe a day in your life?
A day in my life starts with family after my kids go off to school, I spend most of my time interacting with communities and groups of people that are in search of jobs, seeking out partners to work with and monitoring projects to ensure impact.
Nataly Andria

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Being involved at a very young age in the music industry led me to the position of being a celebrity, which gave me a platform to speak about global issues that matter to me. So far I became, by the age of 25, the goodwill Ambassador of NGO Vakan’ala who was aiming at reforestation of desertic area Ihorombe, in Madagascar, my homeland. The ultimate goal of the reforestation was, besides environment issues, for providing clean water to the population in the villages around, but also for the children, being able to go back to school instead of walking kilometers for hours in order to get some water for their household. I was honored to have that position of a young woman who could use her voice but mostly to be heard in a society where women are still not being valued properly yet. To me Education (Goal 4), Gender Equality (Goal 5), Environment (Clean Water – Goal 6) and Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (GOAL 16) have always been subjects that matter to me.

If you could send a message to your younger self...tell her/him what you now know that you wish you knew when you first started?

Plants don’t always go as we plan them, but you can rest assure that you’ll always be fulfilling your God-given purpose, sometimes in unexpected ways.

How did you overcome your greatest challenges?

Faith & Audacity. If you have the intuition that you can do it, don’t let anybody else convince you that you cannot do it. Just go fully with your guts and trust that it will work somehow!

What is it that drives you?

Leave a footprint on people’s lives... no matter if its 2 person or 6 billion of people that has been inspired by you. If you touch people lives, then living was meaningful as you had a positive impact on them, therefore leaving a world a little better than when you came before.

Describe a day in your life?

I always started my day with a cup of tea, that i drink on my balcony, while i Meditate and Contemplate the world in front of me. It helps me to be grateful for another day, and stay grounded as tomorrow is never promised. Then i kick off my To Do list of the day (that i usually made before going to bed the day before), after a good shower. I am very dynamic and quite driven and focused, not to say workaholic, so i try as much as possible nowadays to try some free time to see family or close friends for dinner or few drinks in the evenings.
Moses Umoru

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If you could send a message to your younger self...tell her/him what you now know that you wish you knew when you first started?
Don't be afraid to always try your hands on what you are passionate about no matter who is looking or not

How did you overcome your greatest challenges?
I was just intentional

What is it that drives you?
I have always been driven by the quest to touch lives.

Regine Jean-Baptiste

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If you could send a message to your younger self...tell her/him what you now know that you wish you knew when you first started?
Go with your gut instincts no matter what you think others will say!

How did you overcome your greatest challenges?
I overcome challenges with heart. Having heart causes me not to quit, no matter what happens. I seek how to love others, live in humility, and look for peace.

What is it that drives you?
Seeing people feel empowered to take on a challenge!

Describe a day in your life?
Everyday for me is an adventure. I get to speak to people on a variety of issues that empower them to become the best version of themselves for the world.
local level in Ethiopia, and indirectly address the goals of Zero Hunger and Reduced Inequality. I founded Seeds of Africa because I believe that education and community development are fundamental building blocks for eradicating poverty and planting the seeds for a sustainable future. Our mission is to educate the next generation of Ethiopia's leaders, and empower their mothers to become entrepreneurs. From my own life experiences growing up in Adama, Ethiopia, I learned that investing in quality education for children and providing economic and employment opportunities for women leads to socio-economic justice and transformation for families, communities, and nations.

If you could send a message to your younger self...tell her/him what you now know that you wish you knew when you first started?
Atti, as a young African woman on a mission, you will have to constantly navigate bias and battle social injustices. Throughout your career, you will experience the way the world views you, and sometimes it will feel like an uphill battle to challenge these stereotypes and their effects. Although frustrating and disheartening, do not accept this reality for yourself and for your people. The world is changing, so keep fighting for the equality that you believe in. Through the years, you will learn how to speak truth to power for change and not out of rage. You will realize that you are a voice for many women that the world erroneously views as voiceless and agency-less. Remember to always practice resilience and resolve. Creating change relies on speaking up for the truth and making believers out of skeptics.

How did you overcome your greatest challenges?
When faced with challenges, I remind myself that my future is spoken for, and that I have the inner strength and resilience to overcome them. Then, I work to intricately understand the challenge I am faced with, so that I can find the most effective solutions and know when to ask for help. I exercise patience, and chip away at a problem one part at a time. Most importantly, I never allow myself to be discouraged, because failure is an opportunity for growth.

What is it that drives you?
I am driven by an innate desire to live a life of purpose. Finding my purpose has made my life richer and more fulfilling, and I have dedicated
my life to impacting and empowering others. For me, Seeds of Africa is a vessel for addressing the multiple socio-economic dimensions of poverty that hinder social equity, and in the process eradicating stigmas about those living poverty as one-dimensional. Seeds of Africa is an organization that puts people and their integrity at the core of its values. We believe that the poor know the solutions to their problems; they just need better resources to actualize solutions. Our direction is determined by listening to the people we serve, and improving the local community’s self-reliance and participatory decision-making in poverty alleviation strategies. Working closely with the community of Adama to transform the lives of families has been my life’s greatest pleasure.

Describe a day in your life?
I am focused on continuing to grow Seeds of Africa’s cutting edge, multifaceted model of enrichment and social upward mobility through our education and community development programs. I am also constantly on a quest to become a better and more effective leader. To me, ethical leadership starts with the core principle of respecting human dignity and the rights of others. It is giving a voice to those who have been silenced. Lastly, I am focused on being a vocal advocate for gender equality, early childhood education, and investing in local solutions and leaders for African development. I use my platform to shine a light on the power and potential of Africa and its people. Seeds of Africa is headquartered in New York City, and our programs operate in Ethiopia. As a leader of an organization based on two continents, a day in my life is always different. In NYC, I spend my days overseeing fundraising and operations. In Ethiopia, I spend most of my time visiting programs and meeting with government officials towards fulfilling our vision of expanding our work nationally and impacting millions of Ethiopians.

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If you could send a message to your younger self...tell her/him what you now know that you wish you knew when you first started?
When people threw stones at me, rather through back the stones to them, I collected the stones and put them in a base to make an stronger and taller tower of success in my career. Being a member of parliament,
Tanzila Umi Habiba - Contd,

I realise myself more responsible to work harder for black community, uneducated children black women working at homes as maids, recognize skills of black community and improve their quality. Never to loose hope because when one door is closed hundred of others are always open.

How did you overcome your greatest challenges?
Believing that every darkest night always has a bright and shiny morning of hope.

What is it that drives you?
The motive that drives and give me strength to work harder that I deserve equal rights as any white yellow or coloured people have.

Describe a day in your life?
The day when i knew that I lost elections competing for chairman municipal committee, I learned “That life does not end at your one unsuccessful event”.

Mallely Florian

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If you could send a message to your younger self...tell her/him what you now know that you wish you knew when you first started?
Be creative and try making one little business every summer until you discover your potential and what exactly you are good at. Knowing this at a young age, will keep you focused on your strengths and it will save you 10 years down The road. Get started

How did you overcome your greatest challenges?
When I’m facing obstacles in my path, I just keep pushing and work harder. This does not eliminate the challenge necessarily but it allows me to discover new ways to reach my goals.

What is it that drives you?
Success. I believe we can all reach our future potential by trying to be the best at what we do. Also surrounding yourself with successful friends will encourage you to go further.

Describe a day in your life?
Having my own consultancy company every day is different. In general I am usually busy when I travel to assist events and forums; it is the best opportunity for me to meet interesting people and keep building my network which is vital for my field of work. We offer the opportunity to foreign companies to explore the African market by organizing strategic meetings with various structures or by representing them with potential new clients when needed. So during these event, I spend 18h a day networking. When I'm back home is the follow up and then seeing what connections can be done with these new contacts.
Sometimes unexpected things happen over the course of a life, one of the greatest challenges for me was dealing with the loss of my aunt earlier than I imagined and so many other things in between that are out of my control. My natural tendency is to fight and resist that which I have no control over. I know that sometimes life doesn't go according to plan and it ends up being the best thing that ever happened to me in terms of making me stronger and more resilient.

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What is it that drives you?
I see my role as that of a global catalyst: I work to connect people, communities, and cultures through the universal language of smiling. Good oral health is necessary for a good smile, but sustained economic stability and opportunities play a huge part in keeping those smiles going. I have leveraged my professional contacts within my field and within the wider community to fuel not only the Unspoken Smiles Foundation, but also the Unspoken Smiles Fellowship. In my travels to help children with their oral health in Haiti, I couldn't help but notice the several educated, but unemployed women who could not afford to look after their child's health and well-being or simply were unsatisfied with gender stereotypes in these communities that kept them out of the workforce. The touching stories of these young mothers sparked my desire to take action. Now, with the help of the Unspoken Smiles Fellowship, these young women will positively impact their individual lives and futures.

Describe a day in your life?
I work from 9 am to 6:30 pm with a few breaks in between. I work for the foundation most of time managing the day to day operations and global team. My day usually involves lots of writing and managing interns. During my lunch break, I either take a few minutes to work on my blog, scroll through social media or go for a quick walk around the block – really need to do this more often now that the weather is warmer and NYSE has many street vendors that I like to support. When 6h30 pm finally rolls around, I either take a shower in the office If I have to go out or head home happily while blasting my favorite music.
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