

Mo Ibrahim Foundation announces the 2022 Ibrahim Leadership Fellows



Dakar and London, 7 April 2022 – The Mo Ibrahim Foundation is pleased to announce the 2022 intake of Ibrahim Leadership Fellows, which will see three emerging African leaders participate in one-year mentoring programmes at leading multilateral institutions.

The incoming Fellows are Joe Lemaron (Kenya), who will join the African Development Bank (AfDB); Ilsa Cá e Sá (Guinea-Bissau), who will join the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA); and Tabitha Namulinda (Uganda), who will join the International Trade Centre (ITC).

During their 12-month programmes, Fellows gain both technical and leadership skills, while contributing directly to research and policy design. A special feature of the programme is the opportunity to benefit from the direct mentorship of the heads of the host organisations.

Since 2012, 31 Fellows (including this year's cohort) from across Africa have participated in the programme. Upon completion of their placements, Fellows become members of the Foundation's Now Generation Network (NGN), a coalition of young and mid-career Africans from all 54 African countries, who are committed to moving the continent's development agenda forward.

Jendayi Frazer, Head of the Ibrahim Leadership Fellowships programme, said: "Many congratulations to our new cohort of Fellows, who have been selected from a short-list of exceptional candidates. I look forward to engaging with Joe, Ilsa and Tabitha, and indeed learning from their expertise over the next year."

Mo Ibrahim, Founder and Chair of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, said: "I'm thrilled to welcome the 2022 Ibrahim Fellows to the Foundation family. Through this programme, they will develop their expertise and gain first-hand experience in working on critical issues facing Africa today. I wish them all the best for what is set to be a transformative year."

The 2022 Ibrahim Leadership Fellows:

Joe Lemaron (Kenya), AfDB. Joe is a development professional with extensive experience in leading strategies in digital transformation, programme management, policy innovation, capacity strengthening, corporate communications and building impactful partnerships.

Ilsa Cá e Sá (Guinea-Bissau), ECA. Ilsa is a graduate in International Relations, with a master's degree in International Cooperation and Development Studies from the Technical University of Lisbon. She has programme management expertise having led development projects in Guinea-Bissau in areas such as food security and youth and civic leadership.

Tabitha Namulinda (Uganda), ITC. Tabitha is an international trade lawyer and an enrolled advocate working with Uganda's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She has been a negotiator in Geneva, Switzerland, representing Uganda in trade negotiations at the World Trade Organization.

The application process for the 2023 Ibrahim Leadership Fellowships programme will open in August 2022.

For more information about the Ibrahim Leadership Fellowships, or to learn more about activities undertaken by previous Fellows since the completion of their programme, visit:

<https://mo.ibrahim.foundation/fellowships>.

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About the Mo Ibrahim Foundation

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation was established in 2006 with a focus on the critical importance of political leadership and public governance in Africa. By providing tools to support progress in leadership and governance, the Foundation aims to promote meaningful change on the continent.

The Foundation, which is a non-grant making organisation, focusses on defining, assessing and enhancing governance and leadership in Africa through five main initiatives:

- Ibrahim Index of African Governance
- Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership
- Ibrahim Governance Weekend
- Ibrahim Fellowships and Scholarships
- Now Generation Network

Previous Ibrahim Leadership Fellows:

2021

Fatou Wurie (Sierra Leone), AfDB
Gaokgakala Sobatha (Botswana), ECA
Richard Adu-Gyamfi (Ghana), ITC

2020

Eliam Kadeweile (Malawi), ECA
Hanan Taifour (Sudan), ITC

2019

Nadia Hamel (Algeria), AfDB
Emmanuella Matore, (Zimbabwe) ECA
Anta Taal (Gambia), ITC

2018

Zukiswa Mqolomba (South Africa), AfDB
Valeria Bempomaah Mensah (Ghana), ECA
Ines Ayari (Tunisia), ITC

2017

Robtel Pailey (Liberia), AfDB
Ndapiwa Segole (Botswana), ECA
Oulimata Fall (Senegal), ITC

2016

Mariam Yinusa (Nigeria), ECA
Diane Sayinzoga (Rwanda), ITC

2015

Malango Mughogho (Malawi), AfDB
Tshepelayi Kabata (Democratic Republic of Congo), ECA
Vivienne Katjiuongua (Namibia), ITC

2014

Charlotte Ashamu (Nigeria), AfDB
Carl Manlan (Côte d'Ivoire), ECA
Weyinmi Omamuli (Nigeria), ITC

2013

Joan Stott (South Africa), AfDB
Rebecca Teiko Sabah (Ghana), ECA
Maureen Were (Kenya), World Trade Organization (WTO)

2012

Yvonne Apea Mensah (Ghana), AfDB
Omolade Araba (Nigeria), ECA
Jacqueline Muna Musiitwa (Uganda/Zambia), WTO