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YOUNG VISIONARIES 2011-12



INDIAFRICA: A Shared Future Young Visionaries Fellowships

THE PROGRAMME

A unique initiative identifying promising young entrepreneurs from India and Africa and offering opportunities for growth and collaboration.

The Young Visionaries Fellowship seeks to encourage cross-fertilization of ideas and a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities of doing business in the two geographies. The final shortlisted participants were eligible for financial grants of US\$ 10,000 each to develop collaborative projects. These Young Visionaries will receive recognition in India and Africa; interact with peers and industry leaders in their respective target markets; and participate in collaborative workshops to foster a better understanding of the business environment in both regions.

It invited entries from young entrepreneurs from India and Africa, who had a successful track record of promoting, managing or running a business venture under any of the following verticals:

- Creative Industry
- Cultural Industry
- Education
- Environment
- Food & Agriculture
- Healthcare

INDIAFRICA YOUNG VISIONARIES FELLOWSHIP WINNERS 2011-12

CREATIVE



RAJAMANOCHAR K S

INDIA

RAJAMANOCHAR is the Founder and CEO of Hexolabs Interactive. His team has been placed among the TR35 – TOP 20 Young Innovators in India and received 'Social Innovator of the year 2012' by MIT Tech Review India for the development of speech enabled mobile solutions for the Indian market.

World Economic Forum, Geneva recognized Raja as a "Young Global Leader" in 2012 in recognition of his leadership and contribution in the field of Mobile communication and information services. He has also been named The Outstanding Young Person of the World 2012 (TOYP) by JCI Osaka. He is a regular speaker and panelist at various industry forums and conferences on Telecom, Mobile VAS and Entrepreneurship. He holds a graduate degree in Industrial design from the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India.



HILDA MORAA MORARA

KENYA

HILDA MORAA is one of the founding partners of MyOrder Africa & the Chief Executive Officer of Weza Tele Ltd. She graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Business Information Technology from Strathmore University and is currently pursuing her masters in Innovation & Entrepreneurship by Research. She has won various competitions such as mobile boot camp and has been featured in various media outlets as a successful young lady in the tech industry. In the past, Hilda has worked for global FMCGs beverage industry, Information Technology and ERP industries. She is CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) and CCNP (Cisco Certified Network Professional) certified and has published and written various research papers and journals on the thematic focus of ICT, development and entrepreneurship.



MARK JOHN SEBUNNYA

UGANDA

MARK is an Engineer and Social Entrepreneur with experience in web, mobile, social media, banking and telecommunication industries. He is a co-founder and CEO of HiPipo.com a leading Uganda based SME focused on the creative industry majorly internet applications to distribute and promote Africa's content, to serve social causes in health and education, and spur the presence of African SMEs in cyberspace.

His social entrepreneurship ventures include projects such as MyEMDoctor and AfroExaminer. MyEMDoctor is a new African digital health care community accessible on Mobile (Web, App, and SMS) and Desktop Web. It aims to foster better informed health care decisions among Africans. Afro Examiner is a digital public examination preparation tool empowering African youth with on-line, mobile and social media education tools. Mark holds a Masters in Applied Engineering (Computer Science) and a Bachelors in Computer Science.

EDUCATION

**TARANG DOSHI**

INDIA

TARANG DOSHI founded his first venture, 'World Of Workshops - WOW!', in the last year of his college, which has transformed the concept of employee engagement in a corporate set-up. He also conceptualized and designed his second venture -iCube, which deals in implementing Innovation Centers across schools to deal with the problem of practical education and instill curiosity in students. One of his main areas of interest is politics, where he currently holds the position of Vice-President of Congress Human Rights Department in Ghatkopar area of Mumbai.

He is a graduate in Management Studies from Narsee Monjee College of Commerce and Economics and is currently a part of the Young India Fellowship Program by IFRE & University of Pennsylvania for the year 2012-2013.

**KUMBIRAI GUNDANI**

SOUTH AFRICA

KUMBIRAI GUNDANI is the Co-Founder of a Software company called Funda. He is currently pursuing his post-graduation at the University of Cape Town. As a student leader, he has chaired the University Student Parliament and ran several marathons to raise money for SHAWCO, UCT's largest charity organisation. He has been awarded the Vice Chancellor's Most Outstanding Student Leader Award twice. In 2010, he was invited to deliver a speech at The World Economic Forum about the role of youth in the economy. In 2012, Funda won the United Nations award for the best educational technology that meets the Millennium Development Goals of Education.

**FASILI MASALU BONIPHACE**

TANZANIA

FASILI MASALU BONIPHACE is the Managing Director of EBI Consulting Ltd. He also founded Omega Recruitment and Job Search and the Project For Entrepreneurship Support Activities (PESA-Project). He is a MBA candidate (E-Learning programme) at the Business School Netherlands (The Hague) under the Netherlands Fellowship Programme (NFP). He has a Postgraduate diploma in Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development and a Bachelors degree in Education from the University of Dar Es Salaam.

He is a multi-skilled individual holding several professional studies including International diploma in management (CIC, UK), International diploma in Enterprise Development (ILO, Turin, Italy), Certificate in Entrepreneurship for Self-employed graduates (UDBS), Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Business Communication (TYC), Certificate in Project Management (TYC), Certificate in Personal Entrepreneurial Competences (EMPRETEC, UNCTAD), Certificate in Training of Trainers in Youth Entrepreneurship (ILO-KAB, Turin, Italy) and Certificate in Facilitation skills (ILO, Turin Italy).

ENVIRONMENT

**ARUN SHENOY**

INDIA

ARUN SHENOY is the co-founder of GIBSS (Green India Building Systems & Services Pvt Ltd). He has spent most of his academic and professional life in the building systems and geothermal industry. Prior to GIBSS, Arun led product portfolios for leading corporations such as Ingersoll Rand, Climatmaster and Trane. He is also one among 150 LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accredited green building professionals in India. Arun holds an M.S degree from Oklahoma State University and an MBA in Marketing and Finance from the prestigious Indian School of Business (ISB, Hyderabad).

FOOD & AGRICULTURE

**TAPAN KUMAR MUKHERJEE**

INDIA

TAPAN KUMAR MUKHERJEE is the founder of Tapan Mukherjee & Co. He has worked for hotels like Grand Hyatt, Oberoi and Claridges in India and has also worked in the United Kingdom, where he has held rosettes in his name, and has trained in a three Michelin Starred restaurant in Germany.

He routinely hosts talks, discussions and demonstrations with young chefs to help them advance their careers. He is an active member of the Indian Culinary Forum.

Tapan is currently pursuing his M.B.A from the Management Development Institute, Gurgaon and is an alumni of Robert Gordon University- U.K (B.A Hospitality Management). He has a Diploma from the American Hotel and Motel Association and a Diploma in Hotel Management from the Institute of Advanced Management.

**NNAEMEKA C. IKEGWUONU**

NIGERIA

NNAEMEKA IKEGWUONU is the Executive Director of The Smallholders Foundation. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and International Studies from Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria and a Masters in Development and Cooperation from the Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Pavia, Italy.

Nnaemeka, is an Alumni of the prestigious Youth Encounter on Sustainability (YES) Braunwald, Switzerland - 2008, Global Fellow YouthActionNet - International Youth Foundation - 2008, Ashoka Fellow 2008, Caux Scholar - Initiatives for Change Switzerland and USA - 2009, Fellow Global Social Benefit Incubator of Santa Clara University, California USA - 2009 and a Clinton Global Initiative University Outstanding Commitment Award Recipient - 2009.

HEALTHCARE

**VINAYAK GARG**

INDIA

VINAYAK is the founder of LeapRx Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. He completed his engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. He spent a year in INSA-Lyon, France on an exchange program. Vinayak also spent 6 weeks at the Buddhist monastery of H.H. Dalai Lama, under the Gurukul program by SPICMACAY. Leveraging on his experience, Vinayak co-founded an NGO VISVAS, Visionary Initiative to Sculpt a Virtuous Academic System. He was awarded the Community Service Award by IIT Delhi Alumni Association for his work under VISVAS. Previously, Vinayak worked as a Consultant for Government Reforms and Infrastructure Development with PricewaterhouseCoopers. He was a speaker at TEDx Surat in February 2011.

**MICHAEL HUBBARD**

SOUTH AFRICA

MICHAEL is a 21 year-old South African Information Systems student and entrepreneur. At the age of 13, he began teaching himself how to create websites and started freelancing soon after. For the past three years, he has successfully managed his web development company while also studying at the University of Cape Town.

In 2011, he was a finalist in the International Telecommunication Union's Young Innovators competition for which he travelled to Geneva, Switzerland to present his mobile health care solution, Poco. He is a local committee president at AIESEC and heads the Cape Town chapter, while also managing an Africa-wide branding campaign.

CULTURE

**ARNOLD SARFO**

GHANA

ARNOLD SARFO-KANTANKA is the founder of Me FiRi Ghana and Operations and Director of the WAM Campaign Charity. He describes himself as a Business Owner, Charity Director, Management Consultant, Trainer & a Public Speaker. He has gone on to become a multiple award winning Entrepreneur/Social Change Enthusiast. He sincerely believes in the concept of 'people helping people' as he believes that every person has a gift/talent/skill which can help to not only shape their lives but also impact the lives of others. Arnold's passion for helping others first took shape whilst studying at university where he was a founding member of the Youth Empowerment Charity Elevation Network. The charity worked with companies such as Barclays Capital, Pearsons, IBM, BBC and The London Week of Peace and was established to bridge the gap between under-represented young people and industries. Arnold's love for Ghana has always been strong and his desire to express his culture through clothing he designed was a means of doing so.

**BRUKTAWIT TIGABU**

ETHIOPIA

BRUKTAWIT TIGABU is the General Manager and Co-Founder of Whiz Kids Workshop. She began her professional career as a primary school teacher in Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa. In 2005, with her husband, Bruktawit set up Whiz Kids Workshop. Whiz Kids Workshop was named a 2011 Tech Awards laureate for this effort.

She has developed two educational television series for the youth. Bruktawit was named a Rolex Young Laureate in 2010 for her efforts to reduce the child mortality rate in Ethiopia through public health messaging in Whiz Kids Workshop's productions.

**JOSEPHINE NZEREM**

NIGERIA

JOSEPHINE NZEREM is a Social Entrepreneur. She holds a degree in Dramatic Arts from the renowned Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife and a Masters Degree in Public and International Affairs (MPIA) from the University of Lagos, Akoka.

In 2002 she was elected an ASHOKA fellow for her innovative work in the advancement of women's human rights, with emphasis on protection of women from disinheritance and other socio economic abuses. In 2004 she received an award from the Junior Chambers International as the outstanding young person for the year, in the area of contribution to children, world peace and/or human rights. Josephine believes that women's human rights must be recognized and upheld at all times and she speaks with great passion and insight on this crucial issue at various fora, whenever she is called upon, year round. In 2010, Josephine became the Volunteer Representative for Ashoka Anglophone West Africa, an area covering Nigeria, Ghana and The Cameroon. In 2011, she became the Anglophone West African Representative and Senior Change Leader.

**PIYUSH TEWARI**

INDIA

PIYUSH TEWARI is the Founder & President of SaveLIFE Foundation (SLF). He started SLF while working as a Managing Director at Calibrated Group, a US-based PE fund. He received the 2012 Echoing Green Fellowship and 2010 Rolex Award for Enterprise for breakthrough innovation in facilitating urgent care for road accident victims.

Armed with a Bachelor of Information Technology (w/Honors) from Delhi University, Piyush began his career as a founding member of India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF). In 2006, he was recognized by CII for exemplary leadership & commendable service to the nation. Same year he received the Letter of Commendation from the then Secretary of Finance for guiding the inter-ministerial organizing committee for the ADB Annual Meeting 2006 in India.

He is a certified trainer in Basic Trauma Care, Member of the CII National Core Group on Road Safety, and a Fellow of the Hong Kong-based Foundation for Youth Social Entrepreneurship (FYSE). Piyush is presently serving on the Government of India committee to establish pre-hospital trauma care guidelines in India.



Campus Outreach Event at the University of Dar es Salaam on May 12, 2012

INDIA'S LARGEST YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAMME ACROSS AFRICA 2011-14

INDIAFRICA: A Shared Future CONTESTS 2011-14

- BUSINESS VENTURE · POSTER DESIGN
- PHOTOGRAPHY · ESSAY WRITING

All the above contests are open for participation in 7 different languages – English, Hindi, Swahili, French, Portuguese, Spanish and Arabic. Cash prizes of over **US\$ 100,000** for winners from India and Africa.

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