

Top 20 Inspirational Women list



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Ndidi Nwuneli
Nigeria



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Maroc



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Benin



Swaady Martin-Leke
Cote d'Ivoire



Deddeh Howard
Liberia



Laureen Kouassi Olsson
Cote d'Ivoire



Judith Owigar
Kenya



Nigest Haile
Ethiopia



Oulimata Sarr
Senegal



Cécile Kyenge
Congo



Almaz Negash
Eritrea



Kidi Bebey
Cameroun



Angela Aquereburu
Togo



Mimi Alemayehou
Ethiopia



Khadijat Abdulkadir
Nigeria



Oyin Solebo
Nigeria



Edith Brou
Cote d'Ivoire



Charlotte Libog
Cameroun



Fanja Razakaboana
Madagascar



Vèna Arielle
Ahouansou

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Fatim-Zahra Biaz

Maroc

Founder of the New Work Lab

Fatim-Zahra Biaz is the founder of the New Work Lab, a co-working space she started, highly convinced that entrepreneurs can bring innovative solutions to Morocco and contribute to the economic and social development of the country.

<http://www.newworklab.com>

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Nadia Mensah-Acogny

Benin

Editor of Top 100 influential women in
Africa - Forbes Africa

Nadia Mensah-Acogny is the co-ounder and Managing Partner of Acosphere she started with her husband. She is an advocate for inspiring women into leadership and is the editor of Forbes Africa top 100 influential women of the continent list.

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Swaady Martin-Leke
Cote d'Ivoire
Founder of YSWARA

Swaady Martin, is founder of YSWARA, an African luxury brand of teas sourced from across Africa. Swaady is also an advocate for African women's economic empowerment and is committed to employ them and buy raw materials from women producers.

<https://twitter.com/swaadym> | <http://www.swaady.com> | <https://www.yswara.com>

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Deddeh Howard
Liberia
Model and influencer

Deddeh Howard is a lifestyle, fashion, fitness and travel influencer. Her photo project "Black Mirror" was featured in the media around the world. She campaigns for more diversity and models of all races.

<https://www.instagram.com/secretofdd> | <http://secretofdd.com>

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Khadijat Abdulkadir

Nigeria

Founder of Digital African Woman

Social Entrepreneur and founder of Digital African Woman, a social enterprise focused on inspiring, training and developing African Women into the fields of tech and entrepreneurship. She has a passion to telling a different story about Africa.

https://twitter.com/k_hadi8 | <https://twitter.com/WomanDigital>

<http://www.digitalafricanwoman.org> | <https://www.linkedin.com/in/khadijat-abdulkadir>

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Mimi Alemayehou

Ethiopia

Managing Director at Black Rhino

Mimi Alemayehou is managing director at Black Rhino. She was the former Executive Vice President of Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), funding investment opportunities in developing markets. She was appointed to the position in 2010, by US President Barack Obama after serving as Executive Director of the African Development Bank.

www.twitter.com/malemayehou

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Nigest Haile
Ethiopia

Founder & executive director of CAWEE

Nigest Haile is the founder and executive director of the Center for Accelerated Women's Economic Empowerment (CAWEE), a non-profit trade promotion organization, providing capacity building support services targeting women exporters in Ethiopia.

<http://www.global-ambassadors.org/people/nigest-haile>

<http://wisdomexchangetv.com/nigest-haile>

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Oulimata Sarr
Senegal

Regional Economic Empowerment Advisor of
UN Women for West and Central Africa

Oulimata Sarr is the Regional Economic Empowerment Advisor of UN Women for West and Central Africa. A founding member of the African Women IFC Network (aWIN) she also served as Cherie Blair Foundation Mentor for the Women in Business Programme and is the Africa Jury President of the Cartier's Women Initiative business plan competition.

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Cécile Kyenge

Congo

Politician

Cécile Kyenge is a Member of European Parliament and Vice-Chair delegation to ACP-EU JPA. Former Italy's minister for integration, she is committed to promote and defend the rights of immigrants. She also work with the Pan-African Parliament to promote cooperation between Europe and the South of the world.

<https://twitter.com/ckyenge> | <http://www.cecilekyenge.it>

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Oyin Solebo

Nigeria

COO & Co-Founder of Movemeback

Oyin Solebo is a serial entrepreneur with a passion for driving positive global change. She is the cofounder of Movemeback - a members' community of top global talent, leaders and influencers, interested in Africa.

<https://twitter.com/oyinsolebo> | <https://www.linkedin.com/in/oyinsolebo>

<https://www.movemeback.com/>

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Almaz Negash
Eritrea

Founder of African Diaspora Network

Almaz Negash is a social entrepreneur. She is managing director of Step Up Silicon Valley, a social innovation network to reduce poverty and increase economic opportunity in Silicon Valley. She is also the founder of African Diaspora Network, a non-profit membership organization aiming to harness and engage Africans and friends of Africa to support the development of the continent.

<https://twitter.com/almaznegash> | <https://adn.memberclicks.net>

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Kidi Bebey

Cameroun

Journalist & Author

Kidi Bebey is a journalist, poet, editor and author. She is a former producer of 'Reines d'Afrique' on Radio France international. Her book 'My Kingdom for a Guitar', a tale of a dual Franco-Cameroonian culture in France was finalist of the Senghor Prize for the first francophone and francophile novel. It was also selected for the 2017 Orange Prize.

<http://xtrafrica.blogspot.com> | https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kidi_Bebey

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Lauren Kouassi Olsson
Cote d'Ivoire

Regional Head for Western and
Central Africa at Amethis Finance

Lauren Kouassi is the Regional Head for Western and Central Africa at Amethis Finance. She is involved in various initiatives aiming at supporting African entrepreneurs and start-ups.

<http://bit.ly/2Fge2ey> | <http://www.amethisfinance.com>

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Angela Aquereburu

Togo

Founder of Yobo Studios

Angela Aquereburu is the founder of Yobo Studios, a production company based in Togo. She produces original content and TV series. Hospital IT, has been awarded the best series at the Vues d'Afrique Festival in Montreal, Canada.

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/caringint>

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Judith Owigar

Kenya

Director of Akirachix

Judith Owigar is a Social entrepreneur who uses technology as a catalyst for positive change. She is the co-founder and Operations Director of Akirachix, a Kenyan organization that nurtures generations of women who use technology to develop innovations and solutions for Africa.

<https://twitter.com/owigarj> | <http://akirachix.com>

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Ndidi Nwuneli

Nigeria

Founder of LEAP Africa

Ndidi Nwuneli is a social entrepreneur, founder of LEAP Africa, a non-profit organization committed to developing dynamic, innovative and principled African leaders. She is also co-founder of AACE foods and author of Social Innovation in Africa: A Practical Guide for Scaling Impact.

<https://twitter.com/ndidinwuneli> | https://about.me/leap_africa

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Edith Brou
Cote d'ivoire
Founder of Buzzy Africa

Edith Brou is a tech-entrepreneur, Youtuber, TEDx speaker, blogger. She is the founder of buzzy Africa, an infotainment site.

<https://twitter.com/edithbrou> | <https://buzzyafrica.com/>

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Charlotte Libog
Cameroun

Founder Afrique grenier du monde

Charlotte Libog is the founder of 'Afrique grenier du monde', a platform that promotes agribusiness in Africa for inclusive and sustainable growth. The think tank 'Forum Afrique Grenier du Monde' (FAGEM) is to trigger the agro-industry revolution with digital solutions.

<http://www.afriquegrenierdumonde.org>

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Fanja Razakaboana
Madagascar
Serial entrepreneur

Fanja Razakaboana is a serial entrepreneur who runs multiple businesses. She is passionate about empowering women entrepreneurs and is the president of GFME, Madagascar group of women entrepreneurs, vice president of CCIA and president of FEA.

<http://bit.ly/2FvDNGL> | <http://www.gfem-madagascar.com>

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Arielle Ahouansou
Benin

Founder of KEA Medicals Pharmaceuticals

Arielle is the founder of KEA Medicals Pharmaceuticals & Technologies a company providing hospital management software and hardware. She is a medical doctor dedicated to enhance the healthcare system in Africa with tech solutions to improve the care of patients. She is also passionate about youth leadership and enhancing women and children's living conditions.

<http://bit.ly/217fqxN>



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- The country mentioned in the titles of the nominees are the country of origin but we understand they might be holding other nationalities
- This list has been compiled using our own database and internet sources credited at the end of this document

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African Diaspora Professional Women in Europe is an online forum that aims to:

- Celebrate the success of African Women in Europe and in the world in general.
- Give visibility women who have achieved success in their own right but may still be unknown by the wider public.
- Inspire the new generation of African Women and share ideas to make a difference.
- Contribute to Africa rebranding and development by identifying opportunities to transfer the vast amount of knowledge gained in Europe.

This forum is open to women of African Diaspora as well as to anyone who has a passion for Africa development.

ABOUT US



Editor: Francine Beleyi, founder of African Diaspora Professional Women in Europe (ADIPWE) since 2011.

Francine is a bilingual, French-English, Digital Strategist, Author and Entrepreneur and the result of three cultures: French, British & Togolese.

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<https://www.cartierwomensinitiative.com/>

<http://www.global-ambassadors.org/>

<https://www.womankind.org.uk/>

<https://fr.wikipedia.org/>

<http://www.lemonde.fr/>

<http://www.ecodafrik.com>

<http://wisdomexchangetv.com>

<http://femmesdumaroc.com>

<https://rebranding-africa.com>