

A portrait of Ms. Phyllis Wakiaga, a Black woman with long dark dreadlocks, wearing red-rimmed glasses, a colorful geometric patterned shawl over a dark blue top, and a large yellow and blue necklace. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. Her hands are resting on a dark surface in the foreground.

Ms. Phyllis Wakiaga  
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# Manufacturing Underpins Africa's Economic Transformation

By Industrialising Africa

**A**frica has no other viable or alternative path for its economic transformation except through manufacturing and the technology that goes with it. Ms. Phyllis Wakiaga, the Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) emphasises the urgent need to accelerate Africa's industrialisation trajectory in the wake of the continued decline in the Asian manufacturing sector positions Africa as the emergent frontier for the 4th Industrial Revolution.