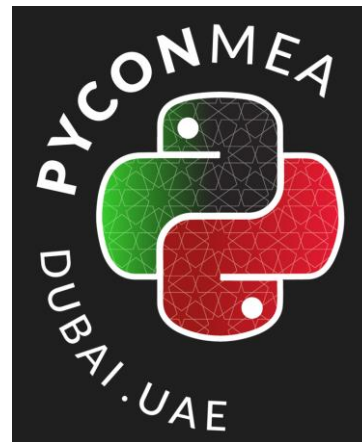


Building Impactful Communities in Africa

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Agenda

- Why we need Python Communities in Africa
- Stories from Successful Communities
- Challenges Python Communities face in Africa
- Starting your community

Why we need Python Communities in Africa

- Safe space
- Welcoming of Beginners and new to tech.
- Africa is exporting human capital
- Economic impact
- Python Popularity

Characteristics of a Successful community

- Welcoming of Everyone
- Impact that is community but also individual
- Local and Global opportunities for members
- Growth

Community Success Stories

- Python Nigeria
- Python Namibia
- Python Ghana

@PythonNigeria



- Events: Conferences, Meetups
- Education: Python in Universities
- Startups: Tuteria, Cowrywise
- Politics : IsinmiDe
- Networking: PyGhana, Python Benin
- Partnerships: CyfiSmartgirls, DataScience Nigeria, Aspilllos
- Inclusivity: Pyladies, DjangoGirls

[Building the Universe We love](#)



Python community to groom AI developers in Nigeria

24th March 2020



| By Ife Ogunfuwa
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Python Nigeria community has pledged to raise an army of artificial intelligent developers in the country through training of young Nigerians in the use of python programming language.

The Chairperson of the community, Pius Okigbo Jnr, described artificial intelligence as the new frontier for Nigeria and developing countries to play in the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

He spoke at a press conference in Lagos and pledged to use his wealth of experience in the software industry to deepen the knowledge and understanding of how to use python software to deliver top-grade services in the country and ultimately for the benefit of the young people.

@PythonNamibia (Impact)

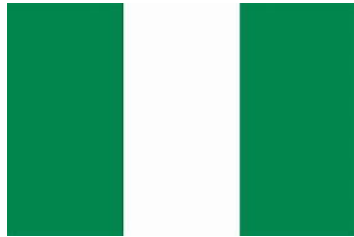


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Timeline



**Python Namibia
2015**



**Python Nigeria
2016**



**Python Zimbabwe
2016**



**Python Ghana
2017**



**Python Benin
2017**



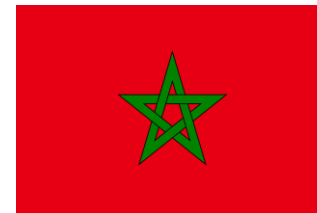
Python Cameroun



**Python Tanzania
2018**



**Python Kenya
2018**



**Python Morocco
2018**



**Python Cote D'Ivoire
2018**



**Python Uganda
2018**



**Python Egypt
2018**

@PyGhana (Consistent)



[PyCon Ghana 2018](#)

- Consistent Meetups
- Education: Python in Universities
 - Personal Growth
 - Mentorship
- Inclusivity: DjangoGirls, PyLadies

CHALLENGES

- Funding for events
- Python is still not a popular language
- Accessibility
- Economic instability
- Continuity

How to Start / Revive a Community

- Start Small
- Network locally Connect globally
- Find a Why?
- Assemble a team
- bring people together.
- Seek solutions to problems in unfamiliar places
- Funding: [PSF](#), [DSF](#)

How You Can Support

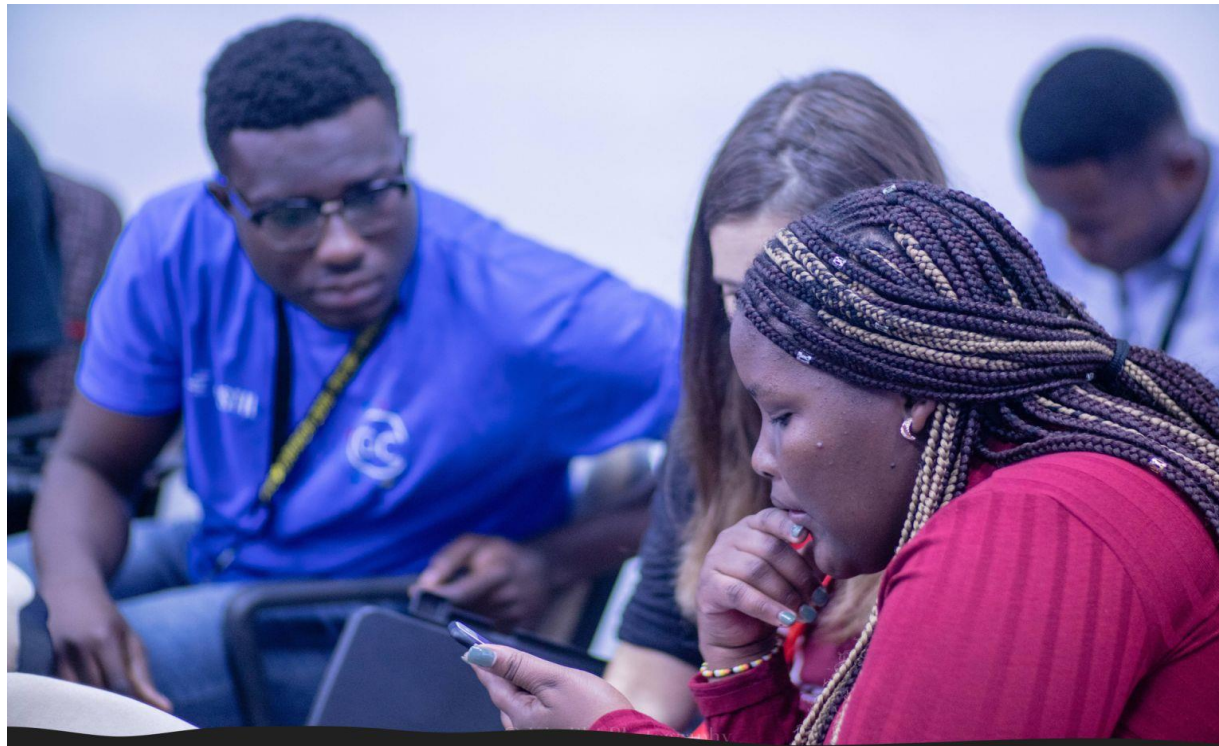
- Volunteer
- Be a Mentor and/or Coach
- Attend a Python Event in Africa
 - Donate
 - Speak

[Anthony Shaw: A letter to the Python Community in Africa](#)

Impactful Community



The strength of the broom lies not in the power of a single frond but in the resilience of its united fronds. - African proverb



6 - 11th November 2023
Zanzibar, Tanzania

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Other Upcoming PyCons 2024

- PyCon Namibia (Q1) *March*
- PyCon Nigeria (TBD) Q2
- PyCon Africa (TBD) Q3

QUESTIONS?

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