



CONVERGENCE

Event Brochure

30th May 2020

Congratulations!

We are thrilled that you joined us today for a packed ideas-filled event at TEDxYaba.

TEDxYaba is an independently organised TED event run by a volunteer team of community builders who are passionate about social change and building Africa's future. Our vision is to be the foremost platform for African ideas on the continent and, since 2017, we have curated conversations that we hope would catalyse and inspire further corresponding actions capable of setting Africa on course to a more sustainable future. Our first ever event as a team, themed Past, Present, Future, sought to stimulate conversations around our collective past in order to chart a course for the future. We were privileged to host amazing thinkers and doers like Omobola Johnson, Seni Sulyman, Tunji Lardner, TY Bello amongst others.

In 2018, we hosted 2 events. The first, themed Reboot, was dedicated to celebrating ideas from brave and innovative citizens rethinking how we approach problems and those doing incredibly amazing work to solve everyday challenges affecting Nigerians in new and interesting ways. We hosted incredibly amazing speakers like Temie Giwa-Tubosun, Dr Ola Brown, Megan Chapman and Cobhams Asuquo. We also hosted our first TEDxWomen event, themed Showing Up, and featured recorded talks from TEDWomen 2018 speakers who, whatever their focus and talent — politics, science, technology, art — are pioneers unapologetically breaking out and pushing boundaries.

Last year we hosted a series of 3 Salon events, themed Forecasts, to engage our community on how we can collectively explore what the future looks like around specific themes relevant to our community, and how we might hopefully design for better outcomes. Building on the success of last year's event, we also hosted one TEDxYabaWomen event with the theme Bold+Brilliant, featuring a mix of talks from TEDWomen 2019 and live speakers including Teju Abisoye, Tobi Eyinade, Yewande Kazeem and Chude Jideonwo. It was a celebration of pioneers making power moves, brilliant people who are just getting started, and those who tirelessly show up as allies and advocates.

This year alone, we've hosted our first ever Open Mic session where members of our community got the chance to share their ideas to a live virtual audience. We've also hosted 5 Community Talks via Instagram to explore how other communities across Africa are responding and learning to deal with the current COVID-19 pandemic from the perspective of TEDx organisers in the region. We've been privileged to host other TEDx organisers from Lagos, Port Harcourt, Johannesburg, Cape Town and Lusaka, and we would likely expand this to other regions in the coming weeks. We will also continue to explore ways we can be of service to our community and will unveil other plans as the year unfolds. Some might say we keep very busy, but we do it for a good cause!

This brings me to the theme for this event: Convergence. We wanted to converge some of the finest thinkers and innovators from across the globe in the centre of Africa's largest technology ecosystem to have conversations about Africa's collective future. During this event, you'll engage with ideas covering various sectors of the African society through groundbreaking work done by an amazing selection of speakers who may or may not be based in our local ecosystem but whose work undoubtedly impacts our local communities in very tangible ways.

I'm incredibly proud of the team and I'm thankful for them and the partners that have supported us in putting this event together. I have no doubt this would be an experience you will remember for a long time.

Congratulations once again!

Emmanuel Adegboye
(Curator/Licensee)



Programme

Start time: 12:00 Noon (WAT)

Duration: 3 hours

Agenda

Opening (15 Minutes)

Session 1 (80 Minutes)

Speaker 1 - Dr Lawal Bakare

Speaker 2 - Bright Simons

Speaker 3 - Astrid Haas

Breakout session

Session 2 (80 Minutes)

Speaker 4 - Andrew Nevin

Speaker 5 - Dr Charles Omole

Speaker 6 - Lola Omolola (interviewed by Abosede George-Ogan)

Breakout Session

Closing (5 Minutes)



Speakers



Dr. Lawal Bakare

Dr. Lawal is the founder of EpidAlert, a Nigerian not-for-profit health security organization working to detect and prevent infectious diseases. He trained as a dentist at the College of Medicine at the University of Lagos. In his work, he applies design thinking to tackling some of our society's deepest social and public health issues in Nigeria. He is currently based in Germany studying at the Miami Ad School Europe



Dr. Charles Omole

Dr. Charles is the pioneering Director General of the Institute for Police and Security Policy Research (IPSPR), an independent Pan-African research institute to promote collaborative research and reform programmes between the police, military, security practitioners, the academia and security industry experts for peace and development in Africa. He is an International Law scholar, Security Consultant, Leadership Coach, and Business Strategist. He consults for businesses and governments across Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and North America on matters relating to Policy, Business & Political Strategy Development, and Security Sector Reform. He is an accomplished author with over 40 books published.



Astrid Haas

Astrid is an urban economist and the current Policy Director of the International Growth Centre (IGC), based in Uganda, where she manages and carries out policy-based research on cities based on demand from the government. She holds an MA in International Economics and International Development from Johns Hopkins University. She was nominated as one of Africa's Young Leaders in 2016 by the University of Cape Town.





Lola Omolola

Lola Omolola builds communities that change people's lives. As the founder of Female IN (FIN)[™]; an exclusive Facebook community with close to 1.7M members from more than 100 countries, she leads and develops structures and systems to amplify women's voices. Her groundbreaking work has been recognized by Mark Zuckerberg and Melinda Gates, and she's been featured in the BBC, NPR, Newsweek, Reuters, The Guardian, VOA, and many other international media outlets.



Bright Simons

Bright Simons is the President of mPedigree, a multinational social enterprise working, in partnership with governments, F500 companies, and grassroots organizations, to promote innovative technologies from sensors to software, in health & food security, transparency and governance. His writing is frequently featured in the Harvard Business Review, The Huffington Post, and the BBC's Business Daily Show. In 2016, Fortune Magazine named him on their 50 World Greatest Leaders list.



Andrew S. Nevin, PhD

Andrew S. Nevin, PhD is one of PwC's leading global thinkers, working at the complex intersection of economics, strategy, capital markets, and investment. He has almost 33 years of professional experience as an entrepreneur, private equity investor, line manager, economist, and strategy consultant, and in his professional career has previously lived in Asia, North America, and Europe. Andrew is a Canadian citizen and has been based in Lagos, Nigeria (the world's 7th most populous country) since early 2012.



Artists



Seif Kousmate

Photographer | Moroccan

Seif Kousmate, is a self-taught photographer from Essaouira, Morocco, focusing on social issues in African nations such as: slavery in Mauritania, migration from Mali to Europe, winter life in the High Atlas in Morocco... He pursued his work on migration with a National Geographic Society grant and has been published in international magazines and newspapers - Newsweek, The Guardian, Libération, El Pais, NZZ ... among others.

“For me, photography is the right medium to reach my desire and goal: to connect with people, tell impactful stories, and bring change.”
Seif



Balindile Ngcobo

Performer/Writer | South African

Balindile ka Ngcobo is a South African actor, theatre-maker, voice artist and language activist. She is a Mellon Scholar currently pursuing an MA in Theatre & Performance at the University of Cape Town. With leanings toward the Afro-Womanist, her work explores language and its complicity in contemporary society's treatment of womxn.

She aims, through her work, to decolonize the hegemonic constructions of womxn on and off the stage and screen.





Israel Afolabi

Filmmaker | Nigerian

Israel Afolabi, is a filmmaker/documentarian from Lagos. telling the story of everyday Nigerian youth and stories of the parts of Nigeria.



Prisca Ojwang'

Musician/Sound Artist | Kenyan

Prisca Ojwang is a performing artist from Nairobi, Kenya who fuses music, dance and story-telling into eclectic on-stage performances. Through jazz, afro-soul, funk and elements of Motown, she explores the journey of being a young African woman on a journey through “adulting” towards self-discovery. She inspires creatives to be their best selves in a wholesome way, without drugs. She would also like to inspire human beings to connect with themselves and express themselves.

She was one of the 6 artists selected to be a part of Perform Music Incubator where she received mentorship from the world's greatest minds in music such as David Murithi, Muthoni Ndonga, Marek and many more.



The Team

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www.pulse.ng/bi

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www.ynaija.com

YNaija is what the smartest young Nigerians read. It is a Nigerian online content publishing platform, founded by Chude Jideonwo and Adebola Williams of RED Africa media group. YNaija launched in May 2010 with columnists and various news sources. It offers news, original content and covers politics, business, entertainment, environment, technology, popular media, lifestyle, culture, comedy and healthy living.

hingeos

www.hingeos.com

Hingeos is a lifestyle brand that's passionate about designing simple and functional products. However, the goal is not just to sell products but to build a community that people would love to be a part of. A community of storytellers (designers, artists, writers, photographers, entrepreneurs, do-ers, magic makers and everything in-between). It's about the people who feel something in their hearts and are compelled to do great things. People who love and are inspired by simple yet beautiful things. It's about fostering connections and positivity.

zoom

www.zoom.us

Zoom is the leader in modern enterprise video communications, with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, collaboration, chat, and webinars across mobile devices, desktops, telephones, and room systems. Zoom Rooms is the original software-based conference room solution used around the world in board, conference, huddle, and training rooms, as well as executive offices and classrooms. Founded in 2011, Zoom helps businesses and organizations bring their teams together in a frictionless environment to get more done. Zoom is a publicly traded company on Nasdaq (ticker: ZM) and headquartered in San Jose, California.



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