# TRUE AFRICA UNIVERSITY



# What Can Africa's Future Leaders Do To Transform the Continent?

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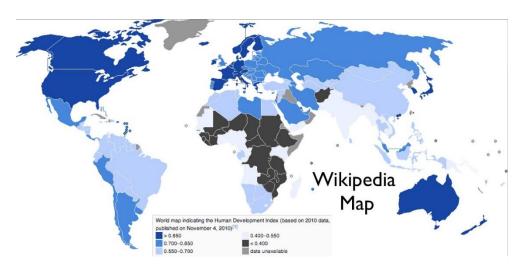
Former Minister of Education in Nigeria Former Vice President for the Africa region at the World Bank Founder #FixPoilitics, Founder Human Capital Africa



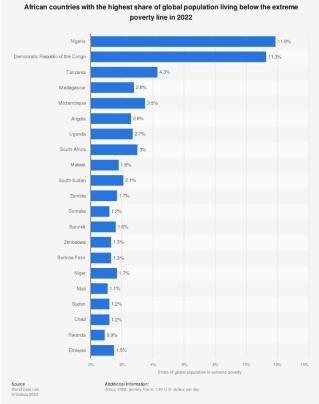




# **HDI Ranking**



### **Poverty Ranking**











# The Significance of leadership

"Everything rises and falls on leadership.

John C. Maxwell

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's theonly thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead







# What Africa's Future leaders need to do to Transform the Continent



The Trinity of Growth and Development: Citizens of Nigeria and the rest of Africa need a politic that leads to good governance because of the following three critical drivers of growth and development;

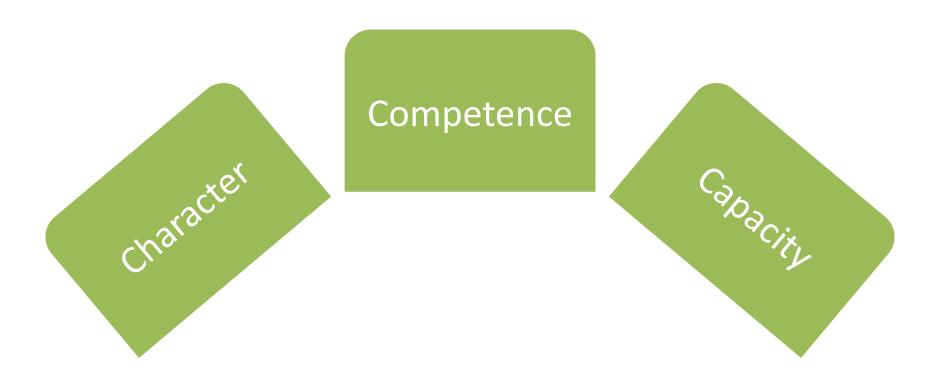
- 1. Sound Policies.
- 2. Strong institutions.
- 3. Effective and efficient priority of investment in public goods and services for private sector emergence as the engine of economy.







# Qualities of a Transformational Future African Leader:



# Solution #FIXPOLITICS

The Triangular Pillars of Democracy

The #FixPolitics research proposes a three-pronged systemic solution to structurally transform Nigeria's marketplace of politics and deliver good governance outcomes:

A Value-Based Political Class (Supply Side) A New Constitutional, Political & Economic Restructuring with an Electoral Change (Regulatory Side)

An Empowered and Engaged Electorate (Demand Side)



















### Mandate

Build a massive base and pipeline of a new and disruptive thinking political class:

- a. Establish an unconventional School of Politics Policy and Governance (SPPG): To attract, develop and produce a new generation of political leaders who will listen and serve the new class of citizens who know their rights.
- b. Emerge on a large scale a new set of public service leaders trained on a customized curriculum on ethical politics, policy and governance to offer a new dominant political culture that subordinates personal interests to the collective welfare of citizens of the African continent.

### **Desired Outcomes:**

- 1. Improved quality of candidates;
- 2. Increased government effectiveness, effective control of corruption, political stability and adequate security for Africa;
- 3. Availability of quality and effective generational leadership at every stratum and arm of government;
- 4. Availability of enlightened, well Informed and seasoned professionals in the Public service sector.

## **Initiatives**

1. SPPG



- 2. Community SPPG
- 3. Thought Leadership Hub









# Introducing School of Politics, Policy & Governance (SPPG)

The School of Politics, Policy and Governance is one of the three pillars of the FixPolitics initiative. The initiative emerged in recognition of the dismal performance of public leadership in Africa, reflected in the fact that despite its wealth of natural and human resources, Africa continues to lag behind other regions of the world in most objectively-measurable indicators of human and economic development.

Research suggests that central to this continental underperformance is **politics**, specifically a culture of leadership that inherently subverts the public good by elevating personal and parochial interests above the collective wellbeing of citizens.

As such, the SPPG is integral to the fulfilment of the **#FixPolitics** mission to elevate the Office of the Citizen to its rightful place in our nation and develop a political class of servant leaders.











# **Unconventional Curriculum / Program**



Duration
10 months November
– August



Times: 6-9 pm WAT Tues to Fridays



Number of modules: 26, with 140 topics/contacts



Credit weighting 2 units, all core





Assessment: Peer review and community essays

**#SPPGClassof2021** 

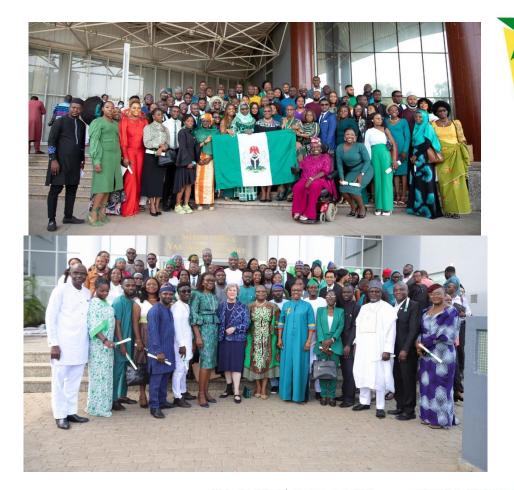
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Graduates

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Graduates











# **Success Stories:**

There are many future African leaders who have made impact on their communities and countries. We will highlight five of them briefly





# 1. Oluseun Onigbinde - Nigeria

Oluseun Onigbinde is a Nigerian entrepreneur and open data analyst popularly known as the co-founder and CEO of budgIT, a Nigerian civic startup. Oluseun Onigbinde is a fiscal transparency advocate and firm believer in the power of Open Data.











Vanessa Nakate is a climate activist from Uganda who has gained international recognition for her work on climate change. She started her activism journey in 2018 when she founded the Rise Up Movement, a youth-led initiative that aims to raise awareness about the impacts of climate change and advocate for climate action. In 2019, she was selected as one of the 100 most influential young Africans by the Africa Youth Awards.



### 3. lyin Aboyeji - Nigeria

Iyinoluwa Samuel Aboyeji is a Nigerian entrepreneur. He is a co-founder of Andela, and was the former managing director of Flutterwave. Aboyeji was cited as one of the Top 100 most influential Africans by New African magazine in 2019.









# 3. Yemi' Adamolekun- Nigeria

Yemi Adamolekun is executive director of Enough is Enough. She campaigns for better governance in Nigeria and is also a senior associate in the Center for Strategic and International Studies. She participates in political discussions and was awarded the 2022 Global Citizen Prize.



# 4. Sangu Delle - Ghana

Sangu Delle is a social entrepreneur and investor who is passionate about promoting economic development in Africa. He is the founder and CEO of Africa Health Holdings, a healthcare investment company that focuses on improving access to healthcare in Africa. He is also the founder of Golden Palm Investments, a venture capital firm that invests in African startups. In 2020, he was named one of the 100 most influential Africans by New African magazine.











# 5. Marieme Jamme - Senegal

Marieme Jamme is a social entrepreneur and technology evangelist who is committed to empowering women and girls in Africa. She is the founder of iamtheCODE, a global movement that aims to teach one million girls and women to code by 2030. She is also the CEO of SpotOne Global Solutions, a technology company that provides digital solutions to businesses in Africa. In 2018, she was named one of the 100 most influential Africans by New African magazine.







# **Recommended Reading:**

To inspire and inform future leaders on their journey towards transforming Africa, I recommend the following books:

African Future Leaders: What The Next Generation Of African Leaders Need To Build A Successful African Society Paperback – Large Print, May 22, 2017 by Mobu Eberendu (Author)

Africa Unchained: The Blueprint for Africa's Future 2005 Edition by G. Ayittey (Editor)

Diplomatic Inspiration: Inspiring Current and Future African Leaders and Influencers with Frameworks for Shaping Africa's Future - Ishmael A Nga









# Thank you





