



# MEET THE BUILDERS OF AFRICA'S FUTURE 2023 COHORT



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Enterprise (Uganda)



**Grace Nakibaala**  
Architect & Founder,  
PedalTap (Uganda)



**Virtue Oboro**  
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**Mathias Charles Yabe**  
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AkoFresh (Ghana)



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We are excited to announce the sixth cohort of Builders of Africa's Future (BAF) 2023! This year's cohort features 10 entrepreneurs leading 100% African-led and owned businesses in Education, Recycling, Health Tech & Innovation, Poultry Farming, FinTech, Green Energy, and Coffee Farming. [Meet the cohort](#) and read the official press release [here](#).

BAF celebrates innovation and impact in early-stage African enterprises. The program identifies African entrepreneurs running early-stage nonprofits or for-profit businesses that address key community needs through technology or differentiated business models. Each year, we work toward our goal of helping businesses scale their ventures and impact their communities with innovative and sustainable solutions.

Thank you to our funders, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation and U.S. African Development Foundation, for making this program possible. We are excited to work with our academic trainer, African Management Institute (AMI), for the enterprise training this summer. Stay tuned as we share more on the journey of the Builders of Africa's Future. For now, please save the date for the BAF2023 Virtual Pitch Day on September 12.

[Learn More](#)

## Meet the Cohort



**Adeola Ayoola**  
CEO & Co-Founder, Famasi Africa

Adeola is the CEO & Co-founder at Famasi, the Operating System (OS) for pharmacies in emerging markets. With over 7 years of expertise as a Pharmacist, she has experience in various sectors, including retail, wholesale, primary healthcare, hospital pharmacy, and supply chain management. Adeola is on a mission to power 1 million refills across Africa by empowering Pharmacies with the right technology to deliver last-mile care.



**Godwin Benson**  
CEO & Founder, Tuteria

Godwin Benson is an accomplished entrepreneur and CEO of Tuteria, Africa's leading tutoring company. He has been honoured with prestigious accolades such as MIT's Inclusion Innovation Award, Harvard Business School Africa Club's New Venture Prize, and the Future Awards for Education in Africa. Having had a first class degree in Systems Engineering, a background at ExxonMobil, and Deloitte West Africa, Godwin's passion lies in advancing education and entrepreneurship across the continent.



**Olufunto Boroffice**  
CEO & Founder, Chanja Datti Ltd.

Funto Boroffice is the founder/CEO of award winning Chanja Datti Ltd, a waste collection & recycling social enterprise. Chanja Datti Ltd is dedicated to transforming the waste in her environment in Abuja, Nigeria into value by creating jobs and Quidroo, a fintech startup that provides access to working capital for Nigeria SMEs, especially women-owned SMEs. In the last 8+ years, her organization has successfully diverted almost 6,200 tons of waste from uncontrolled landfills, and empowered

600+ women and at-risk youth. Her organization currently has 200 employees.



**Henry Ngale Foretia**  
Founder, AIT Group

Henry Ngale Foretia is the co-founder/ CEO of AIT Group (PFMS), an animal nutritionist, livestock farmer, and trainer with over 14 years of experience. Henry has acquired a quality education from prestigious institutions, and won multiple awards. His work has afforded him the honor of being recognized as one of the brightest young minds in Africa. Henry believes in combining ideas and committing ourselves positively in small groups to change the world and make it a better place for us all.



**Sister Josephine Nabulya**  
Treasurer & Marketeer, Ssunga Coffee Social Enterprise

Sr. Josephine Nabulya, belongs to the Institute of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Reparatrix-Ggogonya in Kampala, Uganda. Sr. Josephine is an accountant by profession, from Uganda Martyrs University Nkozi and holds a Masters Degree in Administration and Management. Being interested in farming, Sr. Josephine feels called to create an impact in the lives of the people in community through farming by sharing the knowledge she has with them.



**Grace Nakibaala**  
Architect & Founder, PedalTap

Grace Nakibaala is the founder of InnovAsepsis a young, dynamic company that creates pathogen-free environments. As a leader in innovative health solutions, InnovAsepsis created its flagship product, PedalTap. PedalTap is a retrofittable, affordable, hands-free, foot-operated water dispensing system. Grace is also the Uganda Response Innovation Lab Manager whose mandate is to facilitate innovation and learning in the humanitarian response and populations affected by crisis.



**Virtue Oboro**  
CEO & Founder, Tiny Hearts Technology

Virtue Oboro is a Nigerian Visual Artist and a Social Entrepreneur. She founded Tiny Hearts Technology, an organization focused on raising awareness and educating Nigerian women about neonatal jaundice at the same time producing and deploying cost effective solar powered Phototherapy Units for the treatment of neonatal jaundice. Virtue was inspired to birth the organisation after her son was diagnosed with severe neonatal jaundice in 2016. She calls herself a "Vision Caster" to the youth because she helps young people see a brighter/bigger part of their little ideas.



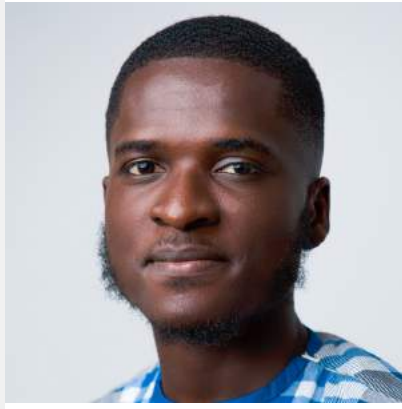
**Sserubiri Joseph Uhuru**  
Co-Founder & CEO, eMaisha Pay

Sserubiri Joseph Uhuru is a passionate entrepreneur, with vast experience in product design, and UX research, working at the intersection of finance and technology to drive financial inclusion across Africa. Sserubiri is the CEO & Co- Founder of eMaisha Pay, an award-winning financial technology company on a mission to unlock financial opportunities for the 44 million micro and small businesses in Africa.



**Patrice Wachira**  
CEO, Patvention Limited

As a highly motivated and experienced beekeeper and waste recycler, Patrice Wachira, CEO of Patvention Limited has well over 5 years' experience in her respective fields. Patrice's passion for her community led her work in recycling waste such as plastics to construct environmental friendly beehives which Patvention Limited uses to engage in modern beekeeping methods. Ms. Wachira has been featured on TV 47 in Kenya for her beekeeping efforts and in Forbes magazine in 2019, under "Businesses of the Future Among 20 New Wealth Creators on the African continent."



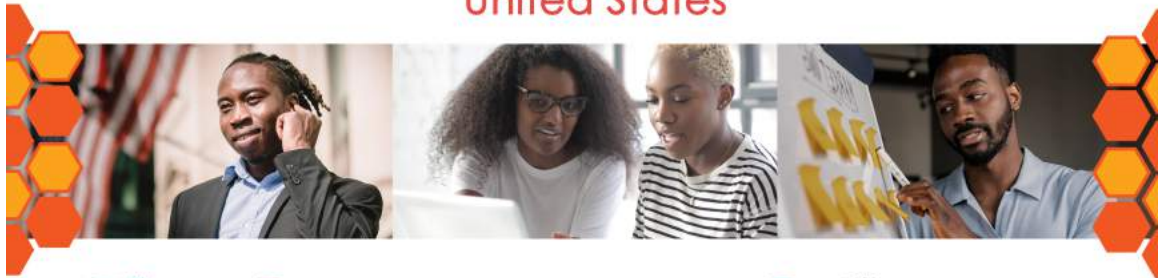
**Mathias Charles Yabe**  
CEO & Co-Founder, AkoFresh

Mathias is an award-winning Ghanaian social entrepreneur and innovator. He has interest in food security, clean energy solutions and climate change. He currently leads AkoFresh, an AgriTech startup that offers smallholder farmers climate smart solutions to reduce post-harvest losses and alleviate poverty. Mathias' contributions in various technology related solutions, has garnered acclaim as a "Top Youth4South Entrepreneur," by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, and received recognition from Global Solutions Initiative, UpLink-World Economic Forum, FAO, and Prototypes for Humanity in Dubai.

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### ACCELERATING BLACK LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (ABLE)

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Are you a Black entrepreneur or do you have an entrepreneur in your network who would like to scale their business? The ADN 2023 Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ABLE) application portal is open for innovative entrepreneurs now! Participants have the opportunity to expand their social capital, increase their access to venture capitalists and deepen their connection to professional mentorship.

ABLE has graduated 27 entrepreneurs since the program's inception and is looking to expand the graduate pool to 20 for this 2023 cohort. Applications are due June 14th, 11:59 PM PDT. Apply today or nominate an entrepreneur today!

[Apply Today](#)

## Join the ABLE Review Team



ADN seeks seasoned professionals, industry experts, academicians, and volunteers interested in reviewing ADN's Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ABLE) program accelerator applications. Help us identify the next 15-20 entrepreneurs to receive a fully paid entrepreneurship and leadership training, mentorship, and a platform to pitch.

Applications for ABLE will be due by mid June. The estimated time frame for reviews is late May through early July 2023.

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## Community News

### Africa Leadership Academy's Global Scholars Program



The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) has announced the regional finalists of the 2023 ASME Innovation Showcase (ISHOW), the prestigious international accelerator of hardware-led social innovation. Eight teams of social innovators from throughout Africa will present their design prototypes and participate in an extensive design and engineering review in a virtual event beginning June 6. Three regional winners will be announced in a virtual awards ceremony on Wednesday, June 14 at 12 p.m. EST/7 p.m. EAT.

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