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JANUARY 2026



ALL SET FOR NEXTUP 2026

NextUp is just a few days away, and there's so much lined up for you, from inspiring talks to new opportunities that could shape your future.

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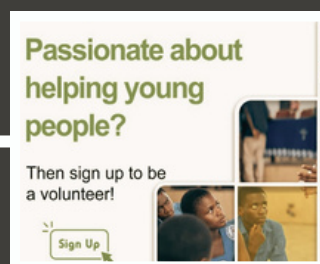
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All Set for NextUp: Conversations That Shape Africa's Future

All is set for NextUp: A DTI-A Breakfast Meeting, which will be hosted on the sidelines of Africa Prosperity Dialogues 2026 on February 4, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the Accra International Conference Centre. The event will bring together young professionals, aspiring founders, and students to have conversations that are shaping Africa's entrepreneurship, technology, and creative economy.

Through two panels and a fireside chat, participants will explore how emerging technologies and creative industries are driving innovation and opportunity across the continent. The Digital Economy & Emerging Tech panel will examine how artificial intelligence, digital payment infrastructure, and Web3 technologies are enabling cross-border trade and youth entrepreneurship. Discussions will focus on the opportunities and challenges of building secure, inclusive digital ecosystems, and the trends shaping business transformation and scalability in Africa.

The Creative Economy panel will highlight the structures and strategies that allow Africa's creatives to survive, thrive, and expand sustainably. Participants will gain insight into how creators, founders, and storytellers are leveraging technology to reach global

audiences, monetise their work, and maintain cultural authenticity, while building models that deliver long-term impact.

Finally, the fireside chat with Anthony Dzamefe of Caveman Watches will provide unfiltered founder insights on fundraising, scaling ventures, and innovating sustainably, offering practical guidance for navigating Africa's entrepreneurial landscape.

Beyond these conversations, NextUp provides young people with the opportunity to network, build connections, and access mentorship from experienced founders, innovators, and industry leaders. This interaction will allow participants to exchange ideas, gain guidance on their ventures, and open doors to opportunities that can accelerate their personal and professional growth.

NextUp is designed to equip participants with the tools, insights, and confidence to turn ambition into action, and action into ventures that prepare Africa's youth to play an active role in shaping the continent's future.

Date: February 4, 2026

Time: 8:00-10:30 AM



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Leveraging creativity, driving innovation and creativity to scale ventures in Africa

A Drive To Inspire- Africa Breakfast Meeting

ON THE SIDELINES OF THE AFRICA PROSPERITY DIALOGUES (APD) 2026



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Our First Outreach of 2026 at Koforidua Technical University

We kicked off 2026 with our first outreach of the year at Koforidua Technical University, where we engaged students in a Career Development Talk themed “Empowering Youth for the Future of Work and Leadership.” It was a great day of learning and honest discussion around leadership, skills, and entrepreneurship.

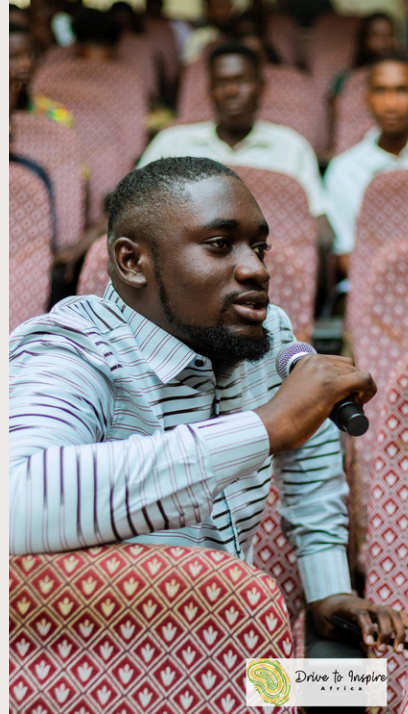
We are grateful to our speakers, Raphael Otutey Blaboe, Dr. Kofi Nyarko-Pong, Senyo Hosi, and our special guest, Hon. Michael Okyere Baafi, as well as KTU management, the SRC, and our volunteers for their support.

Dr. Kofi Nyarko-Pong spoke on leadership in an ever-changing world, placing strong emphasis on purpose. He reminded students that leadership starts with knowing why you do what you do. According to him, purpose gives direction, helps in solving problems, and guides decision-making. He encouraged students to put people first, take responsibility for their actions, stay consistent, invest in self-learning, serve others, and, most importantly, execute. He also stressed that leadership begins with leading oneself and developing strong skills, trust, and discipline.

Raphael Otutey Blaboe encouraged students to keep learning and improving themselves, explaining that the skills they build today will determine how valuable they are tomorrow. He urged students to look beyond their courses and take time to learn practical skills such as content creation, video editing, social media marketing, and other digital skills that are increasingly in demand. According to him, students who invest in learning and sharpening these skills position themselves better for opportunities in the job market and beyond.

Senyo Hosi challenged students to be intentional about their lives and futures. He reminded them that the future does not happen on its own, it is shaped by their actions. He spoke about the importance of problem-solving, critical thinking, and building networks. He also encouraged students to believe in themselves, start small, act with integrity, and make good use of what they already have, noting that capital is not always the main barrier.

Our visit to Koforidua Technical University set a strong tone for the year, and we look forward to reaching more young people as we continue our work in 2026.







AFRICA PROSPERITY DIALOGUES (APD) 2026

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Mentees Spotlight

These mentees were nominated by their mentors for their dedication, growth, and commitment to learning.



Faith Banda is a medical student from Zambia.



Maridiya Ibrahim is a Ghanaian student with a focus on translation.



Amantle Candy Poloko is an aspiring health promotion & education student from Botswana



Selina Maclean is a Ghanaian writer & technologist with an interest in storytelling & coding.

Mentees Spotlight



Jemima Moonga is a second-year law student from Northrise University in Zambia.

Webinar: Goal Setting with Osei Owusu - Ansah Jnr.



Many young people have big dreams for their future, but struggle to turn those dreams into clear, realistic goals. Without direction, ambition can easily become frustration, busy schedules, missed opportunities, and slow progress. This challenge is what inspired Drive to Inspire— Africa's recent Goal Setting Webinar.

The session was led by Osei Owusu-Ansah Jnr., Associate Director, Strategy and Operations at KPMG Ghana, who shared insights on how intentional goal setting can shape both personal and professional growth.

Participants explored what truly defines a goal—moving beyond dreams to decisions backed by clear plans. The webinar highlighted why goals matter: they provide focus, strengthen motivation, and make progress measurable.

A key takeaway was the SMART framework,

Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound. Through simple examples, attendees saw how vague intentions can be transformed into clear targets that are easier to act on and track.

Beyond setting goals, the session emphasised the importance of consistency and reflection. Participants were encouraged to review their goals regularly, adjust when necessary, and focus on progress rather than perfection. This approach reinforced the idea that growth comes from small, deliberate actions repeated over time.

The session also addressed common goal-setting pitfalls, such as setting overly broad goals, lacking timelines, or confusing busyness with progress. Participants were encouraged to keep things simple, stay consistent, and regularly review their goals.

The webinar concluded with a short reflection exercise, challenging participants to write down one personal goal and one social or interactive goal to begin putting the lessons into practice.

At Drive to Inspire — Africa, we remain committed to equipping young people with the clarity and tools they need to move forward with purpose.

Mentors Spotlight

These mentors were nominated by their mentees for their encouragement, wisdom, and commitment to helping others grow.



Mwale Princess Tshekonyane, is a healthcare professional from Botswana.



Birtukan Gulma is a PhD candidate specializing in Road and Transport Engineering at Bahir Dar University in Ethiopia.



Precious Chizobam Oguwike is a Nigerian teacher and counseling psychologist.



Janice V. Jones, from Liberia, holds a degree in Mass Communication and volunteers to support youth development.

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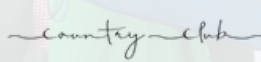
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