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DTI-A 2026 COHORT 2 MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME COMMENCES

Drive to Inspire — Africa has officially commenced cohort 2 of its cross-country mentorship programme for the year 2026, bringing together 714 mentors and mentees from 34 countries in a growing community committed to learning, connection and personal and professional development.

The commencement of the second cohort marks another significant milestone in Drive to Inspire — Africa's commitment to creating spaces where young people can access guidance, build meaningful relationships and gain the knowledge and confidence needed to navigate their personal, academic and professional journeys.

The programme kicked off with a virtual orientation designed to prepare mentors and mentees for the journey ahead. Participants were introduced to the objectives, structure and expectations of the programme.

This cohort brings together participants from 34 countries, including **Malawi, Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Nigeria, Uganda, Namibia, Rwanda, Zambia, Sierra Leone and Egypt**, among others.

This broad representation brings together individuals from different cultures, backgrounds and experiences, creating opportunities for participants to learn from perspectives beyond their immediate environments. Through their mentorship relationships and interactions with other participants, mentees would gain exposure to different career pathways, experiences and ideas, while mentors have the opportunity to connect with and support emerging talent from different parts of the world.

Drive to Inspire — Africa looks forward to supporting this community throughout the mentorship journey and documenting the stories, connections and transformations that emerge along the way.



SEPTEMBER WEBINAR: BUILDING WEALTH MADE EASIER

What does it take to build wealth, and how can young people make smarter financial decisions along the way? These questions took centre stage during Drive to Inspire — Africa's September 2026 webinar, **"Building Wealth Made Easier,"** facilitated by Juliana Asare, Chief Finance Officer at UBA Ghana.

The session explored practical approaches to saving, investing and developing financial habits that support long-term wealth creation. Participants were guided through the difference between preserving money and growing it, with emphasis placed on making deliberate and informed financial decisions.

One of the key lessons from the session was that saving preserves capital, while investing provides an opportunity to grow capital. However, building wealth is not about chasing quick returns or falling victim to schemes that promise unrealistic gains. It requires consistency, patience and informed decision-making.

Participants were encouraged to conduct thorough research before committing to any investment scheme and to understand the risks involved. The session also highlighted the importance of defining clear financial goals and consistently working towards them.

Another important takeaway was the need to develop financial habits that can be sustained over time. As emphasised during the session, good financial habits are repeatable: save first, invest deliberately and review regularly.

Drive to Inspire — Africa appreciates UBA Ghana for its support in creating opportunities for young people to access practical knowledge and expert insights. We also extend our appreciation to Madam Juliana Asare, Chief Finance Officer at UBA Ghana for sharing her expertise and helping participants approach wealth creation with greater clarity and intention.

If you missed the webinar, watch a recap on our YouTube Channel (Drive to Inspire — Africa and gain more insights on building wealth.



CERVEAU INITIATIVE CONTRIBUTES GHC 100,000 TO SUPPORT DRIVE TO INSPIRE — AFRICA'S SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE

Drive to Inspire — Africa (DTI-A) continues to expand opportunities for young people through the generous support of partners who share our commitment to education and youth empowerment.

As part of this commitment, our existing partner, Cerveau Initiative, has contributed GHC 1000,000 towards DTI-A's scholarship initiative. The contribution will support our efforts to provide educational support to deserving young people who require financial assistance to pursue their academic goals.

Through our scholarship initiative, DTI-A works to reduce financial barriers to education while creating pathways for young people to pursue tertiary education and develop their potential. The contribution from Cerveau Initiative will further strengthen these efforts and enable the organisation to reach and support more beneficiaries.

We deeply appreciate Cerveau Initiative for their continued partnership and confidence in the vision of Drive to Inspire — Africa. Their contribution reinforces the importance of collaborative action in creating sustainable opportunities for young people across Africa.

As we continue our work, partnerships such as this remind us that when organisations come together with a shared commitment to empowering the next generation, the impact can extend far beyond a scholarship, it can help change the trajectory of a young person's life.



SANJEEV MANSOTRA FOUNDATION EMPOWERS TANZANIA YOUTH WITH STATE OF ART SCHOOLS IN DODOMA



The Sanjeev Mansotra Foundation (SMF) has completed and handed over two state-of-the-art schools in Dodoma, Tanzania, providing hundreds of young people with improved access to quality education.

The schools, handed over to the City Council, feature modern classrooms and world-class science laboratories designed to promote academic excellence and advanced scientific learning.

The development forms part of SMF's broader commitment to empowering underprivileged communities through initiatives in education, employability and healthcare.

Speaking on the initiative, Sanjeev Mansotra, Founder of the Sanjeev Mansotra Foundation and Chairman of Planet One Group, reaffirmed the Foundation's commitment to creating an empowered, happy and equitable society.

"The foundation has been striving tirelessly to empower communities through meaningful initiatives across Education, Employability and Healthcare. On this gratifying occasion, we not only reflect back at the strong impact the foundation has managed to deliver across several countries, but also remind ourselves about the need to double down on our ambition towards creating an empowered, happy and equitable society." Mr. Mansotra said

Beyond educational infrastructure, SMF supports girls pursuing higher education through scholarships, supports homeless children and establishes skills development centres that equip women with skills for employment.

Ms. Tanya Mansotra, Co-Founder of the Sanjeev Mansotra Foundation, emphasised the importance of creating opportunities that enable young people not only to survive but to succeed. She also reaffirmed the Foundation's commitment to supporting students in Dodoma with relevant skills training alongside their education, strengthening their future employability.

"I am humbled to be able to contribute towards a robust education ecosystem for the hundreds of young students out here. As a society, it is our duty to ensure they are presented with the opportunities that they deserve, to enable them succeed in their lives. At the foundation, we are more motivated today to continue and scale up these initiatives. I wish to let the students here know that our foundation will ensure these students also get relevant skill training as they go ahead in their education, augmenting their employability,"

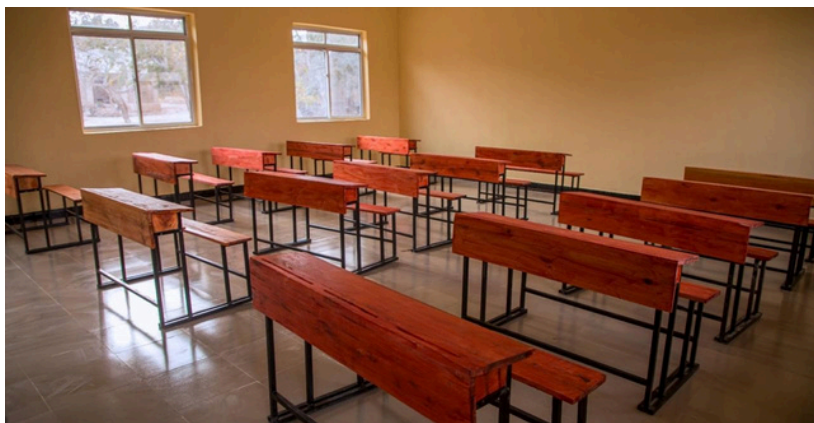
Speaking at the handover ceremony held at Makutupora Primary School, Mtumba Constituency Member of Parliament and Minister of Mines of the Government of Tanzania, Hon. Anthony Mavunde, welcomed the development and highlighted its importance to the community.

He noted that the project would help reduce the number of children crowded into a single classroom and improve the effectiveness of learning. He also called on parents, teachers and leaders to continue working together to improve the educational environment.

The Dodoma project reflects the Sanjeev Mansotra Foundation's continued investment in education and its commitment to creating opportunities that enable young people to learn, develop skills and build brighter futures.

This commitment to education also extends to SMF's partnership with Drive to Inspire — Africa, through which the Foundation provides scholarship support to some of our beneficiaries pursuing tertiary education.

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IMPACT SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Fatou Bensouda - First African and First Female Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

Dr. Fatou Bom Bensouda is a Gambian lawyer, diplomat and distinguished international jurist whose career has taken her from The Gambia's justice system to one of the world's highest-profile international courts.

From 2012 to 2021, Dr. Bensouda served as Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), becoming the Court's first African and first female chief prosecutor. During her tenure, she led the prosecution of cases involving some of the world's most serious crimes, including sexual and gender-based violence, crimes against children and the destruction of cultural heritage.

Her work at the international level was built on years of experience in public service and international justice. Before joining the ICC, Dr. Fatou Bom Bensouda served as The Gambia's Attorney General and Minister of Justice and later worked as a senior legal adviser at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

Since 2022, she has served as The Gambia's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, continuing a career defined by diplomacy, law and public service.

Her contributions to international justice have received global recognition, including the 2025 Jackson H. Ralston Prize. At the same time, aspects of her earlier service under former Gambian President Yahya Jammeh have been subject to criticism, particularly allegations concerning the government's handling of human rights abuses.

Her journey offers a complex but significant example of African women breaking barriers in law, diplomacy and international leadership and of the influence women can have in shaping conversations around justice and accountability on the global stage.

Own a DTI-A merch, support the education of a brilliant student

Supporting the education of young people across Africa has never been easier following the launch of DTI-A's Built for More campaign, which is aimed at raising funds to support our scholarship programme through the sale of souvenirs.

The campaign provides an accessible way for individuals and organisations to contribute directly to the educational journeys of young people, while also becoming part of a growing community committed to youth development. For more information or to support the campaign, please contact us at info@drivetoinspireafrica.org or call +233535183274



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