Unlocking the World’s Potential: Leading and Innovating for Quality Education in Africa

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By 2050, more than half of the world’s population growth will occur in Africa and the continent will also be home to 40 percent of all children in the world. Providing quality education to equip youth with the tools to tackle current and future challenges and drive social and economic growth is therefore a global imperative.

Achieving quality education and youth empowerment is a shared responsibility. Across the continent, innovative and new educational policies and practices have emerged through multi-stakeholder collaboration and investment.

How can learning environments tap into the potential of African youth to promote shared prosperity? What are the innovative tools employed to achieve quality education? How can multi-stakeholder collaborations foster sustainable impact in education?

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Executive Director of Educate a Child, Education Above All
07:30 - 09:00
Registration and Welcome Coffee

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Doors close

09:00 - 09:30
Opening Ceremony
Welcoming Remarks: Mr. Stavros N. Yiannouka, CEO, World Innovation Summit for Education
Special Address: His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana
Master of Ceremonies
Mr. Nhyira Addo, Head of Talk, Joy 99.7 FM

09:30 - 10:30
Quality Education: A Pathway to the Future

Many African countries have demonstrated their commitment towards education by implementing progressive policies and supporting solutions that provide quality education for all. So what are the key drivers of quality education for a sustainable future? How can technology facilitate the attainment of quality education in Africa? And how can multinational partnerships and networks foster inclusive quality education for all?

Plenary
Speakers:
Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh, Minister of Education of the Republic of Ghana
H.E. Dr. Amel Karboul, Education Commissioner, International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity
H.E. Aïcha Bah Diallo, Founding Member, Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE)
Mr. Stavros N. Yiannouka, CEO, World Innovation Summit for Education
Moderator: Mr. Zyad Limam, CEO and Editor-in-Chief, Afrique Magazine

10:30 - 11:15
Networking Break

11:15 - 12:30
Empowering the Next Generation: Innovative Tools in Africa

Education plays a crucial role in equipping the youth with the mindsets and skill sets to identify and ethically address challenges in their contexts. In Africa, innovative solutions are empowering the next generation and being scaled up and replicated to tap into their potential. So what can be learned from the innovations that are currently implemented to tackle pressing challenges in Africa? How can progressive African education models be replicated to achieve greater impact? And what is the role of educators and communities in fostering youth leadership?

Keynote: Dr. Patrick Awubah, Founder and President, Ashesi University
Panel
Speakers:
Dr. Teppo Jouttenus, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Kepler
Ms Muniratu Issifu, Country Director, Varkey Foundation Ghana
Mr. William Edem Senyo, Co-Founder and CEO, Impact Hub
Mr. Richard Yaw Baafi, Writer and Senior Editor, siro360
Moderator: Ms Regina Honu, CEO, Soronko Solutions

12:30 - 14:00
Networking Lunch

14:00 - 15:15
Investing and Collaborating for Sustainable Impact

In a world of rapid technological, social and economic changes, investments in education remain limited despite proven high returns. Recognizing the importance of investing in education, both private and public stakeholders are collaborating to provide equitable access to quality education. So how can accountable, inclusive and effective partnerships in education be promoted? How can multi-stakeholder collaborations go beyond covering basic needs, to providing opportunities for African youth? And what is the contribution of philanthropy in building local capacity and ensuring sustainable impact?

Keynote: Ms Shannon May, Co-Founder and CSO, Bridge International Academies
Panel
Speakers:
Dr. Eugene Owusu, Special Advisor to the President of the Republic of Ghana on the Sustainable Development Goals
Mr. Steve Cumming, Senior Program Manager, Youth Livelihoods, Mastercard Foundation
Ms Julia Moffett, Founder and CEO, Future of Learning Fund
Ms Noëlla Coursaris Musunka, Founder, Malaika and Ambassador for the Global Fund
Moderator: Mr. Daniel Dotse, CEO & Co-Founder, Teach for Ghana

15:15 - 15:45
Networking Break

15:45 - 17:00
Galvanizing Communities to Transform a Continent

Educating future leaders through quality education is a shared responsibility across all sectors. It requires communities to be agile, innovative and able to mobilize different actors to empower and educate African youth. So how can stakeholders align their needs and resources to achieve shared goals? What are the current challenges preventing young leaders from addressing the shortcomings in their contexts? And how can culture and art help communities to empower youth?

Keynote: Ms Dolores Dickson, Director, Camfed Canada
Panel
Speakers:
Mr. Shadrack Frimpong, Founder, Coca 360
Ms Jo Besford, Director, Green Shoots
Mr. Carl Manlan, CEO, Ecobank Foundation
Ms Amina Belghiti, Cultural Entrepreneur and Head of Creative Partnerships, Instagram
Moderator: Ms Vivian Onano, Youth Activist and Member, UN Women Global Civil Society Advisory Group

17:00 - 17:30
Closing Keynote: Ms Marième Jamme, Founder, IAMTHECODE
Closing Remarks: Mr. Stavros N. Yiannouka, CEO, World Innovation Summit for Education
Envisioning the Future of Schools

How far can collaboration take you? Tap into the wisdom of the school yard with the C2 Lab at WISE@Accra. Pool your resources to find concrete solutions to the real-life challenges of education systems. Grab a backpack and head to a quiet corner in teams of four to unlock your imagination and rethink the school of the future with this on-the-go experience. At recess, once you’ve solved every problem, head out to the Insight Wall and see what other groups came up with.

To take part in the unique C2 Lab experience and to have the opportunity to contribute to the space, the teaching methods and the skills you would develop in the school of the future, go to the C2 registration desk and sign-up for one of the 9 sessions:

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