Building Powerful Partnerships

"What does it mean to be a good partner? I considered this question many times in the six days I spent traveling in Ghana and Kenya during spring recess. A major focus of my trip—one of many to the continent but my first since becoming president of Yale and announcing the Yale-Africa Initiative—was strengthening the diverse research and educational partnerships Yale has established in Africa."
**Student Leaders Extended**

Yale University and the Higherlife Foundation have announced a commitment to extend the Yale Young African Scholars program (YYAS) for another five years, a move made possible through the continuing generosity of Zimbabwean-born philanthropists Strive and Tsitsi Masiyiwa, co-founders of the foundation.

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**Yale Announces M.B.A Scholarships for African Student Leaders**

While at Strathmore University in Nairobi, Kenya, Yale's president announced that the Yale School of Management will dedicate two scholarships in its full-time MBA program for students from the continent who intend to return and contribute to economic growth in their nations and communities.

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**Yale, African Academy of Sciences Host Symposium on University Research**

On March 16, Yale and the African Academy of Sciences (AAS) co-hosted a symposium on university research partnerships in Nairobi, Kenya. "The Power of Partnership in Strengthening University Research" featured a panel discussion with leaders in scientific and medical research in Africa.

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**Convening African Women Leaders at the Yale Leadership Forum**

President Salovey opened the Yale Leadership Forum in Accra, Ghana, hosted by Yale, La Fundación Mujeres por África (the Women for Africa Foundation), and Banco Santander. Previous participants of Yale's Leadership Forum for Strategic Impact discussed strategies and ideas for supporting the next generation of African women leaders.

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**Faculty News**

**Aksoy Labs Combats the Tsetse Fly to Protect Africa from Sleeping Sickness**
Professor of epidemiology at the Yale School of Public Health Serap Aksoy, works with an international team of researchers to successfully sequence the genetic code of the tsetse fly, thereby opening the door for scientific breakthroughs that could reduce or end sleeping sickness.

Yale Nursing's International Approach Contributes to Care and Education in Africa

Ann Kurth, dean of Yale's School of Nursing, wants you to understand the vital importance of nurses and midwives to healthcare systems around the globe, including in sub-Saharan Africa and other developing regions.

Ngaruiya Brings Focus on Health Disparities from Kenya to Yale

In her home country of Kenya, Dr. Christine Ngaruiya has lost family members and loved ones to diseases and afflictions that, in many cases, were preventable - like complications of diabetes and heart disease. Along with her work to end health disparities, Ngaruiya has contributed to efforts targeting non-communicable diseases, which she sees as two sides of the same coin.

Minja Brings Better Medical Imaging Technology to Homeland of Tanzania

Dr. Frank Minja, assistant professor of radiology and biomedical imaging at Yale School of Medicine, traveled to Tanzania, Africa in 2014 to implement a Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS), a medical imaging technology that provides economical storage and convenient access to medical images including x-rays, ultrasounds, CTs, and MRIs.

Community News

A Glimpse into the Lives of Three African students at Yale
YaleNews took the opportunity to chat with three students from the two countries visited during the president's recent trip: Kenya and Ghana. What follows are edited conversations with the three African students.

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Conference at Yale to Highlight African Perspectives and Accomplishments

Lekha Tlhotlhalemaje, a junior in Yale College and President of the Yale Association for African Peace and Development (YAAPD), planned YAAPD's annual Yale African Peace and Development Conference (April 13-14). She chatted with us about this year's panels, theme and planning process.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

April 30th: The Council on African Studies is hosting its first Yale African Studies Symposium to showcase student research and academic work about the continent of Africa. It will be followed by the Yale Council on African Studies Spring Reception.

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