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It is a tremendous honor to join an exceptional team in the Yale Office of International Affairs and to be working with Yale faculty and students across the university. A lot has been achieved both on campus and around Africa since the launch of the Yale Africa Initiative a little over a year ago. These achievements are directly attributable to the sustained commitment and support of the Yale community. I look forward to working with you to build on the successes of the inaugural year.

- Eddie Mandhry, Director for Africa

Inaugural Senior Women in Government Leadership Program



Ten women leaders at the highest levels of government in Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, and Nigeria participated in "Leadership, Governance and Globalization: A Forum for Strategic Impact." The program, organized by the Women for Africa Foundation in collaboration with Yale and supported by Banco Santander through Santander Universities, aimed to strengthen participants' leadership skills and build a network of African women leaders. The program began at Yale and included meetings in New York City and

Washington, DC. [More >>](#)

Yale Africa Initiative Website Now Live



A new website dedicated exclusively to the Yale Africa Initiative has launched! Learn more about the initiative's goals and achievements and explore activity related to Africa at Yale and on the continent through articles, photos, and more. Visit the website at africa.yale.edu.

Africa Salon 2015



In March, the Yale Africa Initiative hosted AFRICA SALON, Yale's first contemporary African arts and culture festival, in March 2015. The two-day event included a series of performances by emerging and established artists like Just a Band and Ang?lique Kidjo, panels, readings, and screenings--each accompanied by a performance or visual presentation--involving Yale faculty, students, and World Fellows. [More >>](#)

Original Contemporary African Artwork Unveiled at Ezra Stiles College



"Rise," an original wall painting by renowned Nigerian-American artist, critic, and color theorist Odili Donald Odita, was unveiled in the Ezra Stiles College common room. The painting is the first visual artwork by an African artist installed at Yale outside the Yale Art Gallery. Ezra Stiles Master Stephen Pitti commissioned the piece in collaboration with Dean of the Arts Susan Cahan to expand on the renovation of the college in a way that reflected Yale's diversity.

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Yale Center for Globalization Publishes New Book Focused on Africa



The Yale Center for the Study of Globalization brought together a select group of academics, practitioners, and policymakers to examine in detail Africa's development. In the volume titled "Africa at a Fork in the Road" that emerged from the conference proceedings from last year, members of the international scholarly community as well as specialists from multilateral institutions from Africa, the US, and Europe look in-depth at Africa's struggles and accomplishments. [More >>](#)

Yale Honors Nigerian Minister of Finance and West African Singer



President Peter Salovey presented honorary degrees to nine individuals who have achieved distinction in their respective fields at Yale's 2015 Commencement ceremony. These included Grammy award-winning Beninese singer Angélique Kidjo, who was named a Doctor of Music, and Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Minister of Finance of Nigeria, who was named a Doctor of Humane Letters. [More >>](#)

YALE ALUMNI NEWS

Botswana alum named Member of Parliament



The Honorable Kefentse C. Mzwinila '99 was recently named a Member of Parliament in Botswana. Hon. Mzwinila is a member of the ruling Botswana Democratic Party, former National Youth President of the ruling party, and former Member of the Central Committee of the ruling party. Apart from his career in politics, Hon. Mzwinila is a practicing psychologist, economist, and former commissioned officer in the Botswana Defense Force. He holds an M.A. in Economics and M.Sc. in Psychology from Yale.

Young Rwandan Alumna Honored by New Scholarship



Clemantine Wamariya '14 has been honored with the creation of the Clemantine Wamariya Master of Education Scholarship. Clemantine has a B.A. in Comparative Literature from Yale and is a lauded public speaker. Inspired by her journey and passion for education, Thompson Rivers University and DPMC International teamed up to provide one student per year with a full scholarship to TRU's Master of Education in Leadership program which includes full tuition, fees, and homestay.

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RECENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

On Campus

In April, the Office of International Affairs welcomed the Nigeria Leadership Initiative back to campus for a three-day seminar on values-based leadership designed for 20 influential Nigerian leaders.

Speaking at Yale Law School in April, Dr. Deqo Mohamed, daughter of Nobel Prize Nominee Dr. Hawa Abdi, shared insights on her family's clinic in post-conflict Somalia.

On the Continent

The Yale Association for African Peace and Development organized the fourth annual Sankofa54: African Youth Development Conference. This year's conference, which took place in April, was themed The Next Chapter: Africa in a Global Context.

For more event info, [click here >>](#)

