



We Will Lead Africa

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Call for chapter submissions for a first-of-its-kind volume of stories of everyday leadership, progress and prosperity in Africa

Who will lead Africa?

Forward, onward, fully into the land of its potential.

To the realization of the blossoming dream of prosperity held by so many, for so long, throughout this place we call home.

Again I ask, *Who Will Lead Africa?*

You, for who Africa runs in your veins, your consciousness, your very being. You, in all your colours, shades and hues, whose heart beats with the drumbeat of Africa. Who find home in the intermingling sounds of earth, animals and peoples communicating all at once; who know that the sky is broader, and the sun bigger when viewed from African soil. Who bursts with joy and passion when you arrive in an African country, greeted with contradictions and cohabitations.

This, is an African town crier's call to you, yes YOU.

You feel the groundswell of those that want to be part of the change. You know that transformation is happening, every day, in big and small ways. **You are in action, working towards the prosperity of the continent.**

You, the practitioners, business and community leaders, educators and entrepreneurs... everyday leaders, in every sector.

This book, this call, this opportunity, is for you.

We believe in the power of storytelling, an inherent part of African culture, as a powerful tool for imagining, sparking and driving progress. And as a way to inspire more change and shape the futures we want.

This book speaks to action and practice. It gathers the stories of those who have a deep interest in or connection to Africa, and have been stirred to action that is making a difference; stories about leadership in and for Africa.

Join **#WeWillLeadAfrica**. Tell your story of action, change and transformation.

Click to follow us here:

WeWillLeadAfrica



@willleadfrica

About We Will Lead Africa

<http://www.wewillleadfrica.com>

The *We Will Lead Africa* book will be an edited volume of stories about the work and impact of everyday Africans who are leading change and transformation on the continent. It will include stories of capacity building, innovation, action and progress with a demonstrated impact on the continent; representing all geographic regions of Africa and a variety of socio-cultural and industry sectors.

Let us come together to tell stories of:

- Educating, elevating and building the capacity of our children and 200 million youth from primary through post-secondary education.
- Addressing infrastructure needs, developing technologies and fixing the basics, to increase connectivity and build prosperous cities
- Increasing life expectancy rates dramatically and building healthful societies with access to quality, affordable healthcare
- Reinvigorating and reinventing the primary, secondary & tertiary industry sectors to create jobs and wealth for the benefit of all in and on the continent
- Ensuring the opportunity for women to fully participate in nation building and play a role in every community, industry and sector.
- Building thriving and abundant communities that are free from poverty, hunger and conflict
- Paving the way in responsible, accountable leadership and good governance
- Setting global standards for sustainable, innovative practices and growth
- Bridging divides by wholeheartedly celebrating and honouring our diversity and learning from our differences
- Being imaginative and future-thinking about our work, to create the transformation we want to see

And many more...

Submission deadline is 31st May 2016, midnight GMT.

Articles should be submitted to submissions@wewillleadafrika.com

All stories should meet the submission criteria that follow and use the attached **Submission Form** as the cover sheet for their story (also submitted in Microsoft Word format).

Submission criteria

All stories should be original work, submitted in English, following these guidelines:

- Story length: 1500 – 2500 words
- Should be submitted in Microsoft Word, single-spaced
- All pages should bear the title of the contribution and name/s of the author/s and the submission accompanied by the attached Submission Form

Contributing Author Eligibility

You are an eligible author/group of authors if you:

- are African by lineage, heritage, citizenship, immigration and/or self-identification, living anywhere in the world **and**;
- have recently done (in the past 3 years) or are currently doing work in any African country that is already showing outcomes or making a difference as defined by you and/or the group you are working with. You may also interview others who have done / are doing the work, and submit a story on their behalf.

If you would like to tell someone else's story, you must have their confirmed permission in writing or where not possible in writing, their recorded verbal consent. In addition they must be listed as a co-author.

Content

Submissions should be narrative or story-based, answering the following questions:

- What's your personal story?
- What inspired you to start/do the work you are doing?
- What was the challenge you sought to address or potential you sought to unlock?
- What did you do and how did you do it?
- What have been the outcomes and impacts of the work to-date?
- What has the experience taught you?
- What do you see for the future?

Style and citations

- All stories must use non-discriminatory language
- The book is aimed at a broad audience so the use of jargon and acronyms should be limited to those strictly necessary for the argument, and if used should be spelled out the first time they are mentioned.
- Citations should always be accompanied by precise references and anecdotal information provided may be fact-checked.
- Graphics or images that enhance the story are encouraged – you must have permission to use these, and they must be submitted separately in high resolution.

Review process & disclaimer

All stories will be reviewed by the editorial team, who reserve the right to accept or reject submissions.

Stories will be reviewed based on a combination of the following:

1. Strength of storytelling
2. Thoroughness of the story, covering all the elements requested in this call for submissions including details of outcomes and impacts
3. Likelihood that the story will inspire and galvanise those that are living and working for a prosperous Africa
4. Representation of work from a geographical spread
5. Representation of authors of diverse African backgrounds
6. Representation of stories from a variety of sectors and disciplines.

Note: Although ALL stories will be given full consideration, preference may be given to stories that would otherwise / usually go unnoticed or unheard.

By submitting a story you acknowledge that the intent is to publish selected stories within the We Will Lead Africa volume and other publications, at which point you will be expected to sign over rights. Upon submission you will be sent an acknowledgement of receipt. All submissions will be given full consideration and will receive a response, whether they are accepted or not, but detailed feedback on rejected stories may not be possible.

Submission schedule and timeframes

Call for submissions	March – May 2016
Submission deadline	31 May 2016 (midnight GMT)
Selected stories confirmed & edits requested where necessary	15 July to 30 September 2016
Publishing process	Early 2017

Editorial team

Yabome Gilpin-Jackson, PhD (Lead Editor)

She was born in Germany, grew up in Sierra Leone, West Africa, and completed her undergraduate and graduate studies in Canada and the United States. Yabome is a social scientist and an experienced professional with proven expertise in the areas of leadership development, organizational development, facilitating strategic change and systematic organizing for social change and transformation. She has worked with corporate, non-profit/social profit and public sector organizations, internationally. She is also a sessional and adjunct faculty for undergraduate and graduate courses in her areas of expertise. She was named an Institute for Social Innovation Scholar for her doctoral research into the growth and development needs of war-affected African immigrants and refugees.

@supportdevelop



Judith Okonkwo

Born in London, Judith grew up in Austria, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Indonesia and Japan. She is a Business Psychologist and Organisation Development Consultant with experience working in Africa, Asia and Europe. An interest and passion for African leadership studies and development has driven Judith's latest move to Lagos. She sits on the Board of the European Organisation Design Forum and currently advises not-for-profits and SMEs, is a guest lecturer at the Lagos Business School.

@judithoko



Sarah Owusu

An Organisation Development specialist focused on culture, employee engagement and change navigation, passionate about dialogue and fostering conversations. A planetary citizen she is Danish / Ghanaian, born in Botswana and is currently based in Maputo, Mozambique. She has worked with Africa 2.0 (and is their Champion for Capacity Building), Peace One Day and British Airways leading transformational change programs and in 2014 she won the Women4Africa award for Inspirational Woman of the Year. She has a Masters in Philosophy, is an Integral Coach and a Reiki practitioner.

@sarahyayira



Submission Form

All stories should use this sheet as the first page of their submission.

Story title*:	
Name of person submitting*:	
Email address*:	
Phone number*:	
Topic / sector / tags relevant to story*:	
Please mark [X] all that apply*:	<p>I am submitting this story on behalf of myself: ____</p> <p>I am submitting this story on behalf of a group: ____</p> <p>I am narrating someone else's story and have full permission to submit this story on their behalf: ____</p> <p>My story describes work I have done on the continent in the past 3 years that is contributing to the prosperity of people: ____</p> <p>My work describes outcomes and demonstrable impact to-date: ____</p>

Required fields marked with *

All other fields are optional and will not affect your submission. Information submitted on this form will be kept confidential, and will not be used in any way without your permission.

Note: If narrating someone else's story AND/OR you are submitting this story on behalf of a group of authors, please also provide the below for each contributor.

Full name of author / contributor*:	
Please submit at least one of the following*: Email address: Phone number:	
Twitter handle:	
How are you affiliated to Africa*:	<i>i.e. lineage, heritage, citizenship, immigration and/or self-identification</i>
Country of birth:	
Nationality:	
Country of current permanent residence:	
Current occupation:	
Date of birth:	
Sex:	
Ethnicity:	
Anything else you would like to share about how you identify?:	
Short biographical profile* (max. 100 words) <i>Please also include a passport size picture.</i>	