



African Leadership Academy

Developing the next generation of African leaders

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AFRICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AT A GLANCE

Our Mission

African Leadership Academy (ALA) seeks to transform Africa by developing and supporting future generations of African leaders. Opened in September 2008, African Leadership Academy brings together the most promising 16-19 year old leaders from all 54 African nations for an innovative two-year program designed to prepare each student for a lifetime of leadership on the continent. Students are selected to attend the Academy based on merit alone and complete a unique curriculum with a focus on leadership, entrepreneurship, and African studies. ALA graduates will attend the world's finest universities and will lead Africa toward a peaceful and prosperous future. ALA is a nonprofit institution located on the outskirts of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Our Team

African Leadership Academy was founded in 2004 by Fred Swaniker, Chris Bradford, Peter Mombaur, and Acha Leke. The founding team brings considerable experience as educators, entrepreneurs, consultants, and corporate executives in Africa and throughout the world. Our Advisors and Directors are internationally-recognized luminaries in business, leadership development, secondary education, and social entrepreneurship. These include Carly Fiorina, the former CEO and Chairwoman of Hewlett-Packard; Isaac Shongwe, Chairman of the African Leadership Initiative in South Africa; Futhi Mtoba, Chairwoman of Deloitte & Touche South Africa; Sir Sam Jonah, formerly President of AngloGold Ashanti; Kim Smith, Founder of NewSchools Venture Fund; Jon Cummings, Director at McKinsey & Company; and Ralph Townsend, Headmaster of Winchester College (UK). ALA is assembling a larger network of like-minded mentors, partners, and leaders to provide alumni with the long-term support system needed to lead Africa toward equitable and lasting development.

Our Success

- In June 2005, ALA **launched a pilot summer program** to test and refine its concept and curriculum. By 2008, more than 500 young leaders from 40 countries had participated in this innovative program.
- In June 2006, co-founders Fred Swaniker and Chris Bradford were named Echoing Green Fellows and described as two of the **“15 best emerging social entrepreneurs in the world.”**
- In February 2007, Christopher Khaemba, widely recognized as **one of Africa's top educators, was hired to serve as the inaugural Dean** of the Academy.
- In April 2007, ALA secured a **state-of-the art campus** on the outskirts of Johannesburg to serve as the home of the institution.
- In September 2007, ALA and Cisco Systems announced the creation of the **Cisco Scholars program** to provide scholarships for outstanding young leaders to attend the Academy.
- By February 2008, ALA had received **over 1,700 applications from students in 36 African countries** seeking admission into the Academy's first class.
- In March 2008, ALA secured a loan of **US \$5 million from the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC)**, and became the first nonprofit organization to receive financing by the IDC.
- In September 2008, **96 students from 29 countries** arrived on campus as the Inaugural Class.

Your Role

African Leadership Academy offers like-minded individuals and organizations a growing global network of local chapters and strategic partnerships committed to fostering our vision. Please contact Fred Swaniker (fswaniker@africanleadershipacademy.org) or Chris Bradford (cbradford@africanleadershipacademy.org) to learn more.