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The Next Einstein Forum Launches Search for 54 of Africa's Top Young Science and Technology Ambassadors

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The Next Einstein Forum (NEF) is an initiative under the patronage of UNESCO and supported by the Organization's International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP). The NEF has launched the search for fifty-four of Africa's top young science and technology ambassadors, one from each African country. The selected NEF Ambassadors will join the NEF Fellows Class as young science and technology champions from Africa.

NEF Ambassadors will attend the NEF Global Gathering in March 2016 in Dakar, Senegal, where they will have the opportunity to network with NEF Fellows, acclaimed scientists and technology leaders, as well as industry and policy leaders, at an innovative gathering that will focus on how science and technology can solve global challenges and accelerate human development.

UNESCO has been supporting the NEF since its inception. Striving to build among nations networks that enable solidarity by education mobilization for every child, boy or girl, as a fundamental human right and a prerequisite for human development, UNESCO has made positive impact in Africa. The NEF is deeply appreciative of UNESCO's ongoing endorsement of the NEF vision to reinforce the capacities and policies in basic and applied sciences, especially as it relates to young people in Africa.

"The NEF is unique in that fifty percent of participants at the NEF's Global Gathering will be under forty-two years old. The NEF Ambassadors will represent their countries and the continent on a global stage, joining the movement for science-driven growth and development", said Mr. Thierry Zomahoun, Chairperson of the NEF, and President and CEO of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS).

NEF Ambassadors should be residents of an African country, under forty-two years of age, have completed advanced studies in science, technology or hold significant entrepreneurial achievements, have a track record of leadership in their community, be passionate about promoting science and technology and have an active online profile and following.

"As NEF Ambassadors, the group of fifty-four young men and women will join our NEF Fellows as the face of science and technology from Africa. They will embody the potential of a continent that will be the hub of science and innovation in the next few decades. We believe the next Einstein will be African", said Mr. Zomahoun (Chairperson of the Forum).



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The NEF received over 300 applications in a competitive and rigorous process. Current Ambassadors have been selected from a committee of internationally renowned scientists. The NEF is still accepting applications on a rolling basis for the following countries listed below. Applicants who hold a passport from the countries on the list and meet the conditions of eligibility should email nefambassadors@nef.org to receive the application form and instructions.

Angola
Botswana
Central African Republic
Comoros
Cape Verde
Djibouti
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Gabon
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Libya
Mauritania
San Tome and Principe
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
South Sudan

About the Next Einstein Forum

The Next Einstein Forum (NEF), an African Institute for Mathematical Science (AIMS) initiative in partnership with the Robert Bosch Stiftung Foundation, will unite more than 500 outstanding thinkers and distinguished stakeholders from around the world together in Africa for the first ever NEF Global Gathering, in Dakar on 8-10 March 2016, under the patronage of H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal.

Held every two years, Global Gatherings will showcase Africa's top young scientists and connect them with leaders from Africa and the rest of the world in high-profile, invitation-only forums that touch on the three pillars of science, society and policy.

The NEF has been endorsed by the African Union Commission as well as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Governments of Rwanda, Senegal and South Africa, the African Academy of Sciences (AAS), as well as a growing number of private sector partners from across the world who are passionate about positioning Africa's scientific community as an influential member in the global scientific community, which will ensure sustainable human development in Africa and other parts of the world.