



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION

Africa is unquestionably the youngest continent in the world, with more than 75% of its population under the age of 35. In the fields of technology, entertainment, education, and community leadership, African teenagers have demonstrated exceptional talent and leadership across time. They are constantly fighting against the stereotypes and ingrained injustices. For future generations, they are laying the groundwork by creating strategic networks across industries and countries. However, despite their apparent resiliency, young people continue to face significant obstacles that are both systemic and intersectional. Some of the youths who are determined to pursue solutions are typically overloaded with theories and lack proper guidance.

The Shaping the Future Young Professionals Program which is an initiative of Boys Champions, is a comprehensive mentorship initiative aimed at empowering and developing the next generation of professionals, entrepreneurs, leaders and academia. Designed to provide practical skills, mentorship, and networking opportunities, this program equips young individuals with the tools they need to excel in their chosen fields and make a meaningful impact in the

workforce. This year's program is a mentorship event with leaders from business, technology and other industries with the sample size of 120 – 150 participants only. We are running with the theme “Driving Inclusive Sustainable Development from the Ground Up”.

OBJECTIVES

BRIDGING THE GAP

The program is a platform to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and real-world entrepreneurship, business and leadership experience. Recognizing that theoretical systems may not always adequately prepare young people for the demands of professional life, this program strives to provide participants with a holistic understanding of their respective industries.

SHARING EXPERIENCES

The conference is a platform to share experiences, perspectives, hacks, resources, and networks geared towards meaningful youth building for the future.

REFLECTING & STRATEGIZING

We will collectively reflect on the peculiarities of our society, highlighting roadblocks and opportunities which we must confront to achieve sustainable success. From these reflections, we

will evolve workable strategies for development

COMMIT & TAKE ACTION

Every participant will commit to taking action as they continue the work of educating, building, and supporting young people to reach for the skies.

PANEL SESSIONS

These panel sessions will feature Nigerian industry leaders, whose writings, life experiences, knowledge, and unbiased insights will address the subjects below, while outlining steps that all attendees can do to alleviate both global and local problems. All conversations are aimed at the developing the next generation of leaders in Nigeria, Africa, and the entire world.

Panel A – NEXTGEN Business and Leadership:

This is geared towards practical ways of helping startups, corporations, and non-profit organizations transform and adapt to the ever-changing demands of the corporate world. This panel will also center on how to lead in the most turbulent of times, and raising successful next generation leaders who will be masters of change and resilience.

Panel B – Fundraising for Your BIG Ideas: If you have spent any time raising money for your business, non-profit, school, church, or community group, you already know that having a solid fundraising strategy in place can save you a lot of stress down the line.

OUTCOMES

The Shaping the Future Young Professionals Program will help each participant – delegate, speaker, or youth – develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the 21st century workforce. The program is open to young professionals from all backgrounds and industries. Participants will be selected based on their potential to contribute to the program and their commitment to making a difference in the world.

Every participant will go home truly transformed, as well as heavy with the burden of responsibility coupled with the knowledge of where to start in the journey of personal societal impact.

