



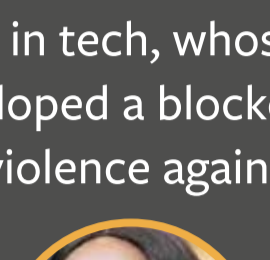
Celebrates International
WOMEN'S DAY



As part of its ongoing celebration of International Women's Day, and under the banner of this year's theme #EachforEqual, Facebook honours women from across Africa who have been using their voices to bring people together, build and make significant impact in their communities, while inspiring other women by changing the African narrative. Here are some of the women doing exactly that.

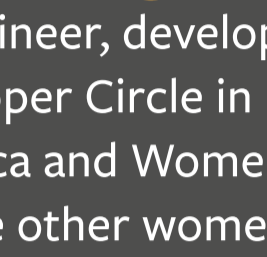
Technology
Developers

NIGERIA



Peculiar Ediomu-Abasi

A leading woman in tech, whose team through a hackathon developed a blockchain solution to address violence against women



Edidiong Asikpo

A software engineer, developer and leader of Facebook's Developer Circle in Uyo. She is also part of SheCodeAfrica and Women Will community circles that inspire other women to start careers in Technology



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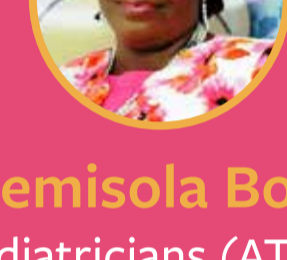
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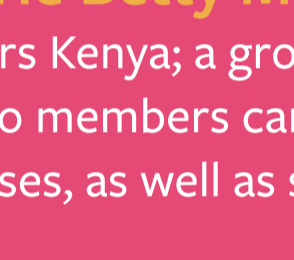
Community Leaders

KENYA



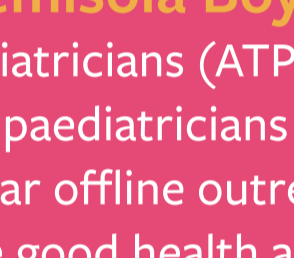
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SMBs



SENEGAL



Caamo Kane

Founder of Dakar farmers Market; a farmers and craft market which promotes local consumption and the well-being of the community

PAN AFRICAN



Swaady Martin

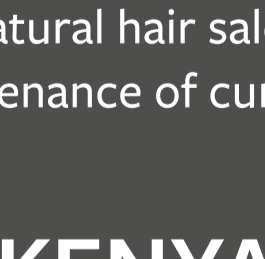
Founder of Yswara; a company that produces and retails extraordinary African teas and teatime accessories created with ingredients and narratives from Africa

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Tosin Oshinowo

Founder of Ile-Ila (House of Lines); a furniture line designed and hand-made in Lagos Nigeria, which brings contemporary furniture into the local market



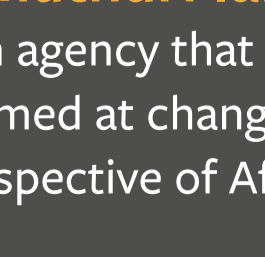
Cecilia Muyide

Founder of CTAG - Comcolours Teaching Aids & Games; a company that is passionate about making learning fun for kids by providing teaching aids and games to boost learning habits among children



Kemi Lewis

Founder of KL's Naturals; a natural hair salon that caters to the beautiful styling and healthy maintenance of curly, kinky and coily tresses



Vuuqa

Founder of Kiondo; a handwoven handbag made from sisal with leather trimmings. It is indigenous to the Kikuyu and Kamba tribes of Kenya



Muthuri Ian

Founder of Turnup Travel; an agency that organises exotic holidays and themed experiences, aimed at changing the world's negative perspective of Africa

SOUTH AFRICA



Rabia Ghoor

Founder of SwitchBeauty; an internet born beauty brand that develops and sells Cosmetics, Skincare and Beauty tools with product ideas crowdsourced from their community