



Dear Friends of Mawazo,

On this milestone occasion [marking five years of the Mawazo Institute](#), I am reflecting on the theme of our celebration, *The Female Future of Science*. This theme encapsulates what we are working towards: a future in which women, science, and research are all integral to Africa's development.

As we celebrate our fifth year, I am proud to announce the launch of the [Mawazo Fellows Fund](#). The Fund will offer grants of up to \$2,500 to [current Mawazo Learning Exchange Fellows & Alumni of the PhD Scholars Programme](#). The grants will be used to support their research activities including laboratory tests, support fieldwork, conference travel, specialised training, research translation activities, as well as support cross-sector collaborations (including placements at non-academic institutions).

We are committing to being here for the long haul by not only expanding, but also deepening our programmes and the pool of beneficiaries that they support. Through our work, we will continue to leverage both academia and women for Africa's development.

Thank you for walking this journey with us. We would not be here without the support of our friends, our institutional partners, and most of all, our staff. We look forward to another five years with you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Fiona Moejes

Acting CEO & Director of Programmes



Mawazo @ 5: Hear from the Team

In 2021, Mawazo received \$2,134.00 in individual donations.

You can help us shape the female future of science on the continent by making a donation. No amount is too small – or too big. Make a donation today via debit/credit card, Paypal, or MPESA.

Give to Mawazo



NAIROBI IDEAS EXCHANGE

African Women Innovating on COVID-19

Join a discussion with African female scientists who are turning their expertise into innovation in the continent's fight against COVID-19.

Date: 11th February, 2022

Time: 2:00 - 3:30 pm (EAT)

1:00 - 2:30 pm (SAST)




12:00 - 1:30 pm (WAT)

RSVP on Eventbrite:

<https://bit.ly/NIEWomenInnovatingOnCovid19>

Event will be live-streamed on the Mawazo Institute Facebook page.



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#WomenInScience #NairobiIdeasExchange

Did you know that African women make up only 31% of researchers in Sub-Saharan Africa?

This International Day of Girls and Women in Science, we are celebrating Africa's female scientists. Join a virtual discussion with scientists who are turning their expertise into innovation in the continent's fight against COVID-19.

Meet the Panelists:

[Julia Jenjezwa](#) – Engineer and Design Studio Coordinator at the DIT Design Studio. (Tanzania)

[Dr. Mercy Korir](#) – Medical Doctor and Medical Journalist with KTN News and Standard Media. (Kenya)

[Dr. Jemimah Njuki](#) – Director for Africa at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and Custodian of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment for the UN Food Systems Summit 2021. (Kenya)

Scholar Highlights



To meet its development needs, Africa requires more PhD scientists. Our Network is helping fill the gap.



Mawazo Learning Exchange (MLEx)

Mawazo Learning Exchange Fellows

Three of our MLEx Fellows have completed their PhDs. Another 17 Fellows are expected to complete their PhDs this year, with another 10 following in 2023. [Learn about the MLEx Fellows and their research.](#)



Mawazo PhD Scholars Programme Alumni

Since graduating our first cohort of PhD Scholars in 2019, three of our Scholars have earned their PhD degrees. Six more are expected to complete their PhDs in 2022, with one more in 2023. [You can meet our Alumni here.](#)

[The Mawazo Team is Growing](#)

Meet Elizabeth Ngala, Director of Finance

Liz is a Certified Public Accountant of Kenya (CPA-K) with over 10 years



working experience and expertise on finance procedures and controls, tax management, financial analysis, and internal audits. Liz was educated at Strathmore University, Nairobi and has been at Mawazo part-time since 2018 providing operational support to Mawazo, the MLEx Fellowship Programme and the Mawazo Fellows Fund. Liz's transition to a full-time position as our new Director of Finance will ensure Mawazo's continued journey to strengthening its operation and administrative capacities as our programmes grow. Welcome, Liz!



Call for Applications: L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science

The Fondation L'Oréal and UNESCO have launched the 13th edition of the L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Young Talents – Sub-Saharan Africa programme, to support young women scientists. In 2022, 20 grants will be offered for the Sub-Saharan Africa region:

Doctorate: €10 000 | Post-doctorate: €15 000

[Learn More](#)

What We're Reading

We share some of Mawazo's current favourite reads (videos, and podcasts), including selections from our [Blog](#) and [News page](#):



Nairobi Ideas Podcast: Mawazo @ 5

Do you know the Mawazo origin story? In this episode we hear from our founders about how a night in Berkeley, California cemented the organisation's vision and led to its formation.

[Listen now.](#)



Women for the Environment 2022

Dr. Fiona W. Moejes, Acting CEO, was selected as 1 of 20 African women forming the 2022 cohort of Women for the Environment (WE) Africa.

[Meet the cohort.](#)

Spread the word

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