



MAWAZO INSTITUTE
WOMEN LEADING RESEARCH IN AFRICA

Thank You for Supporting the Next Generation of African Female Leaders



The Female Future of Science in Africa

Video produced by [BBC Story Works](#) for the Mawazo Institute and presented by the [International Science Council](#).

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The festive season goes hand in hand with giving. This year, we're inviting you to make a gift to Mawazo that supports women leaders like Peris Ambala, who is working towards eradicating zoonotic viruses in Africa through her research. Peris is just one of the many inspiring African women whose scientific

contributions are being supported and amplified by the Mawazo Institute. With research funding and training support, we believe that women like Peris can lead breakthroughs in science and solve some of the African continent's greatest challenges.

Since 2018, Mawazo has provided **over \$100,000 in research grants and stipends** to young African women through the [PhD Scholars Programme](#), the [Mawazo Learning Exchange \(MLEx\) Fellowship](#), and our [Policy Fellowship Programme](#).

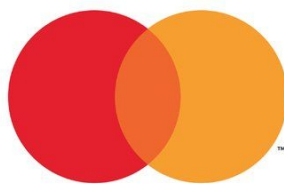
You can help us continue to support innovation and research on the continent by making a donation to Mawazo. No amount is too small – or too big. Make a donation today via debit/credit card, Paypal, or MPESA.

Give to Mawazo



New Funding Partners

The Mawazo Institute is proud to announce two new funding partners. Namely, Mastercard Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. These new partnerships are making investments into current programmes and beneficiaries, and will also support the next cohort of the Mawazo Learning Exchange Fellowship Programme.



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About Mastercard Foundation

The Mastercard Foundation seeks a world in which everyone has the chance to learn and prosper. The Foundation's work is guided by its mission to advance learning and promote financial inclusion for people living in poverty.

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About Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation seeks to fight poverty, disease and inequity around the world. The foundation envisions a world where every person has the opportunity to live a healthy and productive life.

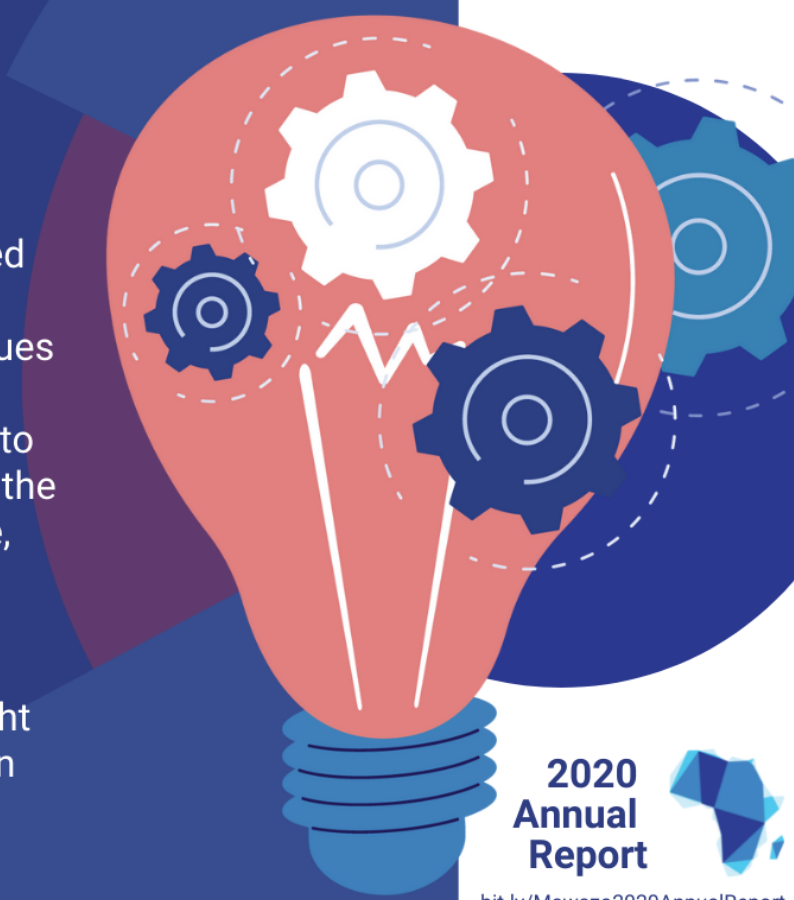
INSIDE THE PROGRAMMES



Thought Leadership

In 2020, members of the Mawazo Institute featured in timely global conversations on the issues of the day including; tracking and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, the role of women in science, the power of science communication.

Read more on the Thought Leadership programme in our 2020 Annual Report.



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The 2020 Mawazo Annual Report

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Read more on how we walked the talk on thought leadership in the the 2020 Mawazo Institute Annual Report.

[Read the 2020 Annual Report](#)

Impact of COVID-19 on Africa's Higher Education

Thank you to everyone who helped distribute our online survey – and to all the individuals who shared their insights on how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting their learning and ongoing research. Mawazo's report on the continued impact of the pandemic on Africa's higher education sector will be published in early 2022. In the meantime, you can [read our 2020 report on the early impacts of the pandemic.](#)



Mawazo Learning Exchange Fellowship – Mary Murithi – L'Oréal Young Talent Awards 2021

The Mawazo Institute congratulates [Mary Murithi](#), our 2021 MLEx Fellow and a PhD student at [Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology](#), pursuing Molecular Medicine. Mary received the [L'Oréal Foundation For Women](#)



Mawazo Learning Exchange Fellows– Meet Desta Gebeyu

Desta Mulu Gebeyu is a PhD candidate at [Kaimosi Friends University College in Kenya](#). Her research interest is in Bioenergy. Her PhD research, 'Optimization of bioethanol gel fuel, briquette fuel and biofertilizer production from selected agricultural wastes and water hyacinth in

[in Science-UNESCO](#) Sub-Saharan Africa Young Talents 2021 Award, on November 26th 2021 in Kigali, Rwanda.

Alongside Mary, the Mawazo Institute was represented by [Dr. Fiona Wanjiku Moejes](#) and [Elaine Mungai](#) who attended the [#FWIS](#) event as speakers.

Ethiopia and Kenya, will provide innovative research-based evidence to policymakers on the use of solid wastes for clean energy, and biofertilizer to reduce environmental pollution, enhancing economic benefits to communities.

You can meet more of our 2021 fellows [HERE](#)



Kofi Anan Fellowship in Public Health

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) Kofi Annan Global Health Leadership Programme is a fully-funded residential fellowship programme for early career professionals in the public health sector.

Deadline for applications: 31st December 2021.

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



Nairobi Ideas Podcast: New Episodes

We look at the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the African continent – from vaccination challenges to human rights violations to gendered impacts of lockdowns and restrictions.

Would you like to be a guest on the podcast?

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Southern Africa: Last in line for vaccines, first in line for travel bans

Today, [while 47% of the global population is fully vaccinated, only 7% of Africans are immunized.](#)

This is largely due to inequitable distribution of vaccines from the start.

- Article by Cheikh Oumar Seydi



Ngina Judy's Blog

Mawazo Learning Exchange Fellow, Ngina, discusses why gender equity needs to be a priority in agricultural research.



For the Kids: N*Gen 'Oceans' Episode

Acting CEO, Dr. Fiona Moejes, features in this fun, educational kids show where she takes us into the ocean.

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