



MAWAZO INSTITUTE
WOMEN LEADING RESEARCH IN AFRICA

Women Scientists Breaking Barriers

Women's History Month, celebrated alongside International Women's Day, offers an opportunity to celebrate and promote girls and women's contributions to science. As a women-led organisation, our work is informed by the need to increase women's representation within the sciences and in positions of leadership.

We believe that **new ideas are needed to tackle Africa's development challenges - and that women's voices are critical in this.** For us, supporting female researchers, thought leaders, scientists and aspiring students and scholars is about giving them the tools, support and platforms they need to be successful and impact all our futures.

As we close out this special month, the Mawazo Institute takes special pride in highlighting African women who are breaking barriers in the sciences. This week, **join us for a series of exciting conversations featuring practitioners from Kenya, Tanzania, and Malawi** and learn how African women are innovating for better futures.



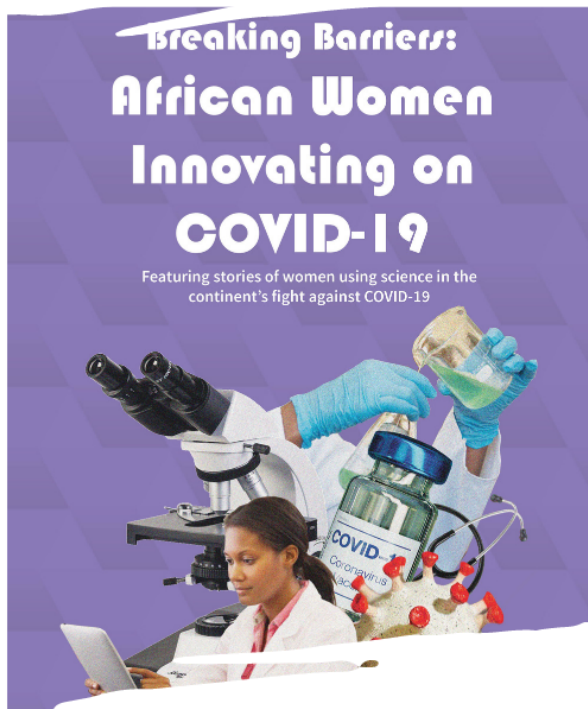


JOIN US FOR

AFRICAN WOMEN BREAKING BARRIERS

A CLUBHOUSE CONVERSATION

ON THE E-BOOK -



30 MARCH 2022
6PM CAT

Curated by



DR. MARYAM AMOUR,
TANZANIA
The Trailblazing Public
Health Researcher



YARIWO KITIYO,
KENYA
The GIS Analyst Mapping
the Pandemic



MARAH CHIBWANA,
MALAWI
The Clinician Advancing
Data on COVID-19



JULIA JENJEZWA,
TANZANIA
The innovative
mechanical engineer



ALLEN NANYONJO,
MODERATOR
Software Developer |
STEM Education Coach
@Young Engineers
UGANDA

FEATURING

The story of the COVID-19 pandemic involves incredible women scientists whose work has had immeasurable impact in their fields – and across the region.

Turning Crisis into Opportunity

Wednesday, March 30th. 6pm CAT /5pm EAT

Join a Clubhouse discussion with:


Dr. Maryam Amour (Tanzania), **Yariwo Kitiyo** (Kenya), **Julia Jenjezwa** (Tanzania), and **Marah Chibwana** (Malawi) who have turned their expertise into innovation in the continent's fight against COVID-19.

Moderated by **Allen Nanyonjo** (Uganda) and hosted in partnership with [DevDispatch](#).

Register Now

31 MAR | VIRTUAL CAFÉ

WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE ENGAGEMENT

A portrait of Kari Mugo, a woman with short dark hair, wearing glasses and large hoop earrings, smiling and resting her chin on her hand.

Kari Mugo

MAWAZO INSTITUTE

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF
SCIENCE ENGAGEMENT

Virtual Café: Women & Girls in Science Engagement

Thursday, March 31st. 4:30pm CET /5:30pm EAT

Join Mawazo's Public Engagement Lead, Kari Mugo, at the first International Year of Science Engagement (IYSE) Virtual Café. Bring a coffee and your thinking caps, so we can discuss the important topic of women and girls in science.

Three Science Engagement practitioners will give presentations about their work surrounding gender equality, supporting women and girls in various fields of science, and more.

[Join the Café](#)

Mawazo Highlights



Nairobi Ideas Quiz Night

Highlights from Climate Week

What an incredible week of discussion on all things climate change and planetary health. A big thank you to everyone who made it in-person and virtually. To all of our experts; we could not have done it without you. We'll be publishing reports and videos from our activities on our [website](#) and on [YouTube](#). Stay tuned!



Storytelling for impact

NRF Impact Stories Training

With funding support from the **National Research Foundation - South Africa**, Mawazo held a series of virtual science communication workshops dubbed 'Stories for Impact.' We've trained **14 women scientists from 9 African countries whose expertise is helping the public and decision-makers navigate the COVID-19 crisis.** Thank you to our amazing Workshop facilitator [Kendi Ntwiga](#).

[Impact of COVID-19 on Africa's Higher Education](#)

Mawazo's report on the continued impact of the pandemic on Africa's higher education sector is now available. You can view an interactive map with our [key findings on our website](#).



2022 Paula Kantor Award for Excellence in Field Research

The International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) is [now accepting nominations](#) for researchers from the Global South for the **2022 Paula Kantor Award for Excellence in Field Research**, which honors the legacy of a visionary leader whose contributions to the feminist and social justice movements are evident across the world.

This annual award is given to a **young professional female researcher from the Global South doing field research** related to ICRW's mission, along with a **US\$2,500 cash prize**.

Deadline Extended: Applications are now due by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Sunday, April 3, 2022.

[Learn More](#)



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



The role of mediation in sustainable development

We recently had a Q&A with Lilian Namuma S. Kong'ani, an MLEx Fellow and Tutorial Fellow at the Department of Earth and Climate Sciences at the University of Nairobi where she is pursuing her PhD in



The Nairobi Ideas Podcast

In the last episode of our season exploring climate change on the African continent, Mawazo Acting CEO, Dr. Fiona Moejes interviews Dr. David Obura, a marine biologist supporting coral reef research and conservation in Africa, and Angelique

Environmental Governance and Management. Lillian discusses the role of mediation in sustainable development.

Read the article [here](#)

Pouponneau, a Legal Expert in climate change, oceans and global commons.

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