ASHOKA – WORKING WITH THE WORLD’S LEADING SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

Ashoka is the global professional association of the world’s leading social entrepreneurs — individuals with new ideas for addressing our biggest societal challenges and with the entrepreneurial skills to transform those ideas into national, regional and global impact. For almost 40 years we have identified and supported more than 3,800 social entrepreneurs — Ashoka Fellows — in over 80 countries, solving systemic problems in education, healthcare, civic participation, economic development, environmental protection and other key areas.

Since 1990, the Ashoka network in Africa has yielded some valuable insights about systems-changing solutions to improve social and economic outcomes on the continent. At the core of every innovation is an African who saw a gap and entrepreneured a solution. That’s why, in addition to finding and supporting leading social entrepreneurs and identifying patterns in social innovation, Ashoka Africa builds partnerships focused on supporting emerging changemakers and playing a critical role in convening the collaborative ecosystems that will ensure Africa is a place where everyone works together to methodically shift social systems.

ANY QUESTIONS?
PLEASE CONTACT US!

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The Ashoka Visionary Program is a pioneering leadership program for Social Entrepreneurs, decision makers and leaders of change from the corporate world, the public sector and civil society. The program helps develop and support global responsible leadership skills, new organizational as well as business models, and a renewed sense of mission and impact. The program will empower participants on how to solve societal problems in an entrepreneurial way. After reaching over 150 participants in 30 countries in Central and Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean, the Ashoka Visionary Program is arriving in East Africa in Partnership with CARE, supported by the Austrian Development Agency and PWC, starting in May 2020!

**WHY & HOW**

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**WHAT YOU EXPERIENCE**

The 9-month long part-time program includes 7 modules and offers the opportunity to work either with a social entrepreneur or to develop a new social venture. Participants gain access to Ashoka’s almost 40 years of experience of working with leading social entrepreneurs, corporations, the finance industry and public institutions.

**TARGET GROUP:**
- Professionals and leaders from all sectors

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**
- The desire to become a thought leader and changemaker
- 5 years of work experience

**DURATION:**
- Part-time, 9 months (May–January 2021)
- 15 days of in-class sessions

**LANGUAGE:**
- English skills required

**COURSE LOCATION:**
- Nairobi | Dar-es-Salam | Kampala

**APPLICATION:**
- Applications for May 2020 are open now!
- Apply here: https://www.tiapforms.com/4747240

**COSTS**
- 5,000 USD
- Scholarships are available!

**FELLOWS & SPEAKERS**

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**IMPACTFUL VOICES**

Our participants are decision makers who accelerate social initiatives in their environment. Some concrete outcomes are Ideegration, a collective impact accelerator for best solutions in refugee integration or the social impact academy in Prague.

**WHO YOU MEET**

**FACULTY & EXPERTS**

You will work with a faculty body that consists of Ashoka Fellows, distinguished experts from leading academic institutions, from Ashoka’s network of partner universities, professionals from the business, non-profit, public and financial sectors and world-class social entrepreneurs.

**SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS**

You will be actively engaged in assignments with leading social entrepreneurs in order to create transformational learning experiences. Participants will be exposed to group work, case studies, peer-reviews, coaching and mentoring.

**GLOBAL PARTNERS**

You will have access to Ashoka’s exclusive and unique know-how, as well as Ashoka’s global networks of changemakers and partners. Each one of them makes an important contribution to the much needed change of our society.

**ALUMNAE*I NETWORK**

You will become part of our global Visionary Program Alumnae*i network that connects changemakers and their ideas. As an Alumnae/i, you will be invited to join Ashoka’s events across Africa and become a valued member of the global social entrepreneurship movement.

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