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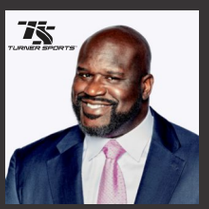
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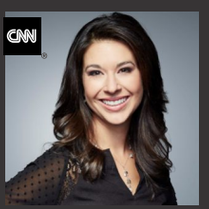
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Across all screens and behind-the-scenes, we will **DEVELOP** our people and use our diverse **VOICES** to strengthen our content, grow our business, and **CONNECT** to our evolving audiences and to each other.

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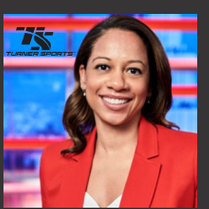
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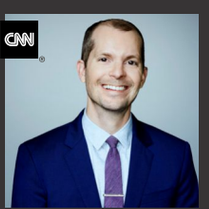
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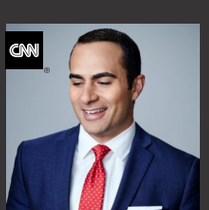
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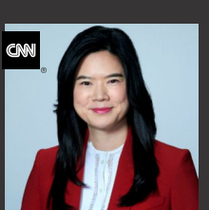
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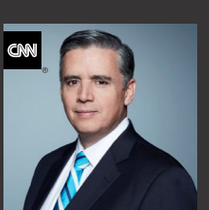
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POLITICS & GOVERNANCE

Diaspora

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High Achievers of African Descent (Under 40) Worldwide pairing those in Diaspora with their counterparts inside Africa

Aminu **UMAR-SADIQ** Nigeria	Aja **BROWN** USA	Amy **SHELVER** South Africa/ Switzerland	Bilikiss **ADEBIYI-ABIOLA** Nigeria	Damian **Williams** USA
Dr Wendy A. **OKOLO** USA/Nigeria	Erika **HILTON** Brazil	Fernanda Renée **SAMUEL** Angola	Francine **MUYMBA** Congo	
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Jibs **ABITOYE** Canada	Jordan **STEELE-JOHN** Australia	Kalan **HAYWOOD JR.** USA	Lauren **UNDERWOOD** USA	
Lumumba Chokwe **ANTAR** USA	María Celeste **SÁNCHEZ SUGÍA** Mexico	Ojoma **OCHAI** Nigeria/UK	Ritchie **TORRES** USA	
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Sara Menker

CEO, Gro Intelligence

BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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Business & Entrepreneurship (B&E)

High Achievers of African Descent (Under 40) Worldwide pairing those in Diaspora with their counterparts inside Africa

Abbey **WEMIMO** USA/Nigeria	Adenike **ODUTOLA** Zambia/Nigeria	Amoye **HENRY** Canada/Ghana	Babawande **AFOLABI** Nigeria	Bankole **CARDOSO** Nigeria
Barbara **IYAYI** USA	Benedict **TUBUO** USA	Cedric **ATANGANA** Cameron/France	Christiane Silva **PINTO** Brazil	
Fade **OGUNRO** Nigeria	Farrah **GRAY** USA	Ham **SERUNJOGI** & Maijid **MOUJALED** Uganda/Ghana	Hassanatu Bangalette **MANSARAY** Cote D Ivoire	
Ifeanyi **ABRAHAM** UAE	Ikechi David **NWABUISI** USA	Kirk-Anthony **Hamilton** Jamaica	Omolabake **ADENLE** Nigeria	
Omoyeme **EFFIONG** Nigeria	Renita **YOUNG** USA	Rumisha **MOTILAL** South Africa	Nexus **SEA** USA/Nigeria	
Rolake **ROSIJI** Nigeria	Sara **MENKER** Ethiopia/USA	Vanessa **ADANDE** Gabon	Kelle **ROZELL** USA	

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JOBS! TRADE INCLUSIVE GROWTH

FASHIONOMICS AFRICA

Investing in the African Creative Industries

Fashionomics by Africa Development Bank (AfDB) for Fostering the Fashion Industry in Africa as a Lever to Create Jobs

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Contribution to the Arts and Creative Economy in Africa

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Africa No Filter for Changing the Africa Narrative

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UNEARTHING HIDDEN GEMS OF AFRICA

Contributions to building the next Unicorns in Africa

UNICORN BOARD

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SOLVING REAL PROBLEMS BY UNEARTHING HIDDEN GEMS OF AFRICA

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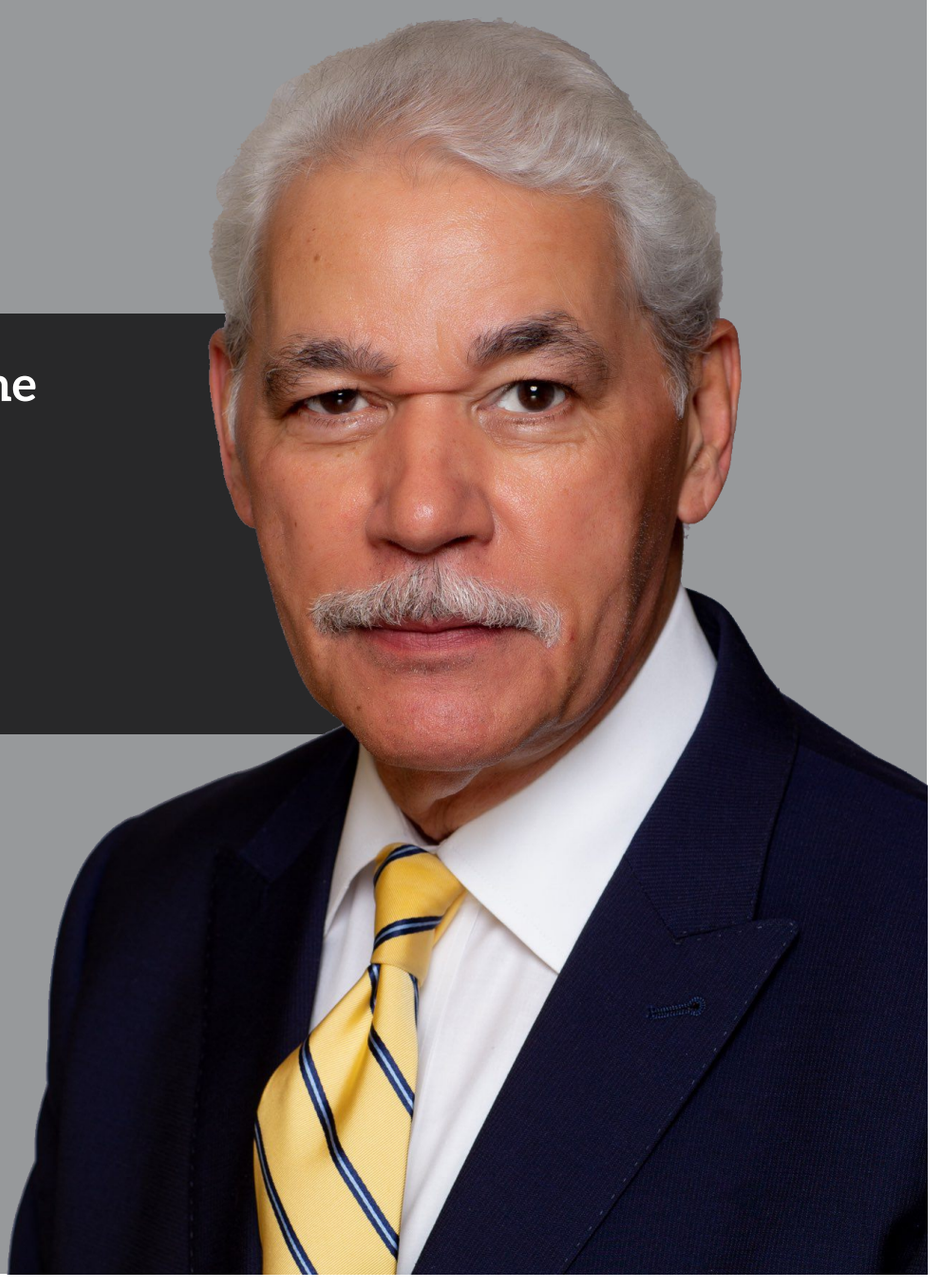

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Emmanuel Acho

Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man

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Media & Culture (M&C)

High Achievers of African Descent (Under 40) Worldwide pairing those in Diaspora with their counterparts inside Africa

Ad **JUNIOR** Brazil/German	Arese **UGWU** & Bunmi **AJAKAIYE** Nigeria	Ashley **JACKSON** USA	AY **YOUNG** USA	Bella Njideka **Ikeme** Nigeria
Busola **TEJUMOLA** Nigeria	Claudia **ALVES** Brazil	Daniel **EFFIONG** Nigeria	Dillion S. **PHIRI** South Africa	
Dino **D'SANTIAGO** Portugal/Cape Verde	Emmanuel **ACHO** USA	Eze **EZEGOZIE** Nigeria	Giannis **ANTETOKOUNMPO** Greece/Nigeria	
Gil **NOGUEIRA** Brazil	Joël Kachi **BENSON** Nigeria	Karren **ATTIAH** USA/Nigeria	Khaby **LAME** Italy/Senegal	
Lanre **AINA** Nigeria	Lia **SAMANTHA** Colombia	Marcus Rashford **MBE** UK	Maya **HAYAKAWA** Kenya	
Nneka **OGWUMIKE** USA	Nomzamo **MBATHA** & Jermaine **FOWLER** South Africa/USA	Peter Tega **OGHENEJOBO** Nigeria	Vanessa **FORD** Jamaica/Canada	

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Eche Emole

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UAE AFRICA
NETWORKING GROUP

William Stenhouse

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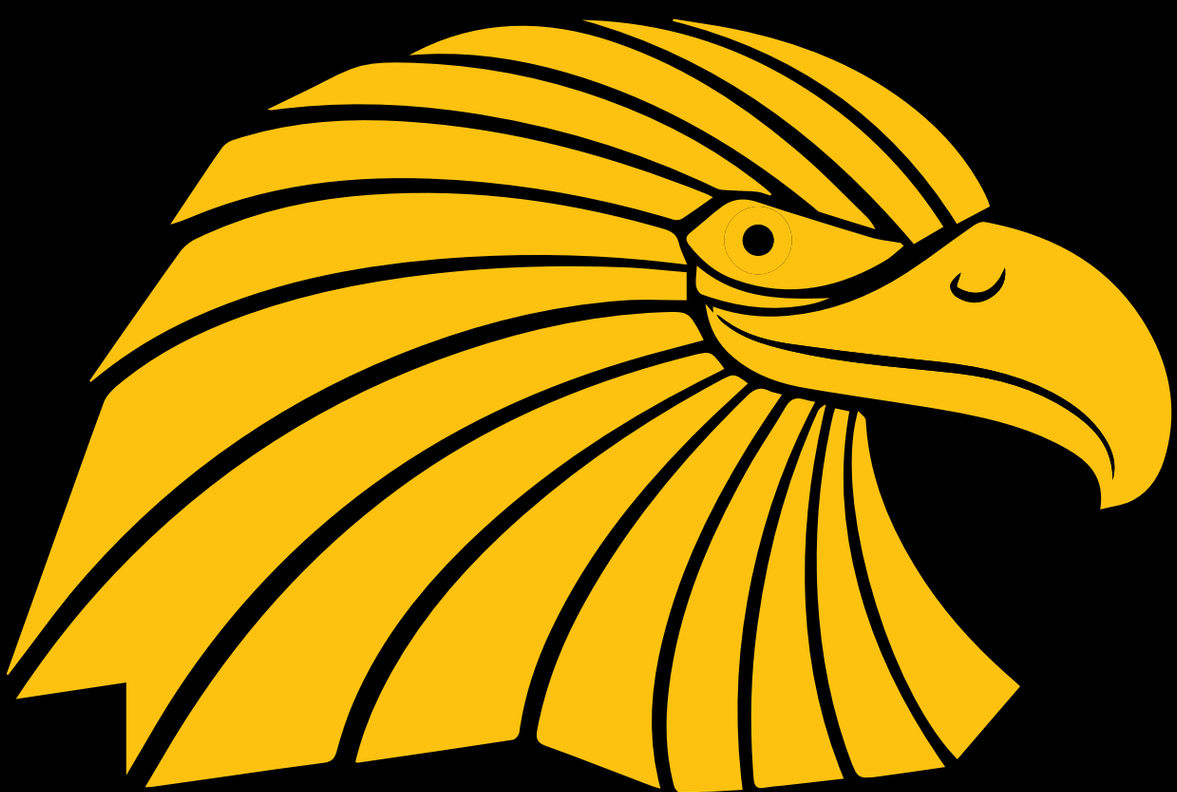

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Janice Gassam Asare, Ph.D.

Anti-racism Educator

ACTIVISM & HUMANITARIAN

Diaspora

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Humanitarian, Activism & Religious Category (H&R)

High Achievers of African Descent (Under 40) Worldwide pairing those in Diaspora with their counterparts inside Africa

Adama **SANNEH**
Italy

Adeng Andrew **MALUAL LEEK**
South Sudan

Dr. Ahene, Kadijatu **GRACE**
Sierra Leone/USA

Amanda S. C. **GORMAN**
USA

Edu **LYRA**
Brazil

Femi **BALOGUN**
Senegal/Nigeria

Funke **OLUFON**
USA/Nigeria

Gbemisola **ABUDU**
Nigeria

Janice Gassam **ASARE,** Ph.D.
USA

JJ **OMOJUWA**
Nigeria

Jeffrey T. **BENSON JR.**
USA

Lamboginny **LAWANSON**
USA/Nigeria

Larry **GOODIN**
USA

Mário **LOPES**
São Tomé and Principe

Mary Helda **AKONGO**
Uganda

Mbaye **MBENGUE**
USA/Senegal

Mercy **AKAMO**
Nigeria

Mateus António **ESTEITA**
Angola

Olawale **ADEBIYI**
Nigeria

Opeyemi Abdulhafiz **ALAO**
USA/Nigeria

Rashaad **LAMBERT**
USA

Sakira **COOK**
USA

Sena & Pele **VONCUJOVI**
Japan

Siyabulela **MANDELA**
South Africa

Viviane **FERREIRA**
Brazil

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United Nations
Human Rights
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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OHCHR 2020 Fellowship Prgram for People of African Descent

Names	Country of Residence
Coco GUNN	Belgium
Suzanne Semedo	United Kingdom
Ife Joyce Thompson	United Kingdom
Christian Lambang Fonye	Australia
Elizabeth Lang	Australia
Muhammad Dan Suleiman	Australia
Justina Obaoye	China
Emerson Caetano	Brazil
Livia Dimas	Brazil
Clara Marinho Pereira	Brazil
Brenda Smith Lezama	Mexico
Karla Rivera	Mexico
Anna Lucia Mosquera Rosado	Peru
Carla Mendez	Uruguay
Wilfort Pasquet	Haiti
Nattecia Bohardsingh	Jamaica
Gololcha Boru	Canada
Fatou Jammeh	Canada
Hodan Mohamed	Canada
Evanne Souchette	Canada
Kharoll-Ann Souffrant	Canada
Sundus Haji-jama	Canada
Ikram Warsame	Canada
London Bell	United States
Anika Bowie	United States
Marissa Jackson Sow	United States
Ashaki Thompson Hall	United States

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Birthright Africa for Contributions to Diaspora-Africa Relations

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Leveraging Technology to Solve Africa's & the World's biggest Problems

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- PERFORMING ARTS
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- EDUCATION
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When They See Us

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Thierry **HENRY** France/Belgium			

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Sipho **DLAMINI** South Africa

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Kanya **KING** UK	Lola **SHONEYIN** Nigeria	Mathew **OHIO** Nigeria	Metasebia **YOSEPH** Ethiopia	
Obi **ASIKA** Nigeria	Ouafa **BELGACEM** Tunisia	Paul **OKOYE** Dubai & New York	Stefan **ANDEMICAEL** USA/Ethiopia	Tokini **PETERSIDE** Nigeria

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Michele **BALLANTYNE** USA	Peter **MUTIE** Kenya	Steve **BABAEKO** Nigeria	Yaa Asantewa **ASANTE** (Juliet Asante) Ghana

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Melody TAYLOR
Executive Producer, Morning Express, HLN

Delano MASSEY
CNN Supervising Producer & Race Beat Lead

Most Influential 100 Corporate Executives

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SVP, Talent Relations & Special Projects, Turner Sport & Bleacher Report

Yang ADIJA
SVP, Digital League Business Operation, Growth and Innovation

Calvin SIMS
EVP, CNN News Standards & Practices

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SVP, Content Strategy & Global Programming CNN Digital

Ellen RUSS
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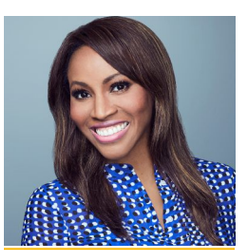
Most Influential 100 Under 40



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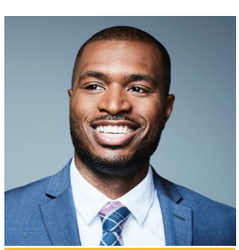

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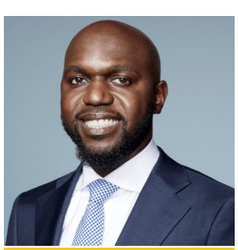

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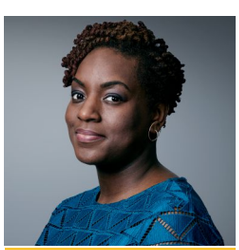

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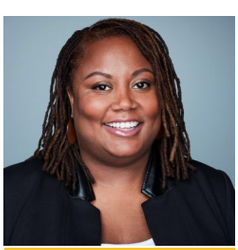

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USA

Chef Pierre
THIAM
Chef
Senegal/USA

Jermaine
CUNNINGHAM
Head Pastry Chef
MUSE by Tom Aitken's
UK

Joseph
FARODOYE
Chef/CEO & Founder
Bluxe Global
UK/Nigeria

Abiola
AKANJI
Chef
Nigeria

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TRUSSELLE
Head Chef and
Founder of Myristic
UK

Mussa
FATI
Executive Chef
Senegal/UK

Nokx
MAJOZI
Sous Chef/
Head Pie Maker
South Africa/Uk

Siba
MTONGANA
Chef
South Africa

William Jacob Mwila
CHILILA
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Caribana
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