

Women are becoming increasingly influential in helping to forge a vibrant and dynamic Africa

Out of Africa – women who are shaping the future

Clarisse Iribagiza Rwanda
Co-founder of HeHe
Iribagiza (below) set up the mobile applications company in 2010 after completing her studies at the Kigali Institute of Science and Technology in Rwanda. The company's slogan is "information in your hands" and its Gahunda app aims to improve public services delivery in East Africa.

Ipeleng Mkhari South Africa
Co-founder of Motseng Investment
Mkhari founded Motseng Investment Holdings, a property management and investment company. She now serves as its chief operations officer. Mkhari is also the founder of Phosa Iliso CCTV. She is also national chairperson of the Women's Property Network in South Africa.

Laila Macharia Kenya
Founder of Scion Real
Scion Real is a Nairobi-based advisory and investment company focused on urban property and infrastructure. Managing director Macharia trained as a corporate finance lawyer and holds a doctorate in law from Stanford University.



partner of the African Alliance for Capital Expansion.

Susan Mboya Kenya
Founder of Zawadi Africa Educational Fund
Mboya's day job is at Coca-Cola, where she also leads the "5 BY 20" initiative to empower five million female entrepreneurs by 2020. Zawadi provides scholarships to academically gifted girls from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Bruktawit Tigabu Ethiopia
Co-Founder of Whiz Kids Workshop
The former primary school teacher developed the animated TV show, *Tsehai Loves Learning*, to teach preschool children and their parents about health education. She set up the TV production company Whiz Kids Workshop with her husband.

Swaady Martin-Leke Ivory Coast
Founder of YSWARA
A former management consultant and General Electric manager, Martin-Leke is set to launch an upmarket tea company next month. She also blogs about management issues for the *Harvard Business Review*.



NDIDI NWUNELI, FOUNDER OF LEAP AFRICA, AND BRUKTAWIT TIGABU, BELOW, FOUNDER OF WHIZ KIDS WORKSHOP



Jackee Batanda Uganda
Author and poet
As a teenager, she inked a collection of poetry in exercise books but was disillusioned by the lack of up and coming Ugandan authors. "I made a promise to myself that one day I would see my books in Ugandan bookstores"

