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## About MIPAD

The Most Influential People of African Descent (MIPAD) is a global civil society initiative in support of the United Nation's International Decade for people of African Descent.

The Decade was proclaimed by the United Nation's General Assembly Resolution 68/237, to be observed from 2015 to 2024, MIPAD identifies high achievers of African descent around the world in four categories: (I) Politics & Governance (II) Business & Entrepreneurship (III) Media & Culture (IV) Activism, Humanitarian & Religious, with the aim to build a progressive network of relevant actors who will join together in the spirit of recognition, justice and development of Africa both on the continent and across the diaspora.

## Vision

A WORLD DRIVEN BY EXCELLENCE ...

## Mission

IDENTIFY	CONNECT	DEVELOP
<b>1. Publish</b>  A. Most Influential Genius (Under 20) B. Most Influential Under 40 C. Most Influential Hall of Fame D. Lifetime Achievers 50+ E. 4th Industrial Revolution Edition F. Creatives Edition G. Real Estate & Developers Edition H. Definitive Guide to Black Excellence	<b>2. Organize Events</b>  A. <b>ANNUAL SUMMITS</b> @ UN General Assembly, New York @ AU Summit, Addis Ababa  B. <b>REGIONAL ROADSHOWS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Africa</li> <li>America's</li> <li>Asia-Pacific</li> <li>Europe</li> </ul> C. <b>MIPAD MASTERCLASS</b>  D. <b>CONNECTOLOGY WORKSHOPS</b>	<b>3. Provide Consulting Services</b>  A. <b>GOVERNMENTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harnessing economical potential of Diaspora</li> <li>Harnessing human capital for nation building</li> </ul> B. <b>CORPORATIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Doing Business in Africa</li> <li>Building Business in Diaspora</li> </ul> C. <b>MOST INFLUENTIAL 100</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal Brand Management Services</li> <li>Digital Footprint Services (DFS)</li> <li>Leadership Training</li> <li>Public Speaking Training</li> </ul>



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## Co-Founder & Inaugural CEO Message

It is with immense pride that we unveil this year's Global Top 100 List, celebrating some of the Most Influential People of African Descent (MIPAD). This list honors the outstanding contributions of individuals of African descent who have made significant impacts across the public and private sectors worldwide.

In the beginning, when we started this journey, we knew that having influence as a person of African descent is meaningless until it is connected to supporting the protection of human rights and the dignity of our people. At that time, knowledge about our global African diaspora was not mainstream. Fast forward to 2024—after recognizing and connecting over 2,000 individuals in more than 120 countries—we are proud to say that Africa and its global Diaspora awareness of each other and relations are at an all-time high.

This year holds particular significance as we mark the conclusion of the 1st UN International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024), which also coincides with my final year as the inaugural CEO. I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support you have shown throughout my tenure, especially to those who joined me in our mission to identify high achievers and build a global network dedicated to the recognition, justice, and development of Africa, its people, and its Diaspora.

As we conclude this historic decade, I encourage all honorees to harness the power of their global recognition, not just for today, but for generations to come. The end of this 1st Decade marks the beginning of a new era. As we step into the 2nd Decade and MIPAD 2.0 under new leadership, let us unite in supporting them with the same commitment and passion.

As I prepare to pass the torch, my final wish as CEO is to secure your continued support to ensure a memorable conclusion to this chapter. I urge you to consider:

- Accepting a Global Board Role
- Advertising, Donating, Sponsoring, Partnering, or Pledging \$\$\$
- Becoming a Publisher for the "Book of The Decade: A Chronicle of the 1st Decade"

And exploring any other ways you believe can support MIPAD in advancing the cause for People of African & Black Descent worldwide.

Join us for an unforgettable week as we celebrate our achievements, honor our rich heritage, and look forward to a brighter future. Together, let's make Recognition Week 2024 the best ever!



**Kamil Olufowobi**

Co-Founder & Inaugural CEO (2017-2024)

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# Co-Founder & Inaugural COO Message

As we mark the close of this decade and celebrate 7 years of our mission to recognize and honor the outstanding achievements of people of African descent in New York, I am overwhelmed with pride and gratitude.

What began as a simple idea to highlight the talent, resilience, and contributions of our community has transformed into a dynamic movement that continues to inspire and uplift.

Throughout these years, we have shared the stories of countless individuals who have broken barriers, enriched our cultural heritage, and made a lasting impact on a global scale. This milestone is not just a celebration of their successes but a testament to the power of unity and the significance of our shared history.

Our achievements have only been possible through the unwavering support of our team, the MIPAD network, our partners, and our dedicated volunteers. Together, we have built a platform that not only honors the past but also empowers the future. As we look forward, we renew our commitment to creating a world where the contributions of people of African descent are recognized, respected, and celebrated.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey. Here's to the next phase of recognition, empowerment, and progress.

**With deep appreciation,**



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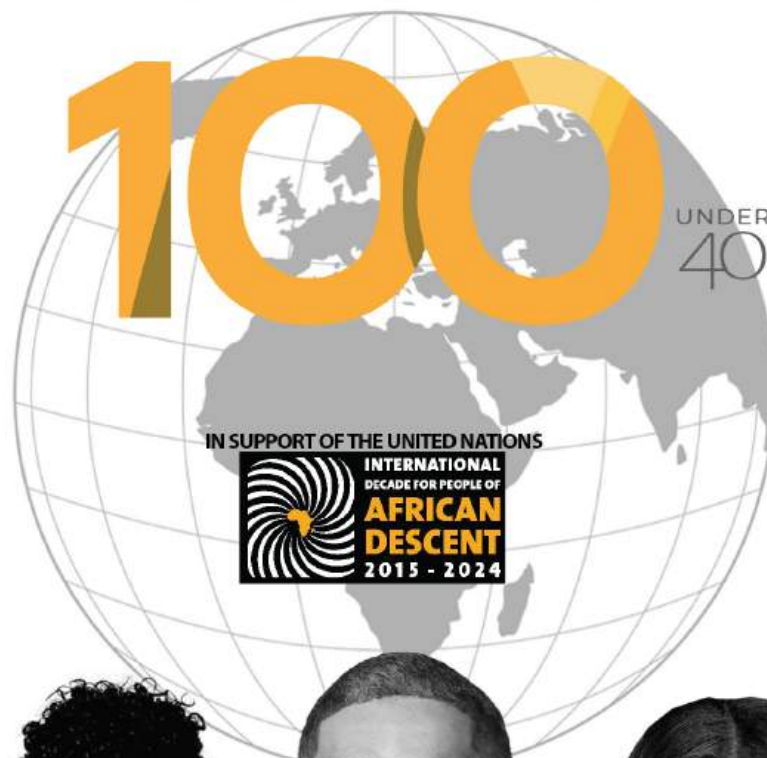
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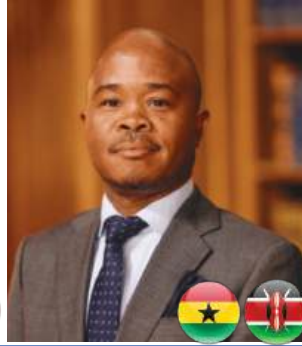
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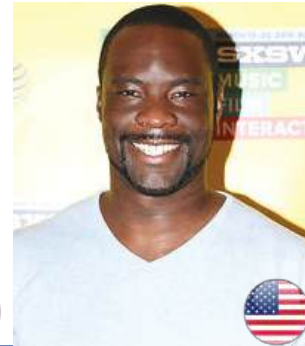
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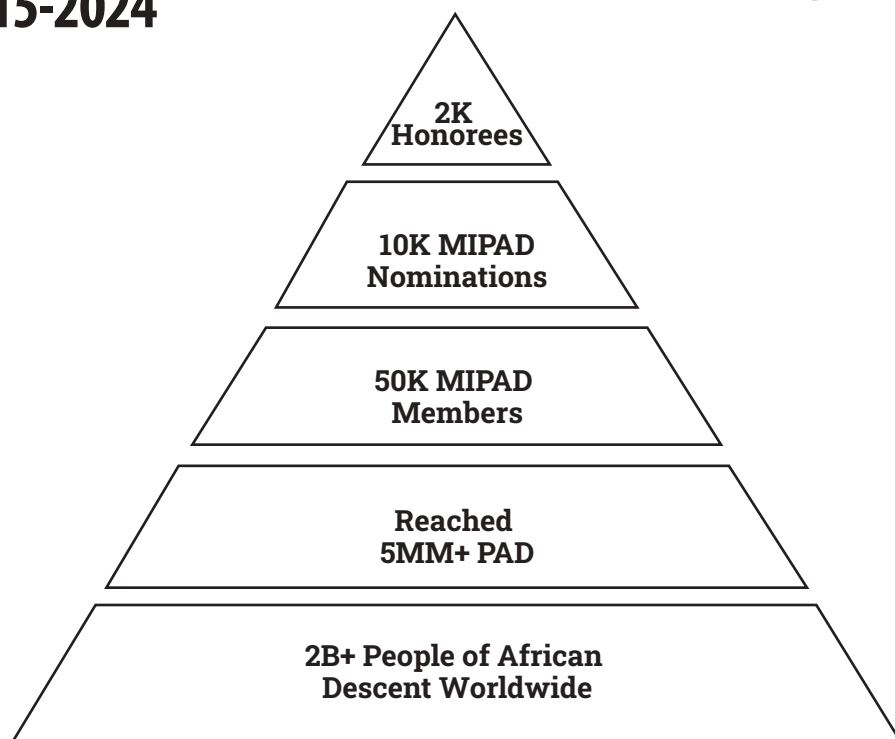


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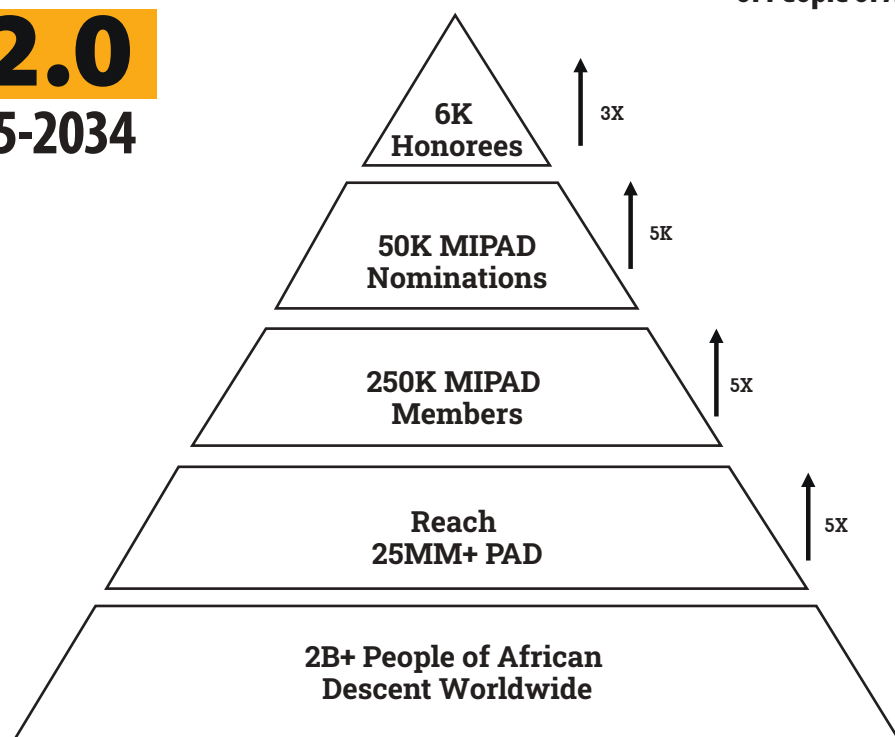
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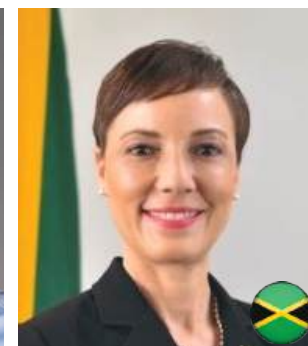
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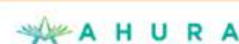
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## FROM NEW CEO

As I take on the role of CEO, I am inspired by the incredible foundation that MIPAD has built over the years. We've recognized, connected, and empowered individuals of African descent globally, laying the groundwork for a brighter and more connected future. Now, we embark on the next chapter—MIPAD 2.0—one that will not only continue our mission but amplify it.

Looking ahead, MIPAD 2.0 will focus on expanding our reach and deepening our impact. This means embracing digitization with our new app MIPAD Connects, franchising our model to new regions, amplifying more voices, and soon creating a MIPAD Marketplace to nurture Black-owned businesses and initiatives.

I am excited about what the future holds and want to give a special thanks to our existing and incoming team who are instrumental to the success of MIPAD, including our new **Chief Storyteller, Aziza**; our **Head of Talent, Angela**; **Head of Tech, Prince**; and our **Social Media, Comms & Training Leaders, Shalom, Dorcas and Naomi, our Country Leaders and More!**

Together, we will build on the legacy of the past decade and transform MIPAD into a truly global force for change and advancement. As we step into this new era, I ask you to join us in shaping the future of MIPAD. Whether through partnerships, advocacy, or by joining our team/board, your involvement will be key to our success.

Thank you for your support as we enter this new phase. Let's move forward with boldness, innovation, and a shared commitment to the upliftment of people of African descent around the world. With appreciation,



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