

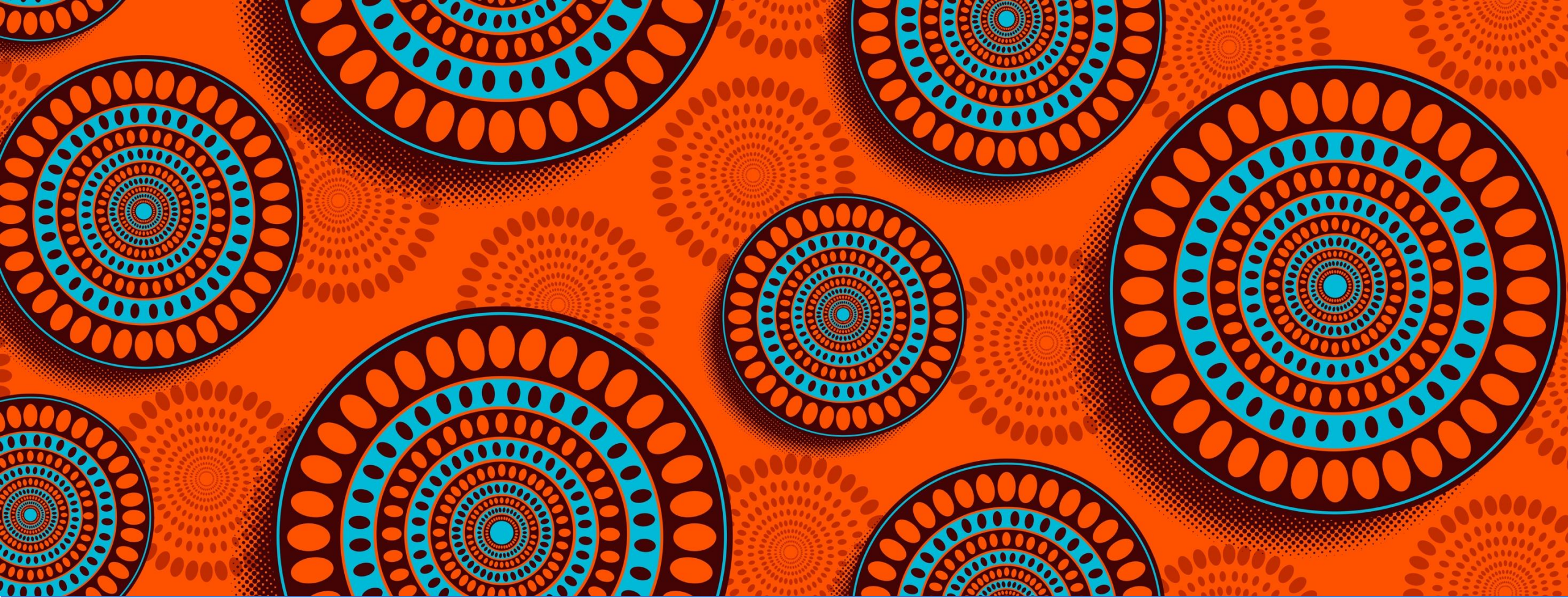


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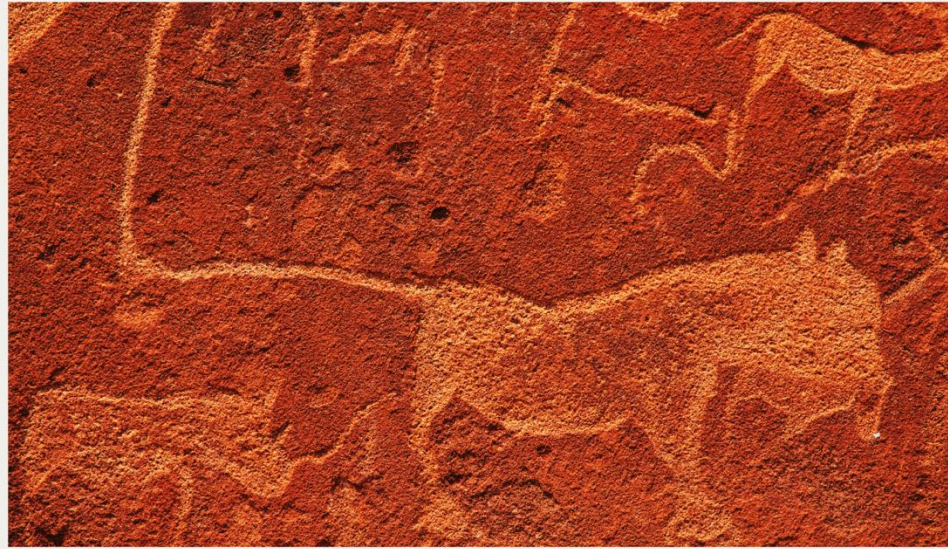
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GENESIS EPISTEMOLOGIES

ORIGINS, SYNCRETISM, AND HUMAN EVOLUTION IN AFRICA



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9:00 AM



REGISTER HERE:

The conference seeks to foster discussion on origins syncretism, the place of Africa's indigenous origins narratives, multivocality, knowledge co-production, and meaning-making in African prehistory research.

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NOVEMBER 7 – 9, 2024

Genesis Epistemologies: Origins, Syncretism, and Human Evolution in Africa Conference

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4:30 PM — 5:00 PM EST

NOV 7, 2024





CHINUA ACHEBE LEADERSHIP IN AFRICA FORUM

ORGANIZED BY YALE COUNCIL ON AFRICAN STUDIES & THE CHRISTIE AND CHINUA ACHEBE FOUNDATION

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

CHIEF OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, GCFR
Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



SELESHI B. AWULACHEW, MP

Advisor of Prime Minister at Rank of
Minister, Former Minister
of Water, Irrigation, & Energy of Ethiopia



OBIAGELI EZEKWESILI

President, Human Capital Africa, Founder &
Chairperson of
#FixPoliticsInitiative and SPPG
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ROBIE KAKONGE

Ambassador of the Republic of Uganda to
the United States



PETER OBI

Former Governor, Anambra State, Nigeria



DR. ALEX C. OTTI OFR

Governor, Abia State, Nigeria



RAWIA TAWFIK

Visiting Scholar, Yale Council on African Studies



BISA WILLIAMS

U.S. Ambassador (ret), Senior Fellow, Jackson
School of Global Affairs

Chinua Achebe Leadership in Africa Forum

NOVEMBER 15, 2024

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Chinua Achebe Leadership in Africa Forum

November 15, 2024





The Black Indian Ocean

Slavery, Religion, and Expressive
Cultures (1400-1700)

April 2-3, 2025, 9:00 AM EST

Organized by Janie Cole



Arab dhow with East Africans from Al-Hariri Maqamat (13th century)

A two-day webinar and interdisciplinary conference organized by [Dr. Janie Cole](#) (University of Connecticut) as a second exploration into the Black Indian Ocean following the groundbreaking [Yale ISM symposium](#) in 2024

The conference explores new perspectives on the impact of slavery, religions, migration and displacement across the Indian Ocean on Afro-Asian communities and their expressive cultures in the early modern world (1400-1700). It aims to uncover the untold musical histories of migration and migratory histories of artistic and material cultures of Afro-Asian communities in the Indian Ocean world and its diasporas, how these mobilities can be identified in various cultural manifestations, and how expressive cultures and ritual articulated identity, self-fashioning, community and resistance to human rights' violations.

The event will culminate in a live performance by the Afro-Asian [Kukutana Ensemble](#) (founded by Janie Cole) of *Gabriel's Odyssey*, a musical and visual narrative of slavery, conversion, persecution, and resilience from a 16th-century Indian Ocean world, at Yale Luce Hall on April 4, 2025, 7.30pm.

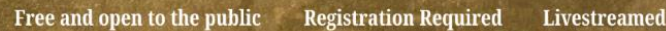
Gabriel's Odyssey is a vibrant narrative that tells the true 16th-century story of Gabriel, a Beta Israel Ethiopian Jew, who was abducted as a young child and sold into slavery in the Arab world, and his woeful wanderings between faiths, love and persecution in Asia to his final encounter with the Portuguese Inquisition in Goa, as based on historical reconstructions by [Matteo Salvatore](#). Drawing on imaginary and sumptuous soundscapes, visuals and voices of an early modern Indian Ocean world, Gabriel's life represents a universal story of oppression, faith, migration and self-fashioning like the experiences of countless other early modern Africans.

Virtual International Conference on The Black Indian Ocean: Slavery, Religion, and Expressive Cultures (1400-1700)

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APRIL 4, 2025



Gabriel's Odyssey Kukutana Ensemble



APRIL 4, 2025



African Ephemera and the Archives

Friday, March 28, 2025, 9 am–2:30 pm

Sterling Memorial Library Lecture Hall/Memorabilia Room

ALL WELCOME!

This symposium will ask about the status of ephemera in African literary and cultural studies. How useful is “ephemera” as a category for thinking about African art forms? How do definitions of ephemera change when materials are collected and preserved in institutional archives?



RSVP — To ensure you get refreshments and lunch, please scan the QR code or click this image to register for the symposium by March 25

This symposium is run in conjunction with the exhibition, “‘Street Talk’: Pamphlet Literature of the Nigerian Marketplace”, Hanke Gallery at Sterling Memorial Library, curated by Thobile Ndimande. The organizers wish to thank the following for their generous support: Beinecke Library, Yale MacMillan Center Council on African Studies, and the Whitney Humanities Center.

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SYMPOSIUM 2025

**Africa's Next Chapter:
Knowledge, Policy, and
Innovation**

APRIL 11, 12:30-5:30 PM

LUCE HALL AUDITORIUM
34 HILLHOUSE AVENUE, NEW HAVEN CT 06511

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT 5:30PM
LUCE COMMON ROOM

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SEPT 18	Jacob Olupona (Havard University) In the Twilight of Time: Chief Lóòghò Bámátùlá, a Biography of an African Medicine Man
SEPT 25	Christopher Tounsel (University of Washington) Call to Brotherhood: The Nation of Islam and the Sudan
OCT 23	Rawia Tawfik (Council on African Studies, Yale University) Losing another front in Africa? America's self-defeating policy in Sudan
NOV 6	Claudia Gastrow (North Carolina State University) The Aesthetics of Belonging: Indigenous urbanism and city building in oil-boom Luanda
DEC 4	Kevin Donovan (University of Edinburgh) The Moneychanger State

LECTURE
SERIES

Yemiamrew Jorgi Teferi
(Yale University)
Identity History from Below: An Ethnographic Account of Wollo-Borena in Ethiopia
Jan 29, 2025

Benjamin Wendorf
(Quinsigamond Community College)
Ruling the Road in the Gold Coast
Feb 12, 2025

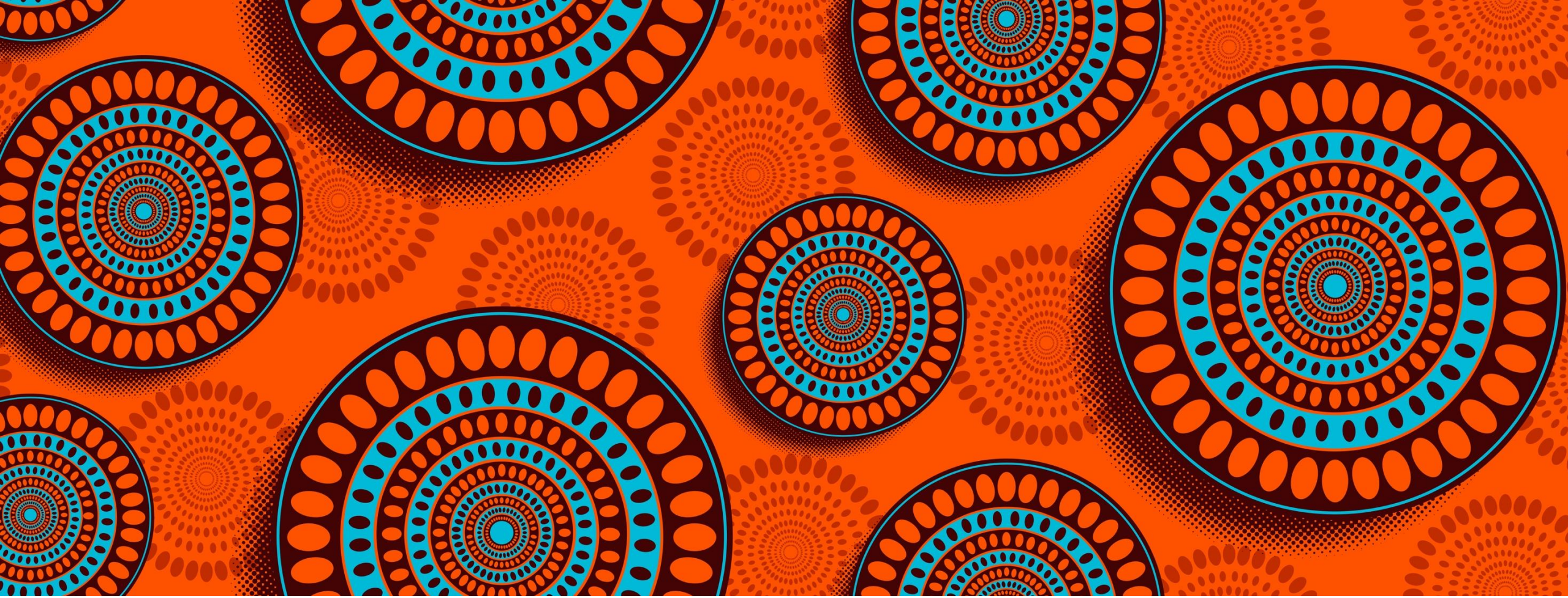
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Lecture Series
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Feb 26, 2025
Anooradha Siddiqi
(University of Alabama)
Partitions, Enclosures, and their Afterlives: Humanitarian Settlement in East Africa

Apr 9, 2025
Uchenna Okeja
(Yale University)
Migration, Health Inequalities, and Global Justice

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Entrepreneurship in Africa

NOVEMBER 14, 2025



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Founder, iKineoVentures



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Network Africa Foundation



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Chairman, Polaris Bank
Executive Director and Chief
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April 4, 2025



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