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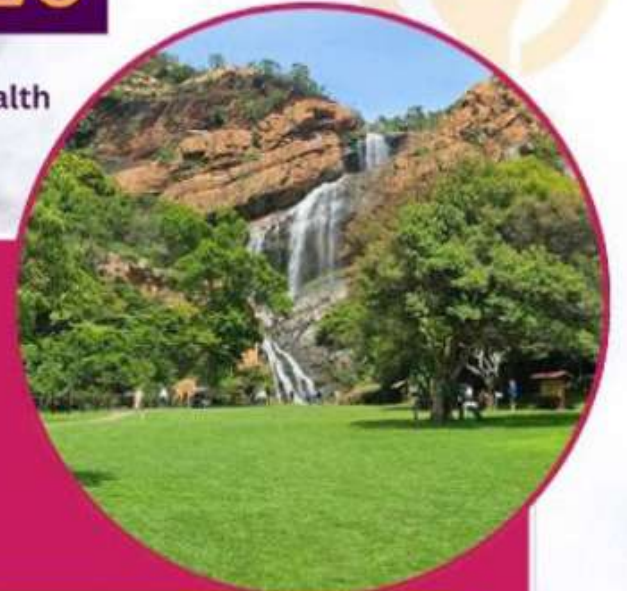


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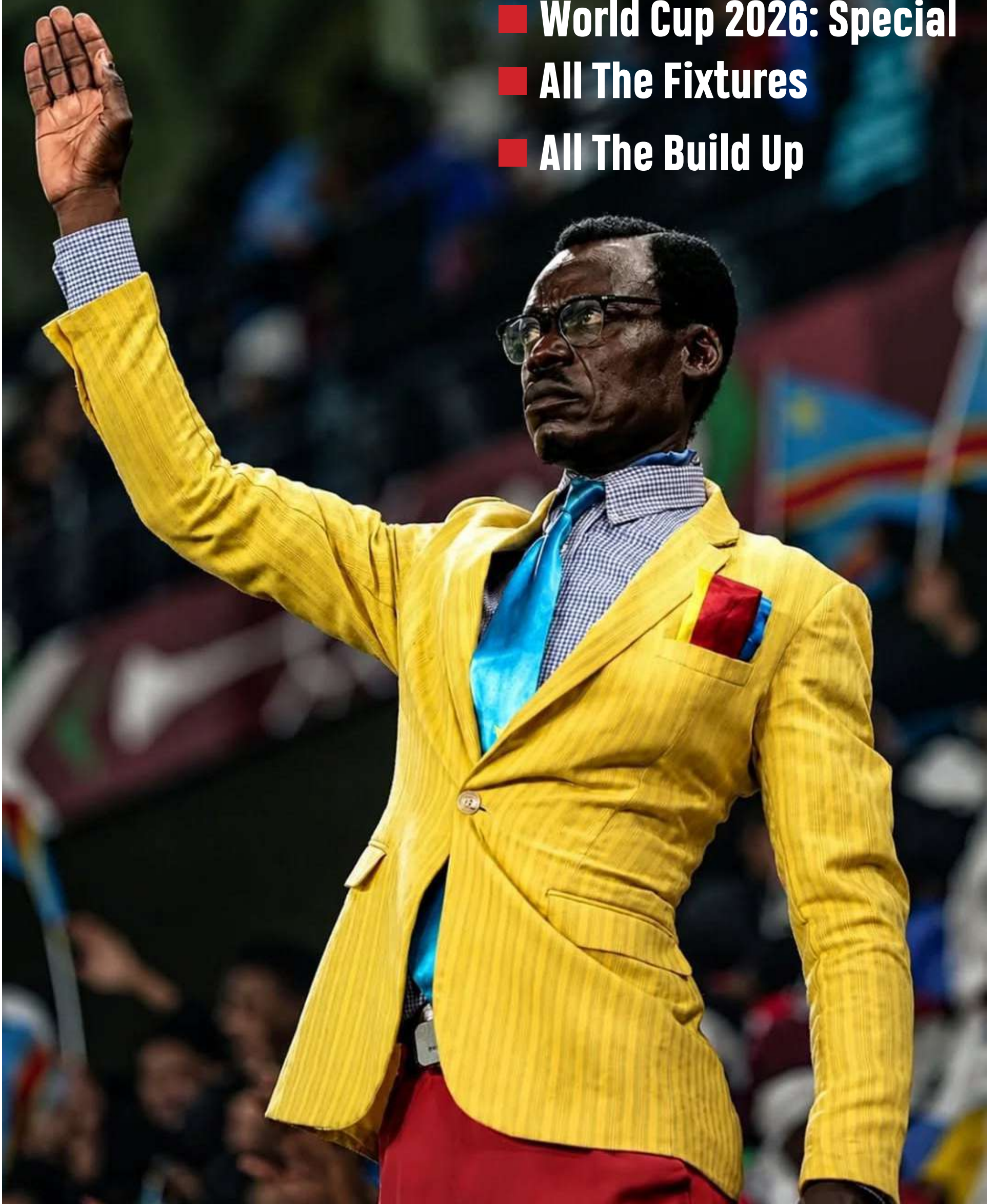


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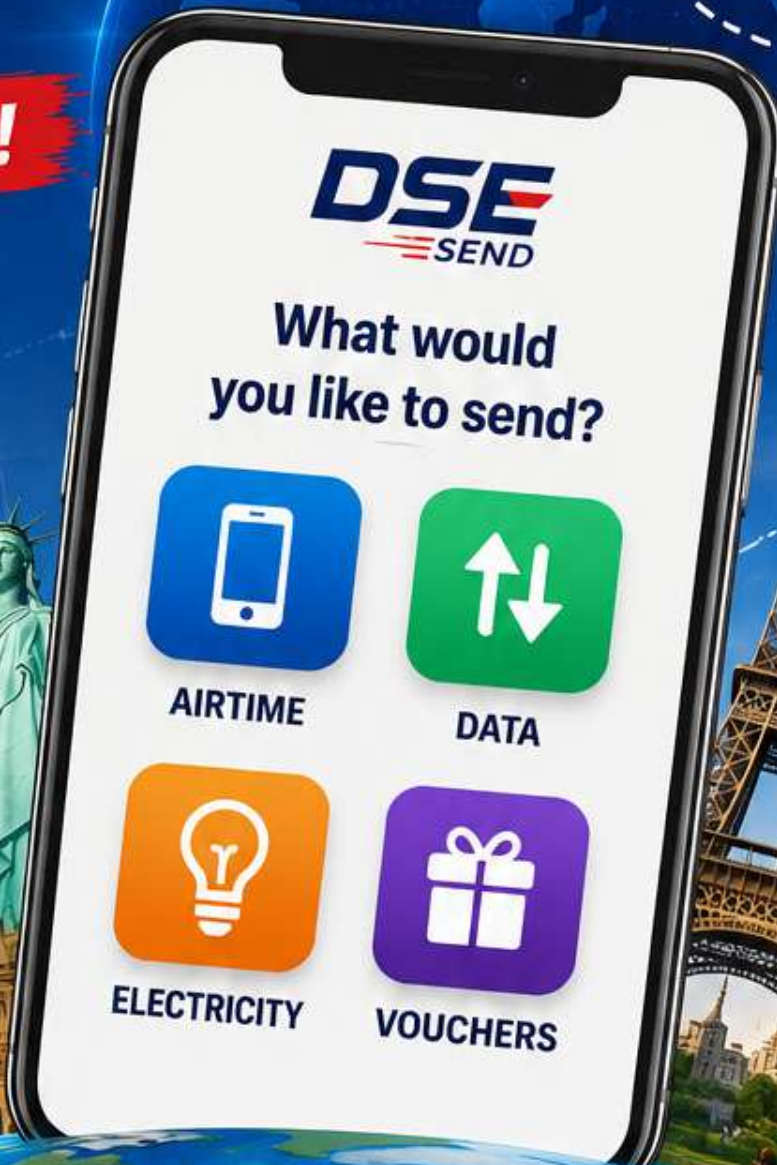
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African Teams At the **Fifa 2026 World Cup**: A Blend Of Experience And Talent

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Africa arrives at the 2026 FIFA World Cup with a record ten representatives after an impressive qualifying campaign. The continent will be represented by Morocco, Senegal, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, South Africa, Cabo Verde and DR Congo. Their coaches and captains bring a blend of experience, leadership and ambition as Africa looks to build on Morocco's historic run to the 2022 semi-finals.

Morocco Chasing Another Historic Run

Morocco shocked the football world four years ago by reaching the semi-finals. Led by coach Mohammed Ouahbi and captain Achraf Hakimi, the Atlas Lions enter the tournament carrying the hopes of a continent. Their defensive organization and tournament experience make them one of Africa's strongest contenders.

Senegal Seeking Long Awaited Breakthrough

Senegal remain one of Africa's most consistent teams. Coach Pape Thiaw has inherited a talented squad led by captain Kalidou Koulibaly. The Lions of Teranga possess quality across the pitch and will be aiming to surpass their quarter-final appearance from 2002.

Salah Leading Egypt's New Challenge

Egypt return to the World Cup under coach Hossam Hassan with Mohamed Salah wearing the captain's armband. The Liverpool star remains the nation's biggest weapon and will be expected to inspire the Pharaohs in crucial matches.

Algeria Banking On Experienced Stars

Algeria arrive with a squad built around seasoned internationals. Coach Vladimir Petkovic and captain Riyad Mahrez know what it takes to perform on the biggest stage. Their experience could

prove vital in navigating a difficult tournament.

Tunisia Hoping To Surprise Rivals

Tunisia have often been underestimated at World Cups. Coach Sabri Lamouchi and captain Youssef Msakni will seek to guide the Eagles of Carthage beyond the group stage. Their disciplined style makes them a dangerous opponent.

Ghana Back Under Global Spotlight

Ghana's qualification has reignited excitement among supporters. Veteran coach Carlos Queiroz leads the Black Stars, while Jordan Ayew captains the side. Ghana's history of producing memorable World Cup moments makes them one of Africa's most intriguing teams.

Ivory Coast Riding Continental Momentum

African champions Côte d'Ivoire arrive with confidence. Coach Emerse Faé transformed the Elephants into continental champions and captain Franck Kessié provides leadership in midfield. Their recent success suggests they could challenge the world's elite.

South Africa Returning With Confidence

South Africa are back on football's biggest stage after a lengthy absence. Coach Hugo Broos has overseen significant progress, while captain Ronwen Williams has emerged as one of Africa's most reliable goalkeepers. Expectations are rising around Bafana Bafana.

Cabo Verde Enjoying Historic Debut

Cabo Verde are preparing for their first-ever World Cup appearance. Coach Bubista and captain Ryan Mendes have already made history

by reaching the finals. Their fearless approach could make them one of the tournament's surprise packages.

Congo DR Ready For Opportunity

DR Congo completed Africa's line-up after securing qualification and now head to North America under coach Sebastien Desabre. Captain Chancel Mbemba brings experience and leadership as the Leopards look to make a lasting impression on their long-awaited return.

As the World Cup begins, Africa's ten representatives will aim to show that the continent's football is stronger than ever. With experienced coaches, influential captains and growing belief, the possibility of another historic African run remains one of the tournament's most compelling storylines.

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Media Star: DRC To Travel With Motionless Football Supporter: Lumumba Vea

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Johannesburg:

As the Democratic Republic of Congo prepares for its highly anticipated FIFA World Cup 2026 campaign, one of the country's most recognizable football supporters is set to make history alongside the national team. Michel Kuka Mboladinga, popularly known as "Lumumba Vea," has been confirmed as part of the Leopards' World Cup delegation, a move that has generated excitement among football fans across the nation and beyond.

Here are ten fascinating facts about the beloved supporter and his remarkable journey to the world's biggest football tournament.

1. He Is One of Africa's Most Famous Football Fans

For years, Michel Kuka Mboladinga has become a familiar face at football matches involving the Democratic Republic of Congo. His unique appearance and unwavering commitment to supporting the national team have transformed him into one of Africa's most celebrated football supporters.

2. His Nickname Honors a National Hero

Mboladinga is widely known as "Lumumba Vea" because of his dedication to preserving the memory of Patrice Lumumba, the country's independence hero and first Prime Minister. His public appearances often serve as a tribute to Lumumba's legacy and the values of patriotism and national pride.

3. He Became Famous for Standing Motionless

Unlike most football supporters who sing, dance, and cheer throughout matches, Lumumba Vea gained international attention for his extraordinary practice

of standing completely still for extended periods. His motionless stance symbolizes respect, remembrance, and devotion to the nation.

4. He Recently Attended DR Congo's Friendly Against Denmark

Before the World Cup, Lumumba Vea was present during DR Congo's international friendly match against Denmark. Although the game ended in a goalless draw, spectators were once again amazed by his commitment. Reports indicated that he remained in his iconic memorial pose throughout the entire 90-minute match.

5. Players Personally Requested His Presence at the World Cup

The decision to bring Lumumba Vea to the FIFA World Cup did not come from supporters alone. Members of the national team reportedly requested that he accompany the squad to the tournament.

The players view him as a symbol of inspiration and a representation of the millions of Congolese fans supporting them from home.

6. All His Expenses Will Be Covered

One of the most remarkable aspects of the arrangement is that Lumumba Vea will not have to worry about travel costs. His flights, accommodation, meals, transportation, and match tickets will all be fully funded, ensuring he can focus entirely on supporting the Leopards during their historic World Cup adventure.

7. The Plan Received Presidential Approval

The initiative gained even greater significance after receiving approval from President Félix Tshisekedi. The authorization reflects the importance many Congolese attach to Lumumba Vea's role as a national symbol and cultural ambassador.

8. He Represents More Than Football

For many citizens, Lumumba Vea's significance extends beyond sport. His dedication has come to represent unity, perseverance, and national identity. In a country with diverse cultures and communities, his presence has become a powerful reminder of the values that bring people together.

9. He Is Expected to Attract Global Media Attention

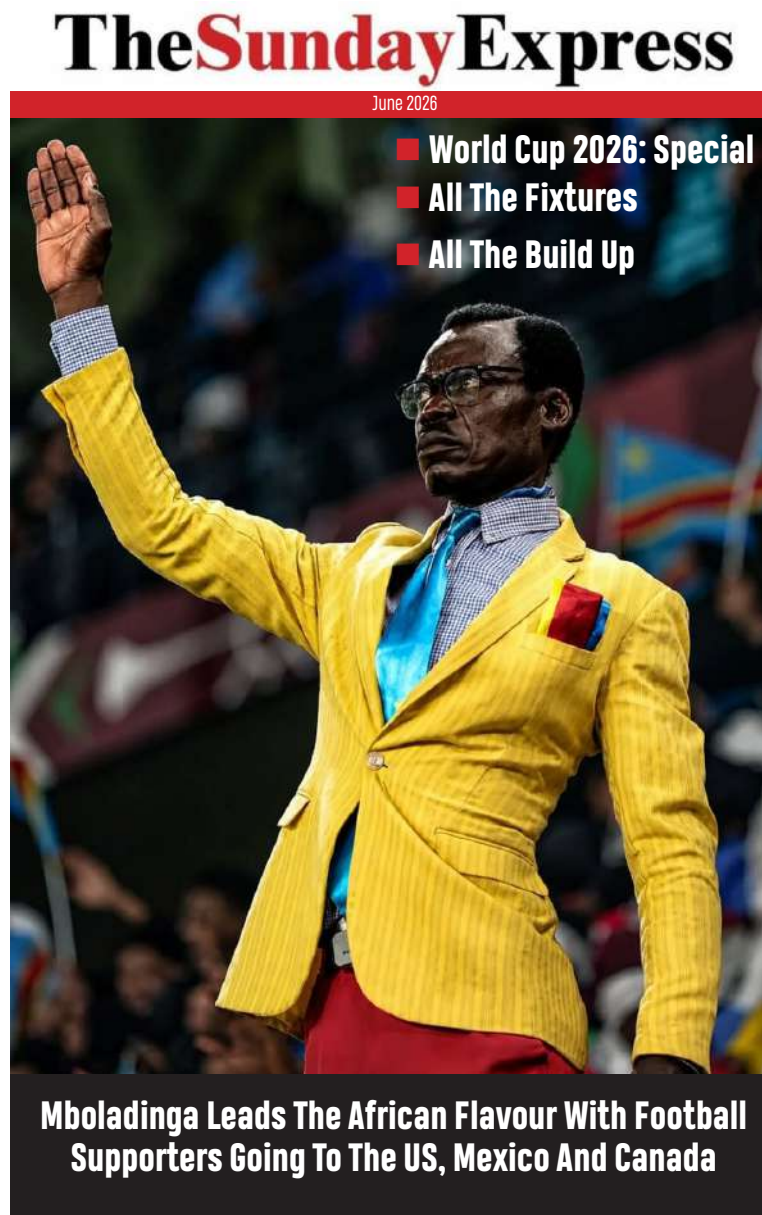
The FIFA World Cup is the most watched sporting event on the planet, and Lumumba Vea's distinctive style of support is expected to draw significant interest from international media organizations. His story is likely to be featured alongside those of other iconic football supporters from around the world.

10. He Will Be Part of a Historic Moment for DR Congo

Above all, Mboladinga's trip represents a historic chapter in Congolese football. As the Leopards seek to make their mark on the global stage, one of their most devoted supporters will be there every step of the way. His presence serves as a reminder that football is not only about players and results but also about the passionate fans whose loyalty helps shape a nation's sporting identity.

As excitement builds ahead of FIFA World Cup 2026, Michel Kuka Mboladinga's journey has become a story of dedication, patriotism, and unwavering support. Whether standing silently in the stadium or inspiring millions watching from home, Lumumba Vea is set to become one of the most memorable figures associated with DR Congo's World Cup campaign. For many supporters, his inclusion in the delegation is a fitting reward for years of loyalty and a powerful symbol of the bond between the national team and the people it represents.

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Up Close And Personal With **Samm07**: The Ten Things That You Missed

DSE News Radio

This week we sit down with one of the most versatile media personalities, and if ever you were wondering who is that jovial and affable gentleman who is rocking up the airwaves on Radio3000 with the programme *Zimbo Gogoi*:

Here are: the ten things that you didn't know about Samm07:

1 Who is Samm07, as a young man growing up in Geneva (Luveve), and now finding himself in Newcastle?

I trafficked Gulukudwane Street in Luveve 5 clad in the alarming blue and white shirt of Mafakela Primary School. I was on street corners playing football with Sasqo, CALVIN Nhliziyo, and Patrick. My dreams resonate around football with hints of a love for radio and music as an avid viewer of *Ezomgido*, which comes to life when John Phiri comes to visit his parents on the same street we lived on.

The human attribute of media practising is reinforced by my Uncle Kelvin Sifelani, who I hear on the radio and see on TV—an attribute that pivots the mind on the reality of media.

2 The media bug, and how it bit you

The media bug most likely got me when I was twelve years old and attended auditions for KIDZNET at Montrose Studios in Bulawayo. Crazy enough, I approached the set as the news anchor Hugo Ribatiko, and yet so many moons later it's only recently that I have started reading what would be news.

3 The Highveld Chronicle Years

The notion is always that the best years are now. HDC brought a reality that had been stifled by the rigid policies and framework in Zimbabwe to start a tabloid newspaper.

With all the skills and passions in place, South Africa became fer-



tile ground to seed the passions in media, and partnering with Abram Dlakude proved to be the right model in the moment for the publication to bloom. At its peak, it was distributing 20,000 copies of a 12-16 page weekly tabloid. Highveld Chronicle woke me up to the now in presence and awareness to the moment.

4 Radio3000: Did you find the radio station, or the radio station find you?

The greatest assets in this world for me are relationships; that truly is the root of our experience with Radio3000.co.zw. In the moment, the cornering of our current experience on the platform states that we found each other with the station.

From the folds of freedoms facilitated in broadcasts to the functioning models in content curation, the cause of Radio3000 and that of Samm07 is coupling smoothly in this chapter of the journey.

5 Foods

I love now what I detested as a child; I love African traditional foods and fruits. I lived on Umkojombo and Isindambe from Binga.

That, my brother, is real food that feeds the body and the soul.

6 Sports

I am colonised into football by Bruce Grobbelaar. I played rugby, baseball, hockey, and football at school, but the best experience was on the 22.

7 The future of radio and the media in general

I believe, in this ever-changing environment, it's crucial for media practitioners to remain adaptable and open to innovation. The integration of artificial intelligence, for instance, is already reshaping how content is created, curated, and consumed.

AI-driven analytics provide deeper insights into audience preferences, enabling more personalized and relevant programming. Moreover, the emphasis on storytelling remains at the heart of successful media endeavors.

Whether through traditional radio or new media formats, the power of a compelling narrative is what truly captivates and inspires listeners. As we move forward, I am excited to be part of this vibrant ecosystem, where creativity meets

technology, and where the stories we tell can make a meaningful impact on society.

8 Your views about Artificial Intelligence

"AI is an incredible tool that is reshaping the technical landscape, but it can never replace the heart of broadcasting: true human connection. What makes radio magical is its unpredictability—how an unexpected listener call or a brilliant song choice can suddenly take a show in a completely different direction.

AI can script a show, but it can't replicate that spontaneous, human magic." I Sammu07 do indicate that some of the responses from here on are Ai generated kkkk

9 Your views about the future of humanity

I'm an optimist at heart. I truly believe that storytelling, culture, and shared experiences can help humanity bridge gaps, no matter the distance. My aim on air is to cultivate an environment where people feel both entertained and enlightened.

By prioritising community and promoting personal growth, the future appears immensely promising.

10 Shout out to the networks

"A massive shout out to the incredible listeners tuning into Radio 3000 across the globe, and my highly active communities on Facebook, TikTok, and WhatsApp who keep me grounded and inspired every single day! One love to Alouette Boys '03, and a huge inspiration goes out to veteran Zimbabwean media personalities like Kelvin Sifelani and John Phiri, who taught me what 'companion radio' is all about. And to any aspiring broadcasters out there: Don't wait for a big station to hand you a microphone. Start with what you have, use your phone, create content, and find your own authentic voice!"

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A Father's Proud Journey, A Nation's Story: Zimbabwe's Youths Thriving In Poland

Kennedy Mapesa Mandaza

Recently I travelled to witness the graduation of my daughter in Poland, and what began as a simple journey of parental pride unfolded into a profound reflection on beauty, resilience, and the quiet determination of Zimbabwean youth scattered across the world.

Poland greeted me with a charm I had underestimated — its cobbled streets, serene lakes, gothic cathedrals, and cities that blend history with modern ambition.

Yet beyond the scenery, what struck me most was the generosity of a nation willing to educate thousands of foreign students, including our children from Zimbabwe, despite Polish being their official language. Their universities open doors without hesitation, offering world-class education to young people who arrive with hope, courage, and sometimes nothing more than a dream and a winter jacket too thin for the brutal cold.

And yes — the cold. Our Zimbabwean children endure win-

ters that bite through bone, temperatures that plunge far below anything we know back home, and long nights that test their resolve. Still, they push on. They study. They excel. They adapt. They shine.

Inside the graduation hall, the moment the names were called, the atmosphere transformed. The cheers were thunderous, the ululation unmistakably Zimbabwean — a sound that echoed across the hall like a heartbeat from home. In that instant, I felt the weight of distance and the warmth of belonging. I was a proud Zimbabwean father, far from home but surrounded by the spirit of my people.

Among the class of 2026 stood my daughter, my own shining star — who, against all odds, completed her studies with grace and determination. Her journey mirrored that of thousands of Zimbabwean youths in Poland today, a community now estimated to exceed 20,000. Their presence is no longer a trickle; it is a wave.

Yet beneath the joy of graduation lies a quiet, painful truth. Many of these young graduates long to return home

after three years abroad. They miss their families, their culture, their sunshine, their identity. But they fear becoming part of Zimbabwe's ever-growing unemployment statistics. They fear returning to a system that cannot yet absorb their skills, energy, or ambition. And so they stay abroad — not out of disloyalty, but out of necessity.

What a loss for Zimbabwe. What a waste of young, energetic, skilled minds who could be building industries, strengthening institutions, and shaping the future of our nation.

This growing diaspora in Poland — resilient, dedicated, and determined — deserves recognition and support. Their numbers alone justify the urgent need for a Zimbabwean embassy or consulate in Poland.

With over 20,000 citizens navigating visas, legal matters, academic transitions, emergencies, and cultural integration, the absence of official representation is no longer sustainable. A consulate would not only serve administrative needs but also

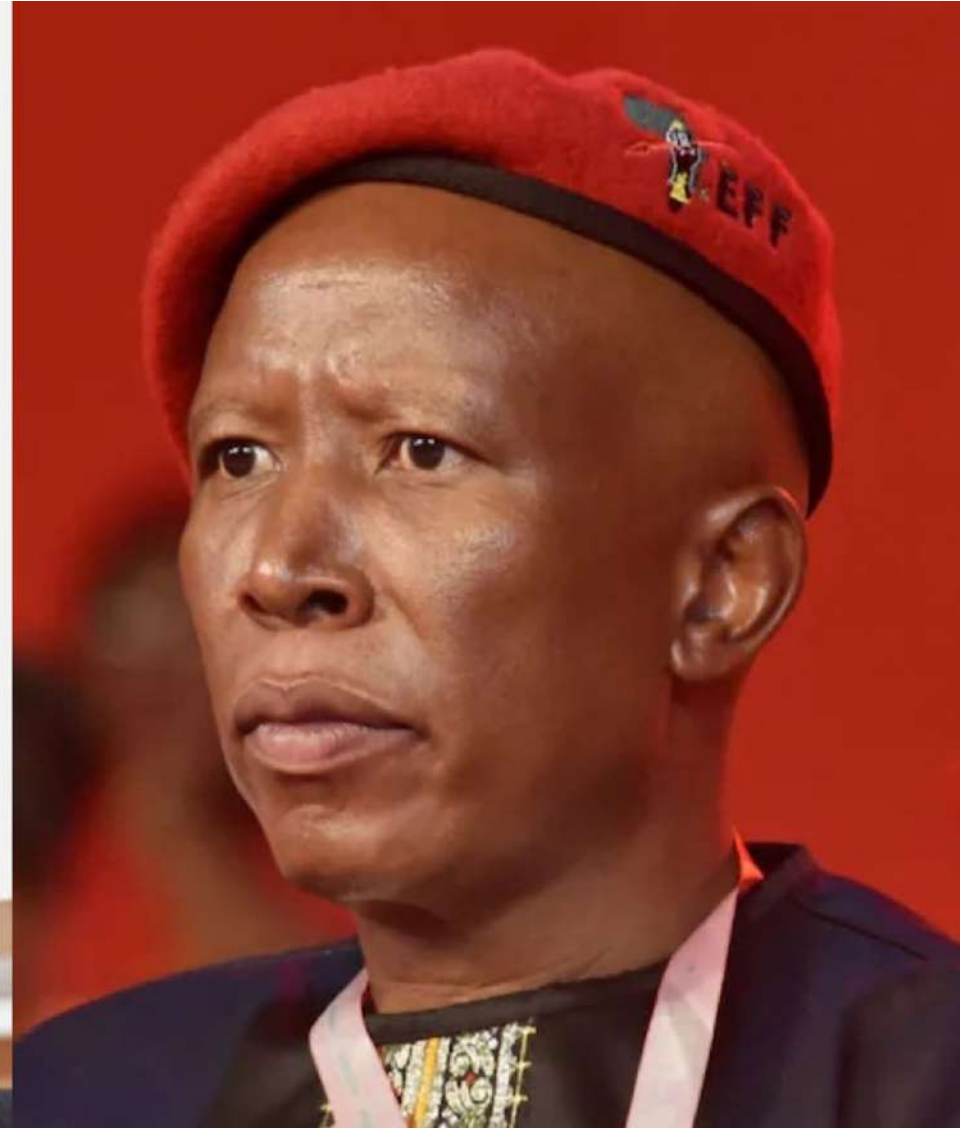
affirm that Zimbabwe sees, values, and supports its global citizens.

Our youths are proving themselves across the world. They are disciplined. They are brilliant. They are unstoppable. They carry Zimbabwe in their hearts even when circumstances force them to build their futures elsewhere.

And as I watched my daughter walk elegantly across that stage — confident, accomplished, and ready for the world — I felt a pride that words can barely hold. She is one of many, but to me she is everything. A symbol of what Zimbabwean resilience looks like when given a chance.

A proud father.
A proud Zimbabwean.
And a witness to a generation that refuses to be defined by limitation.

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Ngizwe Mchunu **Apologises** To Julius Malema

IOI News

Ngizwe Mchunu has issued an unreserved public apology to the High Court and EFF leader Julius Malema after being found guilty of contempt of court for violating previous court orders that barred him from repeating certain allegations and insults directed at the opposition politician.

The contempt finding stems from a series of statements in which Mchunu accused Malema of receiving money from Nigerian drug dealers and illegal foreign nationals, and alleged he benefited from corruption linked to VBS Mutual Bank and On Point Engineering. He also referred to him as a “dog”, a “political devil” and a “dead snake”.

The court found that Mchunu unlawfully republished the prohibited statements on May 20 and 21, 2026, despite earlier orders restraining him from doing so.

The Gauteng Division of the High Court in Pretoria, sitting before Judge Labuschagne on June 5, 2026, found Mchunu guilty of contempt of court for intentionally disobeying orders issued by Judge Khumalo on May 12 and Acting Judge Lukhaimane on May 19, 2026.

As part of the order, the court issued a warrant for Mchunu’s arrest and a 10-day custodial sentence. However, the warrant was suspended on condition that he complies with several requirements, including publishing an unreserved apology on all social media platforms on which he has been active over the past six months, and distributing the apology to media organisations that carried the statements.

In his apology, Mchunu acknowledged the seriousness of his conduct and accepted the authority of the judiciary.

“I have carefully considered the

ramifications of my conduct, in particular taking into account the influence I command in the Republic of South Africa,” Mchunu said.

“It is my duty as a leader to always exhibit exemplary conduct. Such conduct shall include respecting the decisions of this Honourable Court.”

Mchunu further acknowledged the court’s finding against him.

“It is common cause that this Honourable Court has found me guilty of contempt of court for my failure to comply with paragraph 3 of the orders granted by Judge Khumalo and Acting Judge Lukhaimane respectively,” he stated.

Mchunu said he now understands that court orders are binding and must be obeyed.

“I am mindful of the fact that such court orders are binding and must be obeyed by all persons to whom they apply, and I further acknowl-

edge that compliance with a court order is fundamental to the administration of justice.”

Expressing remorse, Mchunu pledged to refrain from further attacks on both Malema and the judiciary.

“I am remorseful for my contemptuous conduct, and I confirm that, in keeping with the court order, I will refrain from issuing any disparaging statements against the applicant and will not display any disrespect towards this Honourable Court.”

Mchunu also apologised directly to Malema and formally retracted the remarks that gave rise to the legal dispute.

“I take this opportunity to profusely apologise to Mr Julius Sello Malema, the President of the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF),” he said.

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“Mama, I Made It” – From Selling Vegetables In The Village, To Female Entrepreneur Of The Year

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For a brief moment, time stood still. As her name echoed across the awards venue announcing her as the winner of the Female Entrepreneur of the Year South Africa–Zimbabwe Award, years of sacrifice, struggle, faith, and perseverance came flooding back in an instant.

The applause was deafening, the lights bright, and cameras flashing — but her mind travelled far away from the glamour of the evening — and to the village — o her childhood.

Back to a widowed mother selling vegetables to survive. “My first thought was my mother,” she said emotionally after receiving the award. “Deep inside I just wanted to say, ‘Mama, I made it.’”

Behind the elegance of the awards night lies a deeply African story of resilience — a story not born in boardrooms or privilege, but in survival, faith, and relentless hard work.

Long before she became a respected entrepreneur in accounting and real estate, she was a little girl selling vegetables in the village alongside her mother.

“I learned how to count money before I properly learned how to count numbers in school,” she recalled with a smile. Those early years shaped the foundation of the woman she would later become.

“My mother taught me faith in God, hard work, and persistence. Everything I am today was built on those lessons.” After qualifying as a professional accountant and completing her articles and board examinations, she made a bold decision that would define her future — entrepreneurship instead of employment.

In 2011, she founded her accounting firm. Nearly a decade later, in 2020, she expanded into the real estate sector, steadily



building businesses across borders in Southern Africa. But the journey was far from glamorous. “Entrepreneurship is not for the faint-hearted,” she said candidly.

“There were many moments I felt like giving up.” Like countless entrepreneurs, she battled marketing pressures, cash-flow challenges, sales uncertainty, and the constant struggle of finding reliable employees. The price of building

something meaningful often demanded long hours and personal sacrifice.

“I work extremely long hours, often six or seven days a week. Apart from church and prayer time, much of my life has been dedicated to building the vision.”

Yet even in moments of exhaustion and doubt, she refused to surrender. “Hard work and persistence

are still undefeated,” she said firmly. “People look for shortcuts, but consistency remains one of the greatest advantages in life.”

As a female entrepreneur operating in competitive industries, she says women still face unique obstacles many people fail to recognise.

“Women are expected to succeed in business while also carrying enormous family and home responsibilities,” she explained. “Many women are building businesses while carrying emotional and caregiving burdens that people rarely see.”

She also spoke openly about being underestimated because she is a woman, Black, and sometimes perceived as an outsider. “Sometimes people quietly expect you to underdeliver before you have even spoken,” she said. “But eventually you stop trying to convince people with words and let your results speak for you.”

For her, the award is bigger than personal achievement. It represents possibility for women across Africa. “It proves that women are not just participating in business — they are leading, innovating, and succeeding at the highest levels.”

Receiving a South Africa–Zimbabwe award carries special significance for her. “It reminds me that opportunities are not confined by borders,” she said. “Africans must work together, trade together, and fight poverty together.”

Despite the growing recognition, she remains deeply grounded in her Christian faith, which she says guides both her leadership and business decisions. “With God, nothing is impossible,” she said. “God blesses the work of our hands.”

Now, her vision stretches far beyond awards and recognition. She dreams of expanding her businesses across multiple countries while helping others rise alongside her.

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Ten Misconceptions About Artificial Intelligence And Content Creation

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Many content creators who succeed with AI treat it as a productivity tool rather than a replacement for creativity, expertise, or audience relationships.

But here are the ten most common misconceptions

1 AI Will Replace All Content Creators Completely

A common fear is that AI will replace human content creators entirely. While AI can generate text, images, audio, and video quickly, it cannot replicate human originality, taste, storytelling, or strategic thinking. Human creators bring nuance, emotion, and personal experience that AI cannot imitate. In practice, successful creators use AI as a productivity tool, enhancing creativity without surrendering their role. AI supports and amplifies human work rather than replacing the essential human perspective behind meaningful content.

2 You Can Make Passive Income Effortlessly

Many marketing claims suggest AI can generate unlimited income automatically. Ads promise that blogs, videos, books, and courses can bring passive revenue with minimal effort. The reality is different. Most AI content earns little unless creators apply marketing, audience-building, and promotion skills. AI speeds up production but does not replace strategic effort. Successful creators combine AI efficiency with consistent audience engagement and expertise to make content profitable. Passive income requires planning and human creativity, not just automation.

3 AI Content Automatically Ranks On Search Engines

Some believe AI-generated content will rank high on search engines by default. Search platforms prioritize quality, relevance, and originality, not automation alone. Low-quality AI content may be ignored or penalized. Effective ranking requires strate-

10 COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT AI & CONTENT CREATION

AI is a powerful tool, but these myths can lead to unrealistic expectations. Here's what every creator should know.

- AI WILL REPLACE ALL CONTENT CREATORS COMPLETELY**
AI lacks human originality, emotion, and strategic thinking. It supports and amplifies human creativity—not replaces it.
- YOU CAN MAKE PASSIVE INCOME EFFORTLESSLY**
AI speeds up production, but income still requires strategy, marketing, promotion, and consistent audience engagement.
- AI CONTENT AUTOMATICALLY RANKS ON SEARCH ENGINES**
Search engines value quality, relevance, and originality. Strategy, keywords, and useful content—plus human oversight—drive rankings.
- AI CREATES COMPLETELY ORIGINAL CONTENT**
AI learns from existing data and can repeat patterns. Originality comes from human experience, insight, and fresh perspective.
- AI UNDERSTANDS AUDIENCES BETTER THAN YOU**
AI can analyze data, but it can't grasp culture, values, humor, or emotion. Empathy and intuition are uniquely human.
- AI NEVER MAKES FACTUAL MISTAKES**
AI can hallucinate or produce incorrect information. Fact-checking and editorial review are essential for credibility.
- EXPERTISE IS NO LONGER NECESSARY**
Experts guide AI, evaluate outputs, correct errors, and add context. Expertise ensures quality, credibility, and value.
- AI CONTENT IS COPYRIGHT-SAFE AUTOMATICALLY**
Laws vary, and AI raises questions about ownership, training data, and likeness rights. Creators are responsible for compliance.
- AI CAN PREDICT VIRAL CONTENT PERFECTLY**
AI can spot trends, but virality depends on timing, culture, platform algorithms, and luck. Intuition and experimentation still matter.
- MORE AI CONTENT MEANS MORE AUDIENCE ATTENTION**
Audiences value quality, relevance, and trust—not volume. Meaningful content and authentic connection earn attention.

THE REALITY: Successful creators don't compete with AI or rely on it blindly. They use it strategically to save time, spark ideas, and streamline workflows—while adding the human creativity, expertise, and connection that AI can't replicate.

AI IS THE ASSISTANT. YOU ARE THE CREATOR. ★ Create Smarter. Stay Human. Make an Impact.

gy, keywords, and useful content. AI assists research and drafting, but visibility depends on human oversight and refinement. Treating AI as a shortcut to search success is misleading. Creators who blend AI with optimization and quality deliver results that algorithms recognize and audiences value.

4 AI Creates Completely Original Content

AI is often claimed to produce fully original work, but it relies on existing data patterns. Outputs may appear novel, but they are combinations of previously seen information. Sometimes, AI content repeats ideas or phrasing unknowingly. Human input ensures originality, context, and fresh perspective. Creativity from experience, insight, and intuition cannot be replaced. AI works best as a partner, generating ideas that humans refine into content that truly stands out. Originality requires human judgment and expertise, not just automated generation.

5 AI Understands Audiences Better Than You

Some claim AI knows your audience better than you do. While AI can detect trends and analyze engagement, it cannot grasp culture, values, humor, or emotional nuance. Understanding an audience requires empathy, observation, and human intuition. The creators who succeed combine AI insights with personal knowl-

edge of their community. AI is a useful tool for guidance, but real audience connection still relies on human perception, judgment, and experience, making empathy and understanding central to meaningful engagement.

6 AI Never Makes Factual Mistakes

Another misconception is that AI never produces errors. In reality, AI sometimes outputs incorrect or misleading information, known as hallucinations. Without careful verification, creators risk spreading false data. Fact-checking and editorial review remain critical for credibility. AI accelerates content creation but cannot replace diligence. Responsible creators use AI to draft or research content, but human judgment ensures accuracy and reliability. The most trusted content comes from a combination of AI efficiency and human oversight.

7 Expertise Is No Longer Necessary

Some messages suggest that expertise is irrelevant because AI can do everything. In practice, the best AI-assisted creators are experts in their fields. They evaluate outputs, correct mistakes, add context, and improve quality. Without expertise, AI may produce low-value or misleading content. Knowledge allows creators to guide AI effectively and maintain credibility. Expertise combined with AI creates a balance of efficiency and quality,

whereas relying on AI alone risks generic or inaccurate work.

8 AI Content Is Copyright-Safe Automatically

A common assumption is that AI content is copyright-free by default. Intellectual property laws vary across countries, and AI raises questions about ownership, training data, trademarks, and likeness rights. Using AI without understanding these rules may create legal issues. Responsible creators consider copyright, licensing, and originality when publishing AI-assisted work. AI is a tool, but legal and ethical responsibility remains with the human creator. Compliance cannot be outsourced to an algorithm.

9 AI Can Predict Viral Content Perfectly

Some believe AI can reliably predict viral content. While AI can analyze trends and patterns, virality is influenced by timing, culture, platform algorithms, and luck. Even posts predicted to succeed may fail unexpectedly, and simple content can go viral. AI can provide guidance, but creative intuition and experimentation remain essential. Success requires a human understanding of context and audience. AI helps, but it cannot guarantee the unpredictable outcome of viral success in content creation.

10 More AI Content Means More Audience Attention

Finally, many assume publishing more AI-generated content automatically gains audience attention. In reality, audiences value quality, relevance, and trust, not sheer quantity. Oversaturation can dilute engagement or damage credibility. The most effective creators focus on meaningful, high-value content while leveraging AI to improve efficiency. Attention is earned through strategy, resonance, and consistency, not volume alone. AI is a helpful assistant, but success depends on thoughtful content creation and authentic human connection.

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YWC International Conference 2026 to Champion Cross-Border Capital, Innovation and **Sustainable Wealth** for Women

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As economic uncertainty, technological disruption and shifting global markets reshape the business landscape - women entrepreneurs and leaders across Africa are seeking new pathways to growth, investment and sustainability. Responding to this urgent need, the Yes We Can Business Women Network (YWC) will host its 3rd Annual Multi-Sector International Conference under the theme "Capital Without Borders: *Unlocking Cross-Border Opportunities, Social Impact & Sustainable Wealth for Women.*"

Taking place in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 31 July to 2 August 2026, the conference is expected to attract entrepreneurs, investors, policymakers, academics, development practitioners, corporate leaders and ecosystem builders from across the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region and beyond.

Hosted by the Yes We Can Business Women Network and supported by the Rotary Club of Morningside and Hearts Unlimited, the three-day event aims to provide practical solutions, strategic connections and investment opportunities for women and youth-led enterprises operating in an increasingly complex global economy.

Addressing the Challenges of a Changing World

Today's entrepreneurs face a unique combination of challenges. Global conflicts, geopolitical tensions, changing trade policies, rising living costs, climate pressures and rapid advances in artificial intelligence are transforming the way businesses operate. At the same time, many women and youth entrepreneurs continue to struggle with limited access to capital, markets and business development opportunities.

The YWC International Conference seeks to address these realities by bringing together thought leaders and industry experts to explore innovative approaches to entrepreneurship, investment readiness, cross-border trade and sustainable wealth creation.

According to conference organisers, the event will focus on helping entrepreneurs identify opportunities emerging from global disruption while equipping them with the skills, networks and resources needed to compete effectively in regional and international markets.

A Focus on Capital Without Borders



The conference theme, "Capital Without Borders," reflects a growing recognition that wealth creation and business growth increasingly depend on collaboration across sectors, industries and national boundaries.

Discussions will explore how entrepreneurs can access alternative funding sources, build resilient enterprises, leverage technology, participate in regional value chains and create measurable social impact while pursuing profitability.

Key conference objectives include promoting cross-border entrepreneurship and trade, improving investment readiness, building future-focused skills, encouraging participation in emerging industries, supporting green economy opportunities and fostering strategic partnerships that can accelerate enterprise growth.

Three Days of Learning, Networking and Opportunity

The programme has been designed to provide a balance of strategic insights, practical business knowledge and networking opportunities.

Day One will focus on capital access, business resilience and regional trade opportunities. Sessions will examine the impact of global economic shocks, tariffs and changing supply chains,

while investors and funders will share insights into what businesses need to secure funding. Delegates will also participate in discussions around ESG, green finance and cross-border market opportunities. A highlight of the day will be the Capital Without Borders Deal Room, where entrepreneurs will have opportunities to connect directly with investors and potential partners.

Day Two shifts attention to innovation and future economies. Topics will include artificial intelligence, digital transformation, future jobs and future skills, entrepreneurship in emerging sectors and wealth creation strategies.

Day Three will focus on personal leadership, wellbeing and long-term sustainability. Sessions will explore mental health, entrepreneur resilience, leadership development and the growing wellness economy.

The conference will conclude with a book launch, thought leadership discussions and a wellness picnic designed to encourage meaningful networking and relationship building.

Distinguished Speakers and Industry Experts

The conference will feature a diverse lineup of respected speakers and thought leaders, including Professor McEdward Murimbika, Dr Sane Ngidi,

Ann Kleynhans, Faith Mangope, Dr Tsitsi Senga-Makuve, Dr Nera Naidoo, Yanus Rubidge, Susan Madodo and Christine Gordon.

These speakers bring expertise across entrepreneurship, leadership, innovation, finance, media, health and sustainable development, offering delegates valuable insights into the opportunities and challenges shaping the future of business.

A Platform for Impact

Beyond discussions and networking, organisers envision the conference as a catalyst for tangible outcomes. By connecting entrepreneurs with investors, mentors, policymakers and strategic partners, the event seeks to unlock new business opportunities, strengthen regional collaboration and accelerate the growth of women-led enterprises.

The conference also highlights the critical role women entrepreneurs play in driving economic development, job creation and social impact throughout Africa.

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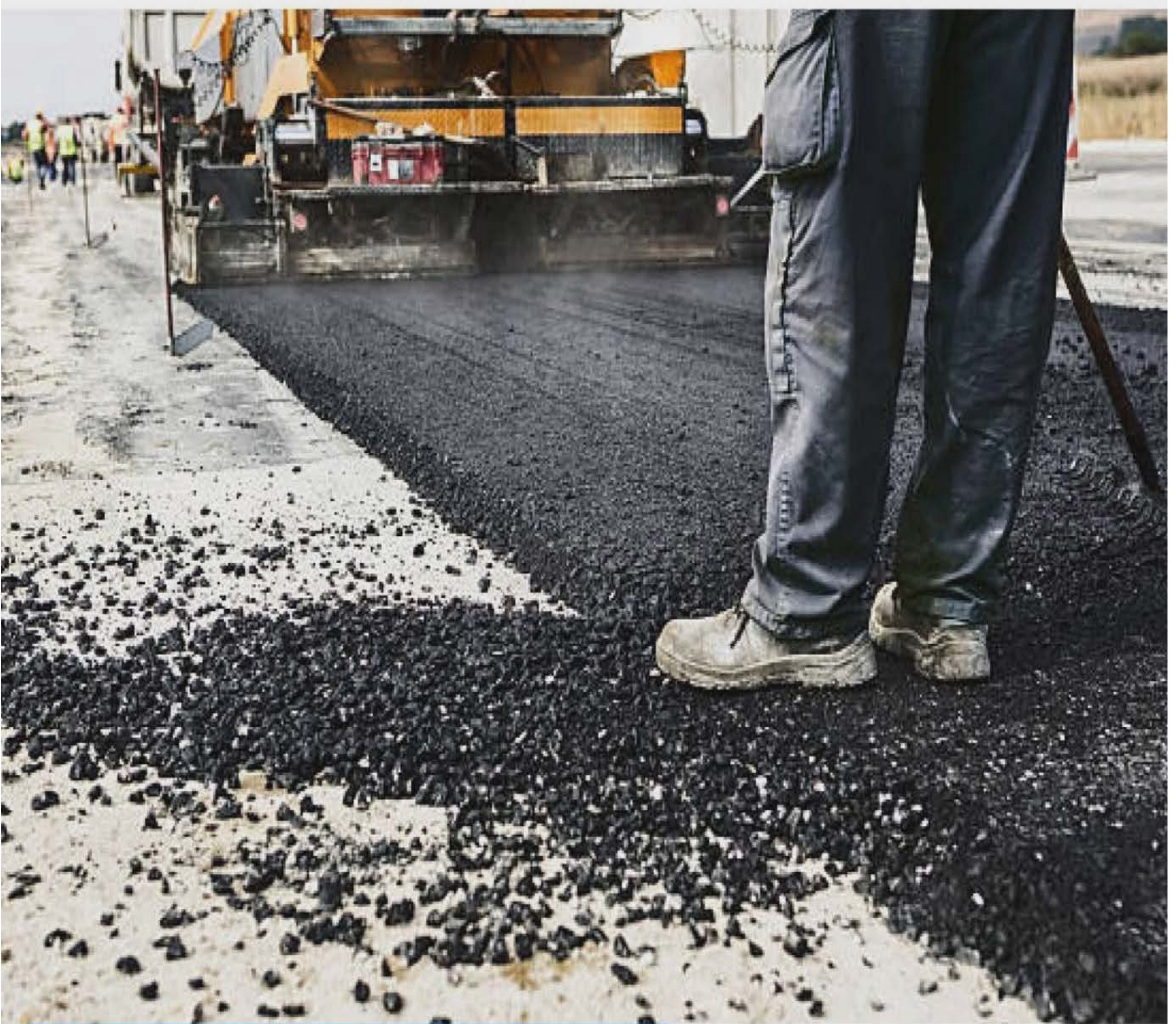
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Ten Fun Reasons Why African Tik Tok Has Become The Loudest Corner Of Social Media

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On the DSE News Network, the Continent Has Become One Endless Talent That Drives Engagement

1 A Digital Transformation

Africa's digital landscape is undergoing a remarkable transformation, and TikTok has emerged as one of its most influential platforms. With millions of users creating, sharing, and consuming short-form videos daily, the app has become a powerful stage for African voices, cultures, and creativity. From bustling cities to remote communities, content creators are finding new ways to connect with audiences both at home and across the globe.

2 Creators Turn Local Stories Global

One of the biggest reasons behind TikTok's popularity in Africa is its ability to amplify local stories. Creators showcase everyday experiences, traditions, languages, and community events that might otherwise go unnoticed by international audiences. Viral videos from countries such as Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa, and Ghana regularly attract millions of views, helping local cultures gain unprecedented global visibility.

3 Affordable Content Creation Fuels Growth

Unlike traditional media production, TikTok allows users to create engaging content with little more than a smartphone and internet connection. This accessibility has lowered barriers to entry, enabling young Africans to become content creators without expensive equipment or professional training. The platform's simple editing tools further encourage participation, making digital storytelling available to a broader population.

4 Music Trends Boost Continental Reach

African music has found a powerful ally in TikTok. Songs from

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One Continent, Endless Talent, Billions Of Views: Why Tik Tok Has Become The Loudest Corner On The African Internet

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an TikTok has become of the loudest, funniest, fastest-growing corners e internet. Across Lagos, nesburg, Nairobi, Accra, Cairo, creators are dancing, educating, and taining millions every Stars like Khaby Lame, 1 van den Berg, Elsa mbo, Soft Made It, Peller, oi, Mihilali Ndamase, e Appiah, Asantewaa, fasin Said are proving Africa's creativity has no s.

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Endless Content

Africans love football passionately, and TikTok magnified every argument. Fans insult rival teams, celebrate dramatic goals, and create hilarious reaction videos aft matches. Entire friendships have nearly collapsed becau of Tik Tok debates involving Arsenal, Chelsea, Barcelona, and Manchester United.

Fake Luxury Lifestyles Enter tained Millions

Some Tik Tok stars rent fac cars, borrow designer clothe and film beside expensive hotels to appear rich online. Fans often know it is exagger-ated, but they enjoy the entertainment anyway. African Tik Tok sometimes feels like Hollywood mixed with pure neighborhood confidence.

African Creativity Finally Found Global Audiences

For years, African talent struggled to reach international audiences without big media companies. Tik Tok changed that completely. Now one funny skit, dance move, or motivational speec can transform an unknown teenager into a continental superstar overnight.

African Tik Tok continues to grow because it combines humor, resilience, music, sto rytelling, and culture in way the world finds irresistible. Behind every viral video is the unique energy of a continent turning everyday life into entertainment.

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Africans love music and movement, so Tik Tok dance challenges exploded quickly. From Amapiano moves in South Africa to Afrobeats routines in Nigeria, creators compete like athletes. Some dances spread so fast that weddings now look like giant Tik Tok rehearsals.

Mothers Accidentally Became Internet Celebrities

Many African parents originally hated Tik Tok. Then creators secretly filmed their funny reactions, village accents, and dramatic advice. Suddenly, strict mothers and stubborn uncles became online legends with millions

of views and unexpected fan clubs. English Mixed Beautifully With Slang

African Tik Tok thrives because creators mix English with pidgin, Swahili, Zulu, Yoruba, Arabic, and street slang. This creates humor outsiders may not fully understand but still enjoy. The accents, expressions, and local jokes feel authentic and fresh.

Small Rooms Became Movie Studios

Most African Tik Tok stars started with almost nothing — tiny bedrooms, cracked phones, and bad lighting. But

creativity defeated expensive equipment. Today, some creators film blockbuster-level comedy sketches beside water tanks, kiosks, and unfinished buildings.

African Fashion Became Globally Trendy

Tik Tok gave African designers and stylists global exposure. Ankara outfits, colorful streetwear, braided hairstyles, and luxury kaftans now dominate timelines worldwide. Young creators transformed ordinary sidewalks into international fashion runways using confidence and smartphone cameras.

Football Arguments Generate

Afrobeats, Amapiano, Bongo Flava, and other regional genres frequently trend on the platform, reaching audiences far beyond the continent. Viral dance challenges and music clips have helped artists gain international recognition, turning Tik Tok into an important promotional tool for Africa's rapidly expanding music industry.

5 Young Audiences Drive Platform Popularity

Africa is home to one of the world's youngest populations, and Tik Tok's fast-paced format aligns perfectly with the preferences of younger users. Short videos, interactive trends, and endless streams of fresh content appeal to a generation that values entertainment, creativity, and digital engagement. This youthful demographic has played a major role in accelerating the platform's growth across the

continent.

6 Entrepreneurs Discover Powerful Marketing Opportunities

Beyond entertainment, Tik Tok has become a valuable business tool. Small business owners use the platform to showcase products, promote services, and interact directly with customers. From fashion designers and beauty brands to food vendors and artisans, entrepreneurs are leveraging viral content to expand their reach and generate sales without relying heavily on traditional advertising channels.

7 Humour Creates Shared Experiences

Comedy remains one of the platform's strongest attractions. African creators frequently use humor to highlight everyday challenges,

cultural differences, and social trends. These relatable videos resonate with audiences across borders, creating shared experiences that unite viewers from different countries. As a result, comedy content often becomes some of the most widely viewed material on the platform.

8 Educational Videos Expand Knowledge Access

Tik Tok's influence extends beyond entertainment and business. Teachers, health professionals, financial experts, and skilled professionals are increasingly using the platform to share knowledge. Educational content covering topics such as personal finance, technology, health awareness, and career development attracts large audiences, demonstrating the platform's growing role as a source of practical information.

9 Cross Border Connections Strengthen Communities

The platform has also helped build stronger connections among African communities. Users can easily engage with content from neighboring countries and discover similarities in culture, language, and lifestyle. This increased interaction has fostered a greater sense of continental identity while encouraging collaboration among creators, artists, and influencers from different regions.

10 Billions Of Views Signal Future

As Tik Tok continues to grow across Africa, its impact on culture, entertainment, and business is becoming increasingly significant. The combination of youthful audiences, creative talent, accessible technology, and vibrant local storytelling has transformed the platform into the loudest corner of the African internet. With billions of views generated daily and new creators emerging constantly, Tik Tok's influence on the continent shows no signs of slowing down.

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The Blueprint For Generational Wealth: Transforming Income Into Lasting Legacies



Grace Kanyongo
Financial Adviser

Financial planning is often misunderstood as a one-time event; a checklist completed after buying a home or starting a new job. In reality, true financial planning is a continuous, dynamic process deeply embedded in the rhythm of our daily lives and long-term goal setting. It is the difference between simply surviving payday to payday and building a legacy that outlives you.

Across many communities, and particularly among people of African origins, a persistent myth suggests that economic hardships stem from a lack of hard work or an inability to generate income.

This could not be further from the truth. The challenge is rarely about laziness or a lack of earning potential; rather, it lies in the systemic lack of access to financial literacy.

Money comes and goes, but having a foundational education in how money works gives you ultimate power over it. Financial education is the catalyst required to shift from a cycle of temporary earnings to a sustainable architecture of generational wealth.

This comprehensive guide unpacks the critical facts, frameworks, and mindsets required to build an unbreakable financial foundation.

Shifting the Mindset: From Bills to Seeds

At the heart of financial transformation is a fundamental shift in psychology. When trapped in a “poverty mentality,” an individual mistakenly believes that the primary, solitary purpose of earning

an income is to buy food and pay bills. While basic needs are undeniably crucial, viewing income purely as a tool for immediate consumption keeps families bound to economic vulnerability.

To build wealth, your income must be viewed as a seed. A seed is not meant to be eaten immediately; it is meant to be planted so that it can grow into a harvest that yields even more income. This seed-mindset allows you to cultivate a comfortable life today while reserving the necessary resources.

When financial processes are followed with strict focus, discipline, and consistency, entire family dynamics and lifestyles change.

Financial insecurity inherently fosters anger, bitterness, and societal hatred. Conversely, true financial security and wealth foster an environment of contentment, joy, and love.

The Strategic Pillars of Financial Planning

Achieving this level of security requires navigating the four core pillars of the financial planning landscape step by step. Understanding these principles allows you to transition seamlessly from working hard for money during your prime earning years to letting your money work for you during retirement.

1. Wealth Creation and Accumulation

This is the building phase. Wealth creation focuses on optimisation or taking the seeds of your income and channelling them into appreciative assets, investment portfolios, retirement accounts, and business ventures. It requires living below your means, and minimising bad debt.

2. Wealth Protection

Acquiring wealth is meaningless if a single emergency, health crisis, or market downturn can wipe it away. Wealth protection acts as the shield for your assets, ensuring that unforeseen risks do not derail progress.

3. Wealth Distribution

True legacy planning requires an intentional framework for how wealth is passed down. Wealth distribution ensures that your hard-earned assets are transferred seamlessly, efficiently, and with minimal tax burdens to your beneficiaries.

4. Partnering with a Financial Adviser

The financial landscape can be complex and emotionally charged. Engaging a professional financial adviser provides the objective guidance, strategic expertise, and accountability needed to ensure a successful, lifelong financial planning process.

The Architectural Framework: Fact-Finding and Goal Setting

Before building a portfolio, you must establish an accurate baseline. The financial planning process begins with a rigorous execution of Fact-Finding and Analysis, alongside clear Goal Prioritisation.

Fact-Finding & Analysis

An honest, granular look at your current financial ecosystem:

Income & Expenses: Track your household expenditure.

Assets & Liabilities: Dissect what you own versus what you owe

Goals & Objectives: Define what you want your money to achieve in the short, medium, and long term.

Risk Profile: Gauging your emotional and financial capacity to handle market volatility

■ **Family & Business Needs:** Factoring in dependants, parental care, or business continuity requirements.

■ **Goal Prioritisation**

Once the facts are established, goals must be categorised and ranked

■ **Lifestyle Goals:** Managing standard of living

■ **Retirement Goals:** Ensuring a

dignified retirement

■ **Education Goals:** Funding schooling and university for children

■ **Legacy Goals:** Formulating the ultimate transfer of wealth to future generations

Phase 1: The Foundation of Wealth Protection

In strategic Financial Planning Pyramid, you cannot build a top-tier investment portfolio on an unstable foundation. Before focusing on accumulation, you must secure Phase 1: Wealth Protection.

The journey begins with comprehensive Risk Management. Risk management identifies everything that could threaten your earning capability or your current assets—such as premature death, disability, critical illness, or property damage.

Once these risks are identified, a customised Insurance Plan is implemented to mitigate them. Insurance acts as a financial safety net.

If an emergency occurs, the insurance provider covers the financial loss, preventing you from having to liquidate your investments or dip into savings earmarked for your future. Only when this shield is firmly in place can you safely pivot to long-term wealth creation, accumulation, and distribution.

The Path Forward

Building generational wealth is entirely achievable, but it demands that we reject short-term consumer mindsets and embrace institutional discipline.

By understanding the Financial Planning Pyramid, protecting your downside through robust risk management, and allowing your income to act as a wealth-generating seed, you can alter your family’s trajectory forever.

Commit to financial education, stay focused, and build a legacy of contentment, joy, and lasting freedom.

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Ten Things That May Happen If Andre Onana Is Confirmed As Coming Back To Man United

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The possibility of André Onana returning to Manchester United is one of the most intriguing storylines of the summer. After speculation surrounding his future, a confirmed return to Old Trafford would create fresh uncertainty in the goalkeeping department and spark debate among supporters.

Whether he returns as a genuine contender for the number one shirt or simply as a player awaiting a transfer, his presence would have consequences for everyone involved. From competition between the goalkeepers to fan reaction and transfer plans, here are ten things that could happen if Onana is officially back at Manchester United.

1 Fierce Competition For Starting Position

The first and most obvious consequence would be renewed competition for the goalkeeper position.

Any goalkeeper returning to a club of United's stature expects to play, and Onana would be no different. His arrival would ensure that the battle for the number one shirt becomes one of the key stories of pre-season. Competition often raises standards, but it can also create pressure when every training session and friendly match is closely scrutinised.

2 Increased Pressure On Senne Lammens

Lammens has enjoyed the trust that comes with being first choice, but that comfort could quickly disappear.

The young goalkeeper would know that every performance is being compared to Onana's. A strong display would strengthen his position, but mistakes could lead to questions about whether United should turn back to the more experienced Cameroonian. Healthy competition can drive improvement, but it can also bring added pressure.

3 Bayindir Faces Uncertain Future Ahead



Perhaps no player would be affected more directly than Altay Bayindir.

With three senior goalkeepers competing for opportunities, United could decide that one must leave. Bayindir may conclude that regular football is unlikely at Old Trafford and seek a move elsewhere. Likewise, the club may see a transfer as the most practical solution to reduce congestion in the squad.

4 Manager Faces Difficult Selection Decisions

A returning Onana would create a significant headache for the manager.

The decision would not be based solely on shot-stopping ability. Coaches must consider confidence, communication, leadership and how a goalkeeper fits the team's tactical approach. If Onana impresses during pre-season, the coaching staff could find themselves facing a difficult choice before the opening fixture.

5 Opportunity For Career Redemption Emerges

Football is filled with stories of players overcoming adversity.

Onana's first spell at Manchester United was often overshadowed by high-profile mistakes and criticism. A return would provide him with an opportunity to change the narrative. If he can demonstrate consistency and confidence, he may convince supporters that there is still a top-class goalkeeper capable of succeeding at Old

Trafford.

6 Supporters Remain Deeply Divided Over

Fan reaction would likely be mixed from the moment any announcement is made.

Some supporters would welcome his return and argue that he deserves another chance. They would point to his achievements earlier in his career and believe he still has the quality required to succeed at the highest level. Others would view a return as a step backwards and prefer the club to focus on newer options.

6 Every Performance Faces Intense Scrutiny

Few positions at Manchester United attract more attention than goalkeeper.

If Onana plays again, every save, every pass and every mistake will be analysed. A run of impressive performances could quickly rebuild his reputation, but one costly error could reignite criticism. The spotlight at Old Trafford rarely fades, and Onana would return knowing that expectations remain extremely high.

7 Summer Transfer Plans Could Change

Goalkeeper decisions often have a knock-on effect across an entire transfer window.

If the coaching staff believe Onana can provide reliable competition, the club may choose not to spend heavily on another goalkeeper. That would allow resources to be directed towards strengthening other areas of the squad. Equally, a successful return could persuade United to postpone any long-term goalkeeper recruitment plans.

8 Market Value Could Rise Again

From a business perspective, a return could benefit Manchester United.

Should Onana perform well during pre-season or in competitive matches, his transfer value could increase. Clubs interested in

signing him would be negotiating for a player who has demonstrated his quality rather than one who has been sidelined. That could strengthen United's position if they eventually decide to sell.

9 Remarkable Old Trafford Comeback Possible

The most dramatic outcome would be a complete revival of Onana's Manchester United career.

Football history is full of players who appeared finished at a club before producing an unexpected comeback. If Onana rediscovers his best form, wins over the coaching staff and earns the trust of supporters, he could reclaim the number one shirt and rewrite the story of his time at Old Trafford.

10 What It Means For United's Goalkeepers

For André Onana, a return represents a fresh opportunity to prove that he still has a future at Manchester United.

For Senne Lammens, it means increased competition and a greater challenge to maintain his place in the team.

For Altay Bayindir, it could mean difficult decisions regarding his future as opportunities become even more limited.

What Will The Fans Think?

Manchester United supporters are unlikely to agree on the issue. Some will see a player deserving of a second chance, while others will believe the club should move forward with different options.

What is certain is that a confirmed return would become one of the biggest talking points of the summer. The debate would dominate social media, radio phone-ins and conversations around Old Trafford.

If André Onana does return, the reaction will be immediate, passionate and impossible to ignore.

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Mixed Reaction To Return Of 23-time Grand Slam Champion **Serena Williams**

Tennis365

Serena Williams is gearing up for a sensationally return to tennis at Queen's, where she will play doubles alongside Victoria Mboko. Williams has not played competitive tennis for nearly four years, but she is set for at least two tournaments on the grass ahead of Wimbledon.

Following confirmation that she would play Queen's, the 23-time Grand Slam champion has also been awarded a wildcard for the doubles draw at the Berlin Open. Fans have expressed concerns about Williams' level, but she has been praised for making a wise decision ahead of her tennis return at Queen's.

Speaking to the Inside-In Tennis Podcast, Chanda Rubin believes Williams picking Mboko as a doubles partner is a stroke of genius. "The fact that she's starting with a doubles match alongside such an in form player as Victoria Mboko, I think all of that will help," said the American.

"And it's also, I think, going to be fun for Serena to get back out, feel those juices flowing again. She is such an incredible competitor, Serena, and has been throughout her career. And that's what she's going to pull from.

"She's going to be rusty, hasn't played live tennis, but that competitive fire, I have no doubt, is going to be on full display and next to such a dynamic young

player that I think is going to be helpful and will motivate her as she motivates her younger partner. So, it'll be a lot of fun. I'm looking forward to it."

After stints at Queen's and in Berlin, many are expecting Williams to receive a wildcard for Wimbledon. It is unclear at this time whether that would be just doubles, but a player of the American's calibre will surely want to prove she can still brush shoulders with the WTA Tour elite.

Williams has not played Wimbledon since 2022, when she lost in the first round to Harmony Tan, but she has an immense history at the Grand Slam. She won the Grand Slam seven

times in 14 years at Wimbledon, between 2002 and 2016, and she added another seven titles in doubles and mixed doubles.

The star is joint-second in all-time women's singles titles, alongside Steffi Graf, and only Martina Navratilova has won more than Williams.

Williams won every doubles title with her sister Venus Williams, while the mixed doubles trophy came alongside Max Mirnyi at the 1998 event.

While she is very unlikely to hit those heights if she does return to Wimbledon, she will be a blockbuster addition to the grass court Grand Slam this year.

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