

Searching for Africa's top young science and technology ambassadors

The Next Einstein Forum (NEF) has launched its search for 54 of Africa's top young science and technology ambassadors, who will join the NEF Fellows Class and attend the NEF Global Gathering in March 2016 in Dakar, Senegal.



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There, they will have the opportunity to network with NEF Fellows, acclaimed scientists and technology leaders as well as industry and policy leaders at an innovative gathering that will focus on how science and technology can solve global challenges and accelerate human development.

"The NEF is unique in that 50% of participants at the NEF's Global Gathering will be under 42 years old. The NEF Ambassadors will represent their countries and the continent on a global stage, joining the movement for science-driven growth and development," said Thierry Zomahoun, Chairperson of the NEF and President and CEO of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS).

NEF Ambassadors should be residents of an African country, under 42 years of age, have completed advanced studies in science, technology or have significant entrepreneurial achievements, have a record of accomplishment as leaders in their community, be passionate about promoting science and technology and have an active online profile and following.

"As NEF Ambassadors, the group of 54 young men and women will join our NEF Fellows as the face of science and technology from Africa. They will embody the potential of a continent that will be the hub of science and innovation in the next few decades. We believe the next Einstein will be African," concluded Zomahoun.

Applications are open until 31 August 2015. The final list of NEF Ambassadors will be published 15 November 2015. For more information, go to www.nef.org/ambassadors.