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Drive to Inspire - Africa brought together stakeholders at its annual event to share progress, reflect on impact, and outline its continued commitment to empowering young Africans

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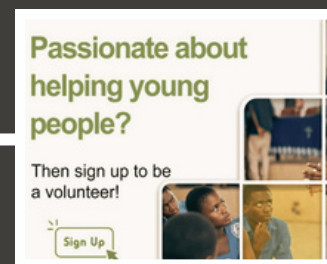
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DTI-A HOSTS ANNUAL IMPACT REPORTING EVENT IN ACCRA, GHANA

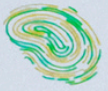
Drive to Inspire – Africa (DTI-A) held its 2025 Impact Reporting Event on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at the Alisa Hotel in Accra, Ghana. The event brought together a distinguished group of partners, stakeholders, volunteers, and supporters, creating a space for reflection, engagement, and shared commitment to youth development across the continent.

The annual event serves as an important moment for the organisation to connect with its community and highlight the work being done to empower young Africans. It also provides an opportunity to engage stakeholders in conversations around education, mentorship, career development, and the broader role of human capital development in Africa's future. The event also creates space to hear directly from partners and stakeholders, as they share their perspectives and assessment of the organisation's work and impact.

The event also served as an opportunity to raise funds to support the expansion of DTI-A's programmes, particularly its scholarship and mentorship initiatives. Through the continued support of partners, sponsors, and individuals, the organisation is able to extend its reach and provide more young people with access to education, guidance, and opportunities for growth.

As the organisation continues to grow, the event remains a central part of its journey, bringing together a community of people who are aligned in the goal of creating opportunities for young Africans to learn, grow, and thrive. The event also features the awarding of scholarships to selected beneficiaries, reaffirming DTI-A's commitment to supporting young people through access to education and opportunity.

This year's event was graced by notable guests, including Former First Lady Rebecca Akufo-Addo, CEO of UBA Ghana, Mr. Bernard Cyebi, Partner, Head of Advisory, GRC & ESG Services KPMG in Ghana, Mr. Kwame Barnieh, and the Minority Leader of Parliament of Ghana, Hon. Afenyo-Markin. Their presence underscored the growing recognition of the organisation's work and the importance of collective effort in investing in young people.



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DTI-A Awards 23 New Scholarships for the 2025/2026 Academic Year

As part of its continued commitment to expanding access to education and opportunity, Drive to Inspire – Africa (DTI-A) awarded scholarships to 23 new beneficiaries for the 2025/2026 academic year during its annual Impact Reporting Event held in Accra.

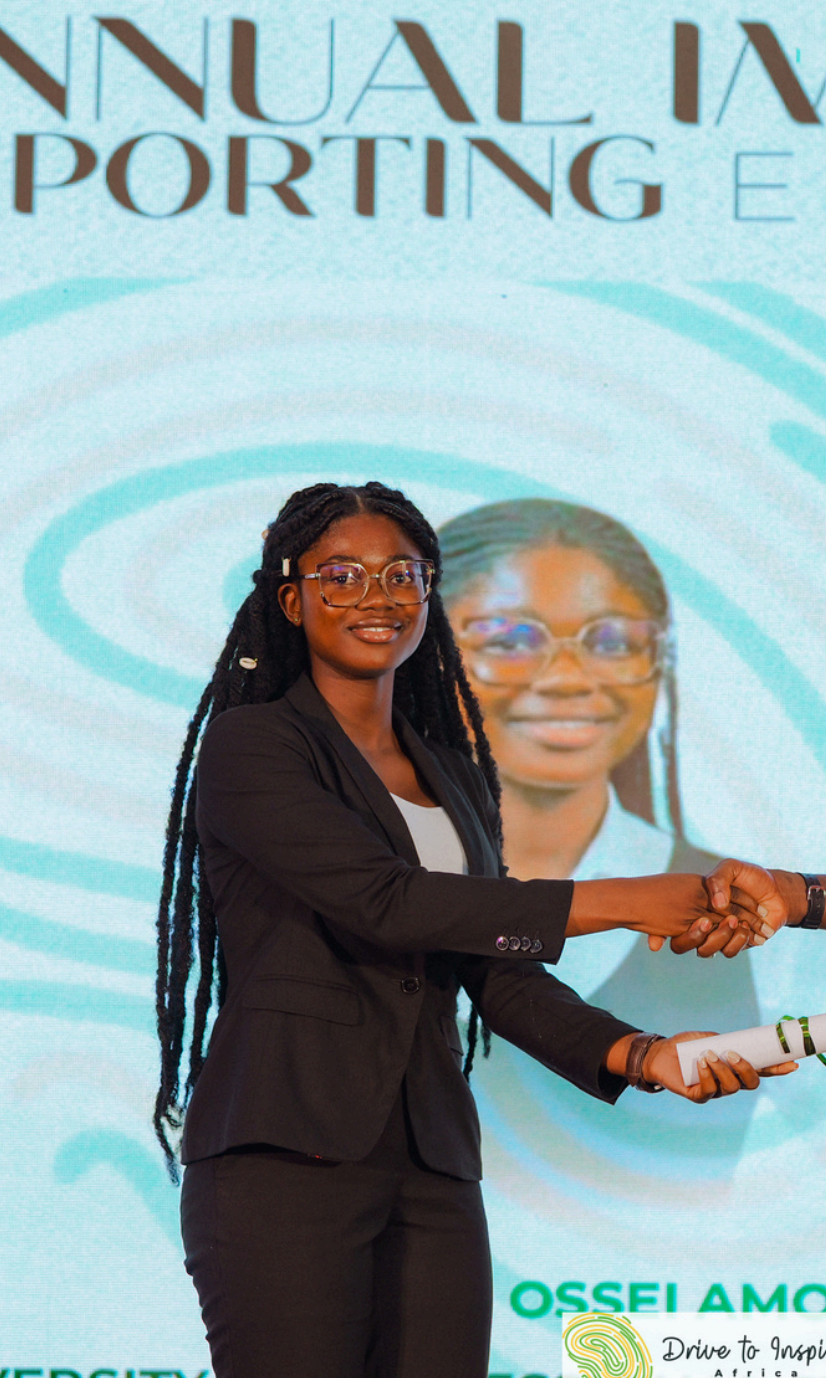
This latest cohort brings the total number of students supported under the DTI-A Scholarship Programme to 40. The scholarships are designed to cover the full duration of each beneficiary's academic programme, ensuring that financial constraints do not limit their ability to pursue and complete their education.

The DTI-A Scholarship Programme remains a core part of the organisation's broader approach to youth development. Beyond financial support, the programme is structured to provide students with mentorship, guidance, and access to a network of professionals who support their academic and career journeys. This holistic model ensures that beneficiaries are not only supported in school, but are also prepared for life beyond the classroom.

The selection of beneficiaries reflects the organisation's focus on identifying young people with strong potential who require support to unlock opportunities for growth. Through this initiative, DTI-A continues to invest in building a pipeline of future leaders equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to contribute meaningfully to society. Over the years, the scholarship programme has become a critical intervention in addressing gaps in access to education, particularly for students who demonstrate ability but face financial barriers. By committing to funding students for the entirety of their academic journey, DTI-A ensures continuity, stability, and a greater likelihood of successful outcomes.

The awarding of these scholarships also highlights the role of partnerships and collective support in sustaining impact. Through the contributions of partners, sponsors, and supporters, the organisation is able to expand its reach and provide life-changing opportunities to more young people across the continent.

As DTI-A continues to grow, the scholarship programme remains central to its mission of preparing young Africans for the future—opening doors, creating pathways, and enabling young people to realise their full potential.







DTI-A's Mentorship Programme reaches 22 countries globally in less than three years

Drive to Inspire - Africa (DTI-A) continues to expand its impact across the continent through its mentorship programme, which has now reached participants in 22 countries in less than three years. This milestone reflects the growing demand for guidance, exposure, and support among young people, as well as the organisation's commitment to making mentorship accessible across borders.


The mentorship programme remains a key pillar of DTI-A's work, connecting young people with professionals from diverse fields who provide practical insights into academic and career pathways. Through structured sessions, webinars, and one-on-one engagements, participants are given the opportunity to learn from real experiences, ask questions, and gain clarity on the decisions that shape their future.

Over the past year, the programme has seen significant expansion into new countries across different regions of Africa and the world, further strengthening its reach and inclusivity. This growth highlights not only the scalability of the programme but also the increasing recognition of mentorship as a critical tool in youth development. By extending its presence into new contexts, DTI-A continues to ensure that more young people, regardless of location, have access to the guidance and support they need.

In addition to geographical expansion, the programme has also deepened its engagement with participants by strengthening the quality of interactions between mentors and mentees. There has been a growing emphasis on building important relationships, fostering continuous learning, and creating safe spaces where young people can openly engage, ask questions, and explore their aspirations.

What makes the programme impactful is its focus not just on information, but on direction. Many young people have the potential to succeed but lack access to the right guidance and networks. By bridging this gap, DTI-A is helping participants broaden their understanding of available opportunities while equipping them with the confidence to pursue them.

Webinar: Negotiating Smarter: Practical Tools for Better Outcomes with Dr. Kiura



6PM GMT

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FRIDAY 27 MARCH, 2026

Topic:
Negotiating Smarter: Practical Tools for Better Outcomes

Speaker:
Dr. Mary Kiura,
Professor, Department of
Communication, Purdue University,
Fort Wayne, Indiana, United States




As part of our continued commitment to equipping young people with practical life and career skills, we hosted a webinar on “Negotiating Smarter: Practical Tools for Better Outcomes.” The session was facilitated by Dr. Mary Kiura, a Professor in the Department of Communication at Purdue University Fort Wayne, who provided insightful and practical perspectives on negotiation in everyday life.

The session emphasized that negotiation is not limited to formal settings like job offers or business deals, but is a daily life skill that enables individuals to advocate for their needs, make informed decisions, and navigate personal and professional relationships effectively. Participants were encouraged to rethink negotiation as a tool for growth rather than confrontation. One of the key highlights of the session was the idea that negotiation plays a critical role in building meaningful

relationships and networks. When approached thoughtfully, it strengthens trust and creates opportunities that can serve as valuable social capital over time.

Dr. Kiura also addressed a common misconception that often holds people back: the belief that advocating for oneself may come across as ungrateful or disrespectful. The session reinforced that it is possible to be both humble and appreciative while still standing up for your needs, and that these qualities are not mutually exclusive.

Another important discussion point focused on the barriers to negotiation, particularly the negative labels often associated with people who negotiate. Participants were encouraged to move beyond these perceptions and recognize negotiation as a necessary and empowering skill.

The webinar further stressed the importance of preparation and intentionality before entering any negotiation. Proper planning not only improves outcomes but also protects one’s credibility and reputation. At the same time, participants were reminded that not all negotiations will lead to positive outcomes, but each experience offers an opportunity to learn, reflect, and improve.

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Supporting the education of young people across Africa has never been easier following the launch of DTI-A's Built for More campaign, which is aimed at raising funds to support our scholarship programme through the sale of souvenirs.

The campaign provides an accessible way for individuals and organisations to contribute directly to the educational journeys of young people, while also becoming part of a growing community committed to youth development. For more information or to support the campaign, please contact us at info@drivetoinspireafrica.org or call +233535183274





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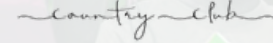
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