

RISING TALENT CLASS OF 2020



Loyal Ammar

Lebanese, 38

Procter & Gamble, Vice President, Hair Care Europe

As Vice President Hair Care Brands Europe, Loyal leads some of the world's most powerful beauty brands that impact how people feel about themselves day in, day out. Under her leadership, her teams have challenged beauty norms with #powerofgrey, a powerful campaign showcasing how women are unconsciously judged for biologically turning Grey, leading to loss of opportunities. They have fought domestic violence during the COVID lock down, where incidence is at a rise, partnering with Women's aid. They have fought hair racism, felt by 60% of consumers of African-decent and are in the process of driving legislative change. And they created the #hairhasnogender campaign, where they have started to normalize being transgender, creating safe spaces for their hair transformations, educating hairdressers & enabling work opportunities. That work was featured at the WEF annual meeting, and publically recognized as one of the most inclusive industry shaping campaigns. At Procter & Gamble, she received the prestigious Diversity & Inclusion Inspirational Leader Award.



Camille Bonenfant-Jeanneney

French, 39

Compagnie Parisienne de Chauffage Urbain, CEO

Camille Bonenfant-Jeanneney is the CEO of the Compagnie Parisienne de Chauffage Urbain (CPCU), the first French district-heating network. She joined ENGIE in 2015 as chief of staff to the General Secretary. She worked at RATP from 2013 to 2015 as chief of staff to the CEO. In 2012, she joined the European affairs Minister's private office, working with Bernard Cazeneuve and then Thierry Repentin. Before that, she spent six years at the Permanent Representation of France to the EU, as an industrial affairs Counsellor and then as a climate and environment Counsellor. She graduated as an engineer from French Ecole polytechnique and Ecole nationale des Ponts et Chaussées. She also holds a master in public and European affairs from Sciences-Po Paris.



Catharine Bowman

Canadian, 22

Alberta Lymphedema Association, Vice-President

Catharine Bowman is a Canadian researcher, healthcare advocate and Vice-President of the Alberta Lymphedema Association. In 2007, Catharine's mother was diagnosed with cancer-related lymphedema. At fourteen, Catharine set out to create the first pharmacological treatment for her mother's incurable disease and has since led a national research effort exploring lymphedema from pharmacological, psychosocial, and surgical perspectives. In 2019, Catharine was named one of Calgary's Top 40 Under 40 by Avenue Magazine and one of Forbes Magazine's 30 Under 30 for her work in the healthcare sector. Catharine is currently studying medicine at the University of Calgary's Cumming School of Medicine.



Camila Escobar

Colombian, 39

Procafecol, CEO

Camila Escobar worked for the Colombian Coffee Growers Federation at the beginning of her career, and since October 1, 2018 was appointed as CEO of Procafecol, company with the license of the Juan Valdez® brand. During this period, she led the transformation of the company in adopting a new strategy to create shared value (economic, social and environmental) to its stakeholders by strengthening the brand's position in Colombia, expanding its reach towards new segments and consolidating its presence in the international market. Before this, Camila was head of the BI and Marketing unit at Belcorp, managing high-impact projects at McKinsey. Camila is an industrial engineer from Los Andes University with an MBA from Harvard Business School.



Daniela Fernandez

Ecuadorian, 26

Sustainable Ocean Alliance, Founder

At the age of 19, Daniela founded the Sustainable Ocean Alliance (SOA) as a college-room idea in Georgetown University. Six years later, she grew SOA into a global organization that is cultivating and accelerating innovative solutions to protect and sustain the health of the ocean. With phenomenal speed, SOA created the world's largest network of young ocean leaders - establishing a presence in over 165 countries and successfully launched the world's first Ocean Solutions Accelerator to developing technological solutions to address the greatest threats our planet is facing. How can we cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset in the next generation? What are the leading technologies that can be implemented to help address the challenge our environment is facing? How can established companies harness the power of young people? What trends are we seeing in Gen Z and Millennials

as consumers, employees, and future business leaders? Daniela is answering these critical questions that will influence the new wave of entrepreneurs and redefine the relationship between emerging technologies, climate change mitigation, restoring ocean health, as well as a social good.



Richa Gupta

Indian, 24

Labhya Foundation, Co-founder

Richa is the co-founder of Labhya Foundation, an India-based nonprofit that enables over 2.5 Million vulnerable children with Social and Emotional skills in partnership with governments & multilateral organizations. Labhya recently won the Harvard Social Impact Fellowship Fund Award 2020.

Member of the Young People's Action Team (YPAT) for UNICEF India, she was recognized by the Takeda Foundation, Japan, as the 'Best Entrepreneur of the Year 2019'. She was also India's Ambassador to the 10th G(irls)20 Summit. Currently, Richa is a Master's candidate at Harvard Graduate School of Education, where she is also an Equity & Inclusion fellow & a Harvard Ministerial Leadership Program Fellow.



Fatoumata Kebe

French, 35

Association Éphémérides, Founder & Astronomer

Affiliated researcher at the SETI institute (Search for ExtraTerrestrial Intelligence) Fatoumata Kebe studies the space environment and planetary nebulae after completing a PhD in Astronomy from Sorbonne Université.

Fatoumata Kebe currently co-chairs the International Astronomical Union Junior Members working group and is a member of the Royal Astronomical Society Early Career Network Committee.



Guila Clara Kessous

American & French, 31

UNESCO, Artist for Peace

Guila Clara Kessous is a social entrepreneur and executive coach, using theatrical techniques and role-playing games as tools that can not only enhance corporate communication, but help heal those who have suffered from prior trauma, especially women. For her work with humanitarian causes, she has been nominated "UNESCO Artist for Peace" notably in link with her work in collaboration with Nobel Peace Prize Malala Yousafzai using theatre to help girls' empowerment. As a certified coach, she has helped more than 500 senior executives (French Tech, CAC 40, Nasdaq 500) in their leadership responsibilities dealing with women empowerment and conflict resolution. In times of COVID-19, she helped medical teams, nurses and sick people (kids and adults) in remission with resilience through the art of storytelling and drama techniques. Guila Clara is an active member of the Harvard University affiliated

Institute of coaching. She is awarded the title of Officer from the Order of Arts and Literature by the French Minister of Culture and received recently the Global Gift Women Empowerment Award 2020 given by Eva Longoria for her engagement in positive leadership and diversity.

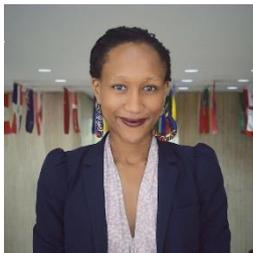


Lesego Mokae

South African, 30

LFA Mining and Automotives, Founder

Lesego is the founder of LFA Mining and Automotives. Before diversifying in the automotive sector, she co-founded an Engineering company in 2015 (Ditsogo Projects). She is passionate about rural development and uplift and as a result started "Give the Love," a non-profit organization aiming to improve the life of women, children and the elderly. Her vision is to use her strong business operations management strategies and leadership qualities to uplift and upskill underprivileged rural individuals interested in STEM. She was named 1 of the 100 inspirational young South Africans, made it to Forbes Africa 30 under 30 list (2019) and Most influential woman in business and government SADC-South (Engineering).



Nthabiseng Mosia

Ghanaian & South African, 30

Easy Solar, Co-founder

Nthabiseng Mosia is the co-founder and Chief Commercial Officer at Easy Solar, one of the leading solar fin-tech companies in Africa. Easy Solar distributes and finances high-quality solar systems and appliances for those with limited access to the electric grid. Created in 2016, Easy Solar has provided power to more than 450,000 people, while creating jobs for more than 600 in both Sierra Leone and Liberia. As a South African and Ghanaian dual-citizen, Nthabi is a Pan-African at heart, passionate about building community-driven solutions to the continent's most pressing development challenges. Nthabi was named Social Entrepreneur in 2019 by the World Economic Forum, and Young Female Entrepreneur of the Year by Forbes Africa in 2020. She lives full time in Sierra Leone and is the proud mother of a little girl.



Mariarosaria Taddeo

Italian 40

Senior Research Fellow

Deputy Director | Digital Ethics Lab, Oxford Internet Institute, **University of Oxford**

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Mariarosaria is Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford, where she is the Deputy Director of the Digital Ethics Lab and is Defence Science and Technology Fellow at the Alan Turing Institute. Her work focuses mainly on the ethical analysis of Artificial Intelligence,

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cybersecurity, cyber conflicts, and ethics of digital innovation. Her area of expertise is Philosophy and Ethics of Information. She has received multiple awards for her work, among which the 2010 Simon Award for Outstanding Research in Computing and Philosophy; the 2016 World Technology Award for Ethics. In 2018, InspiringFifty named her among the most inspiring 50 Italian women working in technology, in 2020 she was listed as one the top 100 most influential women in UK technology by ComputerWeekly. In the same year, ORBIT listed her among the top 100 women working on Ethics of AI in the world. Since 2016, Taddeo serves as editor-in-chief of Minds & Machines (SpringerNature) and of Philosophical Studies Series (SpringerNature). Her research has been published in major journals like Nature, Nature Machine Intelligence, Science, and Science Robotics.



Eve Tamraz Najjar

French, 31

WLAB LTD, Co-founder

Graduated from the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris where she wrote a thesis on the neuronal interactions during early development, Eve has a scientific background in Toxicology, Health and Environment. Her interest in cutting edge technology led her to specialize in Synthetic Biology, an emerging research area at the convergence of advances in chemistry, biology, computer science, and engineering. She was recognized as a top innovator by the MIT technology review and listed in Forbes 30 under 30 Europe. Now Co-founder and Chief Scientist of WLAB, she focuses in bringing high-end laboratory equipment to end users in order to simplify allergy and asthma prevention.



Atti Worku

Ethiopian, 39

Seeds of Africa, Founder & CEO

Born in Ethiopia, Atti Worku is the Founder and CEO of Seeds of Africa, a New York City 50 nonprofit dedicated to developing the educational foundation for the next generation of African leaders. Worku's efforts have been recognized with an African Diaspora Award for Community Service, and The African Youth Excellence Honorary Award. In support of the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent, Worku was recently named one of the Most Influential People of African Descent (MIPAD) class of 2019. Teen Vogue called her an impactful Female Leader. She has been a speaker and panelist at The Skoll World Forum, The African Philanthropy Forum, The United Nations, Ford Foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and Women4Climate. She contributes to HuffPost on Education and Development in Africa, and her essay on girls' education as a global climate change solution was published in the book Why Women Will Save the Planet. As a contributor to Skoll.org, Worku has written multiple Essays on power dynamics and Racial Injustice in Philanthropy. Worku attended Columbia University, where she graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Sustainable Development in 2014. She is a 2019 Gratitude Network Fellow. She won Miss Ethiopia in 2005, and represented world-renowned fashion and beauty brands as an international model.