

# Wiki Loves Women is a global initiative addressing the gender gap on the Wikimedia projects by encouraging contributions from and content about historically marginalised women.

In very different ways, the four Wiki Loves Women initiatives celebrate the achievements of inspirational and successful women and makes them visible on the Wikimedia projects, and thus accessible to a global readership. Inclusivity and diversity are only sustainable by ensuring gender balance among the leadership of Wikimedia

communities. A gender-equal leadership will, in turn, motivate individuals to make high-quality contributions to the Wikimedia projects about women's achievements, history, and culture. Thus, Wiki Loves Women initiates drives that motivate women to be involved in the Wikimedia movement. It also trains and mentors Wikimedians in the leadership and organisational skills needed to lead their communities.

Wiki Loves Women Focus Group

## **Developing Wikimedia Leaders**

Launched in 2016, Wiki Loves Women has consistently developed the skills needed by Africa's Wikimedia leaders to build their own communities around the subject of gender equity and women's knowledge. Initially supported by the Goethe Institut with in-country activities, and now through the Focus Group online, the project has always focused on building leaders to develop their communities through a focus on gender content and contributions.

The 2024 cohort of Wiki Loves Women leaders comprises of 28 members from 12 African countries (+ France!) in 2024.

Learn more on Meta: Wiki Loves Women/Focus Group



Wiki Loves Women #SheSaid

#### **Celebrating Women's Voices**

Women's voices are often ignored and very rarely quoted.

#SheSaid is an annual global Wiki Loves Women initiative that encourages Wikimedia communities to add the inspiring words of notable women to Wikiquote. Thus enabling a more inclusive and diverse representation of women's experiences and perspectives online.

The impact of #SheSaid campaign on Wikiquote since its launch in 2020 has been truly remarkable across the last four editions.

#SheSaid 2023 resulted in 5,407 new articles and 1,271+ improved Wikiquote articles on women across 18 language Wikiquotes by 16 Wikimedia communities.

Learn more on Meta: Wiki Loves Women/SheSaid

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**#SheSaid** 

**Focus Group Members** 

working sessions +

office hours held

language communities have participated

**Focus Group** since 2020 skills transfer

**Tell Us About Her** 

contributions via 5 annual ISA challenges

16,080+ #SheSaid new or updated articles on Wikiquote since 2020

**Inspiring Open** 

podcasts featuring Africa's influential women &

images described in 5 annual ISA challenges

**Tell Us About Her** 

Wikimedians







### Making Women Visible

Tell Us About Her is an annual campaign on Wiki In Africa's ISA **Tool** that improves the ability for people to search for photographs representing women uploaded to Wikimedia Commons. This is done by adding captions and descriptions to uploaded images. For 5 years during International Women's Month, women in different sectors are visibly celebrated:

- 2024: Women in Art
- 2023: Women on the Frontline Climate
- 2022: Women in Architecture
- 2021: Women At Work
- 2020: African Women Politicians and Activists

Learn more on Commons: Commons: ISA Tool/Challenges





#### **Honouring Inspirational Women**

Inspiring Open is a podcast that was launched in 2022 to celebrate Africa's influential women whose careers and personal ethics intersect with the Open movement.

In the first season, 16 dynamic women were interviewed and showcased. Since then, the focus has been on making visible inspirational women from within the Wikimedia movement.

The Inspiring Open podcast is available anytime, anywhere to amplify the motivational stories of each guest, spoken in their voice. The first season was possible due to the support of the Goethe-Institut's 2021 International Relief Fund.

Listen to them on podcast.wikiloveswomen.org

Join Wiki Loves Women to amplify women's voices and celebrate their stories worldwide!

Wiki Loves Women is a Wiki in Africa project.







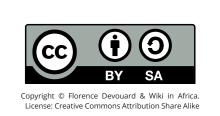






**Elevating Africa's Voices Globally** www.wikiinafrica.org





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