

In partnership with Rwanda Development Board, TIME will host the inaugural TIME100 Summit and Impact Awards Africa in Rwanda on 17 November at the Kigali Convention Center

Today, TIME announced it will host the TIME100 Summit and Impact Awards Africa in Rwanda, bringing its iconic TIME100 franchise, which recognizes the most influential people in the world, to the region for the first time. The events will take place on 17 November at the Kigali Convention Center.

The inaugural TIME100 Summit Africa will feature a range of speakers from the global and regional TIME100 community who will discuss essential solutions to urgent global problems from a regional and global perspective and ways that we can all take action to build a better future.

Following the daytime summit, TIME will convene international and regional leaders, influencers, and visionaries alongside members of the global TIME100 community to celebrate the recipients of the first-ever TIME100 Impact Awards Africa, recognizing individuals who have gone above and beyond to shape the future of their industries, and the world at large.

“The TIME100 is a borderless community of changemakers spanning every industry who are moving our world forward. We are thrilled to continue growing our community even further in Rwanda,” said **TIME Chief Executive Officer Jessica Sibley**.

The TIME100 Summit and Impact Awards Africa were developed with founding partner **Rwanda Development Board**, which will co-host both events.

“Rwanda is excited to host the prestigious TIME100 Summit and Impact Awards this year. We are a beautiful and diverse destination, rich in cultural heritage, natural wonders, and unique experiences that reflect the warmth and hospitality of our people. From vibrant cities with picturesque landscapes to pristine beaches, there is something for everyone to discover and enjoy. We look forward to welcoming all TIME100 delegates for memorable experiences this November,” said **Rwanda Development Board Chief Executive Officer Clare Akamanzi**.

The launch of the TIME100 Summit and Impact Awards Africa in Rwanda is the latest expansion of the TIME100 globally. Previous installments of the TIME100

Impact Awards have recognized **Idris Elba**, actor, filmmaker, musician and IFAD Goodwill ambassador; **Sabrina Dhowre Elba**, CEO, model, and activist; **Graça Machel**, founder, Graça Machel Trust; **Jeffrey Katzenberg**, media entrepreneur, technology investor and co-founder, WndrCo; and **Farwiza Farhan**, forest conservationist and founder, HAKA; **David Adjaye**, architect and founder, Adjaye Associates; **Sarah Al Amiri**, U.A.E. Minister of State for Advanced Technology; **Tony Elumelu**, philanthropist and founder, The Tony Elumelu Foundation; **Ellie Goulding**, singer-songwriter and activist; **Huda Kattan**, entrepreneur and founder, Huda Beauty; **Deepika Padukone**, actor, producer and philanthropist; and **will.i.am**, musician and entrepreneur; **Alia Bhatt**, actor and producer; **Gregory L. Robinson**, former James Webb Space Telescope Program director; **Dr. Pardis Sabeti**, computational geneticist; and **Lea Salonga**; singer and actor; and others.