

## **Bridging Continents and Cultivating Change: A Story of Global Education Initiatives**

### ***British Council Going Global Conference and the Programme for African Leadership (PfAL) Sparks Collaborative Efforts for Youth-led Innovation in Africa***

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In a remarkable confluence of international education advocacy, the recently concluded British Council Going Global Conference in Edinburgh served as a catalyst for initiatives that transcend borders, linking the realms of student mobility, youth-led innovation, and the future of education in Africa.

This interconnected narrative reflects a powerful synergy between global education conferences, youth-led initiatives, and the mission of the Programme for African Leadership, highlighting the collaborative efforts needed to shape a future where education is a catalyst for positive change across continents.

#### **PfAL Alumni Shines in Closing Plenary**

Aloysious Tumusiime, a recent PfAL (Programme for African Leadership) alum, made waves in the conference's closing plenary. Joined by other young leaders on stage and Maddalaine, the Director of Education at the British Council, Alois played a pivotal role in delivering closing remarks that resonated with the audience, emphasizing the power of education to transform lives and societies.

#### **PfAL Senior Programme Manager Joins Panel Discussions on International Student Mobility**

During the conference, thought leaders in international education, took to the stage to deliberate on crucial topics shaping the global education landscape. Tosin Adebisi, shared how the Programme for African Leadership is promoting inclusive education and harnessing the benefits of global education in the local contexts.

He contributed to a panel discussion that delved into the challenges and opportunities surrounding international student mobility. The insights shared echoed a commitment to fostering global connections and enriching educational experiences for students across the world.

#### **British Council Director of Education Judges Unleash Africa Group Projects at the LSE**

Continuing the momentum post-conference, Maddalaine Ansell lent her expertise to the judging panel of round 1 of the Unleash Africa group projects at the London School of Economics. Here, students participating in the Programme for African Leadership pitched innovative ideas aimed at addressing real-world problems in Africa. Maddalaine's involvement underscores the commitment to nurturing impactful initiatives that go beyond the confines of traditional education.

#### **The Next Conference Hub with a Focus on Youth-Led Solutions**

Looking towards the future, the British Council has strategically chosen Sub-Saharan Africa as the location for next year's Going Global Conference. With a thematic focus on youth-led solutions and active participation in innovating future-ready education, the conference aims to amplify the voices and contributions of young leaders in shaping the educational landscape of tomorrow.

Maddalaine said "The interconnected initiatives stemming from the Going Global Conference and the collaborative efforts witnessed during the Unleash Africa projects underscore the power of international collaboration. Our focus on youth-led solutions in Nigeria next year reinforces our commitment to amplifying the voices of the next generation in building a sustainable and inclusive education ecosystem."

Tosin said "the PfAL community is thrilled to witness the ripple effect of our alumni's contributions on a global stage. The Unleash Africa projects showcase the innovative spirit of our students, and the upcoming conference in Sub-Saharan Africa provides an exciting platform to further empower the youth in driving transformative change across the African continent."