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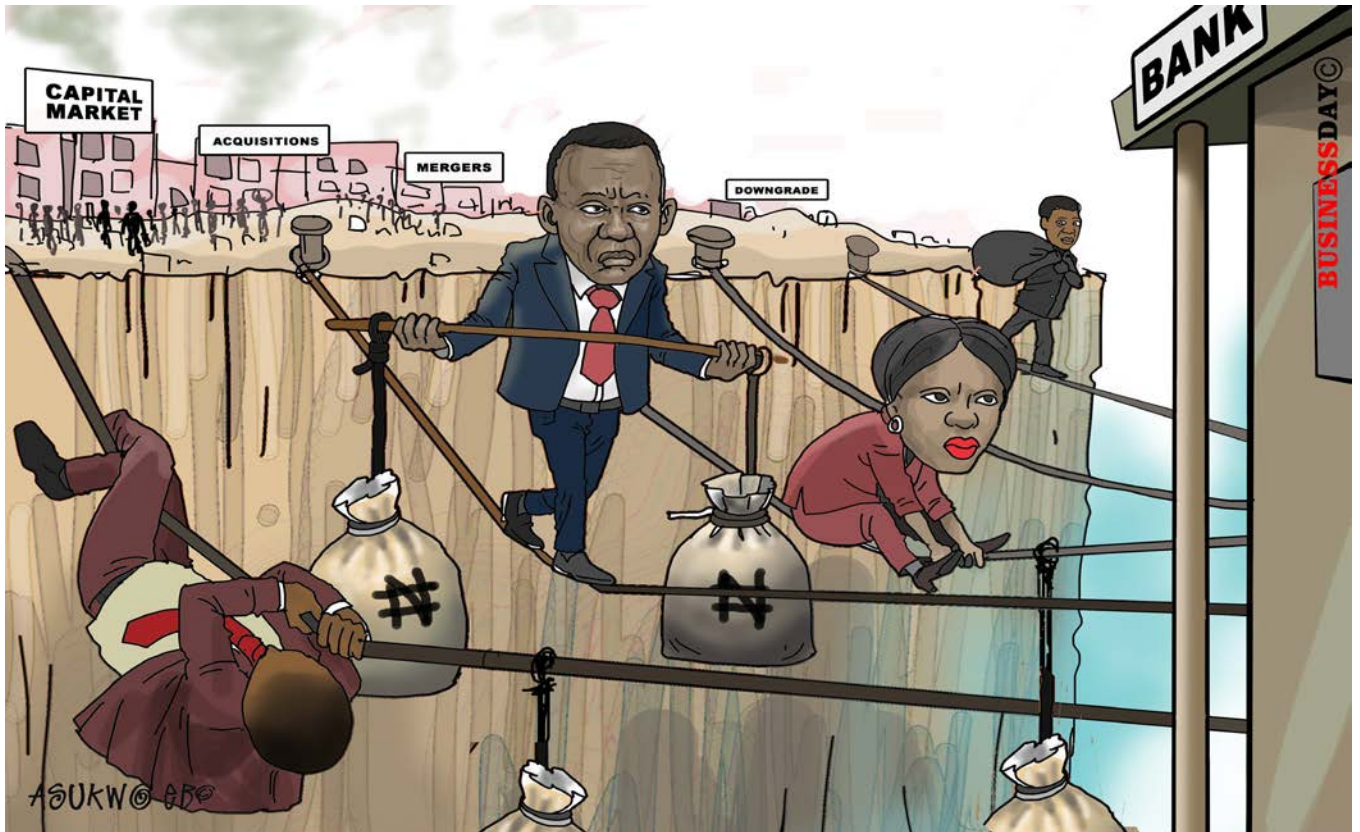
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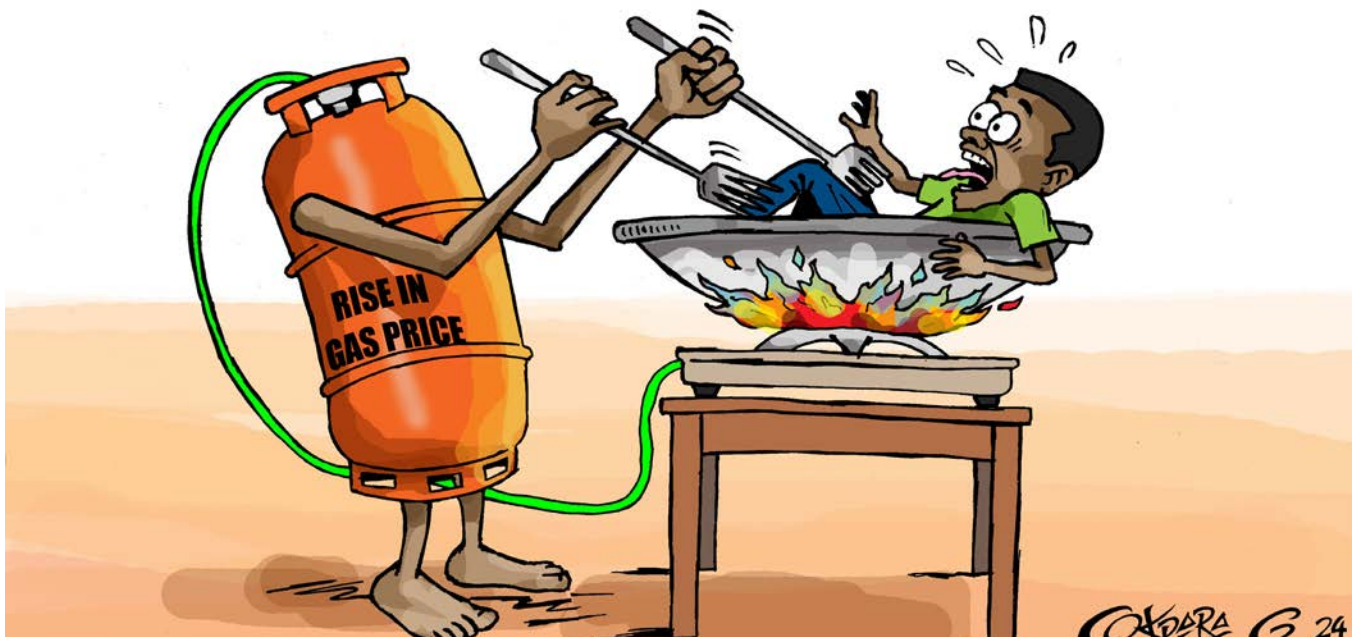
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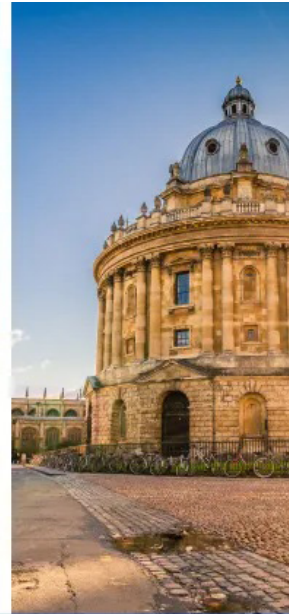


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# Here are top 10 most-educated countries in 2024

CHARLES OGWO



## The Best Universities in the UK

It is a universal truism that education is vital to a country's development, because it equips its citizens with the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to contribute to the economy, foster innovation, and participate effectively in democratic processes.

Education is a multifaceted and indispensable tool for the progress and prosperity of a country, because it drives economic growth, reduces poverty and enhances human capital, among others.

### Here are the top 10 most-educated countries in 2024;

**South Korea:** South Korea takes the top spot with a remarkable 69 percent attainment rate. This reflects a deeply ingrained cultural emphasis on academic success, and a competitive education system.

The country is an East Asian nation on the southern half of the Korean Peninsula which shares one of the world's most heavily militarised borders with North Korea.

It's equally known for its green, hilly countryside dotted with cherry trees and its coastal fishing villages, sub-tropical islands and high-tech cities such as Seoul, the capital.

**Canada:** The country boasts a strong showing at 66 percent, showcasing its commitment to providing accessible and high quality education for its citizens. Canada is a country in North America. Its ten provinces and three territories extend from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean and northward into the Arctic Ocean, making it the world's second-largest country by total area, with the world's longest coastline.



**Japan:** Japan is one of the world's most literate and technically advanced nations. The country is renowned for its technological advancement. Japan's 65 percent tertiary education rate underscores its long-standing tradition of valuing education and lifelong learning.

Japan is an East Asian archipelago country made up of four primary islands and more than 6,800 others. While most of the country is covered by mountains and heavily wooded areas, its people lead a distinctly urban lifestyle.

Long culturally influenced by its neighbors, today the country blends its ancient traditions with aspects of Western life.

**Ireland:** Its 63 percent attainment highlights the country's well-developed education system known for producing highly skilled graduates attractive to global employers.

**Luxembourg:** Despite Luxembourg's small size, it achieves a remarkable 63 percent rate as the fifth most educated country. Luxembourg is a small European country, surrounded by Belgium, France and Germany. It's mostly rural, with dense Ardennes forest and nature parks in the north, rocky gorges of the Mullerthal region in the east and the Moselle river valley in the southeast.

In a country with a small population but with great achievements, more than half of Luxembourg's population is educated.

**United Kingdom:** The United Kingdom, positioned at the sixth spot among the world's most educated nations, showcases a tertiary education achievement rate. The UK with a rich history of education holds a steady position at 57 percent attainment rate.

**Lithuania:** Standing out in Europe, Lithuania demonstrates a commitment to education with a 57 percent attainment rate.

**Netherland:** Holland is a renowned country for innovation, and achieving a 56 percent rate reflects its investment in a skilled workforce.

**Norway:** The country's 55 percent attainment signifies its focus on education as a cornerstone of its strong social welfare system.

**Australia:** The Oceanic country rounds out the list with a 54 percent rate, solidifying its reputation for a well-developed education system.



**Commitment to  
fostering inclusion is  
woven into every aspect  
of our business**  
- Duduyemi



**Y**emisi Duduyemi is the founder & CEO, Custom Gifts & Designs Limited, one of the fastest growing gifting companies in Nigeria. In her two decades of work experience, she has exemplified herself as a thoroughbred professional and more lately blazing the trail in the world of business. Duduyemi is a graduate of Accounting and holder of Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the prestigious Obafemi Awolowo University in Ile-Ife, Osun State Nigeria.

Her passion for quality service delivery and value creation spurred her interest in addressing the underserved gap she had observed in the gifting industry. Hence, she developed a disruptive model that creates better consumer experience with a complementary platform that is scalable over time. She aims at improve the gifting culture in Nigeria and steering the vision to become the prime destination for gifting expressions in Nigeria. In this interview with Weekender, she speaks on how women inclusion and diversity has become integral to the strength and beauty of the organisation.

***What does Diversity, Equality and Inclusion mean to your organization; what has been your experience in visibly promoting inclusion in the society and what practical steps are you taking to leverage your brand to further this course?***

As the Founder & CEO of Custom Gifts & Designs (CGD), I see myself not just as a business leader, but as an advocate for a world where every individual feels valued, understood, and connected.

Our journey in Lagos, from a humble start-up with a vision of becoming a prime destination for gifting expressions, has been both a reflection of and a testament to the rich tapestry of diversity that Nigeria offers.

Inclusion to me is more than a concept; it's the very fabric of our existence. It's the acknowledgement that each thread, no matter how seemingly different, is integral to the strength and beauty of the whole. It's a mantra that resonates deeply within our walls: "Every gift has a story, every person has a voice, every voice shapes our world."

There have been countless moments that made me feel seen, but one stands out in particular. It was during a community outreach where we distributed personalized balloons to a diverse group of children. I saw their eyes light up, not just because of what they received, but because the gifts reflected shared values of love and respect. This moment reaffirmed my belief that when we celebrate individuality, we foster unity.

The value of diversity was further instilled in me when we expanded our range to include products that cater to different lifestyles, age groups and religious beliefs. Witnessing customers from various backgrounds find the perfect gift that speaks to their heritage has been nothing short of magical. It's these experiences that ignite our mission to help customers discover and share remarkable gifts for every occasion.

Our commitment to fostering inclusion is woven into every aspect of our business. Internally, we've created an environment where our team members from different ethnicities, genders, and social backgrounds can thrive. Their diverse perspectives are not just heard, but are actively sought and integrated into our decision-making processes. This diversity within our team enhances our creativity and helps us better serve our diverse customer base.

Externally, our purpose of "inspiring stronger social ties" is a beacon of our dedication to inclusion. We understand that gifts are more than just physical items; they are extensions of relationships, expressions of love, care, and recognition. By offering a variety of gifts that cater to different ages, orientations, and cultural backgrounds, we are fostering a sense of belonging and togetherness. Whether it's a custom piece that celebrates a personality or a gift park shared with family and friends, we are committed to ensuring that every person can find something that resonates with them in our signature store at #CGDLekkiStore.

In our pursuit of inclusion, we've also been intentional about accessibility. We strive to make our products and services available to as many people as possible, regardless of their socioeconomic status. We offer a range of prices and work tirelessly to ensure that our store is a welcoming space for everyone.

***What new initiatives should we look forward to seeing in the nearest future, and what's your message of hope to your audience?***

As we look to the future, my message of hope is that we continue to embrace the beautiful diversity of our society. I dream of a world where inclusion is not an afterthought but a fundamental principle that guides our interactions.

A world where businesses like ours are not the exception but the norm, where every individual feels seen, heard, and valued.

Our vision to be the prime destination for gifting expressions in Nigeria is steeped in the belief that we can bridge gaps and build connections through the simple act of giving. We are more than a gift store; we are a platform that celebrates the diversity of human experience, a space that encourages empathy, and a community that thrives on mutual respect and understanding.

As we continue to grow and influence the gifting culture in Nigeria, let us remember that our purpose goes beyond transactions. We are in the business of weaving the fabric of society tighter with every gift exchanged. By recognizing and honoring our differences, we are creating a tapestry that tells a story of unity in diversity.

In conclusion, I invite each of you to join us in this journey of fostering stronger social ties through inclusion. Let us work hand in hand to create a more inclusive future, where every person can share in the joy of giving and receiving gifts that truly represent who they are. Together, let us build a legacy of love, one gift at a time.

# 10 daring firsts in history

ESTHER EMOEKPERE



**T**hroughout history, humanity has been driven by a relentless urge to explore, innovate, and push the boundaries of what's possible. This relentless spirit has produced pioneers and record-breakers who dared to be the first.

The human desire to set new record cuts across every sphere of life. From the endurance of Eliud Kipchoge, the first marathoner to break the two-hour limit, to

the speed of Usain Bolt, the fastest man alive, these record breakers continue to push the human potential, inspiring us to reach for our personal first.

Beyond mere headlines, the stories of these record breakers, they serve as testaments to human courage, ingenuity and perseverance. They remind us that anything is possible with hard work, dedication, and a willingness to embrace the unknown and be the first.



## Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart, an American aviation pioneer, born in 1897, was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Her fearless spirit and determination inspired generations of women to pursue aviation. She set numerous records including promoting commercial air travel, writing best-selling books about her flying experiences, and playing a key role in founding The Ninety-Nines, an organization for female pilots. Despite her disappearance during a flight in 1937, Earhart's legacy as a trailblazer in aviation continues.



## Marie Curie

Marie Curie, born in 1867, was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize and the only person to win Nobel Prizes in two scientific fields. She made groundbreaking discoveries in radioactivity, discovered the elements radium and polonium, and became the first woman to become a professor at the University of Paris. Her legacy continues to inspire women in STEM fields worldwide.



## Jackie Robinson

Jack Roosevelt Robinson made history as the first African American to play in Major League Baseball (MLB) in the modern era. His debut for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947, broke the color barrier, ending racial segregation in professional baseball. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.



## Eliud Kipchoge

Kenyan long-distance runner Eliud Kipchoge is well-known for his dominance in marathon racing. He is a two-time Olympic marathon champion, winning gold in 2016 and 2020. Kipchoge made history as the first marathoner to break the two-hour barrier, achieving this feat in 2019 with a time of 1:59:40. He held the official marathon world record from 2018 to 2023, running the fastest time of 2:01:09 in the 2022 Berlin Marathon. Kipchoge's remarkable talent and achievements have solidified his place as one of the greatest marathon runners of all time.



## Sir Edmund Hillary & Tenzing Norgay

On May 29, 1953, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay reached the top of Mount Everest, the tallest mountain on earth. They were the first climbers ever confirmed to do this. By reaching the top, Hillary and Norgay opened up new opportunities for exploring other high mountains. Their achievement inspired generations of adventurers to embark on their own quests. Earhart's legacy as a trailblazer in aviation continues.



## Harriet Tubman

Harriet Tubman, born into slavery in 1822, escaped to freedom in Philadelphia and became dedicated to abolishing slavery. As a conductor on the Underground Railroad, she guided around 70 enslaved individuals to freedom. Tubman also founded the Home for Aged & Indigent Negroes and advocated for women's rights. Notably, she was the first woman to lead an armed military operation in the United States during the Civil War, leading the Combahee River Raid, which liberated over 700 slaves and earned her the nickname "Moses." Her life was depicted in the 2019 film "Harriet," starring Cynthia Erivo.



## Ida Wells

Ida Bell Wells-Barnett was an American investigative journalist, educator, and civil rights leader. She was a founding member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the first African-American woman to write for a mainstream white newspaper, where she exposed and denounced the practice of lynching in the United States. Wells dedicated her career to combating prejudice, advocating for African-American equality, and championing the rights of women.



## Neil Armstrong

Neil Alden Armstrong was an American astronaut, aeronautical engineer, naval aviator, test pilot, and university professor. He made history on July 20, 1969, as the first person to walk on the Moon during NASA's Apollo 11 mission. He achieved this feat alongside Apollo 11 Lunar Module pilot Buzz Aldrin.



## Billy Jean King

Billy Jean King is a former world No. 1 tennis player from the United States. She won a total of 39 Grand Slam titles, including 12 in singles, 16 in women's doubles, and 11 in mixed doubles. King was a trailblazer in women's sports and became the first female athlete to be named Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year in 1972. Her achievements on and off the court marked a significant milestone in the fight for gender equality in sports, leaving an indelible mark on the world of tennis.

## Usain Bolt

Usain St. Leo Bolt is a retired Jamaican sprinter, often regarded as the greatest sprinter of all time. He holds the world records in the 100 meters, 200 meters, and 4 x 100 meters relay. Known for his remarkable speed and dominance on the track, Bolt earned the nickname "Lightning Bolt" from the media. He made history as the first athlete to win four World Championship titles in the 200 meters event.



# How to decorate a small apartment on a budget

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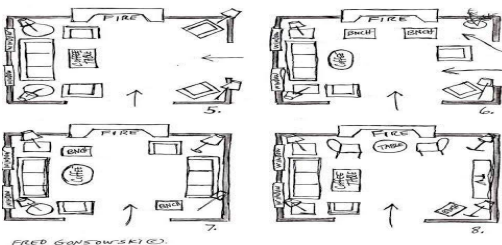


Living in a small apartment does not mean you have to sacrifice style and comfort. With some creativity and smart shopping, you can transform your small space into a cozy and stylish haven without breaking the bank.

Here are 10 tips to help you decorate your small apartment on a budget

## Plan your layout

Before you start decorating, take some time to plan out your apartment layout. Consider the flow of the space and how you can maximize every inch.



## Declutter and organize

Clearing out clutter is the first step to making a small apartment feel more spacious. Get rid of items you no longer need or use, and find creative storage solutions for the essentials. Use baskets, bins, and shelves to keep things organized and out of sight, making your space feel tidy and open.



## Focus on functionality

In a small apartment, every piece of furniture should serve a purpose. Choose furniture that is both stylish and functional, such as a dining table that can double as a workspace or storage benches that can serve as extra seats.



### Keep colors light

Light colors can make a small space feel larger and brighter. Choose a neutral color palette for your walls, floors, and larger furniture pieces, and add pops of color with accessories like throw pillows, rugs, and artwork. Mirrors are also great for reflecting light and creating the illusion of more space.



### Maximize natural light

Make the most of any natural light in your apartment by keeping window coverings minimal and opting for sheer curtains or blinds that let light in. Position mirrors strategically to bounce light around the room and make it feel more open and airy.



### Get creative with storage

In a small apartment, storage is key. Look for furniture with built-in storage, such as beds with drawers underneath or ottomans that open up to reveal hidden compartments. Use vertical space by installing shelves or wall-mounted organizers to store books, plants, and decorative items. A tip is to use walls instead of floor.



### Thrift shopping or DIY

Decorating on a budget doesn't mean you have to sacrifice style. Shop for furniture and decor at thrift stores or get creative with DIY projects to personalize your space and add character without spending a lot of money.



### Add plants

Incorporating plants into your decor is an easy and inexpensive way to breathe life into your small apartment. Choose low-maintenance plants that thrive indoors and require minimal care. Place them on window ledge, shelves, or tabletops to add color and



### Embrace minimalism

Finally, embrace the principles of minimalism by being selective about what you bring into your small apartment. Focus on quality over quantity, and choose pieces that are both beautiful and functional. Keep surfaces clear and uncluttered to create a sense of calm and serenity.

By following these tips, you can decorate your small apartment on a budget and create a stylish and inviting space that reflects your personality and lifestyle. With a little creativity and resourcefulness, you can make the most of your small space and turn it into a place you love to call home.

### Keep it cohesive

To make your small apartment feel cohesive and pulled-together, stick to a consistent design style and color scheme throughout. This will help create a sense of unity and flow, making your space feel larger and more harmonious.





## 'Kill Boro' marks another milestone for 'First Feature Project's director pipeline

ANTHONY UDUGBA

The premiere of the movie 'Kill Boro' marks another milestone for the First Feature Project, a director training program spearheaded by Nollywood veterans Dotun Olakunri and Steve Gukas. Continuing its ongoing film releases, First Features Project recently hosted a private screening of its thriller, 'Kill Boro' slated for an April 12, 2024 release on Prime Video.

The project, designed to cultivate a new generation of filmmaking talent, has been guiding 12 aspiring directors, with Courage Obayuwana emerging at the helm of 'Kill Boro'. This thriller movie signifies a significant step forward for the initiative, showcasing the potential the project nurtures within the Nigerian film industry.

'Kill Boro' is the fourth film from 'First Feature Project' spearheaded by Nollywood veterans Dotun Olakunri and Steve Gukas to give more talented director options to film producers. The project has seen the release of 'Cake',



'Love and Life', 'It Blooms in June' and now 'Kill Boro' by Courage Obayuwana.

Courage Obayuwana, in the film explores the complexities of family, survival, the consequences of choices, and the enduring possibility of redemption. Actors in the film include Kosisochukwu Ogboruche, Ini Dima-Okojie, Philip Asaya, Greg Ojefua, Hilda Dokubo, Beloved Osagie, Yibo Koko, and other stars.

Obayuwana, who has always had a passion for film and made his first short film during his university days, told BusinessDay that Steve Gukas saw his short film titled 'Fejoro' and decided to add him to the 12-man 'First Feature Project' list.

"When I saw the casting list, I was a little nervous but I figured it was more like talking to strangers and the good side about it is, that they ceased to become strangers afterward. I met with the cast and crew via zoom to discuss the characters and our vision for the project. Getting on set, it was already easy to communicate ideas easily," Obayuwana said.

The movie director said that stories relating to domestic violence are hardly told in Nollywood and the movie on the advent of its release will spark debates and conversations online.

Ini Dinma-Okojie, a Nollywood actress plays the character 'Boma' who is a victim of domestic violence and is willing to stay in her home despite living in fear of her abuser.

Expressing her enthusiasm, Dinma-Okojie said in the movie, 'Kill Boro' her character Boma explored the life of a mother torn between love, family conflict, domestic abuse, and sacrifice. "These are common vices families face daily, and the film showcases the impact these conflicts have on the home and a child's behaviour, as illustrated by Elijah," She said.

Dinma-Okojie tells BusinessDay that her character, which had a lot of range, is the heart and glue of the film.

The narrative, situated in the rural outskirts of Port Harcourt, presented Dinma-Okojie with the task of speaking a significant amount of Pidgin English, a dialect she admitted she wasn't accustomed to. Portraying the character Boma in the story tested her acting abilities.

Dinma Okojie who has been looking forward to working with Steve Gukas, one of the two men behind 'First Feature Project' says that Obayuwana on his debut as a film director came in with confidence and was open



to collaboration and ideas and has all the making of being a Nollywood great.

Speaking of his role as Ogoruche, the lead child actor says, "Playing Elijah challenged me to push my limits as an actor. Elijah is the rugged street boy, brilliant and strong-willed, driven by love, anger, and desperation for a better life. This role was emotional for me. I was captivated by the character because he was trying to protect his mother from his abusive father, leading him to make hard choices with dire consequences."

The 14-year-old told our reporter that he only got the role while following his mother to the audition and decided to join the list of people for the audition on that day and after auditioning he was surprised to land the role.

Courage Obayuwana, who directed Kill Boro, notes that the film portrays the harsh realities faced by individuals residing in abusive households. "We often wonder why people stay in abusive relationships, and this story explores a little bit to see the inner mind of those who choose to stay in abusive homes and how it affects the children. I hope people take note that they have to seek help; if not, it can also affect people around them," he said.

On playing Boro, Asaya says, "In this gripping story, Boro is a troubled character battling his demons while on a quest for redemption. The film portrays the negative impacts of family violence on the home and children in particular. I believe there are many lessons to be learnt from the life Boro lived."

Asaya pointed out a key benefit of filming outside Lagos, noting that filmmakers encounter fewer area boys and street thugs demanding illegal payments to allow filming to proceed smoothly. This issue is more prevalent in Lagos, whereas shooting experiences fewer interruptions in locations like Port Harcourt, where 'Kill Boro' was filmed.

Expressing their thanks to the Kill Boro cast and crew, Dotun Olakunri and Steve Gukas called for wider industry involvement in the career development of these young directors and emerging actors being discovered and promoted by the First Features Project.



## The Hive by ProvidusBank: A Celebration of Creativity, Learning, and Community

IFEOMA OKEKE-KORIEOCHA

It was three exhilarating days of vibrancy and dynamism of Nigeria's cultural landscape at the Hive by ProvidusBank.

Attendees from all walks of life converged to experience a diverse array of activities, from shopping among unique vendors to indulging in culinary delights and immersing themselves in captivating entertainment.

Day one kicked off with a bang as attendees flocked to shop among unique vendors and indulge in a variety

of culinary offerings. The Kids Village was a hub of non-stop fun with activities ranging from bouncy castles to face painting, ensuring that every child could participate and enjoy the festivities to the fullest.

Jade Phillips, Wellness expert led a masterclass on relaxation techniques, while Chef Chi demonstrated the art of cooking.

Ugo Monye, renowned fashion designer shared his personal insights, and the night ended with electrifying



performances by EDM DJs and DJ Obi. Day two saw a continuation of the excitement, with attendees enjoying more shopping, delicious food, and engaging activities at the Kids Village. Kitchen Muse's Bukie Akinmade hosted a cooking masterclass, while beauty expert Banke Meshida showcased beauty tools and techniques.

The runway came alive with collections from Trax Apparel, Henri Uduku, and Mak Afrika. The day concluded with a Fireside chat on digital commerce and a high-energy performance by DJ Dope Caesar and Teni.

On the final day, the event reached its peak with a fresh lineup of vendors, delectable food options, and engaging activities for children. Fashion masterclass by Kolapo Olabintan, cooking demonstrations by Chef Yeide Kuti and Chef Chi, and hair styling

tips by Kotty Signature kept attendees entertained and informed.

The runway featured stunning collections from Titi Belo, Jon Pelumi, Cladini, and Ohlanna, the runway was graced by the presence of ProvidusBank staff, showing their support for the talented fashion designers and adding an extra touch of elegance to the event.

The day ended with a Fireside chat on leadership and management with esteemed guests Toju Foyeh, Tosin Ogundadegbe, Dimma Umeh, Steve Harris, and Abiodun Ariyo, Head - Export Business from ProvidusBank. Followed by a captivating performance by DJ Consequence and Tiwa Savage.

The Hive by ProvidusBank event was a success, bringing together industry experts, creatives, and enthusiasts in a vibrant and dynamic environment.



# The most expensive cakes in the world

CHIGOZIRIM ENYINNIA

Cakes have always been a symbol of celebration and indulgence. From birthdays to weddings, they bring joy and delight to our taste buds. While most of us are accustomed to regular bakery cakes, there exists a world where cakes become true works of art, crafted with the finest ingredients and adorned with opulent decorations.

So let us look behind the culinary curtain, unto the bedazzling world of the most consumed dessert, cake!

## 1. The "Diamond Fruitcake" - Price: \$1.65m:

Created by Japanese pastry chef Nahid Parsa, this fruitcake is encrusted with more than 200 diamonds. The cake itself is made with premium ingredients like organic flour, vanilla beans, and rare liqueurs, ensuring a delectable taste to match its extravagant price.

The Diamond Fruitcake is a pastry masterpiece that holds the title for being one of the most expensive cakes in the world with a price tag of \$1.65m. This fruitcake is not only visually stunning but also boasts a delectable taste. Made with premium ingredients, including organic flour, fresh fruits, rare liqueurs, and the finest spices, each slice of this cake delights the palate and offers a truly indulgent experience. The meticulous craftsmanship and attention to detail are evident in every aspect of the cake.

What truly sets the Diamond Fruitcake apart is the fact that it is encrusted with over 200 dazzling diamonds. These carefully selected gemstones are skillfully placed to enhance the cake's aesthetic appeal. The diamonds, along with their exceptional quality and value, make this cake a true symbol of opulence and luxury.



## 2. The "Platinum Cake"

- Price: \$130,000:

Designed by pastry chef Nobue Ikara, this cake is covered in a layer of edible platinum dust, giving it a stunning silver finish. It is adorned with exquisite sugar flowers and is made with top-tier ingredients like Belgian chocolate and Madagascar vanilla.

The Platinum cake is an exquisite creation born from the artistic vision of pastry chef Nobue Ikara. This cake is an ode to elegance and sophistication, with its stunning silver exterior, achieved by dusting the cake in edible platinum.

The cake is a true culinary delight, combining the finest ingredients to deliver an exceptional taste. Belgian chocolate, Madagascar vanilla, and other premium components come together to create a harmonious flavour profile that leaves a lasting impression on every bite.

The cake's decoration is equally impressive, featuring meticulously crafted sugar flowers, expertly arranged to add a touch of grace and elegance. The synergy between flavours and aesthetics makes the Platinum Cake an extraordinary dessert that exemplifies the epitome of luxury.

## 3. The Royal Wedding Cake:

When it comes to luxury cakes, it is hard to surpass the grandeur of a royal wedding cake. One prime example is the wedding cake of Prince William and Kate Middleton, which reportedly cost an astonishing £80,000. It was a multi-tiered masterpiece, intricately designed with over 900 sugar paste flowers and featured a classic fruitcake base.

Designed by Fiona Cairns, a renowned British baker, the cake was a magnificent eight-tiered masterpiece that showcased both tradition and modernity.

According to Brides magazine, "The multi-tiered cake featured the couple's monogram front and centre in beautiful detailing. But the décor went much further than that. Each tier of the cake featured different floral designs, and each of the 900-plus details were crafted by hand out of sugar."

It was further revealed that "17 different flowers and leaves were incorporated into the design, ultimately displaying a mixture of blooms including lily of the valley, Irish shamrock, English rose, Scottish thistle, and Welsh daffodil. The incorporation of such flowers was meant to represent the national flowers of the four United Kingdom nations, bringing them together on one beautiful display."

Flavour-wise, the royal couple opted for a traditional English fruit cake, which is a classic choice for weddings in the United Kingdom. The cake was baked using traditional ingredients such as dried fruits, nuts, and brandy, all soaked for several weeks beforehand. This rich and moist fruit cake was wrapped in a layer of marzipan, giving it a smooth and sweet covering.

Aside from its visual appeal, the royal wedding cake was also known for its immense size. Standing at almost three feet tall, it weighed an impressive 220 pounds, making it an impressive sight to behold.



#### 4. The "Golden Phoenix Cupcake" - Price: \$1,000:

Designed by Bloomsbury's in Dubai, this cupcake is adorned with an edible 23-karat gold sheet and topped with a luxurious Italian chocolate truffle. The cupcake is made with premium ingredients like Ugandan vanilla beans and Amedei Porcelana chocolate, making it a true indulgence.

The Golden Phoenix Cupcake takes the concept of a cupcake to a whole new level of luxury. This stunning creation showcases an indulgence that combines the allure of gold and the richness of premium ingredients.

At the heart of this cupcake lies a sumptuous Italian chocolate truffle, which provides a melt-in-your-mouth experience. The cupcake itself is made with the finest ingredients, including Ugandan vanilla beans, ensuring a depth of flavour that is both distinctive and memorable.

What truly sets the Golden Phoenix Cupcake apart is its distinguished decoration. Adorned with an edible 23-karat gold sheet, this cupcake looks as impressive as it tastes. The application of gold leaf adds a touch of glamour and gives the cupcake an unparalleled visual appeal.



#### 5. The "Debbie Wingham's Million Dollar Birthday Cake" - Price: \$75m:

Crafted by renowned designer Debbie Wingham, this birthday cake is a masterpiece of design. The cake is adorned with 4,000 diamonds, including a 5.2-carat pink diamond at the centre. It incorporates rare ingredients like Madagascan vanilla, Iranian saffron, and white chocolate ganache, creating a truly extraordinary and opulent dessert.

Wingham's Million Dollar Birthday Cake is a truly awe-inspiring creation that redefines what a birthday cake can be. Designed by renowned designer Debbie Wingham, this cake is an extraordinary piece of edible art.

Valued at an astonishing \$75m, this cake is a testament to luxury and exclusivity. It is adorned with a staggering 4,000 diamonds, including a remarkable 5.2-carat pink diamond at the centre, making it a cake fit for royalty.

Beyond its extravagant decoration, the cake is crafted with rare and exquisite ingredients. Madagascar vanilla, Iranian saffron, and white chocolate ganache are just a few of the premium components that contribute to its richness.

This cake is a masterpiece that pushes the boundaries of creativity and culinary excellence. It is a celebration of life and serves as a reminder that true luxury knows no bounds. The million dollar birthday cake is a true testament to the artistry, craftsmanship, and sheer opulence that can be achieved in the world of cakes.

These cakes represent the epitome of luxury and demonstrate the artistry and craftsmanship that goes into creating such extravagant confections. Each one is a testament to the creativity, attention to detail, and premium ingredients that set them apart from ordinary desserts.



# Delight in the Savory Tradition: Authentic Nigerian Fisherman Soup Recipe

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**N**igerian Fisherman Soup is a traditional Nigerian delicacy with a rich history and diverse cultural influences. This hearty soup is a popular dish among various Nigerian ethnic groups, particularly those residing in coastal regions where fishing is a significant part of the livelihood.

It is a staple dish in their culinary repertoire. Additionally, other ethnic groups across Nigeria also prepare and enjoy variations of Fisherman Soup, adapting the recipe to suit their tastes and local ingredients.

Beyond its delicious taste and satisfying texture, Nigerian Fisherman Soup holds cultural significance, symbolizing communal gatherings and celebrations, especially during festive occasions and social gatherings.

The soup typically features an assortment of seafood such as fish, prawns, and sometimes periwinkles, combined with flavorful ingredients like palm oil, onions, garlic, and scotch bonnet peppers. Ground crayfish and uziza seeds are often used to add depth of flavor and aroma to the dish.

Overall, Nigerian Fisherman Soup is not only a culinary delight but also a reflection of Nigeria's rich cultural heritage and culinary diversity.

### *Ingredients:*

500g assorted fish (such as tilapia, catfish, or any other firm white fish)  
200g prawns  
200g periwinkle (optional)  
2 cups fish stock or water  
2 cups palm oil  
2 medium onions, finely chopped  
3-4 cloves garlic, minced  
2-3 scotch bonnet peppers (adjust to taste), finely chopped  
2 tablespoons ground crayfish  
2 tablespoons ground uziza seeds or substitute with ground black pepper  
2 cups chopped spinach or bitter leaf (substitute with kale or collard greens if not available)  
Salt to taste

### *Instructions:*

Clean and prepare the fish by removing scales, gutting, and cutting into bite-sized pieces. Peel and devein the prawns if necessary.

In a large pot, heat the palm oil over medium heat. Add the chopped onions and garlic, and sauté until softened, about 3-4 minutes. Add the chopped scotch bonnet peppers and ground crayfish to the pot, and cook for another 2-3 minutes.

Pour in the fish stock or water and bring to a simmer.

Add the assorted fish pieces to the pot and simmer for about 5 minutes.

Add the prawns and periwinkle to the pot, and continue to simmer for another 5-7 minutes, or until the seafood is cooked through.

Stir in the chopped spinach or bitter leaf and ground uziza seeds, and simmer for an additional 2-3 minutes.

Season with salt to taste.

Serve the Fisherman Soup hot with your choice of side dish, such as boiled yam, plantains, or rice.  
Enjoy your delicious Nigerian Fisherman Soup!

# Facilitating Tech Innovation and Investment in Africa: GTA Conference Returns with Deal Room

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**A**frican tech firms are poised for growth in the highly competitive digital technology market.

Information and communication technology (ICT) exports accounted for four to 10 percent of sub-Saharan African service exports in 2021, making technology companies key to digital transformation of the continent.

While these firms capitalize on rising demand for digital services, they grapple with undeveloped ICT infrastructure and a narrow base of suppliers.

In a bid to address these infrastructure gaps, the Global Tech Africa (GTA) Conference is back, with the theme for this year centering on "Global Collaborations, Local Transformations."



Set to take place from July 24th to 27th, 2024, at the Landmark Event Centre, Victoria Island, Lagos, GTA is a leading platform for collaboration between African and international tech stakeholders; fostering connections, dialogues, and potential partnerships that will pave the way for the growth of Africa's tech ecosystem.

"With great excitement, we are pleased to announce the GTA 2024 Deal Room. This initiative is designed to facilitate investments for African Start-ups from the community of potential investors.

"The Deal Room will be facilitated in partnership with One Africa and is expected to promote innovation, support emerging Start-ups, and contribute to economic growth in Africa.





“This year's GTA Conference promises to be a dynamic platform where global collaborations will catalyze local transformations in Africa's tech scene. I anticipate impactful discussions, actionable initiatives, and significant strides towards advancing our tech ecosystem,” Inya Lawal, President of Ascend Studios Foundation, implementing partner of the GTA said.

Olori Boye-Ajayi of One Africa also expressed enthusiasm about the collaboration with GTA and the role of facilitating the Deal Room: "Our partnership with GTA is aimed at fostering innovation, supporting tech startups, and promoting economic growth. The Deal Room will offer

a transparent and conducive environment for potential collaborations between tech companies and investors, driving impactful outcomes in the industry."

In its mission to harness Africa's tech potential for growth and development, GTA is guided by the recently launched Nigeria Startup Act, positioning the nation for the fourth industrial revolution. Collaborating with stakeholders, running capacity development programs, facilitating policy formulation, and uncovering investment opportunities; the Deal Room is part of the broad GTA objective – paving the way for tech-driven advancements in Africa.



# 10 Affordable countries to live your dream life as a retiree - Forbes

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For anyone seeking a more affordable way of life or those wishing to escape the daily grind, societal pressures, this list is not exclusive to retirees. These are countries where the cost of living is so low that the need to work could become a choice rather than a necessity.

Forbes listed affordable places to live a dream life in 2024, making reference to Jennifer Stevens, executive editor of International Living and the Annual Global Retirement Index, ranking the best places to retire around the globe—affordably.

## Costa Rica

Costa Rica tops Forbes Index for 2024 in part because its new 180-day tourist visa makes part-

time living there easier than ever. Its continued commitment to environmental sustainability makes it a particularly attractive option in this era when climate change is at the top of people's minds," says Stevens. The country's reputation for safety, political stability and a friendly society also makes it a top choice for expats.

Cost: International Living recommends the established expat retreats of Atenas, Grecia and San Ramón in the Central Valley, which offer spring-like temperatures and fertile lands, while Tamarindo caters to people in search of modern amenities and beautiful beaches.



Forbes reported that even with the prices in Costa Rica being the highest in this part of Latin America, the developed infrastructure, healthcare and services received here outperform most neighbors and justify the expense. International Living says a retired couple can live well on \$2,000 a month, while singles can enjoy the richness of Costa Rica on \$1,600 a month.

## Portugal

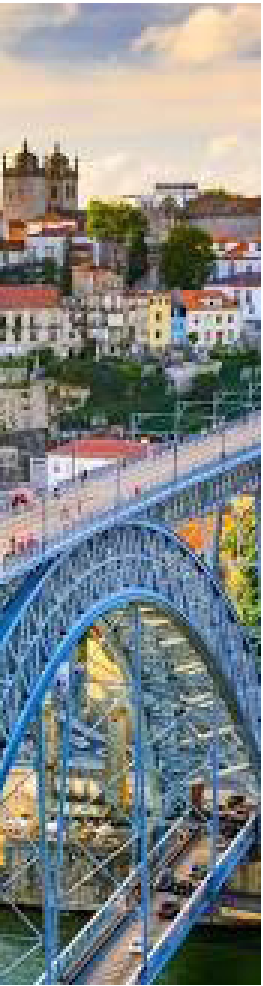
According to Forbes, Portugal remains top European pick, though it fell slightly in the rankings this year because of changes to their Golden Visa program and impending changes likely to impact the tax benefits certain visa holders have enjoyed up until now. Despite this, Portugal continues to be a top choice for people seeking an affordable—and appealing—European lifestyle.

**Cost:** A couple can live comfortably starting at around \$2,200 a month, while singles can expect to live well starting at about \$1,700 a month. You can have dinner at nice restaurants for \$11.50 or less, including drinks. But if you want to eat at home, the cost for groceries and routine services often comes in lower than in many parts of the U.S., making Portugal not just a dream, but a feasible reality for expats.

## Mexico

Mexico lands at number three this year, offering a particularly wide variety of lifestyle and climate options for folks looking to live better while spending less, Forbes reports. With its mix of Colonial cities, tropical beaches and diverse climates, Mexico appeals to a broad spectrum of expats.

**Cost:** A modest yet comfortable lifestyle in Mexico can be maintained on a budget of around \$1,500



to \$2,000 per month for a couple, covering all basic expenses including housing, utilities and food. Singles can expect to live comfortably on \$800 to \$1,200 per month, depending on lifestyle choices and location.

In Mexico, the cost of living is substantially lower than in many U.S. cities, allowing for regular dining out, cultural activities, and travel within the country. Even in popular expat destinations, housing remains affordable, offering a higher standard of living for less, while healthcare services provide excellent quality at a fraction of U.S. prices.

## Panama

Panama comes in fourth place due to unparalleled residency options and an enviable quality of life.

Panama's residency options remain hard to beat, with visas that provide retirees excellent options—whether you're truly retired or interested in working online, Forbes said. Panama's use of the U.S. dollar eliminates currency exchange headaches, and the nation's

healthcare ranks among the best globally. Plus, the country's size allows for quick transitions from idyllic beaches to the buzz of Panama City.

**Cost:** A couple can enjoy a fulfilling lifestyle in Panama on a budget starting at \$2,000 a month, covering all basic living expenses and some luxuries. Singles might find their costs starting at \$1,200 a month, allowing for a comfortable and often upscale standard of living. Housing in Panama can be significantly less expensive than in the United States, whether renting in the city, near the beach or in the cooler regions of the highlands. Comprehensive healthcare at a low cost and discounts available to retirees stretch the affordability even further, making Panama an economically wise choice for many expats.

## Spain

Spain's appeal lies not only in its sun-drenched landscapes but also in its world-renowned

healthcare system. And with one of the lowest costs of living in Europe, this means expats can indulge in Spain's vibrant lifestyle and culinary excellence without breaking the bank. The nation's healthcare, accessible to residents after certain periods (depending on their visa status) adds to its allure.

**Cost:** Life in Spain can be surprisingly affordable. A couple can live a comfortable lifestyle starting at \$2,000 a month, while singles may spend between \$1,500 and \$2,000. These figures cover housing, healthcare and enjoying Spain's rich dining scene and cultural offerings. The cost of living varies by region, with more affordable options in the countryside and higher costs in major cities like Madrid and Barcelona. The Spanish real estate market is welcoming to foreigners, with straightforward processes for both buying and renting. Prices for a two-bedroom home can start as low as €85,000 in rural Andalusia, reaching up to €300,000 in popular coastal areas. In metropolitan areas, prices start around €300,000 and can go higher based on location and amenities. Renting is a practical option for people looking to explore different regions, with monthly costs ranging at around €700 in less touristy areas.

## Ecuador

Ecuador is known for its stunning blend of beaches, mountains and rainforests. The cost of living is low enough that a fixed income can provide a comfortable, even luxurious lifestyle. Ecuador is not just budget-friendly, it's also rich with cultural variety and geographic diversity. Plus, it has a comfortable climate.

**Cost:** In Ecuador, the dollar stretches far. According to International Living, a couple can live well on about \$2,000 a month, while singles can manage on roughly \$1,000 a month. Housing costs are significantly lower than in the U.S., with rentals in charming expat towns starting as low as \$300. Public transport is reliable and inexpensive, healthcare is accessible and affordable, and the cost of groceries is astonishingly low. Plus, retirees enjoy substantial discounts on a range of services and utilities, adding to the financial appeal of this equatorial paradise.

## Greece

Greece offers "the quintessential example of a lifestyle so many retirees seek: a low cost of living

in a beautiful, warm destination with high-quality, affordable healthcare.” Living costs in Greece can be significantly lower than in the United States (think, housing up to 75% less). Adding to the appeal—a laidback and healthy Mediterranean lifestyle, plus a Golden Visa program that offers residency with a real estate investment that’s surprisingly reasonable.

**Cost:** Living in Greece can significantly lower your cost of living compared to the United States: International Living estimates that you’ll save up to 50%. Eating out, a staple of Greek life, is notably affordable, with delicious local meals in casual tavernas averaging around \$11 to \$16 (€10 to €15) a person. Monthly rent for a one-bedroom apartment in a city center can range from \$331 to \$662 (€300 to €600), while outside city centers, it drops to \$276 to \$552 (€250 to €500). For those contemplating property, the Golden Visa beckons with a threshold of granting residency and a gateway to the European lifestyle with an investment of €250,000 (around \$276,265).

## Malaysia

When it comes to places where you can live affordably in Asia, Forbes reports that Malaysia is a “hidden gem” With its “unique blend of stunning landscapes, friendly locals and budget-friendly living,” the country has been luring expats from around the world for over 400 years. When it comes to the Muslim world, there’s “probably no more liberal country.”

**Cost:** A couple can live comfortably in Malaysia on about \$2,000 per month, while singles can enjoy a fulfilling lifestyle on around \$1,000 a month, according to Forbes report. Housing costs are a fraction of what you’d pay in the US or Europe, with luxury rentals available at astonishingly low prices. Eating out is a cultural pastime and is both delicious and affordable, with local meals at casual eateries averaging just a few dollars per person. Utilities and transportation are also notably inexpensive, adding to the overall affordability of the Malaysian lifestyle.

## France

France is more than just a picturesque dream destination, it’s a place where the cost of living can be significantly lower than in the United States, particularly if you avoid the upscale

neighborhoods of Paris. This country offers a blend of high culture, excellent healthcare and a lifestyle that’s both vibrant and affordable. Forbes recommends budget-friendly locales like the sun-drenched southern city of Toulon (known for its affordable living and proximity to the Côte d’Azur) and the historical charm of Sarlat-la-Canéda in the Dordogne region (ideal for those who love medieval architecture and bucolic charm).

**Cost:** A two-bedroom apartment in Toulon can be rented for about €800 (\$847) a month, offering sea views and proximity to beaches. In Sarlat-la-Canéda, a town with year-round vibrancy, living costs are even more reasonable, with rentals and everyday expenses being surprisingly affordable. In Huelgoat, property prices are among the lowest in France. The healthcare system in France is also a major draw, offering high-quality care at significantly reduced costs compared to the United States, making it an excellent choice for those seeking a high-quality, affordable European lifestyle.

## Colombia

The country is recognized for its range of landscapes: green coffee plantations, snow-capped mountains, soft beaches. Another thing going for it—Colombia is the world’s second-most biodiverse country, offering rich experiences in both urban settings and natural environments. The warm and accepting culture of Colombians ensures that expats feel welcome.

**Cost:** One can stay in Colombia with a comfortable lifestyle available from \$1,000 per month in smaller cities and around \$2,000 in more popular cities like Medellín, according to Forbes.

Housing in cities like Bogotá can be found for around \$1,000 a month for a two-bedroom home, with costs varying depending on the city and neighborhood. Utilities are affordable due to the tiered estrato system, and other daily expenses like food and transportation are also reasonably priced. Health insurance is accessible and affordable, with high-quality care available throughout the country. Entertainment and leisure activities offer a range of options for all budgets, enhancing the overall quality of life in Colombia.

# See the list of the top 5 Largest container ships in the world in 2024

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As of January 2024, container ships with capacities larger than 20,000 TEUs are classified as Ultra Large Container Ships (ULCS). These massive vessels take advantage of economies of scale and are integral to intermodal freight transport. They

face limitations due to factors such as engine size and port infrastructure. The record for the largest container ship, as of January 2024, is held by MSC's Irina-class, boasting a capacity of 24,346 TEUs.

## Here are the top 5 largest ships in the world in 2024



### MSC Irina

The MSC Irina, launched in 2023, is the world's largest container ship with a capacity of 24,346 TEUs. It flies the Liberian flag and measures approximately 399.9 meters in length and 61.3 meters in width. Notable features include fuel-efficient technologies such as large-diameter propellers and an air bubble system to reduce water resistance. Equipped with hybrid scrubbers, it reduces carbon dioxide emissions by 3 to 4%. Saving under the Liberian flag, Sister ship MSC Loreto shares identical dimensions and capacity.



### MSC Tessa

Introduced in 2023, MSC Tessa boasts a capacity of 24,116 TEUs, surpassing Evergreen's Ever Alot by 112 TEUs. Launched in March 2023, it embarked on its maiden voyage equipped with energy-saving ducts and a hybrid scrubber for cleaner fuel emissions. Additionally, its air lubrication technology reduces carbon emissions by up to 4%.



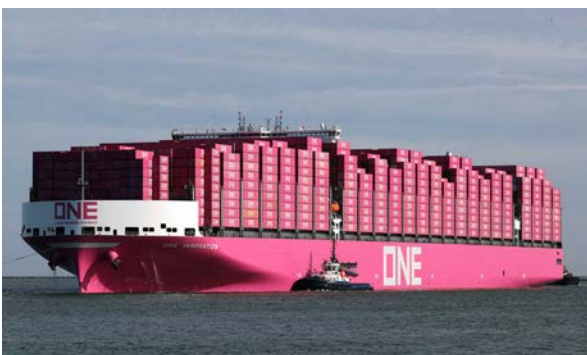
### OOCL Spain

In 2023, Orient Overseas Container Line (OOCL) introduced the OOCL Spain, boasting a capacity of 24,188 TEUs. This vessel marks a significant addition to the world's largest container ships. OOCL remains a prominent player in the shipping industry, continuously innovating with cutting-edge vessels. These massive ships play a vital role in global trade, connecting continents and facilitating efficient and sustainable shipping.



### Ever Alot

Ever Alot is the world's first 24,004 TEU container ship introduced in 2022, and constructed by Hudong Zhonghua Shipbuilding. Delivered in June 2022 to a subsidiary of Evergreen Marine Corporation, it measures approximately 399.99 meters in length with a beam of 61.5 meters.



### ONE Innovation

Launched in 2023, ONE Innovation is a cutting-edge container ship with a capacity of 24,136 TEUs, registered in Liberia. Measuring approximately 399.9 meters in length and 61.3 meters in width, it's among the world's largest vessels. Its fuel efficiency is optimized through innovative technologies, facilitating seamless global trade.

These colossal vessels are pivotal in global commerce, connecting economies and facilitating trade, with their immense capacity and technological advancements ensuring efficient and sustainable shipping, shaping the future of maritime transportation.

# HERSTORY IN FOCUS:

## Aza Mansongi's Powerful Exploration of Identity at HERstory Reframed

In a world where traditional narratives often overlook the stories of women, HERstory Reframed emerges as a beacon of change. This groundbreaking sixth edition of the small & Iconic miniature art exhibition series brings to light the stories of three remarkable female artists hailing from francophone African countries. Among them shines Aza Mansongi, whose captivating exploration of identity transcends borders and resonates with audiences worldwide.

Aza Mansongi's artistic journey is a testament to resilience and determination. Born in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Aza discovered her passion for art at a young age. Encouraged by her parents, she pursued her artistic aspirations despite facing initial challenges. With unwavering support, Aza honed her skills, eventually obtaining a degree from the Academy of Fine Arts in Kinshasa.

So, what inspires Aza's thought-provoking works? In her own words, "I am inspired by my environment and everyday events." But it's not just what she sees; it's how she feels it. When inspiration dips, she seeks solace in nature, sharing conversations and meals with fellow artists and scientists. Museums, travel, and even seeing movies at the cinema all play a role in her creative process, allowing her to disconnect and recharge for the artistic bursts to come.

Within HERstory Reframed, Aza unveils a series of evocative works that traverse the landscapes of identity, from the familial bonds of "The Family Unit" to the resilient spirit embodied in "Perseverance" and the socio-economic narratives depicted in "Africa Today" and "Economic Effects."

In this digest, we spotlight how Aza Mansongi uses her works as a tool for exploring identities and rewriting societal perceptions of women.



This digest is brought to you by small & Iconic miniature art exhibition. This series is currently in its 6th edition and works exhibited are miniature in nature, intended to spark memorable and inspiring conversations in our African art-collecting communities. Artists participating in this group exhibition are female-led, promoting diversity and inclusion among the African art community. Reach out: to [sic@patronsmcaa.com](mailto:sic@patronsmcaa.com) or visit [www.smallandiconic.com](http://www.smallandiconic.com).

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- Falhona Ogoun

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Join us for the ongoing HERstory Reframed which runs till the 14th of April at The Art Hotel, Plot 13A, Block III, Yesufu Abiodun Oniru, Victoria Island, Lagos. To view the HERstory Reframed catalogue, visit <https://bit.ly/Herstory-Reframed>

# THE ARTISTIC VISION OF AZA MANSONGI

## 1. THE FAMILY UNIT

This powerful series celebrates the unwavering bond between mothers and their children. It's a love that transcends social status, a love that compels mothers to make countless sacrifices for their families' well-being. Through her vibrant canvases, Aza portrays the strength and resilience of these women who juggle the roles of mother and wife.

## 2. PERSEVERANCE

With each brushstroke in this series, Aza portrays the remarkable strength wielded by female artists. She sheds light on the challenges they face in a professional environment and the constant pressure to prove themselves and outperform their male counterparts. Yet, through it all, perseverance is key. This series is a testament to the unwavering spirit that female artists possess, particularly in the face of adversity.



Title: Confrontation | Artist: Aza Mansongi |  
Medium: Acrylic on cotton canvas, collage |  
Dimension: 23.6 x 23.6 in | 60 x 60 cm | Year:  
2023 | Available



## 3. AFRICA TODAY

his series confronts the harsh reality of the rising cost of living in Africa. The burden falls heavily on women, who manage the household budgets and strive to put food on the table despite shrinking resources. Through her art, Aza amplifies the struggles of these women, yet also celebrates their resourcefulness in finding solutions.



Title: Woman's gear | Artist: Aza Mansongi |  
Medium: Acrylic on cotton canvas, collage |  
Dimension: 23.6 x 23.6 in | 60 x 60 cm | Year:  
2023 | Available



Title: Emancipation | Artist: Aza Mansongi  
 | Medium: Acrylic on cotton canvas |  
 Dimension: 23.6 x 23.6 in | 60 x 60 cm | Year:  
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## 5. ECONOMIC EFFECTS

This two-part series explores the economic realities faced by women in Africa. It delves into the concept of group savings, a common practice where women come together to pool their resources and support each other. These gatherings are not just to discuss finances; they're a safe space for women to share their struggles and find solutions together.

HERstory Reframed serves as a platform for marginalised voices to reclaim their narratives and challenge existing stereotypes. By showcasing the diverse perspectives of female artists from francophone Africa, the exhibition fosters dialogue and promotes cultural exchange. Through their art, Aza and her peers empower women to embrace their identities and celebrate their contributions to the African art scene.

You too can be a part of the transformative power of art at HERstory Reframed which runs till the 14th of April, 2024 at The Art Hotel Lagos, Plot 13A, Block III, Yesufu Abiodun Oniru, Victoria Island, Lagos. Immerse yourself in the captivating works of Aza Mansongi and her fellow exhibiting artists. Celebrate diversity, resilience, and the enduring spirit of womanhood through an exploration of HERstories that resonate across continents.

Until our next digest, make it a date to visit the ongoing HERstory Reframed exhibition.

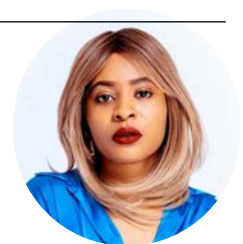
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## 4. EMANCIPATION

Inspired by contemporary society, this artwork speaks to the growing awareness of women's rights and the fight for equality. It's a tribute to the strong women in the eastern DRC who endured the hardships of war and continue to fight for a brighter future for themselves and their families.



Title: Daily Tontine | Artist: Aza Mansongi  
 | Medium: Acrylic on cotton canvas |  
 Dimension: 23.6 x 23.6 in | 60 x 60 cm | Year:  
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# 12 principles for managing Problems positively

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**E**ver heard the saying, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade? There is an updated version, "When life gives you lemons, Don't just make a lemonade, plant an orchard! It simply means you should see the silver lining in every storm. In other words, you should manage all problems positively.

So, you might wonder, how do you do that? How do you ignore the negative and tackle problems using a positive mindset?

Not to worry my friend, for I bring you good news. Out of the wisdom-packed pages of the book, Tough Times Don't Last, but Tough People Do by Robert. H. Schuller, I bring you a treasure chest of principles for managing problems positively.

HERE ARE 12 PRINCIPLES FOR MANAGING PROBLEMS POSITIVELY:

## Principle 1: Never underestimate:

Just like a tiny drop of water can swell to become an ocean, Never underestimate any problem. A tiny problem today may become a bigger problem. Never also underestimate your creative power in managing a problem. Always remember you can creatively find a solution to any problem.

**Principle 2: Don't exaggerate the problem:** Just as fanning a spark can create a forest fire, blowing a problem out of proportion can create bigger problems. Always put your problems in the right perspective.

*"Play it down and pray it up"*

## Principle 3: Don't wait:

Don't wait for your problems to solve itself. Ignoring your problems won't make them go away. You alone are responsible for managing your problem.

## Principle 4: Don't point fingers:

Blaming people for your problems won't make it go away, instead, it makes things worse. Focus on finding a solution.

"Nobody is defeated until he starts Blaming someone else"

## Principle 5: Illuminate the problem:

Identify the problem, Predict the outcome of the problem if you don't find a solution, Decide on how you are going to manage the problem and Act on the most positive option.

## Principle 6: Be motivated:

Ponder on all the positive outcomes of the problem and be motivated to act on it.

*"You don't have a problem to solve, you have the decision to make"*

## Principle 7: Face the music:

Don't let it control you. Face your problem directly and Take charge.

## Principle 8: Date your problem:

Treat the problem like you will treat anyone you are trying to date. Spend time in understanding the problem and analyze the best possible approach to solve the problem.

## Principle 9: Sublimate the problem:

Find a way to direct the negative aspects of any problem into something positive. No matter how long you stare at it, a closed door won't open. Channel your energy into providing a solution to your problem instead of focusing on the problem itself.

*"Every Adversity holds within it, the seeds of undeveloped possibility "*

## Principle 10: Give it Your All:

Give the problem all you got. Your time, your energy, your focus. Do everything you can to find a solution.

## Principle 11: Seek Support:

Tell people about your problem. Do not be too proud to ask for help. A problem shared is a problem half-solved.

## Principle 12: Shield Against Negativity:

Protect yourself against negative forces and personalities. While communicating about your problem, determine if the suggestions provided will provide a solution or escalate the problem. Protect yourself also from negative thinking.

With these twelve principles, don't just settle for making lemonade out of life's lemons; instead, cultivate an orchard of success. Remember, only Tough people thrive in times of Adversity. Embrace these principles and let them guide you to harvest success.



## Eden Ventures discusses solutions to maternal, child care mortality through Summit

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**E**den Venture Group, a creative agency and ventures firm with commitment to social responsibility, recently addressed issues surrounding maternal and child care mortality rate through summit.

Recently held at Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Centre in Abuja, the summit brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, the Transforming Together Summit aimed to collectively address the crucial matters surrounding maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH) in Nigeria.

The event, attended by renowned thought leaders, provided an opportunity for open dialogue, enlightening discussions, and

collective efforts aimed at implementing actionable solutions to enhance maternal, newborn, and child health outcomes across the nation.

Some of the notable Speakers present at the Summit include Salma Anas, Special Adviser to the President on Health; Uju Anwukah, Special Adviser to the President on Health, office of the Vice President; Aisha Bubah, Certified Psychologist and Executive Director of The Sunshine Series; Halima Mason, Director of Wellness, Nigerian Mental Health; Isaiah Owolabi, Co-Founder, HACEY Health Initiative and a host of others.

## TRANSFORMING TOGETHER

### SUMMIT 2024, ABUJA



Through engaging panel discussions and interactive sessions, participants and guests identified the issues and barriers surrounding MNCH, discussed innovative approaches, and charted a course towards sustainable solutions to improve MNCH outcomes in Nigeria.

Speaking at the Summit, Fifehan Osikanlu, Founder and CEO, Eden Venture Group, commented, “A collective commitment to action is crucial in transforming the landscape of maternal and child healthcare. The Transforming Together Summit signifies a pivotal moment where stakeholders come together to not only confront the challenges but also to design a future where every mother and child receives the care they are entitled to.”

Eden Venture Group's project goals include raising awareness of the challenges faced by underprivileged mothers and children, facilitating open dialogues, advocating for policy enforcement, and developing sustainable

solutions through improvements in medical infrastructure and innovations. By uniting key stakeholders and leveraging the power of community action, the project aims to bridge the gap between innovation and impact, paving the way for a brighter future for mothers and newborns in Nigeria.

Partners include Ara Nini Health, R2M Root2Market, Beibei Haven, Goalkeepers, YD Company, Electric Lady Foundation, Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), Hacey Health, Alhanislam, Creative Cultural Revival, FSG Africa, Policy Innovation Center, NESG and Shehu Musa Yar'dua foundation.

With a better understanding and more information about the challenges faced by mothers and children in Nigeria, the participants of the Transforming Together Summit are better equipped with actionable insights to address these critical challenges



## Fall and rise of 48-year-old Sim Shagaya, brain behind Miva University, uLesson Group

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**S**im Shagaya is a Nigerian media and technology entrepreneur. The brilliant mind behind Miva University, has left an indelible mark on the landscape of education in Africa, along with several innovative ventures that have both succeeded and faced challenges.

Born and raised in Nigeria, Shagaya's journey to success can be said to be a testament to resilience, innovation, and unwavering determination. Shagaya is the founder and CEO of uLesson Education Limited - an app built to make education available to learners across Africa.

He is the founder and former C.E.O of one of West Africa's largest electronic commerce website Konga.com and founder of E-Motion Advertising - a leading out-of-home media company acquired in 2019 by Loadstad Media.

In 2014, he was named in Forbes' list of "10 Most Powerful Men in Africa". In August 2019, Sim Shagaya was invited to and accepted to serve as a member of the Economic Advisory Council of the Executive Governor of his home town, Plateau State, Samuel Lalong. Sim Shagaya was born in Nigeria where he served in the Nigerian Army after completing the Nigerian Military School.



He completed most of his education in the US. He is a graduate of George Washington University and holds a Masters of Engineering degree from Dartmouth College. He also graduated with an MBA from Harvard Business School in 2003.

Prior to the establishment of DealDey and Konga.com, Sim worked as a banker in South Africa under Rand Merchant Bank. He later moved to Nigeria where he became Google's head for Africa and went on to found a Lagos-based billboard advertising business called E-Motion in November 2005. Sim sits on the Economic Advisory Council of Plateau State, Nigeria.

Before Sim started DealDey and Konga.com, he created several websites like Alarena, Jobclan, Gbogbo and iNollyWood which were relatively unsuccessful. In March 2011, DealDey was launched after he convinced the board of the billboard company he owned to invest in DealDey.

On 3 July 2012, he founded Konga.com with a capital from Swedish investment

firm Kinnevik. According to Sim Shagaya, the primary aim of Konga.com is to "aggregate the youngest and fastest-growing market that was dispersed, under-served and that traditional retailers were simply failing to reach".

Sim is the founder and chancellor of Miva Open University which was recently launched and received its operating license in May 2023.

Miva and uLesson Education, which in 2023 was ranked #1 on Fast Company's Most Innovative Companies in Europe, Middle East and Africa

Stories like that of Shagaya's, paints a picture of humble beginnings to entrepreneurial success, marked by both triumphs and challenges, it serves as an inspiration to millions of young entrepreneurs.

Through his innovative ventures and dedication to education, he continues to shape the future of Africa and empower its people to achieve their fullest potential.

# The world's smallest town, Hum Croatia

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It can be challenging to explore everything a town has to offer in a single day when visiting. In the smallest town in the world, that wouldn't be a problem. There are only a few houses and a few streets in the region. While the 2011 census listed 30 residents, some visitors have claimed that the actual population depends on the season you come.

That number rose to 52 in the 2021 census, though it's not clear where they're putting them all in a town the size of Hum. Since this town is smaller than all but the smallest towns and hamlets, you might be wondering what makes it a town. Well, maybe the answer is just that, it is what it is.

This little town, which is only 100 meters long, is tucked away in a Croatian region. Stepping inside

allows you to see the town's true history and travel back in time.

The town of Hum, located in Croatia's northwest Istria area, is the smallest town in the world.

The story goes that long ago, giants believed they had located a very pleasant area of the planet and chose to build residences there. Eventually, they ran out of large stones and had



to settle with smaller ones, and that's when they ultimately created Hum. That's probably untrue, but the small town was originally mentioned in 1102 under the name Cholm.

Essentially, the settlement began as a watchtower, housing a small population that stood guard to ensure that no surprise army was approaching.

Constructed to accommodate watchkeepers and their families, the town did install a parish church in 1802 and a bell tower in 1552. Apparently, in Hum, no construction happens if the year doesn't end in a "2."

Since the town is completely surrounded by walls and very little has been constructed outside of them, everything inside the walls is a superb example of historically significant architecture.



# Ten Most Iconic Football Stadiums with Hybrid Grass

**ANTHONY NLEBEM**

Football stadiums transcend the roar of the crowd and the manicured green rectangle. They are testaments to a club's heritage, acting as vibrant hubs that pulsate with the shared passion of a community. Every stadium, from its breathtaking architecture to its hallowed halls where history unfolded, weaves a unique narrative. More than just venues for the beautiful game, these architectural marvels stand as cultural landmarks, uniting fans across the globe in their unwavering love for football.

Here, BDWeekender curates a list of ten iconic stadiums, each boasting a cutting-edge hybrid grass surface.



## Santiago Bernabeu

**Location: Madrid, Spain**

**Home to: Real Madrid**

**Capacity: 83,186**

Highlights: Renowned as the iconic home ground of Real Madrid, one of the most successful football clubs globally. Renovated with cutting-edge features, including a retractable roof and a hospitality terrace. Symbolizes the grandeur and prestige associated with Real Madrid, reflecting the club's rich history and global stature.



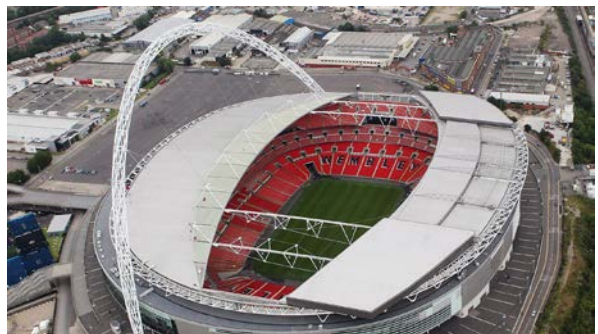
## Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

**Location: London, England**

**Home to: Tottenham Hotspur**

**Capacity: 62,850**

Highlights: State-of-the-art ground constructed for £1 billion after relocating from White Hart Lane, the stadium offers modern amenities and technology. Completed in 2019, making it one of the newest and most impressive stadiums on the list. Expected to contribute to the growth and image of Tottenham Hotspur as a premier football club in North London.



## Location: London, England

**Capacity: 90,000**

Highlights: Known as the "Home of Football," Wembley boasts the iconic Wembley Arch and hosts major events, including cup finals and play-off matches. Despite hosting non-sporting events such as concerts, Wembley maintains its status as the heart of English football. It serves as the venue for significant football events, including cup finals and play-off matches, capturing some of football's most memorable moments.



### Signal Iduna Park

**Location: Dortmund, Germany**

**Home to: Borussia Dortmund**

**Capacity: 81,365**

Highlights: Signal Iduna Park, formerly known as Westfalenstadion, is one of the most iconic stadiums in European football. Famous for its electrifying atmosphere, especially with the Yellow Wall in full force.



### Allianz Arena

**Location: Munich, Germany**

**Home to: Bayern Munich**

**Capacity: 75,024**

Highlights: The Allianz Arena is the home stadium of Bayern Munich, one of the most successful football clubs in Europe. Recognized for its distinctive curved shape and vibrant lighting, serving as a symbol of home for Bayern fans.



### Old Trafford

**Location: Manchester, England**

**Home to: Manchester United**

**Capacity: 74,310**

Highlights: Old Trafford is one of the most iconic football stadiums in the world and the home ground of Manchester United, one of the most successful clubs in English football history. Dubbed "The Theatre of Dreams," Old Trafford is steeped in history and boasts the iconic Stretford End. Despite its age, Old Trafford remains a beloved and imposing venue, with its distinctive red seats and iconic architecture.



### San Siro

**Location: Milan, Italy**

**Home to: AC Milan and Inter Milan**

**Capacity: 75,817**

Highlights: Revered stadium with optimal visibility for spectators, hosting two of Italy's biggest football clubs. Its unique architectural design and imposing stands create an electrifying atmosphere during matches, with passionate fans known for their fervent support.



## Anfield

**Location: Liverpool, England**

**Home to: Liverpool**

**Capacity: 61,276**

Highlights: Renovations, including the Anfield Road Stand, enhance the atmosphere for Liverpool's famous European nights. It has been the home of Liverpool FC since the club's formation in 1892, making it one of the oldest football stadiums in England. The stadium has undergone several expansions and renovations over the years, with the most recent being the redevelopment of the Main Stand and the construction of the new Anfield Road Stand.



## Camp Nou

**Location: Barcelona, Spain**

**Home to: Barcelona**

**Capacity: 105,000**

Highlights: Iconic Stadium is known for its rich history and capacity to host large crowds, making it a beloved venue for football enthusiasts worldwide. The stadium's iconic architecture and panoramic views of Barcelona make it a must-visit destination for football enthusiasts from around the world.



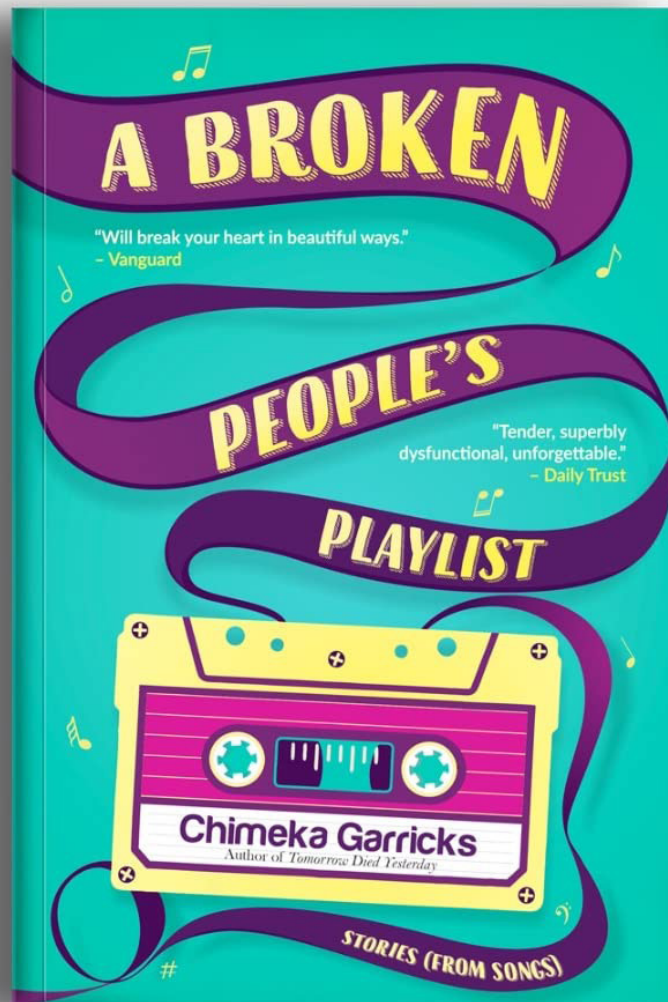
## Celtic Park

**Location: Glasgow, Scotland**

**Home to: Celtic**

**Capacity: 60,441**

Highlights: Known for its electric atmosphere during Old Firm derbies and loyal fan base. Celtic Park's iconic green seats and the distinctive green and white hoops of the Celtic kit make it instantly recognizable. The Celtic Park is not only a sporting venue, but also a cultural icon, symbolizing the pride and identity of the Celtic FC supporters and the wider community in Glasgow.



## Whispers of the Shattered-A Review of Chimeka Garricks's A Broken Peoples Playlist

Title: A Broken People's Playlist  
Author: Chimeka Garricks  
Year of Publication: 2020  
Number of Pages: 254  
Category: Fiction

# A Broken People's Playlist

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The book's title might surprise you at first, but it's a subtle nod to the author's deep love for music. In this collection of 12 Nigerian short stories, each chapter title is inspired by different songs, showing how much the author loves music.

If you've read Chimeka Garrick's previous work "Tomorrow Died Yesterday," you might have high expectations for this book. However, "A Broken People's Playlist" shows a more creative side of him, promising readers a new and exciting journey.

The author clearly comes from the southern region of Nigeria, especially seen in how many of the stories are set in Port Harcourt, his hometown. Nigerian readers, especially, will notice this connection. Garrick proudly embraces his cultural background.

While those who aren't into music might not fully get the significance of the chapter titles, music fans will enjoy spotting familiar song titles and might even appreciate the author's diverse musical taste.

When you dive into his playlist, you'll not only be drawn to his stories but also to his unique writing style. If you're familiar with his previous works, you won't be surprised by how simple and easy to read his prose is.

Like with many collections of short stories, some stories will resonate with you more than others. But in this book, each story has its own charm, making it hard to pick a favorite. You'll notice a common theme as you

read through: flashbacks, which remind you of Nollywood films. This deliberate choice adds a special touch to the book, making the reading experience truly unique. Although it might take some time to get used to the alternating use of second and third-person perspectives.

While some stories are funny, others will leave you feeling amazed. Although the author doesn't warn about mature content, some parts of the book deal with themes not suitable for younger readers. Still, the stories are full of valuable life lessons, covering topics like love, marriage, trauma, and societal issues. It's a deep dive into the lives of people facing struggles and hardships, stirring a range of emotions from happiness to sadness.

What makes this book stand out is how the characters are intertwined. Just when you think you've forgotten about a character, they pop up in another story, showing how connected the narratives are.

After finishing the book, you might feel the urge to listen to the songs that inspired the stories, adding another layer to your appreciation of the author's creativity.

Overall, "A Broken People's Playlist" is perfect for those looking for a light and enjoyable read. Chimeka Garrick impresses once again, delivering a captivating collection of stories that will keep you hooked from beginning to end.

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# Workplace Communication

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**E**ffective communication is the lifeblood of a thriving workplace. Just as the work environment serves as a microcosm of the vast world of human interaction, each individual has a unique way of getting their thoughts across, weaving an intricate tapestry of communication styles.

Understanding various communication styles is a foundational element of workplace success. When managers, team members and coworkers understand each other, there will be fewer misunderstandings and greater cooperation on projects and throughout the culture.

Let's take a closer look at different communication styles and how they inform work relationships, employee interactions, and collaborative projects in the workplace.

## Overview of communication styles

Unpacking the mosaic of communication styles within any organization can be eye-opening. You immediately become aware that not everyone communicates the same way and may observe how these differences impact employee relationships and productivity. When we understand how people prefer to give and receive information, we take a significant step towards unity and connectedness, both of which are essential for productive collaboration.

## Identifying communication styles

Recognising communication styles is like mastering an intricate language of cues and patterns. You must consider nonverbal cues, like eye contact,

hand movements, and facial expressions, as well as how words are chosen and delivered. Listening, too, is a form of communication that often mirrors speaking style, revealing even more layers of our communication persona.

*So, let's dive a little deeper into communication styles and how they play out in the workplace.*

## Assertive communication style

Assertive communicators are highly confident without being confrontational but often walk the line between passivity and aggression. They are good listeners and adept at navigating the needs of themselves and others and are clear and direct in their interactions.

One of the biggest benefits of assertive communication is that it promotes an open and healthy work environment where colleagues feel heard and respected. They are willing to compromise and usually good at getting to the point.

For those looking to cultivate this style, it's about balancing between advocating for oneself and considering the greater team dynamic. Practice active listening, make direct eye contact, and always try to balance the group's needs.

## Passive communication style

Passive communicators shy away from the spotlight, often at the expense of their own needs and wants.

This passivity manifests in action and also in the language and tones used. They are usually reluctant to impose themselves on the conversation.

Passive communicators should not be overlooked! Instead, they should be supported by reminding them that they have a voice and encouraging them to speak up for their needs and wants. Because passive individuals can be easily taken advantage of, managers must be aware of the tendency of aggressive individuals to bully them or otherwise diminish their input.

## Aggressive communication style

Aggressive communicators are quick to express their thoughts, wants, and needs with little regard for how others might perceive them. This style is a double-edged sword; directness can be good in some situations as it cuts through the noise, but it can be harsh and harmful to relationship dynamics. Learning to soften this style without sacrificing its value is a delicate skill. The individual must choose cooperation over compulsion, think before they speak, and make a solid effort not to dominate a conversation or talk down to people.

Responding to aggressive types isn't always easy, as tempers may flare. Ultimately, try to remain calm, focus on the issue, politely communicate your boundaries, and stay empathetic, as there may be an underlying reason for the aggression. If the behaviour continues or is disruptive, involving a third party, such as a manager or HR professional, may be necessary.

## Passive-aggressive communication style

Passive-aggressive types have qualities from both styles. They may be outwardly humble, but that façade masks more aggressive sentiments. They avoid direct conflict, and their actions and actual opinions may not align. These traits may manifest in gossip, spreading rumors, being condescending to others, or stonewalling—all unacceptable in a business environment. In extreme situations, they may even try to undermine or sabotage other's work or involve others in their subterfuge.

Those who identify with this style can work on being more direct and not letting issues fester. When communicating with a passive-aggressive type, focus on the facts, be direct, stay professional, and seek clarification so there is no room for misinterpretation. What do communication styles in the workplace look like?

Communications styles emerge in meetings, one-on-ones, email threads, and just about every other form of business dialogue. Identifying communication patterns and underlying dynamics can be the key to

unlocking the potential of teams, aligning roles with styles, and bridging the gap between departments and personalities.

### The power of adaptability

In today's remote-leaning workplace, communication extends beyond the physical office. While these styles evolve and adapt, their core traits are consistent. Acknowledging different communications styles and being open to change is the key to successfully navigating team dynamics.

### How do digital workspaces affect communication?

Remote work has changed the fabric of workplace communication. Digital communication—emails, instant messaging, video calls, etc.—requires an acuity of understanding beyond verbal and nonverbal cues. When we must rely on digital mediums to communicate, brevity is essential. Keep communication concise and to the point, and cultivate the ability to read between the lines in a text or silence when on a call.

## LAST LINE

Communication within the workplace is more than a mere exchange of words. It is a blend of styles, personalities, and human intricacies that, when understood, can be leveraged to promote a healthy, connected and positive work environment.



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# WEEKENDER

## MOVIE REVIEWS

### AFAMEFUNA (2023)

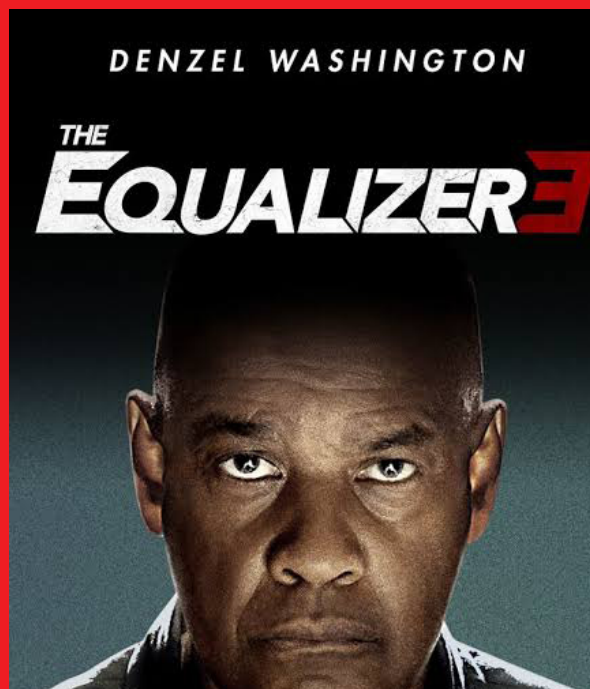
This was a very beautiful, sweet and fantastic movie, I absolutely adored every bit of this movie, this is a movie that you can connect with and watch with the entire family, it was loaded with loads lessons, one I won't forget in a hurry. To the movie Afam was a very young and industrious young man, he lost his father quite early and his mum had no choice but to take him to understudy his uncle who was into importation and sales of tiles in Lagos. Afam arrived and within a very short time, started understanding the ropes and doing so well, he grew so fast that his boss decided to settle him and offer him his freedom as they call it, way before the other boys he met on the job, this was where envy and jealousy set in for Afam. You will need to watch the entire movie from start to finish to see how he was able to wade through the storms of life. The 121m Nollywood, drama, African was directed by Kayode Kasum, they featured actors like Stan Nze, Kanayo O. Kanayo, Alexx Ekubo, Atlanta Bridget Johnson, Segun Arinze, Paul Nnadike, Chuks Joseph, Ebuka Udeh, Kamson Duru, Jennifer Okoli etc.



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## HEART OF THE HUNTER (2024)

Was happy I bumped into this South African action movie, and it made my weekend worthwhile as this is my typical kind of movie. Zuko as he was called in the movie was a once threaded assassin in south Africa, after his last mission he decided to exit that lifestyle and start a family. A few years later his calm and peaceful life is interrupted when a good friend of his, uncovers a dangerous conspiracy at the heart of the South African government, a beautiful story I must say. The 105m action thriller movie was directed by Mandla Dube, they featured actors like Bonko Khoza, Connie Ferguson, Masasa Mbangeni, Tim Theron, Peter Butler, Nicole Fortuin, Sisanda Henna, Milan Murray and many more.



## EQUALIZER 3 (2023)

If you missed out on equalizer 3 in the cinema, stress no further as you can catch all the actions right on Netflix, if you have being following through from 1 & 2, then worry not as part 3 will be worth your while from start to finish, as a great fan of Denzel Washington, he just cant go wrong in my site. So in part 3 Robert McCall as he was called was relaxing into his new lifestyle in Italy, after he had given up his life as a government assassin, his mission now was to find joy and fulfilment is assisting the oppressed, along the line he discovers that his new found friends, were under the control of some indigenous crime bosses, to save his new founds friend and family, he is forced to take on the role as the protector of the people by facing the mafia head on. The 109m crime action movie was directed by Antoine Fuqua, they featured actors like Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning, Eugenio Mastradrea, David Denman, Gaisa, Scodellaro, Remo Girona, Anrea Scarduzio, Andrea Doderro, Daniel Perrone, Zakaria and many more.



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