Happy International Women’s Day (in advance), it is our hope that as the theme for 2020 states, “I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women’s Rights”, women will truly understand that it is okay to hanker for equality, it is okay to thrive in what they do and be eligible for that position, not merely because they are female but because they remarkably qualify. It is okay to realize that they have the right to aim high, hit the target and ascend higher, refusing to be limited by various misinterpretations of ‘equality’.

Certainly, there are many Nigerian Women doing tremendously well, and we start by celebrating every woman making their mark and impacting the society greatly however, as we do yearly during the International Women’s Day celebration (which is on Sunday, 8th of March, 2020), we are celebrating another set of 50 Inspiring Nigerian Women.

Yes! the reality of inequality stares us in the face nevertheless; these women have chosen to soar beyond those man-made barriers to create a life for themselves that the stumbling blocks could not impede.

These women are outstanding in every way and have honed their skills in their various endeavours hence the need to celebrate them today.

I hope that their summerised stories will inspire you like it did me!

We also have other stories in this edition.

Enjoy!

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INSPIRING NIGERIAN WOMEN

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Hamda Ambah

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Yvonne Ike

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Yvonne started her career as an auditor with Ernst and Young International and has been an FSA registered representative since 1994. Prior to joining Bank of America Merrill Lynch in September 2014, Yvonne was a chief executive officer at West Africa at Renaissance Capital, where she was responsible for the firm’s West Africa franchise covering Investment Banking and Securities Trading.

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Ronke Kuye
CEO, Shared Agent Network Expansion Facilities Limited (SANEF)

Ronke is a result driven Banking and Financial Services professional with over 29 years working experience, including 24 years in Banking. With her passion for the payment industry, Ronke brings her expertise and wealth of knowledge in this field to enhance SANEF and boost the financial inclusion landscape in Nigeria.

Juliet Ehimuan
Director, leading Google’s Business in West Africa

Juliet is a digital empowerment and self-leadership advocate and an online business strategist. In August 2011, she was listed in Forbes’ “20 Youngest Power Women In Africa”. She is a Fellow of the Cambridge Commonwealth Society and a recipient of the London Business School Global Women’s Scholarship.
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Kemi Adetiba
Principal Partner, Kemi Adetiba Visuals

She is a Lawyer and the principal partner, Kemi Adetiba Visuals. Kemi is the award winning director of the record-breaking THE WEDDING PARTY 1, KING OF BOYS and the much celebrated KING WOMEN series. Her dynamism and exceptional skills are worthy of mention. Many agree that she has the midas touch.

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She has over 25 years' experience spanning various industries. She has served on various boards including Lafarge Africa Plc, Ashaka Cement PLC, UTC Nigeria Plc, Mouka Foam Limited, Lagos Business School, Ladgroup Limited and Mayflower School Ikenne. She is on the maiden advisory board for WIMPOL (Women in Politics) and a m
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Damilola Ogunbiyi
CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and Co-Chair of UN-Energy

Before joining SEforALL, Damilola Ogunbiyi was the first female Managing Director of the Nigerian Rural Electrification Agency. She also conceptualized the Energizing Economies Initiative, which provides sustainable and affordable off-grid power solutions to economic clusters, including markets and industrial clusters in Nigeria. Before joining the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN), Ogunbiyi was the first female to be appointed as the General Manager of the Lagos State Electricity Board.

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Dr Jumoke Oduwole
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She has consistently shown and proffered solutions to the challenges of doing business in Nigeria. Her research interests include international economic law and development. She is a Nigerian jurist and academic who was appointed the Prince Claus Chair holder from 2013–2015. She holds a LL.M degree in Commercial law which she obtained from the University of Cambridge in 2000 as a DFID-Cambridge Commonwealth Trust scholar. In 2007, Oduwole graduated from Stanford University where she received a master’s degree in International Legal Studies and later a doctorate degree in International Trade and Development from the same institution.
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Farida Kabir

Chief Executive Officer OTRAC

She is an epidemiologist, software developer and tech entrepreneur with a passion for infusing health with technology. Founder of the first educational technology platform for the public health enterprise in Nigeria. An advocate for women and girls in STEM. A strong advocate for good governance and strong institutions.

Folashade Ambrose Medebem

Communication, Public Affairs & Sustainable Development Director- Lafarge Africa Plc

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Titi Ejimagwa
5 Star Director, Longrich

She is a seasoned Multi-level Network marketer with well over 22 years of relentless and vast range of experience. She is a 5 Star Director, which is the highest level of network marketing in LONGRICH. She had worked with six different Multi-level Network Marketing companies and became the World Number 2 in the sixth one.

Dr. Folashade Yemi-Esan
Head of Civil Service, Nigeria

She graduated as best Bachelor of Dental Surgery student in 1987 at the University of Ibadan and began her career at the Federal Ministry of Health and rose to become a director. She became Federal Permanent Secretary in 2012, serving first as Permanent Secretary, Service Policy and Strategy, Office in the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation. She has served as Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Information, Federal Ministry of Education and Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources.

Nimi Akinkugbe
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Nimi is an independent Non-Executive Director, Standard Chartered Bank Nigeria. She is also Founder, Money Matters with Nimi and Author “A - Z of Personal Finance” and Founder /Chief Executive Officer of Bestman Games Ltd. In December 2012, her company launched the City of Lagos Edition of Monopoly, the first African city edition of Hasbro’s world famous board game.
In 2009, Okonedo became the dean of the LBS where she oversees the strategic direction and all academic and administrative matters of the school. She is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (FCA) and a fellow of the International Academy of Management (IAM).

Pearl is a qualified solicitor and member of the Law Society of England & Wales. She graduated with a LLB (Hons.) from the University of Bristol and is also a Chartered Secretary (ICSA). She has since experienced a remarkable professional growth in the last fifteen years whilst building her legal career within UK and Nigerian corporate structures.

As a helicopter pilot with specialised training in aviation medicine, she pioneered the first air operated Emergency medical services in Lagos, Nigeria, Flying Doctors Nigeria Ltd. She was motivated to start the charity after experiencing the loss of her sister under difficult circumstances and to improve medical services in Nigeria.
Bola Atta
Group Director, Corporate Communication at UBA PLC; CEO at UBA Foundation; Executive Director, REDTV

She is a graduate of Economics with an M.B.A majoring in Marketing, and over 25 years of experience in diverse fields ranging from Banking, Business, Communications, Publishing, Entertainment and the Media. Approximately 19 out of these 25+ years have been in high level management and entrepreneurship, enabling her gain expertise in each of these varied fields of work.

Tinuade Awe
Executive Director, Regulation Division, The Nigerian Stock Exchange

Awe has a wealth of experience and a solid track record across organisations on three continents, including with the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), in The Hague, the Netherlands; the United Nations Compensation Commission in Geneva, Switzerland; and top tier law firms in Nigeria and New York.

Juliet Anammah
Chairwoman at Jumia Nigeria and Head Institutional Affairs

Juliet has been running Jumia for over 4 years, the largest ecommerce marketplace in Africa with over 15 million live skus and 12000 active merchants and a workforce of over 1000. She has 16 years of consulting experience managing Accenture’s Consumer Goods Consulting Practice in West Africa.
Chinwe Ohajuruka
CEO, Architect, Project Manager & Sustainability Consultant

She is a sustainability consultant with over 25 years of work experience and professional accreditation in Nigeria, USA & the UK. She worked for 15 years in Nigeria prior to moving to the US in 2003. She became the Sub-Saharan African Laureate for the Cartier Women’s Initiative Awards in France in 2015 for her contribution in affordable green houses and social entrepreneurship.

Genevieve Nnaji
Actor, Producer, Director

Genevieve is a Nigerian actor, producer, and director. She is a recipient of several awards. In 2011, she was honoured as a Member of the Order of the Federal Republic by the Nigerian government for her contribution to Nollywood. Her directorial debut movie, Lionheart, is the first Netflix Original from Nigeria, and first Nigerian submission for the Oscars.

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Fatima is an experienced Chairperson with a demonstrated history of working in the real estate industry. She is uniquely skilled in negotiation, real estate development, strategic planning, feasibility studies, and Facility Management (FM). She is a strong business development professional with a Master of Science (MSc) focused in Architecture from University College London.
Aisha Babangida

*Founder, WenA (Women Network Alliance)*

Aisha Babangida is a humanitarian leader and experienced founder with a demonstrated history of working within philanthropy and helping underserved communities throughout Nigeria. She is the Chairman of the Better Life Program for the African Rural Woman, taking over after her mother, who worked previously as the chairman and founder.

Chizoma Okoli

*Executive Director, Business Banking, Access Bank Plc.*

She is the Executive Director, Business Banking. Prior to this, she was the Executive Director and Head-Business Development at Diamond Bank Plc. Okoli graduated with a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Benin, attended the Nigerian Law School and holds an MBA from Warwick Business School, United Kingdom. She has over two decades of cognate experience.

Hajara Adeola

*Managing Director/CEO, Lotus Capital Limited*

Hajara came to Lotus Capital from UBS Warburg where she was a Director heading their London Islamic Finance Desk. Prior to joining UBS, she was a Convertible Bond Research Analyst at BNP Paribas, London. She is the Chairperson of the Securities & Exchange Commission’s non-interest capital market 10 year master plan committee and a Director of the Aliko Dangote Foundation.
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Bekeme is a Consummate stakeholder engagement and sustainability expert across different industries. CSR-in-Action, is a group made of a consulting firm, a think tank and a training institute dedicated to corporate social responsibility, policy development, advocacy, empowerment and sustainable development in the region.

Titi Ogunfere
21st global president of International Federation of Interior Architects and Designers

Titi Ogunfere is a Nigerian interior designer, critical design thinker and publisher at Essential Media Group. She is the Creative Director at Essential Interiors Consultancy, a pioneer interior designing company in Nigeria that she founded.

Fatima Kyari Mohammed
Permanent Observer for the African Union

Up until her appointment, she was Senior Special Advisor to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission. She has more than a decade of experience working with ECOWAS and its institutions in different capacities, with a focus on peace and security, regional integration and organisational development.
Cynthia Erivo
Actress, singer, and songwriter

She is known for her performance as Celie in the Broadway revival of The Colour Purple. Erivo ventured into films in 2018, with roles in the heist film Widows and the thriller Bad Times at the El Royale. In 2019, she portrayed abolitionist Harriet Tubman in the biopic Harriet, for which she earned nominations for an Academy Award, a Golden Globe Award, and a Screen Actors Guild Award.

Dr. Wendy A. Okolo
Aerospace Engineer

Dr. Wendy A. Okolo is an aerospace engineering researcher in the Intelligent Systems Division at NASA Ames Research Centre, and is celebrated for receiving the "Black Engineer's Most Promising Engineer in Government Award" at the BETYA STEM Conference in Washington D.C. Her focus is in the area of systems health monitoring and control systems design with applications to air and space components, vehicles, and systems.

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Amina Oyagbola
Founder, WISCAR

With over 30 years’ experience, her career spans legal consulting, banking and finance, oil and gas and telecommunications. She is the managing consultant of AKMS Consulting Ltd (Business and management consultants), a partner in Oyagbola Chambers and a Chevening Scholar. She founded WISCAR being inspired by a keenly felt societal need.

Rear Admiral Itunu Hotonu
Architect, Nigerian Naval Officer

Itunu was one of the first women officers and amongst the first architects in the Nigerian Navy. In December 2012, she became the first female admiral in Africa. She was the first female officer to serve as an instructor at the Armed Forces Command and Staff College in Jaji.
Bolanle Austen-Peters

Founder/Managing Director, Terra Kulture

Otherwise known as BAP, Bolanle is a Nigerian businesswoman, lawyer, award-winning film and theatre director. She is the “Mother” of Nigerian modern stage theatre through the birth of musicals. She has built an enviable reputation for herself in the Nigerian theatre and film circuit with massive Box Office pieces.

Major General Aderonke Kale (Rtd)

Nigeria’s First Lady Army Major General

Major General Aderonke Kale (rtd), a medical doctor, is a pioneer for women in the military profession. She also distinguished herself by rising to the top of the profession. She became director of the entire Nigerian Medical Corps and was its Chief Medical Officer until 1996. This was the first time in the history of the Nigerian Army that a woman was given responsibility for the healthcare of all Nigerian soldiers at all levels in preparation for and during war.

Eleanor Nwadinobi

President-elect, Medical Women International Association (MWIA)

Eleanor is an independent gender, health, women's rights, peace, and security consultant. She has worked on a wide range of issues including child trafficking, girl's education, peace building and violence prevention with the African Union, ECOWAS, UNICEF, the World Bank and others.
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Global Chief Marketing Officer | SVP at M.A.C Cosmetics

Prior to this role, she served as Global CMO and General Manager for iconic portfolios including COVERGIRL, Clairol, Sally Hansen, Rimmel, and Lifestyle Scents/Fragrances. Over the course of her career, she has been recognized with over 50 awards and honours for driving outstanding market leading results.

Nere Teriba
Vice President at Kian Smith Group

As an Entrepreneur, Mediator & Strategist, she has worked for sustainable community solutions in several countries. She has a vision to transform the entire gold-mining industry by taking the big leap of building the first gold refinery in Nigeria. Nere holds a BSE and MSE from Carnegie-Mellon University in Electrical and Computer Engineering.
As the world celebrates women, we take a look at four African American women inventors who developed new technology for the home.

SARAH BOONE

Formerly a slave before transiting to significance, Sarah Boone was an African American who invented the ironing board. The ironing board, made of wood, very narrow and curved, was designed to improve the quality of ironing sleeves and the bodies of women’s garments. The shape and structure allowed it to fit a sleeve and it was reversible, so one could iron both sides of the sleeve.

On April 26, 1892, Boone obtained The United States patent rights for her improvements to the ironing board.

Sarah Marshall Boone died in 1904 and is buried in a family plot in Evergreen Cemetery in New Haven.

MIRIAM E. BENJAMIN

Miriam E. Benjamin’s creation—the Gong and Signal Chair, helped the hospitality industry of her time by helping to “reduce the expenses of hotels by decreasing the number of waiters and attendants, to add to the convenience and comfort of guests and to obviate the necessity of hand clapping or calling aloud to obtain the services of pages.”

The chair was used to get the attention of waiters by pressing a small button on the back of the chair which would then send a signal to a waiting attendant. A light would illuminate as well, allowing the attendant to see which guest needed help.

Benjamin’s system was eventually adopted by the United States House of Representatives and was a precursor to the signalling system used on airplanes for passengers to seek assistance from flight attendants.

Benjamin, who was also an astute teacher, obtained a patent for her invention, on July 17, 1888. How would you have requested assistance on a plane without her invention?

ELLEN EGLIN

Heard about the clothe-wringer? The clothes-wringer was a machine that had two rollers in a frame and connected to a crank. Clothes would be fed in between the two rollers and as the crank was turned the clothes would have the water pressed out of them.

Basically, it was a clothes dryer. The technology was made from two wooden pins that are on top of each other with a crank attached to allow the pins to roll.

This invention came at a time when there were not a lot of ways to wash clothes other than with your hands. Therefore, this was an amazing invention and concept, and Ellen Eglin, a housekeeper and a government clerk invented. Although, she sold her patent to a white person for $18 due to fears that, as a black woman, white women would not buy the tool.

SARAH ELISABETH GOODE

Like other black women born into slavery, Sarah Elisabeth Goode later got married to an upholsterer—Archibald and went on to opened a furniture store. She invented a folding cabinet bed which helped people living in tight housing to utilize their space effectively.

At the time of her invention, New York City passed a law that restricted buildings to be under 80 feet, to combat commercial buildings becoming too tall. Tenement buildings usually had a footprint of 25 feet by 100 feet, hence, every square foot was important and saving space was necessary.

Goode set out to create a solution when she heard of this problem from customers of her furniture store in Chicago. Her bed could be folded up, and it looked like a desk, with room for storage. She received a patent for it on July 14, 1885.

Her invention created the path for the Murphy bed, patented in 1900.
Indonesian's commissioner for health, narcotics and addictive substances at the Indonesian Child Protection Commission (KPAI) Sitti Hikmawatty, has claimed that women can get pregnant in swimming pools "even without penetration" if men with "strong sperm" ejaculate into the water.

The country's child protection boss Hikmawatty, made the unscientific claims in an interview with Tribun Jakarta, a local publication, last week.

"There is an especially strong type of male sperm that may cause pregnancy in a swimming pool," said Hikmawatty.

"Even without penetration, men may become sexually excited (by women in the pool) and ejaculate, therefore causing a pregnancy. If women are in a phase where they are sexually active, (such a pregnancy) may occur. No one knows for sure how men react to the sight of women in a swimming pool," she explains.

Her statement unsettled Indonesian's medical community prompting a reply from the Indonesian Doctors Association which told the Jakarta Post that women cannot be impregnated in swimming pools.

Doctors said it was impossible for swimming with the opposite sex to cause pregnancy stating that not all men who swim ejaculate and that sperm cannot live in pool water which contains chlorine, "let alone swim into the vagina."

She was also ridiculed on social media and also by health experts as result of the statement. "Once again, I remind you, if you do not understand health problems, it’s better to be quiet. Instead of your comments causing anxiety and panic," an Indonesian blogger doctor, called Blog Dokter, said in response to her claims.

The chairman of the KPAI, Susanto, issued a disclaimer, saying that the commissioner's statement does not represent the views of the organisation.

"We hereby state that KPAI's understanding and attitude are not reflected in the online news narrative," the statement reads.

Hikmawatty—whose surname translates as ‘wisdom’—has apologised for her comments, saying they were made in a ‘personal capacity’, after she faced a backlash on social media.

Hikmawatty issued an apology on Sunday. 'I apologise to the public for giving an incorrect statement,' she said. 'It was a personal statement and not from KPAI. I hereby revoke the statement. I plead with all parties not to disseminate it further or even make it available.'
When Things Go Wrong

Do you know that feeling when everything just seems to go wrong because that one person you placed so much hope on disappointed you? It’s just funny how some individuals are carried in high esteem and any slight slip up from their end causes disarray in your end.

Do you know that feeling when you have been planning an event or program for so long and then problems with logistics always arise and then your team members are uncooperative? Majority of the work is placed on just you and the expectation for the event to be a banger increase by the day.

Now, do you know the feeling when you have finally reconciled with the person who slipped up and you all are trying to get along and then “gbam”, they do yet another thing that just throws you off balance? or the feeling where you are finally done planning for that event and then last minute, something comes up that disrupts all the plans you have had for the event?

Trust me, all these and more would throw mixed feelings your way; feelings of anger, disappointment, regret, stress, just name it. What is most important is how we handle the situation. Staying angry at people or stressing over a situation definitely does not get anything solved. In fact, it only creates a deep centre for more hurting.

What I like to do in such situations is to simply take a breather, breathe-in and-out, then take one step at a time. Identify reasons why you are upset or disappointed and how you want things to go better. Talk to that trusted friend or person you believe can help out. A problem shared is a problem half solved right? Do not mount any pressure on yourself instead believe in your abilities and you will be able to follow through.

Soon after, you would realize how you could do things better and maybe even see that you were over reacting after all. Being all tensed and worked up does not aid good decision making, so why not calm down, take a breather, talk it through and you will know what to do.
According to a World Bank article titled 'Female Entrepreneurs: the Future of the African Continent', Africa is the only region in the world where more women than men choose to become entrepreneurs, and expanding the opportunities for female entrepreneurs through policies that foster gender equality would have a tremendous impact on Africa’s growth.

It is on this premise that the Nigerian born, Clara Kronborg, CEO of a production company based in Denmark, took up the initiative to give women all over Africa a voice.

Kronborg, who is passionate about making skilled Africa women entrepreneurs, impacting and adding to Africa’s socio-economic development, revealed, that it all started with the passion to create a platform where women are given a voice to tell their own stories, irrespective of race and culture—a passion to see another woman succeed.

Her passion grew to a philosophy of female entrepreneurs in women’s world show, which led her to start a segment “Making of Entrepreneurs”, in her show titled Women’s World Show.

The segment which is focused on promoting the positive impact and role of skilled African women in the socio-economic development of Africa, supports these women by bridging the constraints of lack of capital and supporting women with no means of education, with its strategy of Funding, Branding, Mentoring—online and assigned mentor; WWS entrepreneur forum; Networking events and responsibilities—re assigning of a new entrepreneur to alumni.

“Because, I believe strongly in the philosophy of female entrepreneurs, starting 2019, without any sponsorship, with the help of a private investor, we visited two African countries, three cities— Abuja, Lagos and Accra respectively for the making of entrepreneurs in women’s world show”, she added.

With 12 entrepreneurs and a sum total of $12,000 excluding production and logistics cost, she disclosed that 11 of her entrepreneurs are from Nigeria.

According to her, “Women’s world show is more than a talk show, it is a movement and a platform to give voice to women through success stories and making entreprenuers, and at the same time accelerate the nation’s socio-economic value”.

Kronborg, who lives in Denmark, stated that becoming an integrated resident of Denmark, travelling around Europe and beyond, networking with people of different ethnicity and culture, exposed her to the possible ways to impact more to women of Africa and to add to the growth of Africa’s economic value.

In her words, “Learning and understanding culture diversity and values have always interested me and I have been privileged by the virtue of marriage to have travelled around different continents, especially Europe and Africa. “When I first moved to Denmark, despite the challenges of the culture differences, I did everything possible to integrate, even though many Danish people speak English, I realize that being able to speak Danish is a big plus to understanding the people, the humour, their value and to be able to build a life around me with my family. I am among many that have been blessed with beautiful Danish friends, now family.”

“I know, I believe and I understand what it feels like to yearn for success, to hope to live instead of survive, to want to be heard, to hope for that big break through and to look forward that my submissions are no longer packed away and neglected. That is why I have no boundaries to doing what is right in helping another woman’s voice to be heard and to give a Woman her voice through financial freedom”, she ended.

Meanwhile, Kronborg recently made a stop in Kenya for the ‘Making of Entrepreneurs’ segment of the show, which took place in Nairobi, in collaboration with Delight Tailoring Fashion & Design School.

So far, the fashion designers series has been done in Abuja Nigeria, makeup art- ist series in Lagos Nigeria, fashion designer series in Accra Ghana and fashion designers series Kenya edition, where Miss Debra Ang’awa emerged top.

Debra’s creative brilliance was on display but more so was her business strategy which stood out. Clara was impressed by Kenyan women’s zeal and desire to add to the development of Africa. And our return will be bigger, as we will be making more than one woman this time”.

Clara Kronborg is a Nigerian, Denmark based entrepreneur, CEO of CCK Ventures & CCK entertainment Ltd, founder and host of Women’s World show. She is happily married with a child.
The Relevant Woman

KEMI AJUMOBI

Being relevant is crucial, staying relevant is work.
You constantly upgrade your self and engage your intellect.
It means you are ahead of others because you are informed.
Ignorance becomes alien when information is gathered.

The relevant woman is conscious of her environment,
She is determined to be a blessing and avoids value lacking involvement.
Her life is uniquely carved out for distinction and fulfillment,
She is not involved in squabble, she avoids embarrassment.

She understands her calling--- She is focused!
She balances work and home---She is committed!
She is known in the city because her works speak for her---She is industrious!
She stands before Kings and not mere men--- She is distinguished!

The Relevant woman can tolerate mediocrity thus far,
It therefore means as women, more is expected so we can conquer.
Not trying to rub shoulders with men--- absolutely unnecessary!
But proving our onions and getting what we deserve by merit not pity or gender.

There comes a time in a woman's life when time is of essence,
From when she discovers to when she actualizes, it is called process.
She might have been down but when she gets up, she remains up!
She positions herself for greatness, she becomes relevant!

It has nothing to do with where she is coming from,
It is more about where she is going to.
Distractions here and there yet, her eyes are fixed on the 'mark'
There is no stopping her; she is on her journey to relevance!

The more you work at your weakness, the stronger you become.
The more you see yourself beyond your today, the clearer your tomorrow becomes.
The more you strive to be a success, the closer you are to actualization.
The more you move at the right speed towards the right direction, the surer your destination.
The more you ignore negative criticism, the brighter your chances of excelling.
The more you imbibe the 'can-do- it' spirit, the more optimistic you become.
The more positive you become, the more your understanding is enlightened,
And when your understanding is enlightened, you are closer than you think,
Closer to what? you ask…Closer to becoming who you always wanted to be. Yes you can!
Mike Tyson, former iconic boxer, has been reported to have attempted to buy love with 10 million USD. But this is not true and should be regarded as a mere rumour for the sake of traffic gathering.

The headline: Mike Tyson Is Ready To Pay $10 Million Dollars To Any Guy Who Marries His Daughter first appeared on a Ghanaian news site known as BrownGH.com, but the actual story was about a 120-year-old man who has never 'known' a woman.

But the purported Tyson statement soon spread to gossip sites with an entirely new narrative stating that Tyson had pledged a stupendous amount of money to "any man who would marry his daughter."

"Mitchell is his eldest daughter. The eldest daughter has already reached the marriageable age and the marriage has always been the concern of Tyson."

"In order to find her a boyfriend, Tyson proposed 10 million dollars for her daughter's marriage. As long as the man married her daughter, he could take 10 million dollars away. It turns out that Mitchell in the photo inherits the characteristics of her father. Her skin is dark, her body is very big, and she weighs 150kg, just like a female version of Tyson. After seeing the photos of Tyson's daughter, you can also understand why the netizens have such a reaction. After all, most people like to marry a smaller wife than themselves," reads a version published on Hting.com

The story has since spread on many sites and it may have popped up on your browser's notification. But Women's Hub findings have shown that it is outrightly a fake report.

First, the report is not available on any credible local and international media. The report alleges that 10 million USD would be gifted to the spouse, but Tyson himself is not that rich. As of this year, Tyson's net worth is estimated to be only 3 million USD. Back in the day, he had accrued over 300 million dollars throughout his career but ended up losing it all to bad investments.

Again, the report made reference to one Mitchell who is supposed to be the daughter in search of a spouse. But Tyson has no daughter with such a name. Gena, Rayna, Amir, D'Amato Kilrain, Mikey Lorna, Miguel Leon and Exodus are the known children of Tyson.
INSPIRING QUOTES ON WOMEN IN CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Compiled by Kemi Ajumobi

"I am no bird; and no net ensnares me! I am a free human being with an independent will.*

Charlotte Bronte

Next time you are about to call a little girl "bossy", say instead: she has executive leadership skills.

Sheryl Sandberg
COO and Partner of the Board, Facebook
"Leading a Complex World"

“A strong woman knows she has strength enough for the journey, but a woman of strength knows it is in the journey where she will become strong.”

-Unknown

"Feminism isn’t about making women stronger. Women are already strong. It’s about changing the way the world perceives that strength."

- Shareena Heights

Women, from time immemorial have fought for the right of others, now it’s her time to get her rights realized and get equal participation in the society.

A woman who walks in purpose doesn’t have to chase people or opportunities. Her light causes people and opportunities to pursue her.

Djingarey Maiga
Mali

The idea that a woman can be as powerful as a man is something that our society can’t deal with. But I am as powerful as a man and it drives them crazy.

Rosemary Okwara-Oyechi
Congolese

A woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; head not out of his feet to be forlorn, but out of his side, equal in his image and likeness, arm protected, heart his own, protected, and near his beloved.

"The woman who has made her life miserable will make her children miserable, but the woman who has made her life happy will make her children happy.

Mohammad Yousuf

Extremists have shown what frightens them most: a girl with a book.

"A strong woman believes that she’s strong enough to face her journey, but a woman of strength has faith that in this journey that she will become STRONG!!!

Michelle Obama

Do not ever let anyone make you feel like you don’t matter, or like you don’t have a place in our American story—because you do. And you have a right to be exactly who you are.

Michelle Obama

She is wind, she is water. She is wind, she is water. She is snow, she is fire. She is vibrant, she is ambitious. She is one of a kind.

"Happy Women’s Day!"

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