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## FORBES AFRICA REVEALS 30 UNDER 30 LIST FOR 2022 IN ITS JUNE/JULY ISSUE OUT NOW

**Johannesburg, 03 June 2022** – For the eighth consecutive year, FORBES AFRICA has released its coveted annual 30 Under 30 list, as a special June/July issue out on shelves now. As every year, the list features Africans under the age of 30 who are innovative entrepreneurs, tech geeks, sports stars, and influential creatives contributing to the continent’s growth story.

In addition to these categories, all new is Health/Science to headline those on the frontline, to especially celebrate the young professionals, entrepreneurs and unlikely heroes set on reinventing the healthcare sector in Africa. In previous years, the list has featured names such as Mr. Eazi, Antonio Depina, Lloyd Harris, Siya Kolisi, Kabza De Small, Sho Madjozi, Bruce Diale, Karabo Poppy, Thuso Mbedu, Nomzamo Mbatha, Burna Boy, Nthabiseng Mosia, Davido, Shamim Nabuuma Kaliisa, Nasty C and WizKid.

This year’s list focuses on money and meaning and the class of 2022 are shining a light on the issues plaguing Africa’s growth in a pandemic era as also working towards shifting the narrative in innovative ways. The editorial team curating the list sifted through thousands of nominations that poured in from last year, researching them and verifying and vetting all candidates, guided by audit partner, SNG Grant Thornton, and a panel of esteemed judges and subject-matter experts on the continent.

“This year too, we are unveiling an all-new list of achievers and adding them to Africa’s growing community of Under 30s and will see many collaborations and partnerships emerge from that,” says Renuka Methil, Managing Editor of FORBES AFRICA. “These are the people who have faced one of the most difficult times in history and refused to back down in the face of a global pandemic. If their firms, businesses and brands have grown during this period, it’s down to their resilience and win-no-matter-what dictum.”

### THE FORBES AFRICA 30 UNDER 30 LIST FOR 2022 *(in no particular order):*

**1. ELSA MAJIMBO, 20, KENYA**

COMEDIAN, AUTHOR AND SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER  
INDUSTRY: MEDIA

**2. NKULULEKO LEHAPA, 28, SOUTH**

**AFRICA**

FOUNDER, BUSANI CLOTHING ENTERPRISE/  
BUSANIMEN STUDIOS

**3. LASIZWE DAMBUZA, 23, SOUTH AFRICA**

COMEDIAN, INFLUENCER AND SOCIAL MEDIA PERSONALITY

4. **FATIMA BABAKURA, 26,**  
**NIGERIA**  
CEO, TIMABEE  
INDUSTRY: FASHION
5. **TATJANA SCHOENMAKER, 24,**  
**SOUTH AFRICA**  
OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST  
INDUSTRY: PROFESSIONAL SWIMMING
6. **LWAZI MSIPHA, 28, SOUTH AFRICA**  
ARTIST (GRAPHIC)/CARTOONIST  
INDUSTRY: ART
7. **JAEN-JACQUES NELL, 23,**  
**SOUTH AFRICA**  
FOUNDER AND CEO, THE CMF GROUP (PTY) LTD  
INDUSTRY: ELECTRONIC CONSULTING
8. **MUSA MAKAMU, 21,**  
**SOUTH AFRICA**  
SINGER, SONGWRITER, DJ AND PRODUCER  
INDUSTRY: MUSIC
9. **DR FRANCK VERZEFÉ, 28, CAMEROON**  
FOUNDER AND CEO, TRUESPEC-AFRICA  
INDUSTRY: PHARMACEUTICALS
10. **CHARLOT MAGAYI, 28, KENYA**  
FOUNDER, MUKURU CLEAN STOVES  
INDUSTRY: COOKING SOLUTIONS MANUFACTURER
11. **TONIA NNEJI, 29, NIGERIA**  
ARTIST (PAINTER)  
INDUSTRY: ART
12. **DR BRETT LYNDALL SINGH,**  
**29, SOUTH AFRICA**  
CEO AND FOUNDER OF ALPHA AND OMEGA  
MEDTECH; PEDIATRIC DOCTOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH  
INDUSTRY: HEALTH
13. **LEHLÉ BALDÉ, 29, SENEGAL**  
EDITOR, BUSINESSDAY WEEKENDER  
INDUSTRY: MEDIA
14. **SIKANDER KALLA, 29, SOUTH AFRICA**  
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, FOUNDER, COHESIVE  
COLLABORATION  
INDUSTRY: MENTAL HEALTH
15. **SANDRA CHUKWUDOZIE, 29,**  
**NIGERIA**  
CEO, SALPHA ENERGY

16. HIMKAAR SINGH, 29,

**SOUTH AFRICA**

FOUNDER AND CEO, THE COMPOST KITCHEN  
INDUSTRY: WATER AND FOOD WASTE  
SOLUTIONS

17. PHUPHO

GUMEDE K, 23,

**SOUTH AFRICA**

STYLIST  
INDUSTRY: FASHION

18. SYLVIA GATHONI,

23, KENYA

PROFESSIONAL E-GAMER  
INDUSTRY: E-SPORTS

19. YINKA ASH, 27, NIGERIA

MANAGING DIRECTOR, ASHLUXE LIMITED  
INDUSTRY: FASHION

20. VELANI MBOWENI, 29, SOUTH AFRICA

CEO AND CO-FOUNDER, LULA LOOP  
INDUSTRY: COMMUTING/ E-HAILING SERVICE

21. KEKELETSO TSILOANE,

29, SOUTH AFRICA

CO-FOUNDER, RAMTSILO TRADING  
INDUSTRY: CONSTRUCTION

22. MONA-LISA DAS (MONA-LXSA

TAURUS), 29, MALAWI

DISK JOCKEY AND CREATIVE ENTREPRENEUR  
INDUSTRY: MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

23. MUHLE NDWALANE, 23,

**SOUTH AFRICA**

FOUNDER, ASANTE TECH SOLUTIONS  
INDUSTRY: DIGITAL MARKETING AND  
TECHNOLOGY

24. DR ESPERANCE LUVINDAO, 28, NAMIBIA

MEDICAL DOCTOR, HEALTH ADVOCATE,  
DATA MANAGER FOR THE COVID-19 NATIONAL TASK FORCE  
INDUSTRY: HEALTH

25. DANIEL MUKISA, 28, UGANDA

CHIEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RIDELINK  
INDUSTRY: LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT

26. WALTER ISOKO, 28, NIGERIA

CO-FOUNDER AND CO-CEO, FLUX  
TECHNOLOGY AFRICA (FTA)

**27. CARLA FRANKEL, 29, SOUTH AFRICA**

CEO AND FOUNDER, TOP DRAWER COLLECTION

INDUSTRY: FASHION

**28. APAMPA OWOLABI (DAMMY**

**TWITCH), 26, NIGERIA**

PHOTOGRAPHER AND VIDEO EDITOR/DIRECTOR

INDUSTRY: ART AND ENTERTAINMENT

**29. DR NATASHA KASANDA CHIKONDE,**

**29, ZAMBIA**

FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR, HAIR KWEEN ZAMBIA

**30. DR JOAN RUGURU KIMANI,**

**27, KENYA**

MEDICAL DOCTOR, FOUNDER AND CEO,

EXCITING PARENTING

INDUSTRY: CHILD HEALTH AND PARENTING

The 2022 FORBES AFRICA 30 Under 30 edition is on shelves today, and will be available at leading retailers. Digital copies are available on [www.forbesafrica.com](http://www.forbesafrica.com)

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