

9 April 2026.

Prof. Jean-Marie Kayembe Ntumba
Rector,
University of Kinshasa - R D Congo

Dear Prof. Ntumba,

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCE ON THE ALM LISTING OF TOP 50 AFRICAN EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS 2026 & SPECIAL INVITATION TO RECEIVE THE AFRICAN EDUCATION SPECIAL LEADERSHIP COMMENDATION AWARD DURING THE ALM AFRICA EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM – LONDON 2026

Warm greetings from the Global Advisory Board and Management of the African Leadership Organisation, publishers of African Leadership Magazine, chaired by His Excellency, Jakaya Kikwete.

Following an extensive nomination process and a rigorous, merit-based screening conducted by our Editorial Board and independent research analysts, we are pleased to formally notify you of the emergence of the **University of Kinshasa** on the prestigious *ALM Listing of Top 50 African Education Institutions 2026*. This distinguished continental recognition celebrates leading academic institutions that continue to set benchmarks in institutional excellence, expand access to quality education, strengthen research capacity, and drive innovative solutions to Africa's developmental challenges.

In recognition of this achievement, it is our honour to invite you to receive this distinction, alongside the **African Education Special Leadership Commendation Award**, during the *ALM Africa Educational Leadership Forum – London 2026*, scheduled to take place on **19 May 2026 in London, United Kingdom**, on the sidelines of the globally renowned Education World Forum (EWF).



About the ALM Africa Educational Leadership Forum – London 2026- Theme: “Transforming Africa's Education Systems: Policy, Partnerships & Pipeline Development”

At a defining moment for Africa's economic transformation, the continent faces a critical gap — not of intent, but of systems design, capital alignment, and execution pathways. While global platforms have elevated

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education reform conversations, there remains a pressing need for structured forums that translate policy ambition into actionable pipelines and implementable partnerships. Africa's education challenge is not simply about access or funding — it is about designing systems that produce economically relevant talent at scale, aligned with labour market demands, digital transformation realities, global talent mobility, and national development priorities.

Against this backdrop, the ALM Africa Educational Leadership Forum – London 2026, held on the sidelines of the Education World Forum (EWF), is positioned as a Pipeline Development & Strategic Partnership Platform. It convenes a curated group of:

- Government & Policy Leaders (Ministers of Education, Skills, and Innovation)
- Academic & Institutional Leaders (Vice-Chancellors and heads of leading universities)
- Innovation & EdTech Leaders (digital learning platforms, skills and talent development firms)
- Development & Strategic Partners (including British International Investment, Mastercard Foundation, and similar institutions)

The Forum aims to deliver concrete outcomes:

- Articulate national education transformation priorities and system constraints
- Develop a curated education opportunity pipeline (2–3 priority areas per country/institution for collaboration or investment)
- Strengthen UK–Africa institutional collaborations (joint programmes, research, talent pathways)
- Generate structured inputs for the ALM Education Systems & Investment Intelligence Brief
- Establish post-forum engagement pathways for investor roundtables and deal facilitation

This high-level, closed-door platform offers revenue-generating organisations — especially EdTech companies, private education groups, and impact investors — direct access to African ministers, UK institutions, and strategic partners, creating visibility, partnership opportunities, and market-access advantages that justify participation investment.

Additionally, on our recommendation, our strategic partners from the South Carolina General Assembly and the Legislative Black Caucus will be in attendance to present you with a Special Commendation Award. This U.S. Congressional Commendation, a third-party endorsement from an institution of high global repute, is among the highest seals of confidence, recognising individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and positively impacted society.

Faces at Past ALM Events



This recognition honours your distinguished leadership as Rector of the University of Kinshasa, and your significant contribution to advancing higher education in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Under your

stewardship, the University continues to play a pivotal role in strengthening academic excellence, expanding access to tertiary education, and supporting national human capital development priorities.

Your leadership in fostering institutional growth, enhancing academic programmes, and positioning the University as a central pillar of the country's education system reflects a strong commitment to knowledge development, research advancement, and national capacity building. Through your efforts, the University of Kinshasa remains instrumental in shaping the next generation of professionals, innovators, and leaders contributing to the Democratic Republic of the Congo's socio-economic progress.

We would be deeply honoured by your presence and participation at this high-level Forum as a distinguished academic leader and contributor to Africa's education transformation agenda.

Photographs from the 2023 edition of the African Finance Leaders' Networking Cocktail 2023



*H.E. Rindra Rabarinirinarison,
Minister for Economy & Finance, Madagascar*

*Patrick Njoroge, former Governor
Central Bank of Kenya*

Group Photographs of some Speakers & Honourees

Major Highlights of the ALM Africa Educational Leadership Forum – London 2026

- ALM Listing of Top 50 African Education Institutions 2026. — A prestigious recognition of exceptional African Academic institutions that continues to set the pace and maintain institutional excellence.
- Induction into the Africa's Educational Leadership Hall of Fame — A distinguished honour celebrating visionary leaders whose contributions have significantly advanced education systems, human capital development, and knowledge economies across Africa.

These high-profile recognition moments will take place during the Forum, adding prestige and visibility for all participants while celebrating excellence in education leadership and innovation.

Participation Requirements

To ensure a seamless and high-quality experience—both editorially and at the Forum—we respectfully request the following:

- 1) **Confirmation of Participation:** A formal letter or email confirming your participation, enabling us to accord the appropriate level of protocol, visibility, and strategic positioning.
- 2) **Official Photograph & Abridged Biography:** A high-resolution official portrait and an updated abridged biography (maximum 700 words), highlighting key milestones and institutional impact. This will inform:
 - Your feature within the Special Commemorative Edition
 - Your official citation during the Awards & Recognition Segment
 - Your positioning within the broader narrative of Africa's education transformation
- 3) **Executive Interview Engagement:** Kindly indicate a convenient date and time for a virtual interview between now and 25 April 2026. Alternatively, we would be pleased to forward a structured interview brief for written responses. This feature is designed not as a standard profile, but as a thought-leadership piece positioning your institution within Africa's evolving education and talent architecture.

- 4) **Strategic Partnership & Editorial Collaboration:** As with all premium global publications and high-level convenings, the Special Education Leadership Commemorative Edition involves significant investment in:
- Editorial development
 - Global distribution across strategic platforms and events
 - Production and curation of a high-level convening environment

Strategic Sponsorship & Visibility Packages

Platinum Partner | US\$28,500 (Strategic Preferred Tier)

- Exclusive Feature Recognition as one of the Top Private Higher Education Institutions in Africa 2026, with prime placement (cover or front section) and an expansive 8–10 page editorial spread
- VIP Delegation Access for up to 8 distinguished representatives, with priority seating and protocol recognition
- Executive Video Documentary (5 Minutes) professionally produced and showcased during the Forum—positioning your institution as a leading voice in Africa's education transformation
- Prominent Institutional Branding across all event communications, programme materials, and select media placements
- Prime Venue Brand Presence, including a custom-designed roll-up display in a high-visibility location
- A Curated Print Collection of the Commemorative Edition—a premium institutional asset (100 copies of this special edition) for strategic distribution to partners, stakeholders, and prospective students
- Priority Access to High-Level Networking Circles, including ministers, policymakers, and UK academic institutions

Positioning Outcome:

Establishes your institution as a continental leader shaping the future of education, talent, and knowledge economies in Africa.

Gold Partner | US\$19,700

- Featured Institutional Profile with a 4–6 page editorial presence in the commemorative edition
- Reserved Delegation Access for up to 5 representatives
- Executive Thought-Leadership Spotlight within the official programme
- Branded Visibility through venue presence and curated digital amplification across Forum platforms

Positioning Outcome: Strengthens your institution's regional and international standing, while aligning your brand with Africa's education transformation narrative.

Delegate with Visibility | US\$12,500

- Standard Institutional Feature with a 2-page editorial profile
- Delegation Access for up to 3 representatives
- Full Participation in all Forum sessions and curated networking engagements

Positioning Outcome: Provides a platform to engage, connect, and position your institution within a high-level global ecosystem.

Strategic Value & Return on Engagement

Participation delivers far more than event attendance—it provides:

- Direct Access to Policymakers and Decision-Makers shaping education systems across Africa
- Strategic Linkages with UK Academic Institutions, enabling partnerships, joint programmes, and global positioning
- Enhanced Institutional Visibility through a premium, globally distributed publication
- Documented Thought Leadership that strengthens credibility with partners, funders, and prospective students
- Positioning within a Continental Narrative of transformation, innovation, and leadership

Closing Positioning

This is not simply participation in a Forum. It is a strategic opportunity to position your institution at the forefront of Africa's education transformation—where visibility converts to influence, and influence shapes long-term institutional legacy.

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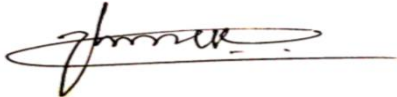
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This recognition is not merely an honour — it is an affirmation of visionary education leadership shaping Africa's human capital future within an evolving global knowledge architecture.

We kindly request your timely response to enable alignment with our editorial and diplomatic timelines. Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us via stanley@africanleadership.co.uk or **+44 7471 649911 (WhatsApp)**.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration as we look forward to your favourable response.

Yours truly,



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