

Niongoze Fellows Completed The Third Colloquium



May 20th, Dar es Salaam, The Doyenne organization conducted the third annual Colloquium of the Niongoze Fellowship. This spectacular program designed by Doyenne aims to help young female leaders in Tanzania grow not only their leadership skills but also their confidence in school and in future job prospects. The Niongoze Fellowship runs annually with three Colloquia and more Fellows each year. This Colloquium, the Niongoze Fellows were equipped to become leaders at the community level. They got to share ideas with their peers, write touching personal statements they learned both about themselves and about the world. This insightful weekend was full of learning and fun as the Fellows and staff got to connect with each other at a beautiful destination by the beach. Each of these astonishing young women have shined since they first joined Doyenne and they only continue to grow.

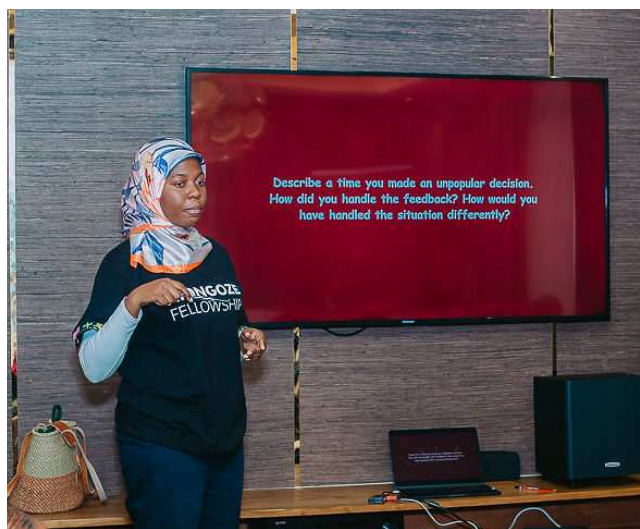
The third annual Niongoze Colloquium served as a spirited opportunity for the fellows to engage in dialogue and learn from one another. Through interactive workshops, mentorship sessions and a safe and inclusive space, this seminar was a resounding success. This event had three wonderful guest speakers who included gender activist Ms. Florah Ndaba, Niongoze Fellowship Alumna- Ms. Barbara Mlata, and former Tanzania High Commissioner to South Africa, Namibian Botswana and Lesotho- H.E Amb. Radhia Msuya.



Guest Speaker H.E Amb. Radhia Msuya
and Niongoze Fellows

The guest speakers shared the knowledge they have gathered from their experiences as powerful women and helped lead several of the Colloquium workshops. These included seminars on community and feminist leadership, as well as leadership etiquettes. These learning opportunities were full of life and showed the true power of community and connection.

Ms. Kadija Boi, a leader from the Sokoine University of Agriculture, wrote in her personal statement "I am grateful for the fellowship, for the lessons learned, for the friendships forged and the bridges burned. For the transportation that took place, that made me whole, for the better version of myself that emerged, with a purpose and a goal." The Fellows' personal statements gave us a glimpse of the work they have put into being a female leader in the community and have reminded us, for whom and why they are becoming leaders.



Ms. Pilly Ndobeji - Niongoze Fellow

Ms. Pilly Ndobeji, a leader from the University of Dodoma, wrote about her passion for advocating for maternal and newborn health. "At the heart of my leadership lies an unwavering commitment to promoting equity and social justice.

I firmly believe that no mother or child should face barriers to accessing essential healthcare services." Ms. Pilly's determination to make a difference on behalf of those whose voices have been ignored is greatly admirable. She then continues on to discuss her plans to advocate for improved healthcare systems as well as policy changes. She dwells upon how the current healthcare system has personally impacted her, pushing her to make change in her community.

Each of the Niongoze fellows wrote a powerful and touching statement that showed their personality, mixed with the passion for work they are just now starting.



Niongoze Fellows during one of the training sessions.

The third Niongoze Colloquium was an astounding success but would not have been possible without Doyenne's wonderful donors and partners. On behalf of Doyenne and the fellows, we extend our gratitude for the ongoing commitment. With our donors, we have been able to be instrumental in creating a safe environment for young women to find themselves. Doyenne is not finished in its mission yet and values the partnership between people and passionate businesses in furthering our work.

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Some of Doyenne's other recent accomplishments include reaching 2000 followers on Instagram and we are immensely proud of our growing community. If you are interested in donating and being part in making events like our Colloquium and our upcoming graduation happen, please visit the Donate button on the Doyenne website and do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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In her personal statement, Ms. Halima Msofe of the University of Dodoma finished her statement with "I believe we are empowered to empower others." It is with this quote we choose to leave with our readers to ponder as they go about their day. This beautiful line truly encompasses what Doyenne stands for and we hope it sticks in the minds of our supporters. The 2023 3rd annual Colloquium was a superb accomplishment and is just the beginning of Doyenne's achievements. The application for the next cohort of Niongoze fellows opens in August, so for those interested be sure to keep an eye on our Instagram and Website!

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