

Unlocking Africa's potential: A decade of impact



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When I founded African Leadership University ten years ago, my dream was to create a higher education institution that would serve a higher social purpose. I wanted to provide a one-of-a-kind learning experience that would help young people fulfil their potential and become the ethical, entrepreneurial leaders that the world needs. With 70% of Africa's population under the age of 30, our continent is teeming with innovation and creative energy that needs to be unlocked. At ALU, students declare missions, not majors: they develop real-world skills to take on the world's most pressing challenges and define their educational experience by the impact they want to make.

Since ALU opened its doors with this aim in 2015, it has gone from strength to strength. Year-on-year, our enrolments have grown 90% – and we only expect this to continue. Today ALU is one of the most impactful universities in the region: our alumni have won 881 internships in over 30 countries and started 140 unique ventures, creating over 44,000 jobs and raising almost \$6 million in funding. This is even more remarkable given that over 10% of our students have been forcibly displaced – a testament to their resilience and determination to achieve.

But ALU isn't just about growth, numbers and big headlines. It's also about real-life experience and hands-on learning. Every year, our immersive Silicon Valley Global Leadership Program helps empower Africa's brightest young minds with entrepreneurial experience and technological expertise. These students are on remarkable missions – from harnessing AI and revolutionising healthcare to devising sustainable solutions

for water security. Over an entire month, they engage with renowned Silicon Valley innovators and gain new insights into launching disruptive ventures – applying new perspectives and skills to the challenges facing the African community.

As we build on the achievements of the last ten years, 2025 sees the launch of a new institution in the ALU family – the African Leadership College of Higher Education (ALCHE), the successor to African Leadership College. With full degree-awarding accreditation from the Mauritius Higher Education Commission, ALCHE offers an updated choice of cutting-edge undergraduate programs in International Business and Trade, Entrepreneurial Leadership, Computer Science, and Software Engineering.

Central to ALCHE's success will be its prime location in Mauritius, which over the last two decades has become a premium hub for enterprise and young leadership. With its investment-friendly environment, strong financial infrastructure and robust regulatory frameworks, Mauritius is now a strategic location for asset management and international business as well as being a gateway to the African continent. By immersing students in its diverse culture, ALCHE will empower graduates to realise the impact they want to see in the world, helping them drive innovation and industry in Africa and globally.

As we look forward to the future, we see an Africa that has possibility and promise – and we hope you will join us as we take the next step on our journey.

