



THE AI MASTERMIND

An Elite Strategy Lab for Africa's Forward-Thinking Leaders in the AI Age.

STRATEGY | GOVERNANCE | RISK | INNOVATION | TRANSFORMATION

Lead with Confidence. Govern with Foresight. Compete with Clarity.

The AI Mastermind equips board members and C-suite executives with the frameworks, insights, and tools required to lead artificial intelligence adoption responsibly and strategically. This programme bridges global innovation with African realities—ensuring every boardroom decision is future-focused, ethical, and impactful.



Why AI Matters

AI is the defining governance challenge of our time.
For board members and executives, it cuts across:

STRATEGY

Embedding AI into enterprise growth plans

RISK & COMPLIANCE

Navigating evolving regulatory compliance requirements & AI risks

OPERATIONS

Driving efficiency and competitive agility

WORKFORCE

Reskilling and redefining organisational structures

CHANGE MANAGEMENT

Aligning culture and leadership to enable adoption

DATA & INFRASTRUCTURE

Building secure foundations that ensure data integrity

Artificial Intelligence is no longer peripheral—it is central to how companies compete, innovate, and survive.

The Evidence Is Clear

20-30%

Organisations adopting AI at scale are achieving 20–30% cost reductions and revenue uplifts of up to 10% within 12–18 months.

\$15.7 TRN

By 2030, AI will add \$15.7 trillion to the global economy.

EU, US, AND AFRICA

Regulators across the EU, US, and Africa are drafting AI oversight frameworks. Non-compliance exposes boards to fiduciary and reputational risk.

40% OF BOARD AGENDAS

By 2027, over 40% of board agendas will include AI as a recurring discussion focus.

For African leaders, the urgency is doubled



AI could unlock \$1.2 trillion in productivity gains for Africa by 2035, but only if boards and leadership teams drive adoption responsibly.



Without decisive leadership, African businesses risk dependency on imported solutions and exclusion from global value chains.

This is why the AI Mastermind exists: to equip leaders not just to adapt, but to lead.

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“It’s a great way of getting exposure to the fundamentals of introducing and adopting AI into a business or organisation at a leadership level.”



Melanie Hawken
Founder & CEO of Lionesses of Africa





The AI Mastermind is a six-week, executive-level strategy programme that equips Africa's top executives and board directors with the frameworks, insights, and tools needed to lead artificial intelligence adoption responsibly, confidently and strategically.

Each cohort is limited to 15 executives, with participation strictly by invitation or nomination.

This curated exclusivity creates a trusted environment where Africa's decision-makers can engage in confidential, unfiltered discussions, gain insights tailored to their realities, and collaborate with peers who operate at the highest levels of leadership—ensuring every boardroom decision is future-focused, ethical, and impactful.

NKEMDILIM UWAJE BEGHO

Programme Director & Lead Facilitator

Built for senior decision-makers, including:



Board members and non-executive directors



CEOs, CFOs, CIOs, and C-suite leaders



Heads of Strategy, Risk, Innovation, and Governance



Regulatory and policy leaders



Public sector executives



Founders of high-growth companies

A technical background is not required for participation.



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Well done! I was very privileged to attend. The Mastermind has opened my mind to possibilities and has now saved me from reinventing the wheel.”



Olu Delano

ED, Personal & Private Banking,
Stanbic IBTC Bank

Programme Highlights

The AI Mastermind is designed for focus, depth, and impact—equipping executive leaders with strategic clarity in a format that respects executive schedules.



DURATION:

A six-week accelerates programme combining 2 hours of high-impact weekly instruction with 2 hours of curated practical assignments.



FORMAT:

Virtual & Interactive Live Sessions, Expert Fireside Chats



CONTENT:

Progressive weekly modules delivered in focused 2-hour sessions, blending board-level instruction, real-world case studies, expert fireside conversations, and high-value peer exchange.



OUTCOME:

A personalised AI Opportunity Map, AI Risk Assessment and AI Implementation Framework tailored for boardroom application.



COHORT:

An exclusive 15-seat cohort, invite or nomination only, designed to foster confidentiality, high-quality dialogue, and personalised engagement with facilitators.

Core Outcomes

By the end of the programme, participants will have the following:



FLUENCY IN AI FOR GOVERNANCE

Understanding AI's risks, opportunities, and board-level implications



A ROADMAP FOR TRANSFORMATION

A tailored AI Opportunity Map or Readiness Summary



RISK AND COMPLIANCE READINESS

Frameworks for ethics, security, and regulatory oversight



OPERATIONAL INSIGHT

Practical knowledge of how AI reshapes processes, workforce design, and business models









PEER BENCHMARKING

Exposure to how other leaders across industries are approaching AI

The Learning Journey

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
AI Essentials for Executives	AI & Risk: Governance, Ethics, and Decision-Making	AI in Operations: Driving Internal Efficiency
WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
AI Business Models: Value Creation & Disruption	AI & the Future of Work	Strategy & Implementation Readiness

Additional Value

-  **60 min 1:1 Consultation** with the facilitator.
-  **Guest Fireside Chats** with global experts in AI governance, regulation, and innovation.
-  **Breakout Peer Sessions** for confidential exchange.
-  **Weekly Reading Lists & Strategic Briefs** curated for executives.
-  **AI Companion Workbook** with tools, templates, and frameworks.
-  **12 month access to the AI Mastermind Executive Network & Intelligence Hub.**

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“An eye opening experience into the world of AI, it’s risks and considerations for both your business and role as an Executive and a Board Director.”



Ibrahim Dikko

INED, Principal Owner, Hitel Communications Limited, Chairman, Comercio Partners Limited, Non Executive Director

Meet Our Facilitators & Guest Experts

The AI Mastermind brings together not just one facilitator, but a circle of global experts. Each guest expert contributes specialised insight, case studies, and forward-looking perspectives to enrich your learning journey. These voices ensure participants gain a multi-dimensional understanding of AI's risks, opportunities, and real-world applications.

NKEMDILIM UWAJE BEGHO

LEAD FACILITATOR & PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

AI Strategy & Transformation Expert | Non-Executive Director & Board Advisor |
Founder, Futuresoft

Nkemdilim Uwaje Begho is a leading African figure with over two decades of experience in technology, governance, and business strategy, combining technical fluency, boardroom credibility, and transformation leadership. She is a respected voice on responsible digital transformation and AI adoption, advising multinationals, governments, and listed companies on aligning technology with corporate strategy and managing risk. As a globally recognised thought leader and trusted advisor, she is uniquely positioned to guide African boardrooms through the AI era with responsibility and foresight.





JOLA ADEREMI-MAKINDE

Venture Builder & Digital Transformation Expert | Non-Executive Director & Board Advisor | Ex- Google, Ex -Accenture | Founder, Bricks Digital

Mojolaoluwa (Jola) Aderemi-Makinde is a strategic advisor and board director with two decades of experience driving growth, innovation, and measurable impact across global tech and high-growth ecosystems. She blends executive strategy, AI governance, go-to-market expertise, and large-scale program delivery to help boards, executives, and founders lead responsible, scalable transformation. Formerly at Google and Accenture, she shaped Google's AI strategy for Africa, led EMEA genAI go-to-market, and scaled digital initiatives to millions.



IKEZI KAMANU

AI Product Expert | Ex -Meta, Ex-Adobe, Ex- Google | Founder, IdeaSparks

Ikezi Kamanu is an AI and product leader with over a decade of experience building and scaling consumer technology at Meta, Google, and Adobe. He translates emerging AI capabilities into reliable products and measurable business value, aligning technology choices with customer outcomes and scalable delivery. A two-time founder and respected voice in generative AI, he guides executive teams on strategy-led, responsible AI productisation.



OLAYINKA IYINOLAKAN

AI & Language Technology Expert | PhD NLP | Echoing Green Fellow | Founder, CDIAL

Olayinka (Yinka) Iyinolakan is an inclusive AI and language-technology leader and EdTech entrepreneur advancing conversational AI and low-resource NLP for indigenous African languages. Founder/CEO of CDIAL and a 2023 Echoing Green Fellow, he champions speech-enabled, localised tech expanding access to education and essential services across multilingual African markets. He holds a PhD in low-resource NLP (Pan-Atlantic University) and advises leaders on responsible, culturally grounded AI at scale.



EUGENE OKWODU

Cyber Security Expert | Non-Executive Director & Board Advisor | Former Director, Cybersecurity at PWC | Founder, Praxtion LLC

Eugene Okwodu is a cybersecurity and AI governance expert with 20+ years' experience strengthening resilience in complex, regulated environments across the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East. Founder/CEO of Washington DC-based Praxtion LLC, he advises on cloud security, AI security, and governance frameworks—aligning compliance, resilience, and accountability to reduce enterprise risk. He supports leaders navigating evolving threats and regulatory expectations as AI adoption scales.



“An essential learning for all board directors, in or out of the boardroom.”



Maryam Aliko Mohammed

CEO, Modalali Limited. ED, Mariacutty Empowerment Foundation (MEF), NED Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC



A Rare Opportunity for Africa's Top Leaders

The AI Mastermind convenes an exclusive cohort of 15 senior executives, invited or nominated for their influence and strategic leadership. This carefully curated group enables confidential dialogue, tailored insights, and collaboration with peers who operate at the pinnacle of leadership across Africa.

More than a programme, it is a catalyst for leaders committed to shaping the future and positioning their organisations for AI-powered advantage.

Next Cohort Details

WHEN?

4 February - 11 March 2026

FORMAT

Virtual, interactive, live sessions
(2 hours weekly for 6 weeks)

WHO?

Board Members & C-Level
Executives

SEATS

15 by invitation/nomination only

FEE

\$3,000 / ~~N~~4.5M per participant

Access your invitation or recommend someone on aicolab.africa/aimastermind.com

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EXCLUSIVE. STRATEGIC. AFRICA-CENTRIC.

LET US HELP YOU TRANSLATE AI AWARENESS INTO BOARD-LEVEL ACTION—AND BOARD-LEVEL ACTION INTO SUSTAINABLE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE.