Our First Decade

April 7–10, 2017
Tufts | Harvard | Bretton Woods
REAFFIRMING OUR PLEDGE

For the tenth consecutive year our Alliance gathered on the foothills of Mount Washington to reaffirm our pledge to Africa: “to work together as one to pursue the social, political and economic development of our continent and fulfill the dream of our generation.”

To this end, our Alliance returned to Bretton Woods to welcome the tenth class of Harambeans: 20 young African entrepreneurial leaders representing 10 African countries, 10 fields of action, and 19 universities across 4 continents.

In a sign of the progress of our institutionalization process, our Alliance also celebrated the ascension of the Cisco Foundation and the IDP Foundation to our Bretton Woods Circle of Partners, as founding members of the next chapter of our Dream on a Piece of Paper.

The rising tenth Bretton Woods Cycle promises a unique set of challenges related to our growth. Yet, I am confident, that we will face them with the firm conviction and optimism of our decade old Declaration, for indeed “the Africa our generation desires can be won, it exists, it is real, it is possible, it is ours.”

Sincerely,

Okendo Lewis Gayle
Founder and Chairman
Harambe Entrepreneur Alliance
Harvard University
WE WILL MOVE

We will move ahead and continue fighting our battle
From the “secret weapon” mentioned in the Economist in an article
To the known transformative force of our continent cited on the title page.

We will move forward with defining the Africa we desire for us and our children
From a student-led organization convening the brightest young minds of Africa
To a professional network that makes every entrepreneur who is part a success.

We will move with the leading partners in their fields who can help us win
From coming together to share our stories and supporting each other within
To leveraging our partners and making our stories touch the lives of all Africans.

We will move to make progress on the continent that is real
From acknowledging the achievements each of us has made in the struggle
To moving closer together and uniting forces across classes as one.

We will move into making things possible that seem impossible for many
From being an organisation that serves as a platform of individual opportunities
To being a home that provides nothing but all to make each of us thrive.

Together with our unique partners
We will move and build a new decade for an Africa
That is ours.
Harambe on!

Yasmin Kumi, HEA ‘16
Executive Director
Harambe Entrepreneur Alliance
"Ten years on, what continues to differentiate our Alliance is our commitment to our values."

Cogitamus Luncheon Speaker, Mr. Aina ’08
We gather to welcome the 10th class of Harambeans; ordinary people, doing extraordinary things.

Young Africans who, of their own will and accord, have petitioned to accede to our Alliance.
OUR ALLIANCE

HBWS X
2017

2008
2011
2012
2013
2009
2010
2014
2015
2016
OUR NETWORK

32 African Countries

Algeria  Angola  Benin  Botswana  Burkina Faso  Burundi  Cameroon  Cape Verde  Comoros  DR Congo  Egypt  Eritrea  Ethiopia  Ghana  Guinea  Kenya  Lesotho  Liberia  Malawi  Morocco  Niger  Nigeria  Rwanda  Senegal  Sierra Leone  South Africa  South Sudan  Tanzania  Tunisia  Uganda  Zambia  Zimbabwe

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32 African Countries
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We gather to give thanks for the friends, partners, successes and failures of the twelve months of our ninth Bretton Woods Cycle and to plant the seeds of a new one.
In presence of the 10th class of Harambeans as well as friends and partners, we rendered official our new partnership with the IDP Foundation
TUFTS COLLOQUIUM

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South Africa, MIB 2018

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Madagascar, MIB 2017
ENTREPRENEUR'S PRAYER
Holden Chapel, Harvard University
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In keeping with tradition, our Friends and Partners from across Cambridge gathered at the Harvard Club to welcome the new Harambeans for a Convivium supported by Standard Chartered.
HEA Associates and Affiliates from across classes attended the HBWS X to celebrate our first decade and welcome the new Harambeans to our pan African and global Alliance.

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Mr. Aina, HEA ‘08  
Nigeria, Northeastern University

Mr. Beshawred, HEA ‘08  
Ethiopia, University of Maryland

Mr. Ukwuani, HEA ‘09  
Nigeria, MIT

Mr. Aboyeji, HEA ‘10  
Nigeria, University of Waterloo

Mr. Bello, HEA ‘11  
Nigeria, University of Oxford

Mr. Awuku, HEA ‘12  
Ghana, Harvard University

Ms. Kamau, HEA ‘12  
Kenya, University of Texas

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Ms. Biegon, HEA ‘16  
Kenya, Tufts University

Ms. Lambu, HEA ‘16  
Zimbabwe, Tufts University

Ms. Kumi, HEA ‘16  
Ghana, University of Oxford
But above all, we gather to reaffirm our pledge to Africa, forever enshrined in the Harambe Bretton Woods Declaration, that we shall “work together as one to pursue the social, political and economic development of our continent and fulfil the dream of our generation.”
We, therefore, sons and daughters of Africa, assembled in the Harambe Entrepreneur Alliance declare our intention to work together as one to unleash the potential of Africa’s people, pursue the social, political and economic development of our continent and fulfill the dream of our generation.

Signed on Sunday, April 9 by the 10th Class of Harambeans, Angels and Partners.
HARAMBE GOLDROOM AWARD
Ms. Yasmin Kumi, HEA ’16
Harambeans gathered in the Washington Boardroom to discuss the progress of our efforts to institutionalize our Alliance.
Harambeans from previous classes joined us at Bretton Woods to lead skill transfer sessions for the incoming class on a variety of subjects.
SPEAKER'S BANQUET

Tae Yoo made the trek up Mount Washington to reflect on Cisco’s partnership with our Alliance and the importance of our culture and values.

Harambe Angel Robin Roberts reflected on traits of Harambeans that he believes are needed to succeed in the decade ahead.
In line with HBWS lore, our time together concluded with a sobering recitation of the Harambe Prayer and a champagne toast, known in our Alliance as the Ad Maiora Semper, an Ancient Rome expression which means “To Ever Bolder Ventures.” Our propitiatory toast served as the apropos epilogue of the Harambe Bretton Woods Symposium and marked the beginning of a new Bretton Woods Cycle.
The Harambe Bretton Woods Symposium would not have been possible without the generous support of our partners.
Gratitude to the HBWS Team and Supporters
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