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### **Christiane Ohin Traoré of Women In Logistics- Africa (WILA) announced as 2026-2027 Obama Foundation Leader**

Abidjan — Christiane today announced her acceptance to The Obama Foundation's Leaders program, joining more than 150 changemakers from around the world in the 2026-2027 class. Following a competitive selection process, Christiane will be one of 35 Leaders participating in the Leaders Africa program, where they will receive training in values-based leadership development to strengthen their skills and scale their work across public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

**Christiane Ohin-Traoré is the founding president of Women in Logistics - Africa (WILA), a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing women's leadership and professional development within the logistics and supply chain sectors across the continent.**

**Under her leadership, WILA has grown to 21 African countries, building a network of more than 1,000 women and helping 86 percent of its 70 mentored youth integrate into the workforce. She has built her career at major multinational companies such as Africa Global Logistics and AP Moller-Maersk.**

### **Primary Issue Area: Women's Rights & Gender Equality**

As part of the eight-month long program, these changemakers will convene virtually each week for sessions designed to help them drive change by honing their leadership skills, building deep relationships with their peers, and engaging with thought leaders and members of the Obama Foundation community. They will also have an opportunity to participate in virtual experiences and special events, including conversations with experienced mentors in the Foundation's global network.

Drawing on his Kenyan heritage, President Obama has made supporting emerging African leaders a key priority in his post-presidency work. Having launched as the Foundation's first regional program in 2018, the Leaders Africa program is creating a network of leaders who drive innovative change in their communities throughout the continent and across the globe. The 35 Africa Leaders in this year's cohort come from 25 countries and work across a broad range of focus areas, including health systems and access to care, climate and clean energy finance, economic inclusion and entrepreneurship, and democratic governance.

The Obama Foundation Leaders program is designed to inspire, empower, and connect emerging leaders from Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, and the United States to change their respective communities and the world. To learn more, visit [obama.org/leaders](https://www.obama.org/leaders).

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