

New candidates for Media Fellowship Program

The Africa Leadership Initiative (ALI) Media Fellow Program, offered to journalists in senior leadership positions in media houses, has selected its second class of candidates for its two-year program. The 24 journalists will convene in South Africa for the first of four, four-day seminars that will address changing negative perspectives on Africa, as well as the influence of the media on the continent's development.



Fellows selected for the program receive seminars in leadership and financial journalism, access to postgraduate studies, professional coaching and management training. Fellows will examine values-based leadership in a changing Africa, the role of media and development, ethics, social justice, globalisation and the impact of financial journalism on investment and economic growth in Africa.

Ferial Haffajee, editor-in-chief of *City Press* and Derek Thomas, founder and CEO of Letsema Holdings, will moderate the programme.

"Africa is on the rise, and with this robust growth comes opportunities for us as citizens to shape the continent's narrative. We believe that through this Media Fellowship Programme we are well-placed to contribute to this positive change," said Isaac Shongwe, the founder of the ALI programme.

"The ALI Media Fellowship Programme provides senior executives in media houses access to leadership development, a network of experienced senior journalists and peer-to-peer learning to continue their professional development and improve the quality of their news coverage," said Erana Stennet, director, Bloomberg Media Initiative Africa. "The media fellowship is an extension of the larger media initiative funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies to build capacity for business and financial journalism in Africa."

The inaugural class of the ALI Media Fellowship Programme, started earlier this year, has taken part in two seminars that explored the role of media in defining Africa's future.

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