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## INSPIRATIONAL LEADERS 2024



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## From the Editor

Dear Esteemed Readers,

With immense pride and excitement, I welcome you to this special edition of Global Leaders Today, dedicated to celebrating the exceptional leaders who have profoundly impacted the world. In the fast-paced and ever-evolving landscape of leadership, we are thrilled to introduce our “Global 100 Inspirational Leaders” issue for 2024.

In this issue, we have handpicked and meticulously curated a list of 100 inspirational leaders who have not only excelled in their respective fields but have also inspired positive change, making a meaningful impact on society over the past year.

We have included the “Global 100 Methodology” section to provide transparency and insight into our selection process. We believe in the importance of a rigorous and fair selection process to ensure that each individual on this list embodies inspirational leadership.

The 100 leaders chosen, whose stories span across various industries and domains, represent a diverse array of voices and experiences. You will encounter multiple perspectives, from entrepreneurs and activists to scientists and philanthropists. These leaders have demonstrated resilience, innovation, and a profound dedication to shaping a better future.

This issue is a tribute to those who strive to make the world a better place, one innovative idea, one compassionate act, and one inspired vision at a time. These leaders embody the spirit of Global Leaders Today – a spirit of inspiration, innovation, and a dedication to positive transformation.

We invite you to explore the profiles of these inspirational leaders, and we hope their stories will inspire you as they have inspired us. We are privileged to present the “Global 100 Inspirational Leaders” of 2024, and we look forward to sharing their extraordinary journeys with you.

Best Regards,  
**Elena Arnaiz**  
 Editor, Global Leaders Today

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## INSPIRATIONAL LEADERS

**G**lobal Leaders Today is pleased to introduce the highly anticipated third edition of the Global 100 Inspirational Leaders. In this edition, we present 100 inspirational leaders who have left a significant impact in the past 12 months and are poised to continue as driving forces in the coming year. These leaders represent a wide range of industries and geographical locations, spanning urban centres, smaller towns, and even the most remote corners of the world.

These leaders are recognized for their exceptional contributions and innovative approaches that have resonated within their respective industries. Their influence extends beyond borders, demonstrating their leadership efficacy on a global scale. By featuring their accomplishments and insights on a broader platform, our objective is to inspire and encourage upcoming

leaders to embrace a positive trajectory that will influence the future of business practices worldwide.

This collection of leaders exemplifies how impactful leadership can transcend organizational boundaries, laying the foundation for constructive change. Through their collective endeavours, we anticipate the cultivation of forward-looking business norms and the establishment of an environment conducive to growth for organizations globally.

With this latest edition of the Global 100 Inspirational Leaders, we embark on a mission to shape the trajectory of leadership for the times ahead. We invite you to join us in acknowledging these leaders who drive innovation, champion impact, and guide us towards a future characterized by endless possibilities.

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# GLOBAL 100 INSPIRATIONAL LEADERS 2024

## GLOBAL 100 INSPIRATIONAL LEADERS METHODOLOGY

We are delighted to announce the release of the much-awaited Global 100 Inspirational Leaders - 2024, Special Edition. The unveiling of this compilation is the result of an exhaustive selection process undertaken by our team, carefully identifying impactful leaders across a spectrum of domains, encompassing technology, politics, business, and social causes. Representing an array of nations, including the USA, Australia, Kenya, Syria, India, China, Japan, Spain, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Israel, Denmark, New Zealand, Nigeria, Chile, Mexico, Russia, and the United Kingdom, these remarkable individuals embody the pinnacle of excellence. Our Selection Committee went through hundreds of nominations and calculated the scores of 1000+ candidates to showcase the Top 100 of the most deserving candidates worldwide.

The methodology employed for this selection is rigorous and comprehensive:

**Leadership Score:** The assessment began by scrutinizing key leadership attributes such as adaptability, foresight, calculated risk-taking, and innovation. Additionally, emphasis was placed on cultivating empathetic leadership and fostering resilient work cultures, especially in a landscape marked by employee burnout.

**Business Impact Score:** Leaders were evaluated based on the extent of their influence, encompassing the number of lives impacted, countries served, and the overall resonance within stakeholder communities.

**Philanthropy Score:** Beyond professional accomplishments, philanthropic contributions were analyzed. The evaluation encompassed a leader's lifetime giving, the percentage of wealth donated, the transparency of charitable endeavours, and the efficacy of their philanthropic foundations.

**Sustainability Score:** A nod to leaders championing sustainability, this score was based on their commitment to carbon neutrality, strategic pivots towards climate action, and active engagement in environmental initiatives.

**Self-Made Score:** Acknowledging those who embody the essence of self-made success, this category celebrated individuals who carved their path through sheer determination and resolve.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the distinguished leaders featured in the Global 100 Inspirational Leaders - 2024. Congratulations on the well-deserved win!



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## Sam Altman

Technology (USA)

**S**am Altman is more than just a brilliant technologist; he is a true humanist with a keen vision for the future. In 2008, he foresaw the transformative power of artificial general intelligence (AGI) within the rapid progress of technology. Understanding its potential for immense good or devastating harm, Altman co-founded OpenAI, driven to bring AGI to the world responsibly. Initially established as a nonprofit, OpenAI's mission to prioritize ethics and social impact has stood the test of time. When faced with financial constraints, Altman transformed the company into a capped-profit model, relinquishing personal ownership for the greater purpose. OpenAI's groundbreaking achievement, ChatGPT, launched in November 2022, showcased AGI's capacity for astonishing human-like interactions. Despite his deep understanding, Altman humbly acknowledges his fallibility and actively seeks diverse perspectives, inviting others to challenge his ideas with the belief that collective intelligence is crucial for shaping AGI's impact. With his profound blend of influence and humility, Altman truly represents an inspirational leader, ensuring that AGI progresses responsibly in harmony with shared values and aspirations.

Beyond his work at OpenAI, Altman has built a diverse portfolio of over 400 companies, with a personal net worth of \$2.8 billion. His investments range from technology startups to nuclear energy firms, reflecting his deep interest in shaping future-defining industries. As chairman of Helion Energy and Oklo Inc., Altman is driving forward the development of nuclear fusion and fission technologies. His wealth stems from his venture capital fund, Hydrazine Capital, rather than equity in OpenAI. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Altman co-created Project Covalence to expedite clinical trials, highlighting his commitment to leveraging technology for the greater good.

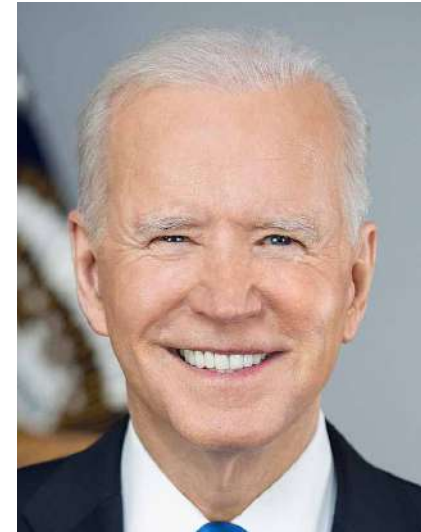


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## Satya Nadella

Technology (USA)

**S**atya Nadella, the CEO of Microsoft since 2014, has been instrumental in transforming the company and the broader tech industry. Before becoming CEO, he served as Executive Vice President of Microsoft's cloud and enterprise group, where he laid the groundwork for the company's shift toward cloud computing. Upon taking the helm, Nadella steered Microsoft away from a failing mobile strategy, focusing instead on promising areas like cloud services, AI, and augmented reality. In 2019, he spearheaded a strategic investment in OpenAI, an esteemed AI research organization. This collaboration opened new doors for developers, granting them access to cutting-edge AI technology and research, enabling the creation of groundbreaking applications and services. By partnering with OpenAI, Microsoft gained access to advanced AI models and tools like GPT-4, which accelerated the development and deployment of AI-powered innovations across industries. Nadella's strategic vision didn't stop there—he also led Microsoft's adoption of a cloud-first approach, significantly boosting the company's growth in cloud services, solidifying Microsoft Azure as a leader in the cloud computing market. Notably, his dedication to creating a world where technology supports individuals at work and beyond has made an immense impact on modern life. With the early development of generative artificial intelligence, he has opened another decisive chapter in the tech world.



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## Joe Biden

Politics (USA)

**J**oe Biden's rise from Scranton, Pennsylvania, to the White House represents a story of resilience and public service. At just 29, Biden became one of the youngest individuals elected to the U.S. Senate. Shortly after his election, he faced profound tragedy when his first wife Neilia and their one-year-old daughter Naomi died in a car accident, leaving him to care for his critically injured sons, Hunter and Beau. Demonstrating remarkable resilience, Biden was sworn into the Senate at their hospital bedsides, commuting daily from Wilmington to Washington, D.C., to be with his family. He served Delaware for 36 years in the Senate, where he played a key role in passing the Violence Against Women Act. Biden later became the 47th Vice President, working alongside President Obama to pass the Affordable Care Act and lead the country through the 2008 financial crisis. Elected as the 46th President in 2020, Biden's administration focused on rebuilding infrastructure, addressing climate change, and strengthening global alliances. He also passed landmark legislation such as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the CHIPS Act to boost American innovation. In a surprising move in July 2024, at the age of 81, Biden gracefully stepped down from his re-election campaign, citing the best interests of the Democratic Party and the nation. In a demonstration of his commitment to progress and diversity, he endorsed his Vice President, Kamala Harris, to be the Democratic nominee, paving the way for potentially the first woman of color to lead the country.



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## Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Politics (Ukraine)

**V**olodymyr Zelenskyy is the sixth president of Ukraine, having taken office in 2019. His presidency has been defined by unprecedented challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's full-scale invasion that began in 2022. Before his political career, Zelenskyy was a well-known entertainer, notably portraying a fictional president in the acclaimed TV series *Servant of the People*. Zelenskyy announced his candidacy for president in late 2018 and won the 2019 election with a remarkable 73.23 percent of the vote, positioning himself as an anti-corruption and anti-establishment figure. His administration has focused on reforms aimed at unifying Ukraine, promoting e-government, and lifting parliamentary immunity. However, it was during Russia's invasion that Zelenskyy emerged as a global symbol of resistance. He declined international offers to evacuate, choosing to remain in Kyiv to lead his nation. His decisive actions included declaring martial law and mobilizing the armed forces, which rallied the Ukrainian people and garnered international support. Zelenskyy's leadership style features direct appeals to global powers for military and economic assistance, reinforcing Ukraine's sovereignty and democratic aspirations. As he approaches five years in office, he continues to navigate the complexities of wartime leadership, balancing military needs with economic resilience. His presidency represents a pivotal chapter in Ukraine's struggle for independence and a commitment to a free, democratic future amid ongoing authoritarian aggression.



## 05 Pope Francis

Social Impact  
(Vatican City)

**P**ope Francis, the 266th leader of the Roman Catholic Church, has reshaped the papacy with his deep commitment to compassion, inclusivity, and justice. In September 2023, at age 87, he embarked on his longest and most demanding journey yet, traveling over 32,000 kilometers to four countries in the Asia-Pacific. He visited Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim nation, and East Timor, where Catholics make up nearly 98% of the population. His journey also took him to Papua New Guinea, one of the world's poorest nations, and Singapore, one of the wealthiest. Everywhere he went, Pope Francis drew enormous crowds. His trip underscored the Church's growth in Asia, one of the few regions where the Catholic faith is expanding. Beyond this, Pope Francis has spoken out boldly on global issues. He has called laws criminalizing LGBT individuals sinful, urging the world to recognize their dignity as children of God. He has also been a fierce advocate for immigrants, standing up for their rights and humanity.



## 06 Sundar Pichai

Technology (USA)

**S**undar Pichai, the CEO of Google and Alphabet, is the technology executive behind Google's advancements in products and services driven by artificial intelligence. Under his leadership, Google has embraced an "AI first" approach, integrating artificial intelligence into core products like Google Search. Despite facing challenges such as the emergence of competitors like ChatGPT, Pichai maintains a long-term vision for Google's AI strategy, emphasizing the company's history of not being first but being the best. He has overseen the introduction of generative AI tools to billions of users, most notably through AI Overviews in Google Search. Sundar Pichai's remarkable leadership has positioned Google at the forefront of technological innovation, driving advancements that harness the power of AI to empower users and revolutionize digital experiences.



## 07 Jensen Huang

Technology (USA)

**J**ensen Huang, the co-founder, CEO, and president of Nvidia, has had a significant impact on the graphics chip manufacturing industry. Under Huang's leadership, Nvidia has transformed from a company primarily focused on graphics processing units (GPUs) for the video game industry to a powerhouse in the artificial intelligence sector. Huang's foresight in recognizing the potential of GPUs for AI applications has catapulted Nvidia to extraordinary success, with the company's stock value skyrocketing and briefly becoming the world's most valuable company in 2024, worth over \$3 trillion. His early commitment to AI, exemplified by personally delivering a supercomputer to OpenAI in 2016 with a message "To the future of computing and humanity," positioned Nvidia at the forefront of the AI revolution. Huang's vision and Nvidia's specialization in parallel processing chips have made the company an indispensable player in the development of cutting-edge AI systems, solidifying his status as a visionary leader in the tech world.



## 08 Narendra Modi

Politics (India)

**N**arendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, secured a historic third consecutive term in the 2024 general election, albeit with a reduced majority. Despite falling short of his ambitious target of 400 seats for the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), Modi's coalition maintained its grip on power, leading in over 290 of the 543 seats. This victory, while less decisive than predicted by exit polls, still marks a significant achievement as Modi becomes the first Indian prime minister to win three straight terms in office since Jawaharlal Nehru. However, the stronger-than-expected performance of the opposition, led by the Congress party, has challenged the BJP's dominance and may force Modi to rely more on coalition partners. Modi's campaign, centered on the slogan "Modi Ki Guarantee," faced headwinds from issues such as rising prices, unemployment, and controversial policies, yet his personal popularity remained a decisive factor in the election outcome. As he embarks on his third term, Modi faces the challenge of addressing these concerns while continuing his agenda of transforming India.



## 09 Elon Musk

Technology (USA)

**E**lon Musk, a serial entrepreneur and visionary, has made an indelible impact on the world through his relentless drive and boundless imagination. From his early days as a Silicon Valley techie with X.com to his numerous ventures, Musk has redefined industries and challenged the status quo. His achievements in space exploration, including the successful landing of rockets on ocean platforms through SpaceX, have pushed the boundaries of what was once thought possible. In 2024, SpaceX has planned an uncrewed mission to Mars using the Starship spacecraft within the next two years, with the ultimate goal of reducing space transportation costs and establishing a sustainable colony on Mars. The company is actively designing Martian habitats and spacesuits, exploring the feasibility of human reproduction off Earth, and aims to leverage Starship's capabilities, including orbital refueling and utilizing Mars' resources. Additionally, Musk's pioneering efforts in the electric vehicle revolution with Tesla have reshaped perceptions of sustainable energy.



## 10 Kamala Harris

Politics (USA)

**K**amala Harris, the trailblazing Vice President of the United States, has shattered glass ceilings as the first woman, first Black person, and first person of South Asian descent to hold this office. A former California Attorney General and U.S. Senator, Harris has been instrumental in the Biden administration's efforts to create nearly 16 million new jobs and invest over \$1 trillion in infrastructure projects. Now running for President, she champions bold initiatives: restoring the expanded child tax credit of up to \$3,600, providing up to \$25,000 in down-payment support for first-time homebuyers, and building 3 million new affordable housing units. Harris pledges to ban price gouging on groceries, expand the \$35 monthly insulin cap to all Americans, and work towards canceling medical debt for millions. With a focus on economic opportunity, healthcare affordability, and social justice, Harris aims to build on her groundbreaking journey and create lasting change for all Americans.



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## 11 Muhammad Yunus

Politics  
(Bangladesh)

**M**uhammad Yunus, the visionary economist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, has taken on a crucial role as the 5th Chief Adviser of Bangladesh's interim government since August 8, 2024. Renowned for founding the Grameen Bank and pioneering microcredit, Yunus has lifted millions out of poverty through his innovative financial models. His appointment came at a critical juncture, following widespread protests and the resignation of the previous government. As interim leader, Yunus has pledged to address communal violence, continue support for 1.2 million Rohingya refugees, and bolster the vital garment industry that employs over 4 million workers. His illustrious career includes receiving the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom and Congressional Gold Medal, as well as serving as Chancellor of Glasgow Caledonian University. Now, at 84, Yunus faces the challenge of steering Bangladesh towards stability and democratic elections, drawing on his decades of experience in social entrepreneurship and economic empowerment to forge a path forward for his nation of 170 million people.



## 12 Gautam Adani

Business (India)

**G**autam Adani, the resilient Indian business magnate, has reclaimed his position as India's wealthiest individual in 2024, with a net worth of \$111 billion. As founder and chairman of the Adani Group, he oversees a vast conglomerate spanning ports, power generation, airports, and green energy. Adani's meteoric rise saw him briefly become the world's second-richest person in 2022, before facing a significant setback in 2023 due to allegations from Hindenburg Research. Despite this controversy, which led to a temporary 50% drop in his fortune, Adani has demonstrated remarkable resilience. His companies have bounced back, propelled by India's growing economy and increased focus on infrastructure development. Adani continues to shape India's economic landscape, particularly in renewable energy where he pledges to invest \$70 billion by 2030.



## 13 Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Healthcare (Ethiopia)

**D**r. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the trailblazing Director-General of the World Health Organization since 2017, continues to lead global health initiatives with unwavering dedication. As the first African to hold this position, he has steered the WHO through unprecedented challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic and recent outbreaks. In 2024, Dr. Tedros swiftly declared the mpox outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, showcasing his proactive approach to emerging threats. His leadership extends to conflict zones, addressing critical issues like polio detection in Gaza and emphasizing vaccination efforts in volatile regions. Re-elected for a second term in 2022, Dr. Tedros champions universal health coverage and pandemic preparedness, aiming to reach 3 billion more people with health coverage by 2030. His vision of "Health for All" focuses on equity and resilience in global health systems.

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## 14 Mukesh Ambani

Business (India)

**M**ukesh Ambani, the chairman of Reliance Industries, has transformed his late father's textile business into a diversified conglomerate with interests in petrochemicals, oil and gas, telecom, and retail. Under his leadership, Reliance Jio revolutionized India's telecom industry, amassing nearly 490 million subscribers and successfully rolling out 5G services in 2023. Ambani's strategic foresight extends to succession planning, with his three children joining the Reliance board in 2023: son Akash heads Jio, daughter Isha oversees retail and financial services, and younger son Anant leads the energy business. With a net worth of \$91.1 billion, Ambani stands as Asia's richest person and among the top 12 wealthiest individuals globally. His ambitious vision for the future includes a staggering \$80 billion investment in renewable energy projects over the next 10-15 years, complemented by plans for a cutting-edge complex adjacent to the refinery.



## 15 King Charles III

Politics (UK)

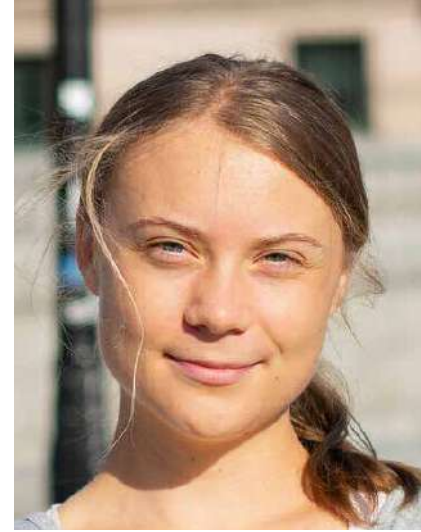
**K**ing Charles III, formerly known as The Prince of Wales, ascended to the throne following the passing of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, on September 8, 2022. On May 6, 2023, King Charles III was crowned in a momentous coronation ceremony, marking the first coronation in seven decades. Throughout his years as The Prince of Wales, he has been actively engaged in public life, demonstrating a deep interest in various areas. His extensive involvement in philanthropy includes the establishment of over 20 charities, such as The Prince's Trust, The Prince's Foundation, and The Prince of Wales's Charitable Fund (PWCF). King Charles III has also extended his support to numerous organizations, advocating for causes related to the environment, rural communities, the arts, healthcare, education, and more. As he assumes the role of monarch, King Charles III continues to embrace his responsibilities with grace and a steadfast vision for a prosperous and inclusive future.



## 16 Ursula von der Leyen

Politics (Germany)

**U**rsula von der Leyen, the dynamic President of the European Commission, wields immense influence as the head of this crucial institution. With the power to organize the Commission and allocate portfolios, she sets the policy agenda, shaping Europe's direction on critical issues. As the Commission's representative, she commands a prominent presence in international forums, from European Council meetings to G7 and G20 summits, ensuring the EU's voice is heard. Chosen by national leaders and elected by the European Parliament, von der Leyen's appointment was based on her compelling Political Guidelines, crafted through consultations with political groups and aligned with the European Council's strategic agenda. Her vision for the future encompasses vital ambitions: a European Green Deal, a Europe fit for the digital age, an economy working for the people, a stronger Europe in the world, promoting the European way of life, and fostering European democracy.



## 17 Greta Thunberg

Social Impact (Sweden)

**G**reta Thunberg, the Swedish environmental activist, has become a global symbol for youth-led climate action. At just 15, she sparked the "School Strike for Climate" movement, inspiring millions worldwide to demand urgent action from leaders on climate change. Her impassioned speech at the 2019 UN Climate Summit, where she boldly asked, "How dare you," directed at global leaders, garnered international attention and galvanized the climate movement. Since then, Greta has continued to push for climate accountability while expanding her activism to include other global issues. At 21, she has voiced her support for Palestine during the Israel-Hamas conflict, showcasing her broader stance on human rights and justice. Throughout her activism, Greta has faced criticism, often dismissed as naive or overly idealistic, yet she remains steadfast in her commitment to environmental and social causes. Her call for immediate, drastic action on climate change continues to resonate as she challenges world leaders and corporations to prioritize the planet's future.



## 18 Justin Trudeau

Politics (Canada)

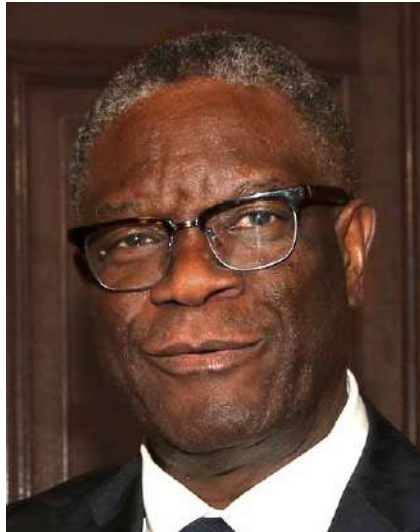
**J**ustin Trudeau, Canada's 23rd Prime Minister, has become a defining figure in modern global leadership through his commitment to equality, climate action, and social justice. Since first being elected in 2015, Trudeau has led Canada through critical challenges, including navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, advancing climate policies, and fostering economic resilience. His government has focused on reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, bolstering middle-class jobs, and addressing affordability issues. On the international stage, Trudeau has been a vocal advocate for peace and humanitarian efforts. During the 2023 Israel-Hamas conflict, he condemned Hamas' attacks, supported Israel's right to self-defense, and called for "humanitarian pauses" to deliver aid to Gaza. By December 2023, he co-signed a call for a sustainable ceasefire, reflecting his commitment to global stability. A dedicated father and former educator, Trudeau's leadership continues to inspire, driven by a vision of an inclusive, just, and progressive Canada that stands firm in the face of global challenges.



## 19 Jane Goodall

Social Impact (Tanzania)

**J**ane Goodall, a pioneering primatologist and anthropologist, has become an iconic figure in wildlife conservation and environmental advocacy. As founder of the Jane Goodall Institute, she has led global efforts in conservation, covering 3.4 million acres of critical habitat under Conservation Action Plans. Goodall's influence extends beyond academia, with 482 scientific papers and graduate theses published through research at Gombe Stream Research Center. Her commitment to animal welfare can be seen through the care provided to 290 chimpanzees and gorillas in sanctuaries managed or supported by her institute. On the humanitarian front, Goodall has championed education and community engagement, with 600 girls returning to school through mentorship programs and 309 scholarships provided to young women. As a UN Messenger of Peace, and a visionary scientist, Goodall's legacy endures through the Roots & Shoots youth program, active in nearly 100 countries, fostering a new generation of informed conservation leaders crucial for our planet's future.



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## Dr. Denis Mukwege

Healthcare (Congo)

**D**r. Denis Mukwege, a world-renowned gynaecologist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, has become a defining figure in the fight against sexual violence in conflict zones. Since founding Panzi Hospital in 1999, Mukwege has led groundbreaking efforts in treating victims of wartime sexual violence, developing a holistic healing model that has helped over 50,000 survivors. His work spans from providing specialized medical care to advocating for human rights and gender equality on the global stage. Mukwege's hospital integrates psychological support, legal assistance, and socio-economic aid with medical treatment. On the international front, he has been a vocal advocate for ending the use of rape as a weapon of war, addressing the UN and other world bodies. Despite facing personal danger, including a 2012 assassination attempt, Mukwege remains committed to his cause. A dedicated doctor and fearless activist, Mukwege's work continues to inspire global action against sexual violence, driven by a vision of a world where women's dignity and rights are protected even in the most challenging circumstances.



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## Cristiano Ronaldo

Sports (Portugal)

**R**ising from humble beginnings in Madeira, Portugal, Cristiano Ronaldo has etched his name in football history with unprecedented achievements. As of 2024, the 39-year-old phenomenon is one of the greatest footballers of all time, with an astounding 901 senior career goals for club and country, and over 1,200 professional career appearances. He holds numerous records, including most goals in the UEFA Champions League (140), most international goals (132), and most appearances for a national team (214). His five Ballon d'Or awards underscore his dominance in world football. Ronaldo's influence extends far beyond the pitch. His philanthropic efforts, including donations to hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic and support for various children's charities, showcase his commitment to using his platform for positive change. As a UNICEF ambassador, he advocates for children's rights and education. Ronaldo represents the modern sports icon who inspires not just through athletic achievement, but through character and global impact.



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## Emma Watson

Social Impact (UK)

**E**mma Watson, a globally recognized actress and activist, has emerged as a defining voice for gender equality and social justice in the 21st century. Her influence extends far beyond the silver screen, as evidenced by her appointment as a UN Women Goodwill Ambassador in 2014. Watson's launch of the HeForShe campaign marked a pivotal moment in modern feminism, inviting men to actively participate in the fight for gender equality. Her powerful speech at the UN General Assembly not only went viral but also reshaped the conversation around feminism, challenging stereotypes and promoting inclusivity. Watson's commitment to social causes is further demonstrated by her involvement in sustainable fashion, her role in launching Time's Up UK, and her appointment to a G7 advisory body on women's rights. Her strategic use of social media and celebrity status to amplify important causes has set a new standard for public figures, inspiring a generation to engage in social justice.



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## Ai Weiwei

Social Impact (China)

**A**i Weiwei, a world-renowned Chinese artist, activist, and documentarian, has become a defining figure in contemporary art and global human rights advocacy. Since his early days growing up in exile with his father, Ai has consistently challenged authority and pushed the boundaries of artistic expression. His multifaceted career spans from architecture and sculpture to photography and film, each medium serving as a powerful tool for social and political commentary. Ai's fearless criticism of the Chinese government, particularly his investigation into the Sichuan schools corruption scandal, led to his infamous 81-day detention in 2011, an event that only amplified his voice on the international stage. Since leaving China in 2015, Ai has continued to create provocative works and spark important dialogues from his bases in Europe. His recent comments on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, addressing historical guilt over Jewish persecution and academic freedom, have reignited discussions about the role of artists in complex geopolitical issues.



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## Jeff Bezos

Technology (USA)

**J**eff Bezos, founder of Amazon, has dedicated his immense wealth to making a profound difference in our world. With a net worth surpassing \$100 billion, he recognized the pressing issues faced by the world and embarked on an extraordinary philanthropic journey. Through the Day 1 Families Fund, he pledged \$2 billion to support organizations combating homelessness. But his commitment didn't end there. Bezos then established the Bezos Earth Fund, committing a staggering \$10 billion to fight the devastating effects of climate change. By donating approximately \$1 billion each year until 2030, he has already granted an astounding \$1.63 billion to crucial environmental initiatives. Yet, it's not just the jaw-dropping figures that make Bezos remarkable. He has revolutionized the world of philanthropy by streamlining the grant application process, allowing nonprofits greater flexibility to address the most urgent needs in their communities.



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## Jacinda Ardern

Politics (New Zealand)

**J**acinda Ardern served as the youngest Prime Minister of New Zealand for more than a century when she assumed office in 2017 at the age of 37. Her meteoric rise to power can be attributed to her dedication to public service and her ability to inspire a new generation of changemakers. As Prime Minister, Ardern's visionary leadership was characterized by her declaration of a climate change emergency and progressive policies. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, she navigated complex challenges with a compassionate and principled approach, earning global admiration. However, amidst her remarkable achievements, Ardern also demonstrated the utmost importance of mental health in leadership. In January 2023, she took a courageous step, resigning from her position to prioritize her own mental well-being, sending a powerful message to leaders worldwide about the significance of addressing mental health concerns before serving others.



## 26 Christine Lagarde

Finance (France)

**C**hristine Lagarde, an inspirational leader in global finance, shattered barriers as the first woman to assume the role of President of the European Central Bank (ECB) on November 1, 2019. Her tenure at the ECB has been marked by bold and decisive actions to address economic challenges. In a resolute move, Lagarde led the Governing Council's decision in March to raise key ECB interest rates by a significant 50 basis points, totalling a 350 basis points increase since July 2022. This underscores her determination to achieve the ECB's medium-term inflation target of two percent. Lagarde's strategic approach and strong leadership position her as a driving force in steering the Eurozone through the complexities of the post-COVID-19 era and ensuring a timely return to desired inflation levels. With her groundbreaking achievements and decisive decision-making, Lagarde remains at the forefront of shaping the future of global finance.



## 27 Dr. Johan Rockström

Social Impact (Sweden)

**A**s the Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Dr. Johan Rockström played a key role in pioneering the concept of "planetary boundaries" — critical environmental guidelines and limits that humanity must adhere to for our own safety. His research team has identified nine boundaries, including not only global warming but also ocean acidification and ozone layer degradation, which we are rapidly surpassing. According to Dr. Rockström, urgent action is needed to develop new business models focused on circularity, regeneration, and justice. His groundbreaking work enables a comprehensive understanding of the interconnected crises our planet faces, guiding leaders in transforming complex science into actionable, measurable steps toward a sustainable future. Dr. Rockström's contributions are instrumental in shaping the path forward, empowering us to tackle the urgent challenges of our time with determination and resolve.



## 28 Nadia Murad

Social Impact (Iraq)

**H**uman rights activist and recipient of the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize, Nadia Murad is a leading advocate for survivors of genocide and sexual violence. Nadia's peaceful life was brutally disrupted in 2014 when ISIS attacked her homeland in Sinjar with the goal of ethnically cleansing all Yazidis from Iraq. After surviving this devastating experience, Nadia began raising awareness about this issue and published her New York Times bestselling memoir, *The Last Girl: My Story of Captivity, and My Fight Against the Islamic State*, is a harrowing account of the genocide against the Yazidi ethno-religious minority in Iraq and Nadia's imprisonment by the so-called Islamic State (ISIS). As the President and Chairwoman of Nadia's Initiative, she tenaciously engages with global leaders, urging them to address the Yazidi genocide and combat the systemic use of sexual violence as a weapon of war. Nadia's compelling advocacy continues to shape international discourse, making her a resounding symbol of hope and justice for survivors of atrocities worldwide.

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## 29 Shirin Ebadi

Social Impact (Iran)

**S**hirin Ebadi, a pioneering Iranian lawyer and human rights activist, has become a defining voice for democracy and women's rights in the Islamic world. As Iran's first female judge before the 1979 revolution, she was dismissed from her role after the Islamic Revolution but continued her fight for justice by defending those persecuted by the authorities, even at the cost of her own imprisonment. Ebadi's tireless advocacy for human rights, particularly for women and children, led her to establish organizations and author reforms challenging Iran's legal and political structures. In 2003, she became the first Muslim woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, highlighting her courageous efforts to bridge Islamic and Western worlds and support Iran's reform movement. Despite facing personal risks, Ebadi's work continues to inspire global activism, shaping critical discussions on human rights, women's empowerment, and the separation of religion and state.



## 30 Edward Reynolds

Science (USA)

**E**dward Reynolds made history as the project manager for NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission at the Applied Physics Laboratory (APL). Under Reynolds' guidance, DART became the first-ever demonstration of asteroid deflection technology. On September 26, 2022, DART successfully altered the orbit of a celestial body, marking a monumental milestone in planetary defense. Leading a diverse team comprising experts from the Laboratory, industry, academia, and government, Reynolds navigated the complexities of designing and developing the DART spacecraft. Amid the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the ambitious goal of using onboard autonomous navigation to hit and alter an asteroid's orbit precisely, Reynolds orchestrated a seamless collaboration that defied the unknowns of space exploration. His remarkable leadership propelled humanity into a new era of planetary defense, thereby safeguarding our planet against potential threats from space.



## 31 Warren Buffett

Business (USA)

**W**arren Edward Buffett is an American business magnate, investor, and philanthropist and an iconic figure in the business world. As the esteemed chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, Buffett's investment prowess has earned him global recognition as one of the most successful fundamental investors in history. In a remarkable display of generosity, Buffett's philanthropic contributions have been truly transformative. In 2023 alone, he donated a staggering \$4.64 billion to various charitable causes, bringing his lifetime giving to an astounding \$51 billion. Guided by his steadfast commitment to philanthropy, Buffett is dedicated to giving away his entire wealth through the Giving Pledge. A fervent advocate for making a positive impact, he firmly believes that true richness lies in giving and strives to leave the world a better place than he found it.



## 32 Martina Merz

Business (Germany)

**M**artina Merz served as the chief executive officer of ThyssenKrupp from 2019 to 2023 and has been called "the most powerful woman in the German economy." Under her stewardship, ThyssenKrupp experienced a series of monumental achievements, including the sale of its elevator business for a staggering €17.2 billion, a strategic move that not only allowed the company to refocus its efforts on other key areas but also significantly reduced its debt burden. She also orchestrated the sale of the elevator business, the largest industrial transaction in Europe in 2023, and the sale of the steel mill in Brazil, the largest divestment in ThyssenKrupp's history, and the acquisition of Cellforce Group, their first major venture into electromobility. With her strategic acumen, she made significant progress in separating the steel business. As the separation of the steel business nears completion in 2024, Martina Merz's legacy as a transformational leader in the German economy remains unmatched.



## 33 Dr. Dimie Ogoina

Healthcare (Nigeria)

**D**r. Dimie Ogoina, a distinguished medical professional, gained global recognition in 2017 when he raised awareness about a novel manifestation of Mpox (formerly known as monkeypox) in Nigeria. Despite initial skepticism, he persistently highlighted the potential for global transmission, specifically exploring the possibility of sexual transmission, which he documented extensively in scientific journals. His insights are crucial as the world grapples with the global Mpox outbreak, contributing significantly to prevention and control strategies. As Committee Chair, Dr. Ogoina underscored the gravity of the situation, stating, "The current upsurge of Mpox in parts of Africa, along with the spread of a new sexually transmissible strain of the monkeypox virus, is an emergency, not only for Africa, but for the entire globe. Mpox, originating in Africa, was neglected there, and later caused a global outbreak in 2022. It is time to act decisively to prevent history from repeating itself." First detected in humans in 1970 in the DRC, Mpox remains endemic to central and west Africa, with Dr. Ogoina leading the call for urgent global action to prevent further outbreaks and safeguard public health.



## 34 Ana Botín

Finance (Spain)

**A**na Botín is the Executive Chairman of the Santander Group, a global banking powerhouse, and the first woman to lead a major global bank. Under her leadership, Santander has become a dominant force in the digital banking arena, with its digital banking business experiencing a remarkable 20% growth in 2023 and comprising over 50% of the group's customer base. She has steered Santander towards sustainability through the launch of the ambitious "Santander Way 2025" initiative, focusing on carbon emissions reduction, renewable energy adoption, and financial inclusion promotion. Botín's has also led to Santander's expansion into emerging markets, including Latin America and Asia, and the company now boasts a presence in over 40 countries. She has prioritized strengthening Santander's corporate governance, resulting in a more diverse board of directors and the implementation of policies to enhance governance practices.

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## 35 Dr. Marshall Goldsmith

Education (USA)

**D**r. Marshall Goldsmith has been recognized as one of the Top Ten Business Thinkers in the World and the top-rated executive coach at the Thinkers50 ceremony in London since 2011. Published in 2015, his book *Triggers* is a Wall Street Journal and New York Times #1 Bestseller! He's also the author of the New York Times bestseller and #1 Wall Street Journal Business Book *What Got You Here Won't Get You There*, winner of the Harold Longman Award as Best Business Book of the Year. With nearly 40 years of hands-on experience, Marshall Goldsmith is the leading expert on leadership and coaching for behavioural change. His singular ability to get results for top leaders has drawn over 150 CEOs and their management teams to address change in the workplace.



## 36 Margrethe Vestager

Politics (Denmark)

**M**argrethe Vestager, the EU Commissioner for Competition Policy, has made a significant impact since assuming her role in 2014. Her landmark achievements include the groundbreaking decision in 2016, where the Commission ordered Apple to pay a staggering €13 billion in unpaid taxes, marking the largest tax fine in history. Continuing her pursuit of justice, in July 2023, she imposed another record-breaking penalty of €4.34 billion on Google for its abuse of market dominance and also fined Amazon €746 million for leveraging market power to favor its own products and services. Vestager has played a pivotal role in shaping the EU's digital rulebook, contributing to the development of landmark legislation like the Digital Markets Act and the Digital Services Act. Recognizing the power of data, she launched the European Data Protection Supervisor's Data Innovation Hub, fostering responsible and ethical data utilization.



## 37 Young-Way Liu

Technology (Taiwan)

**Y**oung Liu is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Hon Hai Technology Group (Foxconn), the world's largest electronics manufacturer and a leading global science and technology solutions provider. Under his strategic leadership, Foxconn has achieved tremendous growth, propelled by the 3+3 strategy focusing on Electric Vehicles, Digital Health, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, Semiconductors, and Next-generation Communication Technologies. Notably, Foxconn's revenue growth soared by 10% in 2023, further establishing its position as one of the largest players in the global electronics industry. Committed to sustainability, Liu spearheaded an ambitious initiative to reduce carbon emissions and enhance environmental practices, aiming to make Foxconn the epitome of sustainability on a global scale. Young Liu continues to drive innovation, shape the industry, and position Foxconn as a leader in the ever-evolving world of electronics manufacturing.



## 38 Robert Iger

Business (USA)

**R**obert A. Iger returned to The Walt Disney Company as Chief Executive Officer on November 20, 2022. Mr. Iger previously served as CEO and Chairman of The Walt Disney Company from 2005 to 2020, then Executive Chairman and Chairman of the Board through 2021. Over his 15 years leading Disney, Iger was the steward of one of the world's largest media companies and some of the most respected and beloved brands around the globe. His strategic vision focused on three fundamental pillars: generating the best creative content possible, fostering innovation and utilizing the latest technology, and expanding into new markets around the world. Under Iger's guidance, Disney further expanded its influence by acquiring 21st Century Fox and claiming the position of the world's largest media company. As an inspirational leader, Iger continues to redefine the future of entertainment and inspire business leaders worldwide.



## 39 Catherine Coleman Flowers

Social Impact (USA)

**C**atherine Coleman Flowers is an environmental health researcher, writer, and advocate who has dedicated her life to fighting for environmental justice. As the founder of the Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice (CREEJ), Flowers has been a vocal critic of environmental racism, tirelessly working to expose the systemic environmental injustices faced by low-income communities and communities of colour. Her groundbreaking book, *Waste: One Woman's Fight Against America's Dirty Secret*, shines a light on her efforts to raise awareness and address the environmental inequalities plaguing marginalized communities. Recognized for her exceptional contributions, Flowers was awarded the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship in 2023, also known as the "genius grant," for her impact in the field of environmental justice. As an appointed member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council, she plays a vital role in advising the president on pressing environmental justice issues.



## 40 Reshma Saujani

Technology (USA)

**R**eshma Saujani is the Founder and CEO of Girls Who Code, an international nonprofit organization on a mission to bridge the gender gap in technology. With her three books, including the international bestseller *Brave, Not Perfect*, Reshma has ignited a global conversation about empowering girls to embrace bravery over perfection. From her TED talk, "Teach girls, bravery not perfection," with over four million views, to being named one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people in the world, Reshma has become a leading voice in promoting diversity and inclusion in STEM fields. She was honored with the prestigious Padma Shri, one of India's highest civilian honors, in 2023, recognizing her outstanding contributions. Her passion for equity led her to establish Girls Who Code, which has empowered over a million girls through immersive programs and after-school clubs. By creating opportunities and equipping young women with computing skills, Reshma is shaping the future by inspiring a generation of fearless innovators.



## 41 Oleksandra Matviichuk

Social Impact (Ukraine)

**O**leksandra Matviichuk is a human rights defender who has dedicated her life to championing justice and democracy in Ukraine. As the Founder and Head of the Center for Civil Liberties, she fearlessly fights against abuses and works tirelessly to protect the rights of individuals in the region. Matviichuk's bravery has garnered worldwide recognition, with prestigious accolades such as being one of the recipients of the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize 2022 and receiving the renowned Right Livelihood Award, often referred to as the "Alternative Nobel Prize." Her work extends beyond recognition, as she plays a vital role in documenting war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by Russia in Ukraine. Through her leadership and coordination of the Euromaidan SOS initiative group, she offers essential support and legal aid to those who have faced persecution during the Revolution of Dignity. Oleksandra is leading the charge for human rights in Ukraine and inspiring change on a global scale.



## 42 Naval Ravikant

Business (USA)

**A**s the co-founder, chairman, and former CEO of AngelList, he has deftly nurtured over 200 early-stage companies, including industry giants like Uber, Twitter, and Wish.com, amassing a staggering portfolio of more than 70 successful exits and an array of 10 Unicorn companies. Beyond his business acumen, Naval is a Fellow of the Edmund Hillary Fellowship. Not content with conventional success, Naval started his podcast with insights on health, wealth, and happiness. His investment fund, Spearhead, empowers and elevates founders by providing them with \$1 million each to invest in technology companies, creating a ripple effect that has led to remarkable achievements. As an intellectual luminary, his thought-provoking discussions on philosophy, business, and investing resonate globally through his podcasts on Nav.al and Spearhead.co.



## 43 Sherry Rehman

Politics (Pakistan)

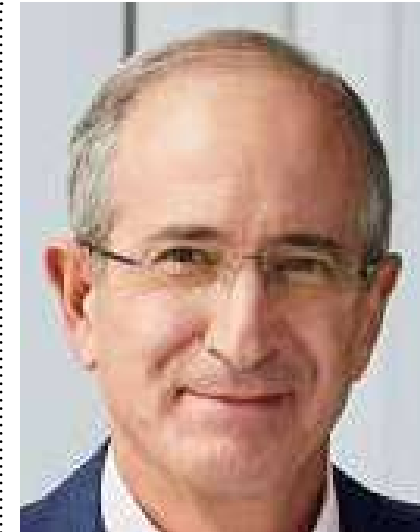
**A**s the Federal Minister of Climate Change and the Parliamentary Leader of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) in the Senate, she spearheads initiatives that drive sustainable development. A staunch advocate for climate justice, Rehman led a delegation of developing nations at the U.N. climate talks, fighting against climate colonialism. During the U.N. climate talks, Senator Sherry Rehman played a vital role in negotiating the establishment of a dedicated fund specifically designed to address the severe damage inflicted by climate disasters on vulnerable countries. These nations, often lacking the resources and infrastructure to cope with the devastating impacts of climate change, face disproportionate challenges and suffer the most from extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and other climate-related disasters. Senator Rehman's leadership and advocacy sought to secure financial support and resources necessary to help these countries adapt, build resilience, and recover from the damages caused by climate change.



## 44 Cindy McCain

Social Impact (USA)

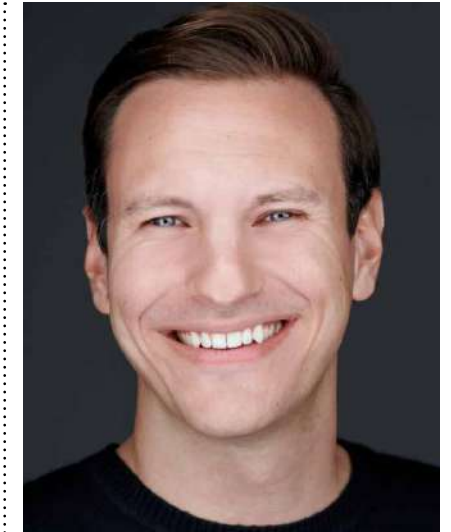
**W**orld Food Programme (WFP) Executive Director, Cindy Hensley McCain, took office on April 5th, 2023, and brings to the role extensive expertise and a deep commitment to ending hunger and malnutrition. As the Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), based in Rome, McCain leads one of the largest humanitarian organizations worldwide. In 2022 alone, the WFP reached over 150 million people with life-saving food and nutritional support. A distinguished humanitarian, business leader, and diplomat with a career spanning four decades, Executive Director McCain, has championed a wide range of causes focused on alleviating poverty and promoting sustainable development and peace. Her visionary leadership and relentless pursuit of change make her a transformative force in the fight against global hunger and malnutrition.



## 45 Brian Roberts

Technology (USA)

**B**rian Roberts is an esteemed leader in the media and technology industry, the CEO and chairman of Comcast, a global media and technology company. Under his visionary guidance, Comcast has achieved remarkable financial success, boasting revenues of nearly \$109 billion in 2019 and a profit of \$13.1 billion. Roberts' strategic mindset led to the acquisition of UK-based Sky, further expanding Comcast's global presence. In addition to his business accomplishments, Roberts is a committed philanthropist, receiving the Humanitarian Award from the Simon Wiesenthal Center and prestigious accolades such as the Pennsylvania Society's Gold Medal for Distinguished Achievement Award and the Philadelphia Award. With his net worth estimated at \$365 million in July 2023, Roberts continues to shape the industry through innovative leadership and has made over 82 trades of Comcast Corp stock since 2004, as documented by the SEC.



## 46 Quinn Taber

Education (USA)

**Q**uinn Taber spearheads an immersive language learning experience through the world's first virtual platform, connecting learners with real human beings in live, instructor-led classes. As Founder & CEO of Immerse, Quinn's vision has catapulted the company to the forefront of VR education, with over 30,000 downloads and a remarkable \$11.5 million in funding from impact investors. Immerse's groundbreaking approach creates virtual spaces, such as a McDonald's restaurant or Nike store, where students learn foreign languages from live instructors while sharing immersive experiences. Quinn's innovative leadership is revolutionizing language education, bridging cultures, and empowering learners worldwide to embrace the art of communication in an interconnected world.

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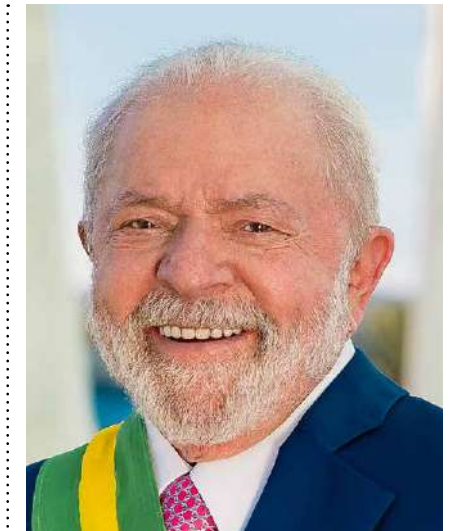
**47**  
**Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Al Saud**  
Social Impact (Saudi Arabia)

**P**rince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud is a philanthropic leader dedicated to making a positive impact on a global scale. In 2023, he launched several transformative initiatives, such as the MiSK Global Forum, providing a platform for young entrepreneurs and innovators to collaborate and share ideas. He supports various humanitarian such as donating \$10 million to the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund and supporting the global fight against the pandemic. Prince Alwaleed has also established the MiSK Foundation, which fosters education, entrepreneurship, and social development in Saudi Arabia. Moreover, his Alwaleed Philanthropies' Global Childhood Initiative, a \$100 million program, is dedicated to improving the lives of children worldwide.



**48**  
**Ma Huateng**  
Technology (China)

**M**a Huateng, also known as Pony Ma, is the founder and CEO of Tencent. Under his leadership, Tencent achieved a market capitalization of \$416.10 Billion in July 2023. The success of Tencent's gaming division, with titles like Honor of Kings and PUBG Mobile, drove significant revenue growth. Additionally, Tencent's cloud computing business has seen remarkable expansion, positioning the company as one of the fastest-growing providers in the global market. With the widespread popularity of Tencent's social media platforms, WeChat and QQ, reaching over 1 billion monthly active users, Ma Huateng has revolutionized digital communication. Notably, his forward-thinking approach is evident through the launch of new initiatives, including a metaverse platform, a blockchain-based gaming platform, and an NFT platform called Huanhe.



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**Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva**  
Politics (Brazil)

**L**uiz Inácio Lula da Silva is a Brazilian politician currently serving as the 39th President of Brazil. A member of the Workers' Party, he previously held the presidency from 2003 to 2010 as the 35th president of the country. Lula's presidency has been characterized by his commitment to strengthening Brazil's global presence while upholding the values of democracy, justice, and economic equity. However, his potential to make a profound impact lies particularly in addressing the pressing challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss. Recognizing the urgent need to address climate change and biodiversity loss, Lula has pledged to protect the Amazon rainforest, one of the world's most important natural wonders. With a track record of reducing deforestation by 72% during his previous term, his leadership is crucial in this decisive decade for climate action.



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## Andrea Lynn Kritcher

Social Impact (USA)

**A**ndrea Lynn Kritcher is a trailblazer in the field of fusion energy, revolutionizing the way we generate power. Her groundbreaking achievement in developing the Hybrid-E capsule, enabling inertial confinement fusion, has propelled her to the forefront of scientific innovation. Hybrid-E is a significant advancement in the field of fusion energy, and it could potentially lead to the development of a new source of clean and abundant energy. As a Fellow of the American Physical Society and recipient of the prestigious Physics Breakthrough of the Year award, Kritcher's work has garnered international recognition and admiration. Her exceptional contributions extend beyond research, as she has been honored with accolades such as the Northwestern Michigan College Outstanding Alumni Award and the Falling Walls Winner in Physical Sciences. Kritcher has also captured her thoughts about fusion energy in her book, "Fusion Energy: The Science, Technology, and Promise of a Clean and Abundant Energy Source."



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## Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Finance (Nigeria)

**D**r. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala took office as WTO Director-General on 1 March 2021. She is a global finance expert, an economist and an international development professional with over 40 years of experience working in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and North America. Dr Okonjo-Iweala was formerly Chair of the Board of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. She was previously on the Boards of Standard Chartered PLC and Twitter Inc. She was appointed as African Union (AU) Special Envoy to mobilise international financial support for the fight against COVID-19 and WHO Special Envoy for Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator. Dr Okonjo-Iweala is the founder of Nigeria's first-ever indigenous opinion-research organization, NOI-Polls. She also founded the Center for the Study of Economies of Africa (C-SEA), a development research think tank based in Abuja, Nigeria. She is a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Center for Global Development, and at the Brookings Institution, a premier Washington D.C. think tank.



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## Virat Kohli

Sports (India)

**V**irat Kohli is widely regarded as one of cricket's greatest batsmen. Rising from humble beginnings, Kohli's journey to cricketing stardom began with his selection for the Delhi Under-15 team in 2002. He made his international debut in 2008 and quickly established himself as a cornerstone of the Indian cricket team. Kohli's career is marked by numerous records and accolades. He's the fastest to reach 10,000 ODI runs and holds the record for most runs in a single IPL season. As captain, he led India to their first-ever Test series win in Australia in 2018-19. His aggressive batting style, exceptional fitness, and fierce competitiveness have redefined modern cricket. Off the field, Kohli is known for his philanthropy through the Virat Kohli Foundation and his business ventures, including investments in ISL club FC Goa and his fashion label WROGN. His marriage to Bollywood actress Anushka Sharma in 2017 further elevated his celebrity status. He is also credited with revolutionizing fitness standards in Indian cricket and inspiring a generation of young players. His leadership and passion have earned him numerous awards, including the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna. As of 2024, after leading India to victory in the T20 World Cup, Kohli retired from T20Is, cementing his legacy as one of cricket's all-time greats.



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## Anthony Albanese

Politics (Australia)

**A**nthony Albanese, the Prime Minister of Australia, has accomplished remarkable feats for his country in 2023. In a move towards economic empowerment, Albanese established the Pacific Labour Scheme, granting Pacific Islanders opportunities to work in Australia on temporary visas. Demonstrating his commitment to sustainable energy, he announced a substantial 4 billion AUD investment in renewable energy, including solar and wind power. Championing economic fairness, Albanese implemented the largest increase in the minimum wage in 16 years, fostering greater income equality. He is also working towards a concrete plan to address the aged care crisis with initiatives such as having registered nurses available 24/7 in every residential facility, providing a long-overdue pay rise for the aged care workforce, ensuring more carers with sufficient time to care (meeting the Royal Commission recommendation of 215 minutes per person), and enforcing stronger transparency and accountability for providers.



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## Monica Simpson

Social Impact (USA)

**A**s the executive director of SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective, Monica has transformed the devastating attacks on reproductive rights into a powerful movement for equality and strength. Through her leadership at SisterSong, she presented a shadow report to the United Nations, shedding light on the alarming rates of maternal mortality among women of color in the United States. This report, co-authored with the Center for Reproductive Rights, has played a crucial role in raising global awareness about the disproportionate impact faced by Black women. She also co-founded the Black Mamas Matter Alliance, further contributing to addressing the Black maternal mortality crisis, and bringing together activists, healthcare providers, and policymakers to advocate for comprehensive solutions. Her testimony before Congress has provided valuable insights into the importance of federal legislation to protect reproductive rights and dismantle systemic barriers faced by women of colour.



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## Sikhulile Moyo

Healthcare (Botswana)

**S**ikhulile Moyo, is a Medical Virologist based at the Botswana Harvard AIDS Institute Partnership (BHP). He has made several significant contributions in laboratory systems strengthening, the prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission studies and studies that have informed birth outcomes, the health of HIV-exposed infants, surveillance of HIV incidence, and monitoring of HIV mutations associated with drug resistance. His research interests are focused on the characterization of acute and primary HIV-1 subtype C infection, HIV cure, molecular epidemiology of HIV-1C infection, viral evolution, design and evaluation of cross-sectional methods for estimating HIV incidence, including improved accuracy and incorporating analysis of HIV diversity and estimation of transmission time into multi-assay algorithms. As a role model for aspiring researchers, his vision and dedication instil a fervent belief in an HIV-free future, empowering a generation to fight for improved healthcare and a world devoid of HIV's burden.



## 56 Elisa Loncón Antileo

Politics (Chile)

**B**orn and raised in the Mapuche community of Lefweluan in Chile, Loncón Antileo is a linguist and activist supporting Indigenous rights and languages. She holds doctoral degrees in humanities and literature from the University of Leiden and the Universidad Católica de Chile, respectively. Loncón Antileo was an elected representative of the Mapuche people to the Chilean Constitutional Convention and named the convention's first president, serving from July 2021 to January 2022. Elisa Loncón Antileo headed up Chile's rewriting of its constitution to include gender equality and fortified environmental protections. Her victory was greeted as a historic victory for Chile's indigenous peoples and received international attention.



## 57 Gustavo Petro

Politics (Colombia)

**G**ustavo Petro, the President of Colombia who assumed office in August 2022, has ignited a transformative wave of hope across the nation. In a bold move, he proposed decriminalizing the production of cocaine and marijuana, recognizing the inefficacy of the war on drugs. Undeterred by the status quo, he advocated for a new international convention to address drug-related challenges. President Petro's approach extends to healthcare, as he aims to establish a preventive system that cares for citizens in remote regions and impoverished farmers, a vision he shared in January 2023. Additionally, his commitment to social welfare is evident in his plan to grant almost three million recipients of the state's age-based pension a monthly bonus of approximately US\$110. As he continues to lead, the nation looks forward to the potential impact of his visionary ideas and initiatives on Colombia's future.



## 58 Ajay Banga

Finance (USA)

**A**jay Banga, the 14th President of the World Bank Group, brings a wealth of global business experience to his role as a transformative leader in international development. An Indian-American executive with a distinguished career spanning finance, technology, and inclusive growth, Banga assumed his position in June 2023 after serving as Vice Chairman at General Atlantic and President and CEO of Mastercard. His visionary leadership at Mastercard saw the launch of the Center for Inclusive Growth, advancing equitable economic development worldwide. Banga's commitment to global cooperation is evident in his roles as Honorary Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce and advisor to climate-focused initiatives. Recognized with prestigious awards including the Padma Shri from India in 2016 and the Foreign Policy Association Medal, Banga stands out as the first person of South Asian origin to lead the World Bank, showcasing a new era of diverse, innovative leadership in global finance and sustainable development.



## 59 Elizabeth Maruma Mrema

Social Impact (Canada)

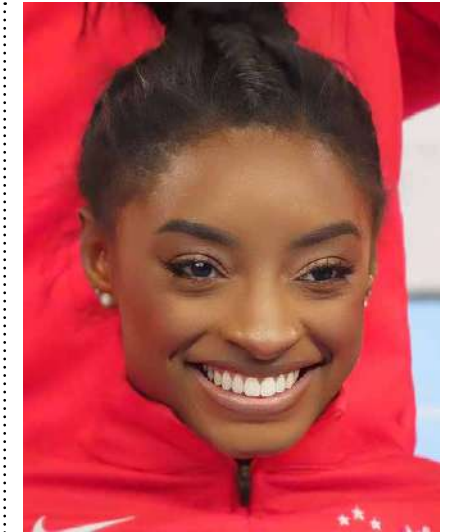
**E**lizabeth Maruma Mrema is the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD); her crowning achievement was guiding 195 countries to a momentous environmental victory in December 2022—an agreement committing to conserve or restore 30% of the world's lands and waters by 2030. Overcoming vast differences among negotiators, Mrema's tenacity and diplomacy played a pivotal role in securing the groundbreaking deal that will foster financing for developing countries, phase out harmful subsidies, and safeguard the rights of Indigenous communities. Beyond this historic accomplishment, she has spearheaded the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, an ambitious blueprint to protect biodiversity worldwide. Mrema has also worked to strengthen CBD's Gender Action Plan and Indigenous Peoples' Platform.



## 60 Peng Lifa

Social Impact (China)

**P**eng Lifa, the tenacious Chinese physicist, electromagnetism researcher, philosophy enthusiast, and democracy activist, has emerged as an icon of resistance against China's authoritarian rule. Despite being detained by the government since October 2022 for spearheading the Beijing Sitong Bridge protest against the country's zero-COVID policy and one-party rule, Peng Lifa's indomitable spirit has not been extinguished. Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, named to the Time 100 list, and honoured with the prestigious Cao Shunli Memorial Award, he has become a beacon of courage and nonviolent activism, championing democracy and human rights in China. His fearless advocacy has not come without risks, as he faces the threat of further punishment from a government notorious for stifling dissent. Nevertheless, Peng Lifa serves as an inspiration to people worldwide, galvanizing the fight for democracy and human rights in pursuit of a better future for China and beyond.



## 61 Simone Biles

Sports (USA)

**R**ising from a challenging childhood in foster care, Biles has etched her name in Olympic history with unparalleled achievements. At the 2024 Paris Olympics, the 27-year-old phenomenon solidified her status as the most decorated American gymnast, clinching three gold medals and one silver, bringing her total Olympic medal count to an astounding eleven. Yet, it's not just her athletic prowess that defines Biles. Her courage in prioritizing mental health during the 2020 Tokyo Games resonated with millions, sparking crucial conversations about athlete well-being. This decision, followed by her triumphant return in Paris, showcased a rare blend of vulnerability and strength that truly inspires. Her influence reaches beyond the gym, inspiring millions with her advocacy for mental health, racial equality, and survivors' rights. Biles embodies the essence of a modern-day hero, using her platform to effect positive change and empower future generations to pursue greatness in all its forms.



## 62 Deborah Lipstadt

Social Impact (USA)

As the U.S. special envoy, she holds a high-profile position appointed by President Biden, allowing her to combat antisemitism worldwide using her expertise and dedication. Her impactful work extends beyond her official role, as evidenced by her timely book “Antisemitism: Here and Now,” a profound examination of the rising threat. Deborah also delivers compelling lectures and speeches at universities, conferences, and events. In recognition of her inspiring work, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honour in the United States. Moreover, her appointment to the Anti-Defamation League’s board of directors, and she also received a receipt of the Theodor Herzl Award from the World Zionist Organization. Deborah Lipstadt is an inspiring and leading voice for the Jewish community and shaping a future that champions tolerance and inclusion for all.



## 63 Vani Kola

Business (India)

Vani Kola’s journey as a successful entrepreneur in Silicon Valley for over two decades has uniquely positioned her as a guiding force for aspiring founders. As a trusted advisor and board member, she sets high standards for organizational building and passionately invests in mentoring young, ambitious entrepreneurs, empowering them to scale up. Demonstrating exceptional returns to her investors and paving the way for new possibilities in the Indian consumer market, she envisions India’s digital potential as boundless. Named one of Fortune magazine’s “Top 50 Women in Venture Capital,” her contributions to the field have been lauded and celebrated. She also launched the impressive Kalaari Capital Fund V, a \$500 million fund earmarked for early-stage startups in India. She has received the prestigious Padma Shri award, been named one of Forbes’ “100 Most Powerful Women in the World,” and earned a spot in the BBC’s book on influential women.



## 64 Anwar Al-Bunni

Social Impact (Syria)

Anwar al-Bunni is a true champion of human rights, whose remarkable journey has been marked by courageous actions and an unfaltering commitment to justice. He co-founded the Syrian Civil Defense, famously known as the White Helmets, a group of volunteers who selflessly rescue civilians from the devastating aftermath of airstrikes and shelling. Bunni’s extraordinary contributions have garnered well-deserved recognition, including the Martin Ennals Award for Human Rights Defenders and the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought. Notably featured in the Netflix documentary “The White Helmets,” his inspiring work and impact in Syria have reached audiences worldwide, shedding light on the critical humanitarian crisis in the region.



## 65 Bolor-Erdene Battsengel

Technology (Mongolia)

Bolor-Erdene Battsengel is driving Mongolia’s technological revolution as the Chairwoman of the Government’s Communication and Information Technology Authority. As the youngest and first female to hold this esteemed position, she crafted a visionary five-year plan, propelling Mongolia towards becoming a “digital nation.” Her transformative initiatives, like the “E-Mongolia” platform, digitizing 181 government services, have improved efficiency and transparency for citizens. Raised in the countryside, she founded the Girls for Coding program, empowering young girls from rural areas with coding skills. With a background studying public policy at Oxford and experience with international organizations like the World Bank, United Nations, and Asian Development Bank, Bolor-Erdene Battsengel is reshaping Mongolia’s future through technology and female empowerment.



## 66 Fumio Kishida

Politics (Japan)

As Prime Minister, he spearheaded efforts to address historical grievances with South Korea, fostering diplomatic channels and promoting reconciliation between the two nations. Japan’s national security saw a significant boost in defence spending by over 50%, reinforcing Japan’s preparedness amid escalating tensions with Russia, China, and North Korea. Not limited to domestic concerns, Kishida played a pivotal role in the international response to the war in Ukraine, lending Japan’s support to quell the conflict. Beyond geopolitical challenges, his advocacy for climate change action has galvanized momentum for a greener, more sustainable future. Kishida’s focus on economic prosperity has borne fruit with the “Kishida Vision for A New Era of Economic Growth,” an ambitious economic plan aimed at making Japan more competitive and innovative on the global stage. He sought to cultivate a more inclusive society, appointing a new cabinet that included women and younger politicians, and fostering a diverse and dynamic leadership team.



## 67 Shannon Watts

Social Impact (USA)

Shannon Watts is an American gun violence prevention activist and founder of Moms Demand Action. With incredible tenacity, Moms Demand Action has grown exponentially, boasting an astonishing 6 million members, making it the largest gun violence prevention organization in the United States. Watts’ extraordinary leadership has led to the passage of over 200 crucial gun violence prevention laws at state and federal levels, effectively reducing gun violence nationwide. Appointed to the President’s Task Force on Gun Violence, Watts continues to champion for global action at the United Nations and meets with President Biden to curtail gun violence. Beyond Moms Demand Action, her contributions extend to organizations such as Everytown for Gun Safety and the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. A captivating speaker and author of “Fight Like a Mother: How a Grassroots Movement Took on the Gun Lobby and Won,” Watts serves as an empowering role model for mothers and activists worldwide, igniting hope for a safer and more secure America.



## 68 María Herrera Magdaleno

Social Impact  
(Mexico)

**M**aría Herrera Magdaleno is a 73-year-old Mexican activist whose passion for justice and determination to find her four missing sons, Jesús Salvador, Raúl, Luis Armando, and Gustavo, among the more than 111,000 people who have disappeared in Mexico due to drug cartel violence. Faced with the limitations of the Mexican justice system, Herrera took matters into her own hands, co-founding a national network of local collectives in 2014. These collectives provide essential education and support to families, empowering them to undertake investigations into their loved ones' disappearances. Herrera's tireless efforts are transforming the fight against drug cartel violence in Mexico. Affectionately known as Doña Mary, her pursuit of justice led her to meet with Pope Francis and sue the Mexican state before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.



## 69 Stéphane Bancel

Healthcare (France)

**S**téphane Bancel is the CEO of Moderna, a pioneering biotechnology company. Recognized with the prestigious title of chevalier of the Légion d'Honneur in 2022, he has been instrumental in guiding Moderna's remarkable evolution from an early-stage vaccine and infectious disease biotech to a unicorn company in 2018. Under his visionary leadership, Moderna achieved a groundbreaking milestone in 2020 by developing a revolutionary mRNA vaccine that played a crucial role in combatting the COVID-19 pandemic and driving significant financial success. Notably, Moderna's mRNA vaccine received authorization for use in children under 6 years of age, making it the first mRNA vaccine to gain approval for this age group. Additionally, Bancel's exceptional leadership garnered Moderna the esteemed Prix Galien de l'Industrie Pharmaceutique. With a projected revenue of over \$20 billion for 2023 and a soaring market capitalization, Bancel's innovation continues to position Moderna as a leading force in the biotechnology industry.



## 70 Evan Gershkovich

Social Impact (USA)

**E**van Gershkovich, an intrepid American journalist, possesses a tenacious spirit that has propelled him to the forefront of reporting on Russia for The Wall Street Journal. His strong values of press freedom and courage in the face of adversity became evident when he was detained by Russia's Federal Security Service on espionage charges in March 2023 – an unprecedented event since the Cold War. Nonetheless, Gershkovich's resolute pursuit of truth earned him the esteemed John Aubuchon Award from the National Press Club, recognizing his fearless coverage of Alexei Navalny's detention and illuminating human rights abuses in the region. His influence transcended the written word, with the documentary film "The Reporter" captivating audiences at the Tribeca Film Festival. In 2023, the French Chamber of Commerce in the United States recognized his journalistic excellence with the prestigious "Prix de l'Excellence."



## 71 Janet Yellen

Finance (USA)

**J**anet Yellen, is the first woman in American history to lead the U.S. Treasury, the Federal Reserve, and the President's Council of Economic Advisers. In 2023, she directed an \$80 million overhaul of the IRS as part of the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. As a staunch advocate for Ukraine's struggle against Russia's invasion, she secured nearly \$50 billion in security, financial, and humanitarian aid, making the U.S. Ukraine's largest bilateral donor. Her historic visit to Kyiv fostered essential civilian assistance, including budget relief for schools, hospitals, and emergency services. Furthermore, Yellen championed public health by advancing a new CMV vaccine in clinical trials, safeguarding pregnant women and newborns. A powerful voice in global economic affairs, she collaborated with the IMF and World Bank to address inflation, the war in Ukraine, and the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.



## 72 Elaheh Mohammadi

Social Impact (Iran)

**E**laheh Mohammadi is a fearless journalist who pursued the truth amidst perilous circumstances in Iran. Her reporting on the tragic death of Mahsa Amini and the subsequent human rights abuses thrust her into the spotlight, earning Elaheh global recognition and admiration. Despite facing arrest and imprisonment on charges of "colluding with hostile powers," she stood unshaken in her pursuit of exposing injustice and defending press freedom. In 2023, Elaheh's courage was celebrated with prestigious awards, including the International Press Freedom Award, the Louis M. Lyons Award for Conscience and Integrity in Journalism, and the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize. Named among Time magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World," her bravery to truth-telling continues to inspire, leaving an enduring legacy in the world of journalism.



## 73 Dr. Muhammad Ali Pate

Healthcare (Nigeria)

**D**r. Muhammad Ali Pate is the Global Director of Health, Nutrition, and Population (HNP) Global Practice of the World Bank and the Director of the Global Financing Facility for Women, Children, and Adolescents (GFF) based in Washington, DC. Dr. Pate was, until recently, the Chief Executive Officer of Big Win Philanthropy, based in the UK. Prior to that, he held several senior positions, including Minister of State for Health in the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Dr. Pate is an MD trained in both Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, with an MBA from Duke University. He also has a Master's in Health System Management from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK. He assumed the role of CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, on August 3rd, 2023 and is leading the organization to new heights.



## 74 Bola Ahmed Tinubu

Politics (Nigeria)

**C**arrying the mantle of Nigeria's newly elected President, his journey to the apex of power spans nearly two decades of political prowess. Tinubu played a pivotal role in restoring democracy to the nation in 1999, subsequently serving as Governor of Lagos, where his visionary leadership sparked an era of remarkable infrastructural development and economic growth. The architect of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system, he redefined urban transport and earned global acclaim for its success. With boundless ambition and a legacy of transformation, Tinubu's ascent to Nigeria's highest office heralds a new chapter of visionary leadership and progressive change for the nation.



## 75 Cristina Villarreal Velásquez

Social Impact (Colombia)

**C**ristina Villarreal Velásquez, a distinguished Colombian psychologist and activist, has been at the forefront of advancing reproductive rights in her country. As the founder of Oriéntame, Colombia's pioneering organization for legal abortion advocacy and reproductive rights counseling, Villarreal has significantly shaped the landscape of women's healthcare. Her impactful work extends to co-founding Mesa por la Vida with Ana Cristina González Vélez, a platform crucial in advocating for legal abortion in Colombia. Her career includes founding the Causa Justa Movement, which achieved a landmark victory in 2006 when Colombia's Constitutional Court legalized abortion under specific circumstances. Villarreal's extensive involvement in organizations such as CLACAI, NAF, and the Guttmacher Institute showcases her commitment to combating unsafe abortions and promoting reproductive health across Latin America.



## 76 James Donaldson AKA Mr. Beast

Social Impact (USA)

**J**ames Stephen Donaldson, an unstoppable force in the digital world, has captivated audiences worldwide with a trailblazing journey that redefines the parameters of online fame. He etched his name in history as the first YouTuber to amass 100 million subscribers. Surging forward, Donaldson inked a groundbreaking deal with Universal Pictures, propelling him to produce and star in a series of feature films. In 2023, his philanthropic endeavors shone brightly as he raised \$100 million to remove 100 million pounds of ocean trash. In partnership with Feeding America, he donated 1 million meals through MrBeast Burger. While, his philanthropic organization, MrBeast Philanthropy, contributed \$1 million to the American Red Cross for tornado relief efforts.



## 77 Guilherme Benchimol

Finance (Brazil)

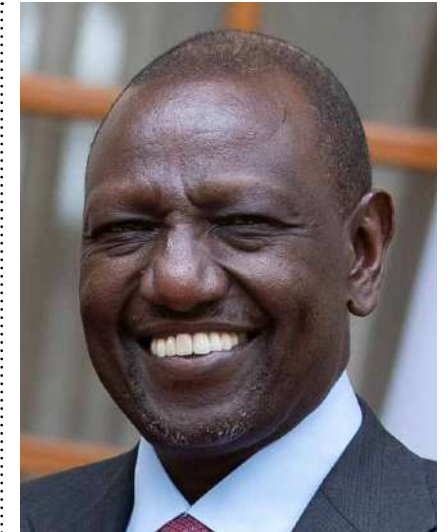
**G**uilherme Benchimol is the CEO of XP Investimentos, one of the most prominent investment banks in Brazil. Honored as the "Most Influential CEO in Brazil" by Forbes magazine and recognized as one of the "Top 100 Global Thinkers" by Foreign Policy magazine in 2023, he has reshaped the financial landscape in Brazil and beyond. Under his leadership, XP Investimentos soared to remarkable heights, becoming one of the largest private-sector banks in the country. Beyond his business success, Benchimol is committed to financial inclusion and education; he set up the XP Institute, a non-profit organization that aims to offer free education for 50 million Brazilians over the next ten years.



## 78 Mazen Darwish

Social Impact (Syria)

**M**azen Darwish is a lawyer and journalist standing as a guardian of freedom of the press in war-torn Syria. For a decade, he has fearlessly raised his voice for the Syrian cause, unveiling the horrors of torture, detention conditions, and the plight of innocent civilians amidst conflict. Despite facing relentless challenges, Mazen persisted, braving multiple incarcerations in 2012 for delivering vital information to Arab and foreign news outlets. Celebrated globally, he received the Pen Pinter Prize, was honored as a World Press Freedom Hero, and was awarded the prestigious UNESCO-Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize. As President of the Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression and the visionary Founder of Syria View newspaper, Darwish's advocacy for freedom of expression lights the path towards a brighter, more informed future for generations to come in Syria.



## 79 William Ruto

Politics (Kenya)

**W**illiam Kipchirchir Samoei Arap Ruto, the fifth and current President of Kenya since September 13, 2022, has had a dynamic political career spanning decades. Rising from Member of Parliament to Deputy President and now President, Ruto's journey reflects Kenya's evolving political landscape. His presidency has been marked by significant challenges, including nationwide protests over a controversial finance bill in 2024, which led to the dramatic withdrawal of the bill and dissolution of his cabinet, barring the foreign minister. Ruto's political acumen was evident in his swift response to public dissent, demonstrating adaptability in governance. On the international stage, he has been a vocal advocate for global financial reforms that better align with developing countries' needs. Ruto's presidency, while facing domestic turbulence, has positioned him as a key figure in discussions on African economic development and reform. His leadership continues to shape Kenya's political and economic trajectory, balancing national interests with global economic pressures in an increasingly complex international environment.



## 80 Dr. Agnès Callamard

Social Impact (France)

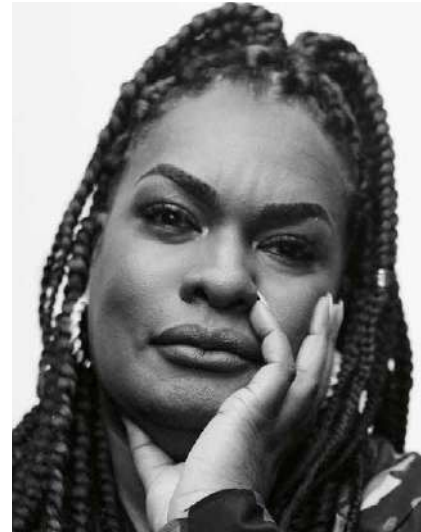
**D**r. Agnès Callamard, a prominent French human rights activist, currently serves as the Secretary General of Amnesty International, leading the organization's global human rights work. Her distinguished career spans decades, marked by pivotal roles in international organizations and academia. From 2016 to 2021, she held the position of UN Special Rapporteur on Extra-Judicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions, conducting human rights investigations in over 30 countries. Dr. Callamard's expertise extends to freedom of expression, demonstrated in her role as Director of Columbia University's Global Freedom of Expression project. Her career includes executive positions at ARTICLE 19 and founding the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership. A prolific author and researcher, she has published extensively on human rights, women's rights, and refugee movements. Her leadership at Amnesty International continues to shape international human rights discourse and action in an increasingly complex global landscape.



## 81 Andrew Forrest

Business (Australia)

**A**ndrew Forrest began his mining journey in 1994, founding Anaconda Nickel (now Minara Resources). Not content with this achievement, he established Fortescue Metals Group in 2003, which rapidly emerged as a formidable force in the iron ore industry. Displaying a keen eye for sustainable energy, Forrest has strategically shifted focus, aiming to transform Fortescue into a green energy powerhouse for steel production in Australia. The commitment to sustainability extends to Fortescue Mining's subsidiary, Fortescue Future Industries, which is actively exploring sustainable energy sources, including hydrogen. In December 2022, Forrest's privately held Squadron Energy made a significant investment of A\$4 billion in Australia's largest wind energy company, CWP Renewables. In addition, he has pledged A\$750 million to rebuild Ukraine's energy and communications infrastructure.



## 82 Imara Jones

Social Impact (USA)

**I**mara Jones (she/her) is an award-winning journalist and a force for change. As the creator of TransLash Media, a non-profit organization, she challenges the culture of hostility towards transgender individuals in the U.S. Her compelling work, recognized with Emmy and Peabody Awards, has emboldened and amplified transgender voices and stories, raising awareness and inspiring understanding. As an advocate, Imara hosts the acclaimed TransLash Podcast and the investigative series "The Anti-Trans Hate Machine: A Plot Against Equality," earning praise from the National LGBTQ+ Journalists Association. Breaking barriers, she became the first trans person to receive the Journalist of Distinction Award from the National Black Journalists Association. Imara also launched the TransLash Media Creators Fund, empowering transgender and non-binary creators, and co-founded the TransTech Social Justice Fund, supporting transformative initiatives. Her powerful TED Talk, viewed by millions, sheds light on the challenges faced by transgender individuals, inspiring collective action.



## 83 Robin Zeng

Business (China)

**R**obin Zeng is the founder and chairman of Contemporary Amperex Technology (CATL), a company that has established itself as one of the world's leading suppliers of batteries for electric vehicles. Under his leadership, CATL's accomplishments soared to new heights, with a remarkable \$135.27 billion market capitalization. Collaborating with global giants, such as Ford, CATL announced a \$3.5 billion factory in Michigan, expected to employ 2,500 individuals. Embracing sustainability, CATL's commitment to meet the surging demand for lithium-ion batteries led to an astounding \$58 billion investment in new battery production capacity in China. Championing affordability and safety, CATL launched the innovative LFP battery technology, poised to revolutionize the battery industry.



## 84 Ei Thinzar Maung

Social Impact (Myanmar)

**E**i Thinzar Maung is a political activist and leader in Myanmar's Spring Revolution, an ongoing civil resistance movement against the military coup of 2021. Known for her passionate oratory and sharp analysis, she has become a symbol of public resistance and a fierce advocate for democracy. Despite facing grave risks, Ei Thinzar remains actively engaged in the movement, even while in hiding due to safety concerns. She has spoken out about the widespread brutality and human rights violations perpetrated by the military, including shootings, executions, and violence against civilians. Despite the dangers, Ei Thinzar's determination and courage continue to inspire both her fellow activists and the international community, earning her recognition, including the International Women of Courage Award from the United States Department of State in 2022.



## 85 Yvon Chouinard

Social Impact (USA)

**Y**von Chouinard is the founder of Patagonia, a leading outdoor clothing and gear retailer, who made a decision to relinquish his billionaire status by transferring ownership of Patagonia to a trust and a nonprofit called Holdfast Collective. This nonprofit is dedicated to combating environmental crises and defending nature. He formally announced the ownership transfer through an open letter on Patagonia's website. In recognition of his efforts to make a significant and positive difference in the world, Yvon Chouinard was honored with the 2023 Cannes LionHeart award. This prestigious accolade celebrates individuals who harness their position and influence to drive meaningful impact on a global scale.

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## Nikita Tiwari

Technology (India)

**N**ikita Tiwari is the co-founder of NEERX, a game-changing agritech company. At just 26, she has revolutionized the farming industry with her smart sensor, Shool. This groundbreaking technology analyzes soil health in mere seconds, empowering farmers with real-time information crucial for boosting harvests and increasing their income. From its humble origins as a college project, Shool has evolved into a cutting-edge sensor for industrial use, making it affordable and accessible to farmers across different regions. Through NEERX's partnerships with 60 organizations, she has positively impacted the lives of 15,000-20,000 farmers across Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan. Nikita's passion, innovation, and dedication to transforming agriculture have set her on a path to shape a more sustainable and prosperous future for farmers everywhere.

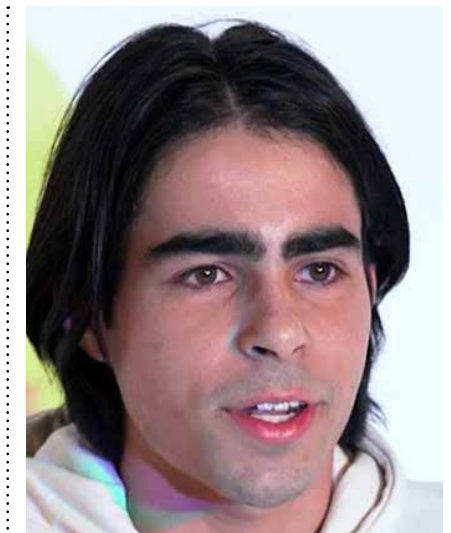


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## Yen Po (Peter) Wang

Healthcare (Japan)

**I**n 2021, Yen Po (Peter) Wang co-founded Inopase, a venture focused on developing wirelessly-powered and miniaturized implants designed to target nerves and treat neurological diseases directly. Inopase's pioneering neuromodulation implants have shown immense promise in treating a range of conditions, including incontinence, epilepsy, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Under Wang's leadership, Inopase has secured three grants from the esteemed Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development, along with substantial investments totalling ¥296.6 million (\$2.2 million). Wang's passion for advancing healthcare solutions underscores his pivotal role in shaping the future of neurological treatments and improving the lives of countless patients worldwide.



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## David Brillembourg Jr.

Business (USA)

David Brillembourg Jr., is the founder of Dune Ventures, a New York-based venture capital firm with a focus on disrupting the video gaming and streaming worlds. Bursting with passion for the gaming industry, Brillembourg has raised an impressive \$100 million and invested \$50 million in 21 cutting-edge companies, propelling the growth of gaming social media startup Medal.tv and virtual-reality game studio Ramen VR. At just 18, he dropped out of NYU to follow his heart, investing in gaming startups for Galaxy Digital, a leading crypto trading and Web3-focused VC firm with \$2 billion in assets under management. Brillembourg's youthful energy and deep understanding of gaming connect him with the industry's audacious young founders. With a heart that beats for games and a mind that envisions limitless possibilities, Brillembourg Jr. is shaping the future of gaming with every strategic investment he makes.



## 89 Olaf Scholz

Politics (Germany)

Chancellor Olaf Scholz navigated Germany through a pivotal epochal turning point in the face of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Embracing the challenge head-on, Scholz declared the invasion a “Zeitenwende” and pledged Germany’s commitment to rise to the occasion. Despite some criticism regarding the speed of Berlin’s response, Scholz delivered his promises. Within a short span, Germany has transformed its postwar pacifism, significantly increasing military spending and emerging as one of Ukraine’s prominent arms suppliers. Furthermore, under Scholz’s leadership, Germany decisively ended its reliance on Russian energy and responded to international pressure by providing coveted Leopard 2 battle tanks to Kyiv. In his capacity as Chancellor, Scholz has overseen Germany’s response to the crisis while cautiously navigating the intricacies of the global situation. His administration has charted a new course for German defense policy, which he eloquently outlined in his landmark Zeitenwende speech.



## 90 Kaushal Shetty

Social Impact (India)

Kaushal Shetty is the Co-founder and CEO of Nostos Homes, a non-profit organization with a noble mission. Fueled by his personal experiences as a victim of annual floods in his village and later relocating to Mumbai, Shetty is passionately dedicated to assisting displaced individuals. Nostos Homes specializes in constructing modular, lightweight, and easily transportable shelters, providing a robust and secure alternative to traditional tents at a comparable cost. Beyond shelter, Nostos Homes aims to restore privacy, dignity, and safety to those facing crises. The organization’s impactful solutions have already been implemented in regions like Assam, Nagaland, and Africa, with plans to expand further. Nostos Homes have engaged in discussions with various governments and agencies to extend their reach and make a significant difference in the lives of displaced communities worldwide. In addition to his role at Nostos Homes, Shetty also serves as a Senior Product Manager at Mastercard.



## 91 Rian Dorris

Business (USA)

Rian Dorris is an entrepreneur and academic leader at the forefront of neuroscience and peak performance. After nearly dying of a head injury at 13, he became deeply interested in neuroscience, propelling his passion for understanding the human mind’s extraordinary capabilities. As the Co-Founder & CEO of the Flow Research Collective, Rian drives cutting-edge research and training initiatives, aiming to help workers access their “flow state” (also known as “being in the zone”), a concept popularized by psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi. Through comprehensive training and data collection, the Flow Research Collective empowers individuals to achieve peak performance. Notably, the company’s solutions have earned the trust of esteemed clients such as Deloitte, Goldman Sachs, and the U.S. Navy, contributing to its remarkable \$20 million revenue milestone in 2022.



## 92 Yvette Ishimwe

Social Impact (Rwanda)

Yvette is the founder of Young Water Solution, a non-profit organization and Iriba, a start-up providing safe drinking water to both rural and urban communities in Rwanda. Through innovative water kiosks, water filters, and ATMs, Yvette’s approach has touched the lives of over 30,000 people daily, ensuring access to clean water and improved sanitation. Her organization, Young Water Solutions (YWS), an international nonprofit, empowers young leaders and entrepreneurs to implement water solutions and address pressing challenges like climate change, youth employment, and gender equality. YWS envisions empowering over 1,000 young leaders, including 500 young women, to make clean water and sanitation a reality for at least 1,000,000 people by 2030.



## 93 Kushal Patel

Technology (Singapore)

Kushal Patel is the co-founder of Una Brands in Singapore, transforming profitable brands into powerhouse successes. Since its inception in March 2021, Una Brands has set a blazing trail, acquiring over 20 firms and propelling their growth through innovative distribution channels and market expansion. Patel’s strategic leadership has proven transformative, with some acquired brands experiencing unprecedented 50% increases in sales and profits. A seasoned entrepreneur, Patel’s extensive experience as the deputy head of regional partnerships for logistics unicorn Ninja Van has shaped his path to co-founding Una Brands. With \$55 million in backing from investors like Kingsway Capital, Alpha JWC, and Ninja Van’s own Alvin Teo, Una Brands is rewriting the e-commerce playbook. Committed to fostering global growth, the company recently invested \$100 million to scale Korean e-commerce brands.



## 94 Tracie D. Hall

Social Impact (USA)

Tracie D. Hall is the first African American woman to head the American Library Association since its inception in 1876. Throughout her career, she has been a driving force in promoting diversity and inclusivity within libraries, ensuring that a wide array of knowledge is accessible to all. In the face of resurging censorship and politicized manipulation of historical records and educational curricula, Tracie D. Hall and her fellow librarians nationwide have taken a stand in defending the fundamental right to read, learn, and grow. Guided by her belief that “free people read freely,” Hall has led efforts against censorship, standing as a stalwart protector of democracy and the sanctity of ideas. Her visionary leadership has transformed public libraries into beacons of democracy, promoting freedom of thought, assembly, press, and speech.



## 95 Simran Kaur

Business  
(New Zealand)

**S**onya Gupthan is the co-founder of Girls That Invest, an innovative financial education platform. Fuelled by a passion for financial literacy and inclusivity, she launched the groundbreaking platform to empower women with the knowledge and confidence to invest. Her widely acclaimed podcast, "Girls That Invest," quickly soared to the top 1% of Spotify's most shared shows globally. The podcast has become an entry point into the world of investing, renowned for its ability to present complex financial concepts in a relatable and engaging manner, free from finance jargon and condescension. Additionally, her bestselling book, "Girls That Invest," ranked No. 12 among Amazon's best sellers in stock market investing. Simran is working towards reshaping the world of finance, one step at a time.



## 96 Giorgia Meloni

Politics (Italy)

**G**iorgia Meloni, the charismatic leader of Italy's right-wing Fratelli d'Italia (Brothers of Italy) party, has made history as Italy's first female prime minister to lead a right-wing coalition since World War II. Known for her strong nationalist and populist stance, Meloni has emerged as a forceful advocate for family values and patriotism. Her administration has prioritized issues such as border security and fostering international partnerships. Italy's collaboration with Ukraine, including the provision of military aid packages, has continued under Meloni's leadership. Additionally, her administration is actively working with France to deliver the SAMP/T-MAMBA air defense system, to strengthen the country's defense capabilities. Meloni's tenure as prime minister represents a bold and assertive approach to shaping Italy's political landscape while engaging in key international partnerships.



## 97 Hojun Choi

Technology (South  
Korea)

**W**ith a background at Goldman Sachs and Macquarie, Choi's journey led him to Law&Good, where he took on the roles of President and Chief Strategy Officer in January 2022. Since its inception in 2020, Law&Good, a Seoul-based startup, has harnessed the power of AI to revolutionize the legal landscape, simplifying the often complex and time-consuming process of connecting individuals and small businesses with lawyers. This innovative platform has impacted over 40,000 people and businesses, making legal assistance more accessible than ever. In 2023, Choi led Law&Good to launch its litigation funding service, empowering litigants to secure financing for their lawsuits and promoting a fairer legal system. With Hojun Choi at the helm, Law&Good is spearheading a new era of legal innovation, bridging the gap between technology and justice, and transforming the way we navigate legal challenges.



## 98 Row Vaughn Wells

Social Impact (USA)

**I**n the face of tragedy, RowVaughn Wells has emerged as a force for change. When her beloved son, Tyre Nichols, fell victim to a brutal beating by Memphis police in January 2023, RowVaughn's life took a turn. Tyre's cries for his mother during the ordeal shook the nation's conscience and ignited a fervent determination within her. With strength and purpose, she stepped into the public eye to share her grief and to confront the unjustified killings of unarmed Black men at the hands of law enforcement. Her advocacy garnered national recognition, with President Biden and his administration taking notice and calling for police reform on the federal level. Her courage and quest for justice shows us the profound impact of a mother's love and determination to change the world.



## 99 Dr. Sarah Qureshi

Science (Pakistan)

**D**r. Sarah Qureshi, an aerospace engineer and jet engine inventor, propels the future of aviation with her groundbreaking innovations. With a PhD in Aerospace Propulsion Engineering from Cranfield University, UK, and a Master's degree in Aerospace Dynamics, her relentless pursuit of eco-friendly solutions led her to co-found Aero Engine Craft Private Limited, Pakistan's first commercial jet engine R&D company. Driven by her passion for sustainability, Sarah's contrail-free aircraft engines are redefining air travel. She has been listed among the top 15 global aerospace professionals to follow on LinkedIn and is ranked among the top 10 most inspiring women of her country. With 22 prestigious awards and a prominent voice in sustainable aviation, Dr. Sarah Qureshi's dynamic contributions continue to elevate the skies and inspire a greener future for all.



## 100 Sarah Kate Ellis

Business (USA)

**S**arah Kate Ellis, a formidable advocate for the rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community, assumed the role of president and CEO of GLAAD, the largest U.S. media advocacy organization for LGBT individuals, in January 2014. In the face of a concerning surge in anti-LGBTQ bills, with over 450 introduced in 2023 alone, Sarah Kate has fearlessly spoken out against such legislation, shedding light on its detrimental impact on the LGBTQ community and the alarming increase in acts of violence it incites. Following the tragic mass shooting at Club Q in Colorado Springs, Sarah Kate used media platforms to educate the public about the link between hateful rhetoric and the surge in anti-LGBTQ crimes. Through her profound understanding of the challenges faced by the community, Sarah Kate Ellis has emerged as a compelling and compassionate advocate, working to create a more inclusive and accepting society for all.

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