

Africa Dialogues wins at Ghana Event Awards

ACCRA, Ghana - Africa Dialogues is an African thought-leadership platform that brings together policy makers, innovative business leaders, accomplished academics, leaders of civil society organisations, to focus on "the Africa we want".



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Africa Dialogues won the Best Corporate Event at the Ghana Event Awards 2018 by Event Guide, this week. The awards ceremony by Event Guide was organised annually to celebrate and honour indigenous Ghana events and organisers who go the extra mile for excellence in their respective fields.

[Africa Dialogues](#) emerged as the winner out of the 12 nominees, including CIMG Awards, Ghana Banking Awards, Women CEOs Summit, and MTN Heroes of Change.

Speaking on behalf of the Africa Dialogues, Emmanuel Leslie Addae, co-founder of the People Initiative Foundation, said: "The journey started with the first license in 2013 to organise TEDxLabone with an audience of 100. This first event sparked the interest of the team to focus on curating programs and initiatives that promote cultural diversity while nurturing and mentoring the vision, talents and ideas of young people who are positively changing Africa.

"Our first event was at the Kama Conference Center in April 2014, with speakers like Kojo Opong Nkrum now the Minister of Information; Hannah Tettey, former Minister of Foreign Affairs; Papa Arkhurst, Uche Ofodile, now CEO of MTN Liberia; Patricia Oboi-Naa of Vodafone Ghana, and others."

Over the past five years, events organised by the People Initiatives Foundation includes, TEDxLabone, TEDxAccra, TEDxAccraWomen, Africa Initiatives Summit, and over 60 social impact events in Ghana and beyond.

The events have attracted millions views and likes online, live streams events in over 150 countries, and the last conference was the sixth top trending hashtag on Twitter worldwide, said Addae.

Africa Dialogues, Africa's version of TED Talks, focuses on broad-ranging discussions on governance and

human rights, education, youth unemployment, infrastructure, public health, gender and income inequality, Africa's economies and urban development.

Talks are centred towards helping the continent attain the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and AGENDA 2063, by going beyond raising awareness about the challenges facing Africa, by highlighting innovative thinking and promoting those who are working to effect real change in Africa.

Seven months after introducing the Africa Dialogues *The Africa We Want*, People Initiative Foundation partnered with UNICEF West and Central Africa (UNICEF WCARO) to organise the [Africa Dialogues World Children's Day 2017](#) to commemorate World Children's Day on November 20, 2017.

This year, People Initiative Foundation together with UNICEF WCARO and supported by the Africa Union, are preparing for Africa Dialogues World Children's Day 2018.

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