

Three African Graduate Students in Cambridge are Appointed as Next Einstein Country Ambassadors

The Next Einstein Forum ([NEF](#)) Global Gatherings are exciting biennial global events where the world of science and technology meet on Africa soil to unveil breakthroughs in science, respond to existing challenges and look to the future. **The second global gathering took place in Kigali, Rwanda, from 26th-28th May 2018. The three-day event drew in over 1,000 participants, half under the age of 42.** According to the NEF programme, heads of states discussed a white paper prepared by the NEF and other organisations to focus on how to build knowledge-led economies in Africa. Recommendations were made about regulation/partnerships/financing to build science capacity. **Speakers** included the Rwandan president, the African Union Science and Technology Commissioner, and the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

Three African PhD students from the University of Cambridge were competitively-selected as NEF '[Country Ambassadors](#)' for the period 2017-19 hence were invited to attend the event. They are:



Ms Halimatu Hima-Moussa Diola – Niger. Halima's PhD at the Cambridge Centre of Development Studies is funded by the Cambridge Africa PhD Scholarship Scheme, ([2015-16 entry](#)), through joint funding from the Cambridge Trust and the University of Cambridge. Halima was President of the African Student Society in Cambridge in 2015. View [Halima's NEF profile](#).



Mr Stephen Manchishi – Zambia. Stephen's PhD study at the Department of Physiology, Neuroscience and Development in Cambridge is supported by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission and the Cambridge Trust. View his full ambassador profile here. View [Stephens's NEF profile](#).



Ms Lakshana Mohee – Mauritius. Lakshana's PhD is funded by the Cambridge Trust and her research is supported by the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy in Cambridge, where she is based. View [Lakshana' NEF profile](#).

The [Cambridge-Africa programme](#) is extremely proud of these hard-working African students for flying the flag of Cambridge in Africa, and Africa in Cambridge, as NEF Country Ambassadors.