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 is taking place in Kigali, Rwanda, this week. The three-day event is drawing in over 1,000 participants, half under the age of 42. According to the NEF programme, heads of states will be discussing a white paper prepared by the NEF and other organisations to focus on how to build knowledge-led economies in Africa. Recommendations will be made about regulation/partnerships/financing to build science capacity. Speakers at the 2018 NEF include the Rwandan president, the African Union Science and Technology Commissioner, and the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Professor Eilís Ferran (Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Institutional and International Relations, University of Cambridge) is attending the Forum. Three African graduate students from the University of Cambridge have also been competitively-selected as NEF ‘Country Ambassadors’ for the period 2017-19 hence some are attending the event. The Ambassadors 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.