FASHIONOMICS AFRICA Investing in Africa's Creative Industries



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A platform for the most exclusive Made-in-Africa creations that connects African designers with consumers, mentors and investors around the world.

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What is Fashionomics Africa?

Fashionomics Africa is an initiative of the African Development Bank that aims to increase Africa's participation in the global textile and fashion industry value chain. The initiative intends to support the development of micro, small and medium-sized businesses operating in the textile, apparel and accessories industry in Africa, with a focus on women and youth empowerment. The industry presents a unique opportunity to promote African culture and local know-how, in addition to supporting countries seeking to industrialisation and pursue to boost intra-regional trade.





African Development Bank's Fashionomics Africa initiative:

Leveraging Africa's diverse culture and creativity to move the continent up the textile, apparel and accessories value chain

With Fashionomics Africa, the African Development Bank is promoting investments in the fashion industry whilst taking a value chain approach to build a Made-in-Africa brand. The programme aims to target key market failures in the African fashion industry, by increasing access to finance and to markets, market intelligence and capacity building for entrepreneurs while promoting incubation and acceleration for start-ups.



Values

African heritage





Contemporary



Sustainability

Why the textile, apparel and accessories industry?





THE GLOBAL FASHION INDUSTRY IS ESTIMATED TO BE WORTH \$1.3 TRILLION.



THE COMBINED APPAREL AND FOOTWEAR MARKET IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA IS ESTIMATED TO BE WORTH \$31 BILLION.



ONLINE REVENUES FOR THE AFRICAN FASHION SECTOR ARE PREDICTED TO GROW BY OVER <u>14%</u> ANNUALLY OVER THE NEXT 4 YEARS.



IT IS ESTIMATED THAT MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES MAKE UP OVER 90% OF BUSINESSES GLOBALLY.



THE INDUSTRY IS LABOUR-INTENSIVE -AND IF GEARED TOWARDS EXPORTS, IS A SOURCE FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

How do we work?

The Fashionomics Africa platform has 3 main pillars:

• a **Learning component** to find knowledge and strengthen capacities.



• a **Network component** to facilitate connections between the various players of the fashion supply chain from entrepreneurs, buyers, investors, sellers to manufacturers, distributors and customers.

Stakeholders database: designers, wholesalers, producers, tailors, suppliers, etc.



• and an E-commerce component where designers from the pilot countries (Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya and South Africa, but also Rwanda) can sell their products within Africa and to the rest of the world thanks to our partnership with DHL, our logistics partner.



Our platform

1 CONNECT

Jobs, Forum, Events

- Manufacturers
- Custom clothing
- Retailers
- Designers and brands
- Suppliers
- Service providers
- Educational institutions
- Associations
- Financers
- Chambers of commerce

2 LEARN

Tutorials, Blog, Webinars, Reports



How to Cut Africa Senator/Native Wear by Cisse's Apparel





Starting a Made-in-Africa Fashion Design Business



3 BUY AND SELL

Clothing, Textiles, Accessories







The Fashionomics Africa digital marketplace and mobile application

Supported by the Fund for African Private Sector Assistance, these platforms are the first pan-African business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-consumer (B2C) digital tools dedicated to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in the textile, apparel and accessories industry.

The goal of the Fashionomics Africa platform is to enable African entrepreneurs operating in the textile, apparel and accessories industry to grow their businesses.





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Fashionomics Africa combines services spanning from distribution to marketing, communications and logistics



*Disclaimer: Through Fashionomics Africa we put sellers and buyers in contact although we are not responsible for any problems that may arise after a purchase order is placed.

Sellers target

African fashion entrepreneurs



African diasporas Quality seekers Forward thinkers





Fashionomics Africa sellers



Fashionomics Africa journal

Stay updated on the latest African creative industries news and enjoy our interviews with the most exclusive designers and game changers of the textile, apparel and accessories industry.



THE DAKAR DESIGN HUB: NURTURING AFRICA'S FASHION TALENT THROUGH EDUCATION

JUL 18, 2022 |



JUN 27, 2022



JUN 22, 2022

DIAKWU CLOTH: THE FINALISTS OF THE FASHIONOMICS AFRICA CONTEST TRANSFORMING WASTE INTO BEAUTIFUL FABRICS

MEET LOHIJE, THE WINNER OF THE 2022 FASHIONOMICS AFRICA CONTEST



Adele Dęjak



Ann McCreath



Anifa Mvuemba



Moses Turahirwa

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Fashionomics Africa market studies

As part of our work to increase access to relevant information about the textile, apparel and accessories industry in Africa, Fashionomics Africa conducts regular studies to collect information on the sector – especially on the needs of African fashionpreneurs.



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The case for jewellery manufacturing and its contribution to value addition, job creation and capacity building activities linked to economic empowerment of women and youths

The African Development Bank has conducted a study to stimulate investment in the jewellery manufacturing value chain on the African continent. The study intended to gain a better grasp of the contribution of the jewellery manufacturing industry and its potential for job creation for women and youth in Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe and the Republic of Guinea.



Fashionomics Africa masterclasses

The Fashionomics Africa masterclasses intend to give a better grasp of establishing and building a fashion brand – from idea to execution. The sessions focus on: financial and business acumen; capacity building on business plan development; access to finance; branding, marketing, networking; and fostering market linkages.

•Trained more than 2,500 textile, apparel and accessories entrepreneurs – out of whom 65% were women – in Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, South Africa, Ethiopia, Kenya and Rwanda in partnership with public and private stakeholders.

•Partnering with:





Fashionomics Africa webinar series

In June 2020, the African Development Bank launched the Fashionomics Africa webinar series with the aim of bringing together and staying engaged with our growing community despite the coronavirus pandemic. The virtual series tackles a diversity of African fashion industry topics to spark discussion, share ideas amongst fashion entrepreneurs, industry experts, investors, financiers, business insiders civil society representatives. and The Fashionomics Africa webinar series has welcomed more than 1,200 participants from more than 40 countries – and counting.

The objective is to share best practices, identify innovative alternative channels, provide information on the business of fashion whilst equipping African fashion entrepreneurs with the necessary tools to thrive in a (post-) COVID-19 world.

Meet some of our speakers:



Samuel Mensah **KISUA**



Wakiuru Njuguna **HEVA Fund**



Nimco Adam **Qaal Designs**



Adama N'diaye **Adama Paris**

Fashionomics Africa trade shows

Join our trade show community

- Honour the continent's creativity and artistic expression with all its diversity.
- Highlight Africa's growing international fashion influence.
- Penetrate international markets.
- Promote African entrepreneurship and innovative concepts.
- Networking opportunities for consumers, retailers, designers, manufacturers and more.



Our partners



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They **balk** about US



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