

# Now Generation Network

2023 Ibrahim Governance  
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# Foreword from Mo Ibrahim

Africa's first asset is its youth, which is instrumental in pushing the continent forward. In all sectors, from sustainable energy to food security and everything in between, there is a wealth of young Africans within the continent and abroad committed and able to bring forward the continent and their people's future.

The *Now Generation Network* is a unified collective of young Africans representing various sectors and disciplines from all 54 African countries. MIF is honoured to amplify their voices and ensure that they actively contribute to public policy shaping and decision-making.

Mo Ibrahim

Founder and Chair of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation (MIF)

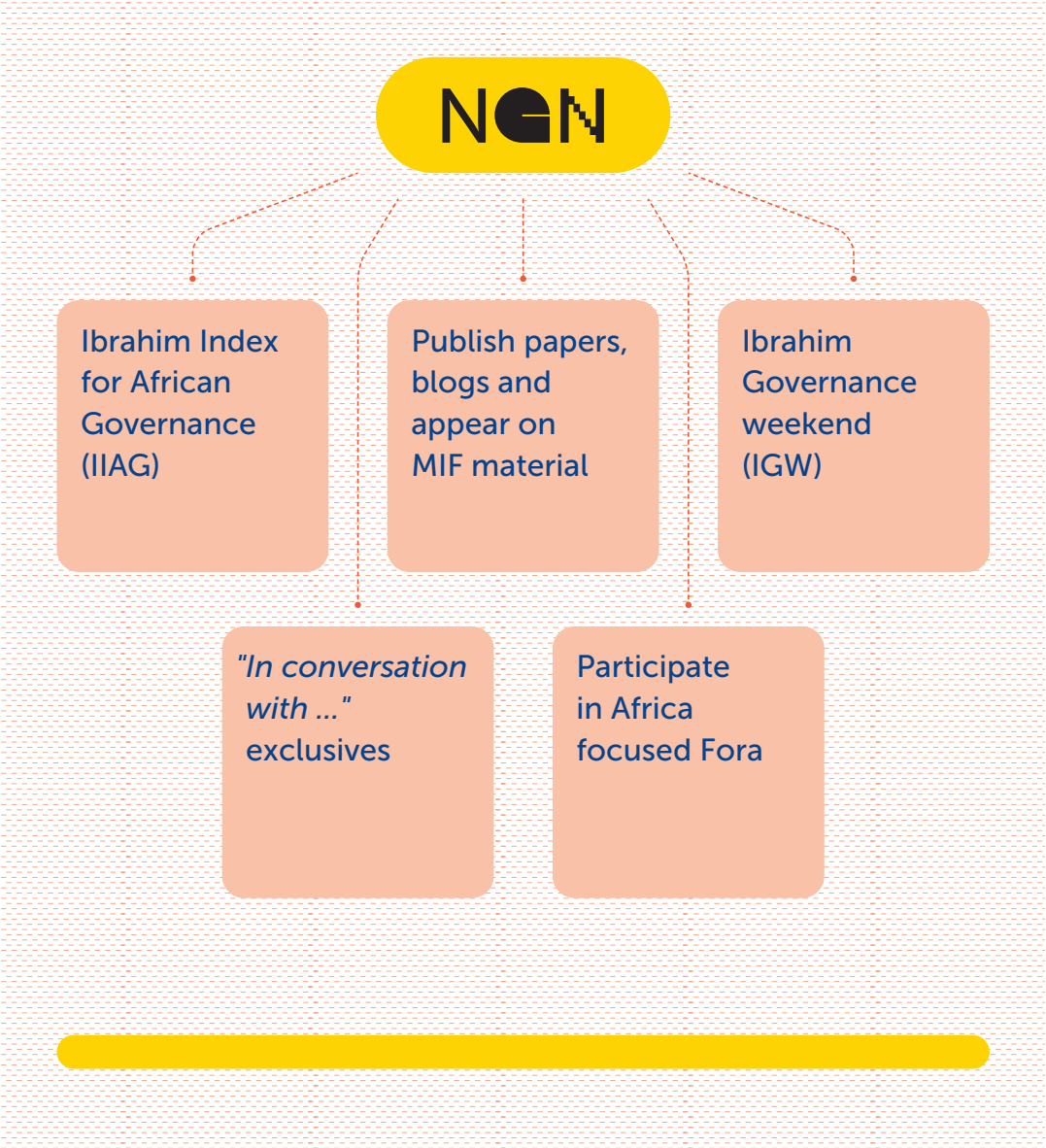
# What is the Now Generation Network?

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation's *Now Generation Network (NGN)* is a coalition of young and mid-career African practitioners and advocates committed to moving the development agenda forward. The network consists of the Ibrahim alumni of Fellows, scholars, and regional experts gathered from previous IGWs on the continent. The NGN is a pan-African network with members from all 54 African countries representing various sectors and disciplines.

**NGN members are strongly committed to create positive change, not only within their communities but also in the broader region and their continent.** The NGN gathers young professionals with specialities ranging from climate change to innovative finance; they bring unique insights, skills and innovation in all matters from programming to policymaking.

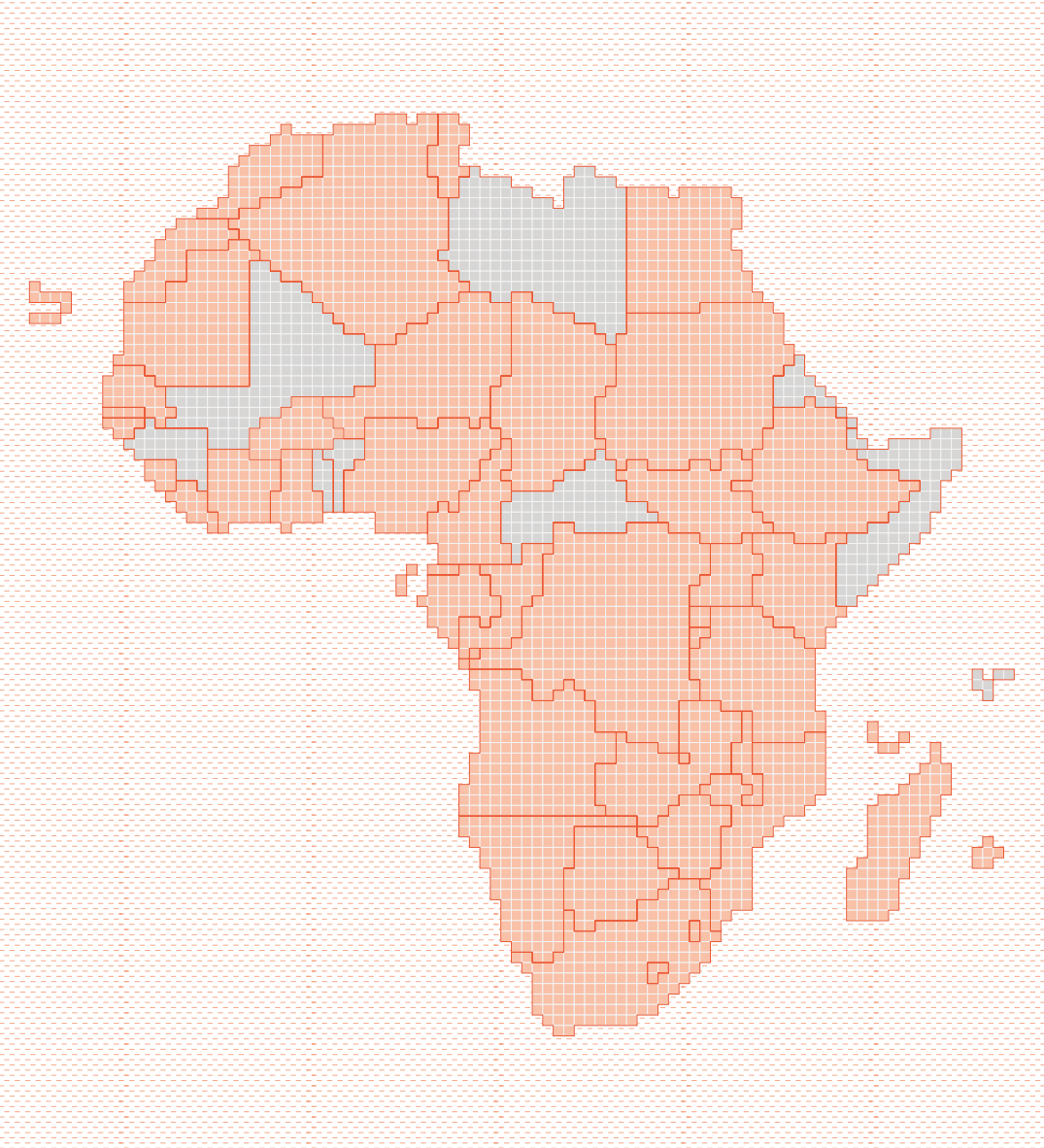
NGN members have exclusive access to in-conversation sessions, mentorship, international representation, and involvement in all MIF initiatives, be it the Ibrahim Governance Weekend or consulting on research projects, including the Ibrahim Index for African Governance (IIAG). The *Now Generation Network* is critical to the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, as it feeds into all aspects of the Foundation's work, from research to high-level stakeholder engagement. Through MIFs networks, NGN members are also frequently recommended as participants to international events and fora.

The NGN Network Membership is an invite-only network with a tiered membership. Each tier indicates the level of involvement of the member within the network.



# NGN Members at the Ibrahim Governance Weekend 2023

Over 90 NGN members will actively participate in the Ibrahim Governance Weekend 2023, representing over 80% of the continent.



The 2023 participants come with a plethora of expertise, from social media policy creation to agricultural engineering. Details of this cohort can be found in this brochure.

The 2023 IGW cohort are classified according to the Ibrahim Index of African Governance (IIAG) categories.

- Security & Rule of Law
- Participation, Rights & Inclusion
- Foundations for Economic Opportunity
- Human Development

OVERALL GOVERNANCE



SECURITY & RULE OF LAW

Security & Safety

Rule of Law & Justice

Accountability & Transparency

Anti-Corruption











PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION

Participation

Rights

Inclusion & Equality

Women's Equality











FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Public Administration

Business & Labour Environment

Infrastructure

Rural Economy











HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Health

Education

Social Protection & Welfare

Sustainable Environment











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