

Tadzoka Pswarayi '10 ENGL, ISTD and POLS Magna Cum Laude

Tadzoka Pswarayi has made many contributions to society since graduating from SLU-Madrid. She is a social entrepreneur who co-founded and directs Impact Hub Harare, an innovation lab, business incubator and social enterprise community center. Impact Hub Harare focuses on social good initiatives and incubates them to scale their impact. She also works as an independent International Development Consultant, where her projects have included:

- USAID's ASPIRES project on an assessment of opportunities and barriers to employment and self-employment of adolescent girls and young women in rural and urban areas in Zimbabwe, as part of a four-person team.
- USAID's Workforce Connections, focusing on youth unemployment in Zimbabwe, empowering adolescent girls and young women in micro enterprise development
- FHI 360 Talent Cloud, which targets development professionals addressing youth unemployment and equipping them with technical and field knowledge, and
- The World Bank Analytical Trust Fund, which determined the development needs, including infrastructure, capacity building and water service provision of rural towns in Zimbabwe.

She has worked across sectors to lead and bring international programming to Zimbabwe. In the technology sector she works towards gender parity through programming that teaches girls and women digital literacy and coding. She co-leads Facebook Developer Circles in Zimbabwe, which educates and brings together developers regionally and globally to leverage technology for social good. She is the Zimbabwean lead for Seedstars World, the biggest global tech competition in emerging markets, and coordinates the Zimbabwean Team for the FIRST Global Robotics Challenge, the Olympics of Robotics. Tadzoka works to build communities for change across sectors including arts and culture, and also works as a freelance journalist with publications such as *This is Africa*, telling the stories and history of Africans to the world.

She is truly the embodiment of a woman for others.



Tadzoka (in black shirt) poses with members of a tech startup honored by Seedstars World.

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