



EMPOWERING PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

IBTK FOUNDATION

2024-ACTIVITIES

WELCOME MESSAGE



Hawa Taylor-Kamara Diallo

Co-Founder & Executive Director

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But beyond the frameworks and goals, our mission is deeply personal. It's about changing lives—whether through access to quality education, promoting gender equality, or taking actionable steps against climate change. Each success is a reflection of your unwavering support and the dedication of everyone involved in this journey.

Together, we are shaping a brighter future, and I couldn't be more excited about what lies ahead. I invite you to join us as we continue this vital work. Thank you for being a part of this mission and for helping us create lasting change that will be felt for generations.

Our Mission

We empower individuals and communities by providing education, skill-building opportunities, and resources that foster self-sufficiency.



ABOUT

I.B. TAYLOR-KAMARA FOUNDATION (IBTK FOUNDATION)

The I.B. Taylor-Kamara Foundation, established in 2005 by the children of the late H.E. Ishmael Byne Taylor-Kamara, is a New York-based non-profit organization dedicated to creating lasting impact. H.E. Taylor-Kamara, a British-trained lawyer, civil servant, and diplomat, held several distinguished positions, including Senior Minister in Sierra Leone's first cabinet, Permanent Representative to the UN, President of the UN Security Council (1971), and High Commissioner to Canada.

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1. **Improving access to quality education:** Expanding educational opportunities for underserved communities, with a target to increase access by 30% by 2028.
2. **Empowering youth:** Providing leadership and skill-building programs to engage and uplift youth, aiming to empower 10,000 young leaders by 2028.
3. **Advancing gender equity:** Promoting gender equality through advocacy, mentorship, and support programs, with a goal of achieving greater gender parity in educational and leadership opportunities.

These efforts are closely aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ensuring our work contributes to global efforts in social inclusion, economic growth, and environmental sustainability.

Inspired by H.E. Taylor-Kamara's legacy of service, the Foundation remains committed to fostering lasting social change by implementing sustainable, community-driven solutions.



OUR GOAL

The ultimate goal of the I.B. Taylor-Kamara Foundation is to create lasting, measurable social change by empowering individuals and communities globally. We aim to achieve this by:

- Increasing access to quality education for underserved communities, with a target to improve educational opportunities for 8,000 students by 2028.
- Building essential skills and promoting self-sufficiency through leadership and vocational training, aiming to empower at least 5,000 young leaders and women by 2028.
- Tackling critical global challenges such as youth empowerment, gender equity, and climate action, through partnerships, initiatives, and advocacy.

Our vision is a world where every person, regardless of location, has the resources and opportunities to thrive in a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable environment. We are committed to achieving these goals by 2030, in alignment with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

IBT FOUNDATION VALUES



Empowerment

We believe in the power of people. By providing access to education, skills, and resources, we empower individuals and communities to take control of their futures, fostering self-sufficiency and lasting change.

Inclusivity

We are dedicated to creating opportunities for everyone. We embrace diversity, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of gender, background, or circumstance—have the chance to thrive. Inclusivity is at the core of our mission.

Sustainability

We are committed to environmental stewardship and tackling climate change. Our initiatives are designed to create sustainable solutions that benefit both current and future generations, with a focus on protecting our planet for all.

Collaboration

We recognize that real change happens when people come together. We actively seek partnerships with communities, organizations, and governments, leveraging collective strengths to amplify impact and drive progress.

Integrity

We uphold the highest standards of ethics, transparency, and accountability. Integrity guides our actions and decisions, ensuring that we build trust and deliver on our promises in every aspect of our work.

Innovation

We believe in forward-thinking and creative approaches to solving today's challenges. Innovation fuels our programs, enabling us to continuously adapt and find new ways to empower youth, advance gender equality, and address climate action.

Service

Inspired by the life and legacy of H.E. Ishmael Byne Taylor-Kamara, we are driven by a deep commitment to service. We strive to make meaningful contributions to the communities we serve, improving lives and building a more just and resilient world.



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SPONSORED & CO-SPONSORED EVENTS



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**2024 UNITED NATIONS
CIVIL SOCIETY
CONFERENCE**

MAY 9 - 10 | NAIROBI, KENYA

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The I.B. Taylor-Kamara Foundation (IBTK) played a pivotal role in supporting global youth leadership at the United Nations Civil Society Conference by fully sponsoring 37 individuals, including youth and emerging leaders from diverse regions worldwide. From May 5th to May 20th, IBTK's comprehensive sponsorship covered all travel and accommodation expenses, ensuring these young changemakers could actively engage in this significant global event.

In addition to participating in the main conference, IBTK co-hosted a series of impactful side events, including those held after the main event on May 11th. During these events, IBTK members took center stage, moderating panel discussions and delivering speeches that further amplified the voices of youth on critical global issues. These side events created additional platforms for young leaders to engage in deeper dialogues and offer innovative solutions.

As the premier event in the UN's civil society calendar, the UN Civil Society Conference brings together senior UN officials, prominent civil society organizations, youth activists, academics, public opinion leaders, and international media to address critical global challenges. This year's conference, with over 2,000 participants, provided a vital space for preliminary discussions and insights leading up to the Summit of the Future, scheduled for September 2024 at UN Headquarters in New York. Through its active sponsorship and leadership in these side events, IBTK reaffirmed its commitment to empowering young leaders and fostering meaningful dialogue toward a sustainable and inclusive future.



AUGUST 18-19, 2024

AUGUST 16-18, 2024 AT THE CONVENE CENTER IN NEW YORK CITY

At AFS-29, the I.B. Taylor-Kamara Foundation (IBTK) played a pivotal role with the Executive Director and Chief Strategist actively participating, while Co-Founder Ms. Hawa Taylor-Kamara Diallo served as a key speaker. Even after retiring from the United Nations in May 2024, Ms. Diallo remains a strong advocate for AFS and a vital partner of the program. Each year, IBTK sponsors young people to engage in these important discussions, advancing their involvement in global dialogues.

Hundreds of dynamic young global citizens from over 80 countries gathered in New York City over the course of three days, driven by the goal to "Forge Our Shared Future" and take meaningful actions towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We are confident that each of these delegates will return to their communities inspired and ready to make a lasting impact. An International Youth Day Celebration.

Many AFS Youth Assembly delegates were thrilled to participate in the International Youth Day celebration on August 16, hosted by AFS Intercultural Programs and the Permanent Mission of Malta to the UN. The event provided a platform for powerful youth voices to share their experiences, impacts, and aspirations, inspiring everyone to take action locally and globally. The event underscored the vital importance of youth participation in shaping the future, particularly in relation to the upcoming Summit of the Future and the Pact for the Future. It was organized in collaboration with the United Nations International Organization for Migration (UN IOM), UNESCO, and UN-Habitat, highlighting the critical role of young people in building a secure, inclusive, and sustainable world.



BLACK TECH IS AUGUST 18-24, 2024

IBTK at Black Is Tech 2024: A Full In-Person Experience

The 6th Annual Black Is Tech Conference took place from August 19 to 21, 2024, in Houston, Texas, offering an immersive, in-person experience for thousands of Black tech professionals. With over 150 speakers, five tracks, and an expo featuring more than 50 companies, the event provided opportunities to explore the latest in technology, innovation, and career development. The broader Houston Black Is Tech Week, running from August 19 to 24, included key activations across the city, further enriching the experience.

The I.B. Taylor-Kamara Foundation (IBTK) had a strong presence, with Abdoul Byukusenge, Chief Strategist, Chaste Inegbedion, Chief Period Officer of Sanicle, and the Co-Founder and Executive Director all fully sponsored by the foundation. Their attendance reflected IBTK's ongoing dedication to promoting education, technology, and empowerment, particularly for youth and women in Africa.

A major highlight was the Fireside Chat on August 21, where the Co-Founder joined other industry executives to discuss the future of AI and machine learning in education and healthcare. Drawing from her experience at the United Nations, she emphasized how these technologies can accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4: Quality Education.

The discussion also touched on how companies like IBM are helping expand access to technology in developing regions, where IBTK has been actively involved.

With 6,000 attendees in person and a total of 10,000 participants throughout the week, IBTK's involvement in Black Is Tech 2024 highlighted its commitment to empowering underserved communities through technology and innovation, aligning with its mission to drive sustainable global change.



YOUTH SUMMIT ON PEACE AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE JULY 22-26, 2024

Youth Summit on Peace and Sustainable Future, Montpellier, France IBTK's Strong Presence and Sponsorship Shines in Montpellier.

August 21, 2024, Montpellier – In the heart of the vibrant city of Montpellier, France, an extraordinary gathering unfolded from July 22 to July 26, 2024. The Youth Summit on Peace and a Sustainable Future was far more than just another conference; it was a transformative, youth-driven event where passionate young leaders from around the globe came together to address some of the world's most pressing challenges, from climate change to conflict resolution.

The Co-Founder and Executive Director of the I.B. Taylor-Kamara Foundation (IBTK) delivered a powerful keynote speech, urging action and investment in youth:

"Open not just your doors, but your minds to the power of youth. Create spaces for genuine participation. Invest in education, in skills development, in creating opportunities. This is not an expenditure – it's an investment in our collective future. And to the youth: Embrace your power. Challenge us. Push boundaries. Dream big. But also, listen and learn. The path to peace is not a straight line, but a tapestry woven from many threads. Your thread is vital."

Proudly representing IBTK, the Co-Founder and Executive Director led a group of young changemakers, fully sponsored by the foundation. IBTK's sponsorship covered all travel and accommodation costs, ensuring these dynamic young leaders had the opportunity to make their voices heard and actively contribute to the global dialogue. As a key partner and sponsor of the Institute of Public Policy and Diplomacy Research (IPPDR), IBTK reaffirmed its deep commitment to youth empowerment and sustainable peace.

The summit, supported by Mayor Michaël Delafosse and the IPPDR, was a vibrant hub of collaboration, ideas, and action. It wasn't simply about dialogue; it was about creating actionable solutions and tangible commitments. The event culminated in the drafting of the Montpellier Declaration, a bold and visionary statement from the youth, symbolizing their commitment to leading the way toward a peaceful, just, and sustainable future.

IBTK's prominent involvement not only highlighted its dedication to youth empowerment but also solidified its standing as a driving force for meaningful global change. Young leaders sponsored by the foundation actively participated in key panel discussions, bringing fresh perspectives and innovative ideas to the forefront of the conversation. Through initiatives like these, IBTK continues to inspire and equip the next generation of changemakers to lead, act, and create lasting positive impact on the global stage.



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The Global Youth Summit on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Action for the Summit of the Future took place on September 17, 2024, at 866 United Nations Plaza, New York City. The event, now concluded, brought together youth leaders, diplomats, and civil society representatives to engage in critical discussions about advancing the SDGs and addressing global challenges. Co-hosted by Youth Association in Sierra Leone (YASIL), West African Women and Girls Empowerment-Sierra Leone (WAWGE-SL), and the I.B. Taylor-Kamara Foundation (IBTK), the summit was a pivotal moment for young voices to shape actionable outcomes in the lead-up to the Summit of the Future.





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MIPAD 2024 (MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT)

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At MIPAD 2024, a prestigious event recognizing the achievements of individuals of African descent, the I.B. Taylor-Kamara Foundation (IBTK) was represented with a strong presence, underscoring the foundation's commitment to promoting leadership, education, and sustainable development across Africa.

The foundation's participation at MIPAD 2024 highlighted its work in empowering young African leaders, particularly women, through educational and entrepreneurship initiatives. These efforts align with the event's mission of celebrating influential African voices, while also providing young Africans with the tools and opportunities to lead and drive global progress.

IBTK's initiatives in promoting digital education and leadership development were recognized as a model for sustainable growth, and the event served as a valuable platform for expanding the foundation's network of collaborators. Looking ahead, IBTK is excited about the potential for partnerships with MIPAD 2025, as both parties continue to advance African talent and leadership on a global scale.

