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A Principal at Imaginable Futures, Teresa Mbagaya is responsible for the strategic management and execution of IF's investment strategy in education in Africa. Previously as the Education Lead for Microsoft in East and Southern Africa, she led regional teams in the deployment and implementation of learning solutions and innovations across 10 countries. As the Head of Econet Education, Teresa drove the development of Zimbabwe's first digital education platform.

Her background builds upon a proven career in private and public sector impacting millions through nation-wide initiatives centered on digital education transformation and youth skills development. A 2020 Archbishop Tutu Fellow, she has been listed as "30 Most Promising Young Entrepreneurs in Africa" by Forbes, a 2019 Obama Foundation Leader, a nominee for the Future Awards Africa "Young Person of the Year", Kenya's Top 40 Under 40 Women, and 2020's Choiseul 200 as among Africa's economic leaders of tomorrow.

Teresa serves on the board of Generation Kenya and has served on the advisory board of Village Capital Communities Africa, as an advisory member on the Global Education Platform, under the UN Special Envoy for Global Education, and a member of Technical Reference Group of the 2017 High Level Dialogue on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance in Africa. Teresa graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Yale University.



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