

Ms. Irene Kagoya, Communications & Advocacy Officer Akina Mama wa Afrika

She holds Bachelor's Degree in Law from Makerere University Uganda and a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre (Uganda) in addition to other certificate trainings in leadership, human rights and social media. Irene is currently the Communications & Advocacy Officer at [Akina Mama wa Afrika](#), a Pan African feminist organisation based in Kampala Uganda; where she manages the organization's communications & advocacy initiatives coupled with support in programming and project implementation.

Over the past 12 years, Irene has accumulated vast experience in gender equality and human rights advocacy having served as the African Representative in Residence Manhattanville College New York USA (2005-2007). Where she coordinated the Global Student Leadership Program focused on empowering young women through leadership. She later relocated to University of Dar es salaam (UDSM) in 2007 where she supported the establishment of GSL African Program at the UDSM Gender Centre. From 2010-2012, Irene worked as the Leadership Program Coordinator at the [Akilah Institute for Women](#) in Kigali Rwanda where she managed the Institute leadership programs, ensuring that the young women were well trained, confident and equipped with the necessary leadership skills and knowledge to lead and succeed in the Hospitality Industry.

She is a passionate, hardworking woman and true African feminist who strongly believes that change starts with the self.