



# For the fifth year running, Okan Partners commits to supporting African students.

South Africa, September 19, 2023- As part of its philanthropic policy, Okan Partners renews its commitment and financial support for the Enko Education school group. The two groups have set up a scholarship program to provide financial support for students across the African continent.

This year, Okan Partners is delighted to support sixteen students in schools belonging to the Enko Education network: Enko Ouaga in Burkina Faso, Enko Bonanjo and Enko La Gaieté in Cameroon, Enko Riviera in Côte d'Ivoire and Enko Dakar in Senegal.

"For this fifth year, we are delighted to have some brilliant new profiles joining this scholarship program. We have future engineers, architects, doctors, but above all students with lots of ambition and big dreams." Léa Tyburn, Social Impact Associate, Enko Education



Created in 2019, the "Okan Excellence" scholarships emphasize Okan Partners' interest in quality education, the driving force behind development on the African continent. Okan Partners and Enko Education have forged a solid partnership for over five years to give high-potential young people from disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity to access international education through Enko Education schools. Enko Education schools are African international schools whose mission is to increase access for sub-Saharan students to major universities through quality secondary education.

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"We continue to support Enko Education because we are convinced of the quality of the education provided and the opportunities created for students. We know that scholarship students will benefit from personalized academic follow-up and will be individually accompanied in their university orientation. With the "Okan Excellence" scholarships, we hope to offer high-potential African students the opportunity to pursue their studies and realize their dreams," explained Benjamin Romain, Partner at Okan Partners.

### An increasingly rigorous selection process and opportunities for a wide range of profiles.

The selection of students for the "Okan Excellence" scholarship program is becoming increasingly rigorous. Among the profiles that Okan Partners supports, there are students with different profiles, but all are motivated by their academic success. For example, a young mathematics champion in Côte d'Ivoire, socially committed students in Burkina Faso, or brilliant students affected by the Anglophone crisis in Cameroon. The aim of the scholarships is to cover part of the tuition fees and other costs associated with these students' studies, such as International Baccalaureate examination fees and university application costs.

## The students are grateful for the support of Okan Partners and proud of this opportunity.

"Thank you for this incredible opportunity, this scholarship means a lot to my family and to me. It allows me to follow my dreams and discover an international environment. I'm going to do everything I can to be the best and go to the best university I can. Thank you!" said Kimberly, a first-grade student at Enko La Gaieté in Cameroon and Okan Partners scholarship recipient.

"I sincerely thank Okan Partners and Enko Bonanjo for the greatest opportunity of my life. Thanks to this scholarship I was able to develop my potential and go to the university of my dreams. Today, I'm at the University of Toronto in Canada, where I'm learning to become an expert in human resources" Wendy, alumni of Enko Bonanjo, Cameroon, and former Okan scholarship holder.

### About Okan Partners

Okan Partners is a finance and strategy consulting firm dedicated to Africa. The Okan Partners team aims to contribute to the sustainable development of the continent through its professional and philanthropic actions.

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### About Enko Education

With 14 international schools in 9 African countries, Enko Education is a network of African international schools offering primary and secondary education programs to enable talented young Africans to gain admission to the world's top universities. In order to increase its social impact and impact on local communities, Enko Education is committed to having a minimum of 10% scholarship students in its network.

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