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## **Mastercard Foundation Selects M&C Team Member For Prestigious African Scholars Program**

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Kigali, Rwanda September 14, 2022 – M&C Consulting is proud to congratulate our colleague, Monica Ilonga, as she embarks on an enriching experience with other top scholars driven to create social change at the Mastercard Foundation’s annual Baobab Summit taking place in Kigali, Rwanda from September 15 to 17.

Ms. Ilonga was nominated by the Mastercard Foundation to represent the University of Cape Town at the Summit – an event that will celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the foundation’s Scholars Program which enables young people in Africa to succeed and lead transformative lives.

“I am honoured to have been selected among a group of scholars to represent my school, and connect with the greatest minds across Africa who are making valuable changes in their communities,” says Ms. Ilonga.

The theme of this year’s Summit, *Scholars@10: a decade of transformative impact and learning*, will celebrate the nearly 40,000 young people the program has reached over the past decade and reflect on alumni’s impacts across the continent and around the world – many of whom have started businesses, created jobs, and used technology to tackle climate change and health care.

Ms. Ilonga’s own work focuses on improving access to education across African nations through education technology, innovation, inclusivity, and creativity.

As a valuable member of the M&C Consulting team, Ms. Ilonga will also connect with young future leaders whose values align with the Canadian-based communications and crowdsourcing company.

“M&C Consulting is committed to kindness, dignity and fuelling social impacts through innovative technologies. With offices in Canada, the United States, the Middle East and Africa, we are committed to forming partnerships with like-minded business leaders who are dedicated to making global impacts,” Ms. Ilonga says.

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program is the largest scholarship and leadership initiative of its kind in Africa, and offers mentoring, leadership skills development, tutoring, internship opportunities, and career services in addition to covering tuition and basic living expenses.

To learn more about the Mastercard Foundation, visit: <https://mastercardfdn.org/>.



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