

The Channels Media Group and the Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa at the London School of Economics and Political Science have launched the second season of their groundbreaking youth-centred podcast tagged ‘The Climb Podcast’, and for this new season, UNICEF Nigeria has joined the podcast production team as a collaborating partner.

The Climb Podcast made its debut in January 2022 with a focus on telling extraordinary stories of young Africans. For the first season, the podcast featured the stories of 24 young Africans drawn from different parts of the African continent. Stories told on the podcast touched on different aspects of youth life in Africa – from young entrepreneurs to fearless changemakers, disruptive innovators to brilliant activists, emerging thought leaders to young diplomats in the African Union, and beyond. The podcast reached thousands of listeners, and recorded notable impact stories from guests and listeners alike.

Building on the success of the first season, the production team is set to widen the scope of the podcast and heighten its impact by not just telling stories, but empower young Africans to tell their own stories and foreground to the world those things that are important to them. For the new season, young people from across the continent are invited to send in their story entries, and for every month in the next one year, the podcast production team will select and work with one young storyteller from an African country to produce and publish a podcast episode. There will be no limits to the breadth of ideas and stories that will be accepted – stories of life as a young person in your country, stories of innovation, stories of community impact, and general stories that you just think the world needs to know.

The second season of the climb podcast promises to be a consolidation of the giant strides made in the first season, and For the Channels media Group, The Firoz Lalji Institute of Africa, and UNICEF Nigeria, it is yet another opportunity to raise the voices of Africa’s youths and place at the heart of the global development discourse.