

Collaboration between New African Voices and Colorful Voices - Call for speakers 2023!

Hello Community

We are a diverse group of Agilists passionate about equity and empowerment for ethnically and culturally diverse people in the African Agile community.

In 2020, we formed the New African Voices initiative to tackle the lack of African speakers of colour at Agile conferences and Meetups. In 2021 we expanded our reach from the South African Agile community into the rest of Africa. Finally, after lots of hard work, your participation and the support and guidance of our mentors, we saw our new speakers present at Global Agile conferences!

After taking a break to retrospect and recharge, we are back and more passionate than ever about this topic! This time, we are aiming for an even broader global reach. With that goal in mind, we partnered with the Agile Alliance's Agile in Color - Colorful Voices initiative (<https://www.meetup.com/agile-in-color/>).

This partnership led us to change our approach slightly. Instead of pairing new speakers with seasoned mentors, we will give you a guide (courtesy of Agile in Color) that provides detailed guidelines on preparing to submit a talk to a conference. Of course, you can still work with a mentor - but we will no longer facilitate that engagement.

We will still provide the following:

- A safe environment to practise your talk.
- An opportunity for you to receive actionable and constructive feedback from other attendees.

Here is where we need your help. We are looking for new speakers for 2023! We aim to have our first Meetup in February 2023.

To be included as a speaker, please send us the following information by 31 January 2023:

- Speaker bio and headshot
- Talk title and abstract
- Learning outcomes
- Approximate time required

Our email address is agileequitysa@gmail.com

Warm Regards

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