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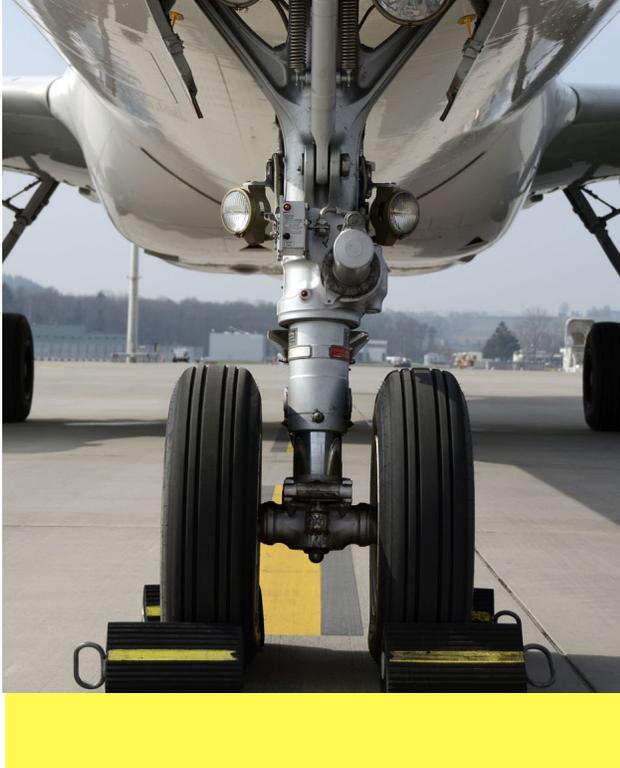
## LIVING & LEARNING!

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## THE FUTURE

Biotechnologist & Entrepreneur, Talesindano, talks about her work, and how she is helping the new generation to develop better human capital.

# NANGOLO TALESINDANO



# WELCOME

Please read this before take-off!!

The 2021 Cohort of the Mandela Washington Fellowship is virtual due to covid-19. This means that networking this year has to be unconventional. **The Leader** digital magazine is a tool that has been created to aid this unconventional networking process. Each issue will profile one of the **2021 MW Fellows** by highlighting their work & interests. This creates new avenues to network & collaborate between fellows. It is also an exciting way to keep in tune with each other. This magazine is **not** an official product of The Mandela Washington Fellowship nor its partners. The views & ideas expressed herein belong to the respective individuals. As such they cannot be attributed to the fellowship. We encourage you to contact the profiled fellow to learn more about his/her work. For more information on the Mandela Washington Fellowship, please contact the fellowship directly on: [www.mandelawashingtonfellowship.org](http://www.mandelawashingtonfellowship.org)

We hope you enjoy this one. Tatenda,  
Siyabonga!

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## 1. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF.

Well, I am a Biotechnologist who has over 5 years of experience in leadership roles and volunteering work focused on ploughing into local communities, mostly through charity structures such as Interact and Rotary in both South Africa and Namibia. My recent pivot into business has been fuelled by my passion for education and early childhood development (ECD) which was sparked by working on ECD projects with my local Rotary club. My goal and vision is to contribute towards enabling and empowering the young people, through education; to become forward, creative and critical thinkers. This will help change their communities by starting and emphasising on ECD.

### 2. Interesting! So when you are not developing young people, how do you develop yourself?

I've made peace with my commitment to being a life-long learner. I bookmark useful courses, buy books (mostly languages learning, self help, and classical books- I do love English literature) every chance I get. I still have an entire guitar that I will hopefully get back to learning soon.

### 3. Who is your role model, & what drives you?

My father is my greatest leadership example. He's the perfect situational leader with a unique way of understanding his followers. His ability to adapt and relate is commendable. As for my drive, I would say the recent birth of my nephew continues to fuel my drive and passion to realise my goal for improved human capital starting with this new generation. He's an addition to my "why".

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**Photo:**  
Talesindano  
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### 4. Amazing! Now, on a lighter note, what are you currently watching? Any recommendations?

More often than not, if I'm watching something, I would be binge-watching medical series. I've had the desire to become a doctor but found all reasons not to, so the medical dramas are a "healthy" compromise! *(both laugh)*. I also enjoy scientific research documentaries, and National Geographic with films with my father. You would think I have seen enough wildlife films, but no!

### 5. How do you unwind when you are not working?

So, my hobbies include photography, adult colouring, and drawing. I also enjoy a bit of travelling. Actually, I had a short lived YouTube channel that was based on travelling through Africa as an African "tourist". This was meant to bring awareness to the beauty and ignite the passion to travel and explore our continent, to discover the wealth of culture, cuisines and natural landscapes.

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