Akinyi Odongo, OGW

PRESIDENT & FOUNDER — AKINYI ODONGO ART CENTRE

Award-Winning African Fashion Designer and Cotton Grower

“Lighting Another’s Candle”



PROFILE

Akinyi Odongo is a fashion household name and brand in the global fashion industry. A leader and talent nurturer, she has over 20 years’ successful experience leading and managing within the fashion industry — spanning fashion creation, entrepreneurial coaching, academic mentoring, business strategy and re-engineering, and board and institutional formation.

She serves as the first and current Chairperson of the Kenya Fashion Council, credited with pioneering the Council’s agenda, advocating its vision, forging partnerships and creating awareness of its goals. Her commitment to sustainability extends to cotton growing, ensuring her fashion line uses ethically sourced materials — the seed of AOAC’s Farm-to-Fashion model.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Award-winning African fashion designer and cotton grower
- 20+ years leading and managing fashion enterprises
- Mentor to fashion leaders and entrepreneurs across Africa
- Champion of the Orange Economy and sustainable fashion
- Order of the Grand Warrior of Kenya (OGW)

LEADERSHIP & VENTURES

Akinyi Odongo Art Centre	Founder & President
Kenya Fashion Council	First & Current Chairperson
Fashion Agenda Africa	Founder — now AOAC
Akinyi Odongo KENYA™	Founder — fashion label
MEFA Institute of Designs	Founder
Wana Watindo	Founder

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