

MEET GIBSON KAWAGO



Age: 27 Country: Tanzania

What would the title of your biography be?

The title of Gibson's biography would be something along the lines of 'Change Maker' or 'Climate Entrepreneur.'

How would you use a time machine?

Gibson would go back to the time where he was in primary school and everything was pure and there was no social media. For Gibson, his childhood was also the most impactful age of his life as it played such a meaningful influence on his work.



The Wanted Garage (a space where Gibson does his work).



Gibson working on making lithium ion batteries.



How has your experience visiting other places influenced your work?

Gibson recalls that his experiences visiting other places has allowed him to see how others live. This has helped him to work outside the box and inspire him to think of solutions to solve problem that others face. Gibson believes that there are many things that can be learned from other places educationally, culturally, and systematically.



Gibson with Engineer Walter Minja from TESLA at WAGA having a discussion on batteries.

What do you hope to accomplish by 2030?

Gibson hopes that by 2030 his company will be large enough to have its own production factory supplying all of Africa with clean energy. He visualizes this place as being filled with thousands of employees working to recycle laptop batteries and use them for other energy solutions such as electric cars or bikes in addition to solar lamps.



Gibson Kawago as a keynote speaker at the Tanzania Youth Digital Summit in Dar EsSalaam organized by Digital Opportunity Trust (DOT Tanzania).

Which Sustainable Development Goal is most relevant for your work?

Gibson attests that almost all of the SDGs have some relevance or influence to his work, but SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) is the most closely aligned to his work on environmental protection.



Gibson with Engineer Walter Minja from TESLA at the Garage working with Lithium Ion batteries.



What would you tell other young people who want to make an impact in their communities of origin and residence?

Gibson explained how he believes that no one is too small to make a change. To change the world it starts off with influencing a single individual. "It is also important to note that nothing is easy and one should never get up. It takes hard work and sacrifice to accomplish one's goal."



Gibson and Engineer Walter looking at the drill machine whose battery pack is to be made.