



THE EXECUTIVE PATHWAYS

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Ms. Muyombo Mariam

“Effective leadership begins with self awareness. When you know yourself, you can lead yourself with discipline and clarity. From there, you earn the trust to lead people, and the maturity to support peers—because true leadership is not just upward, it’s outward and alongside.”

Dear Reader,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to this edition of the Journey to the C-Suite Newsletter. This platform is designed to share insights, lessons, and reflections from leaders who have walked and continue to walk—the path of executive leadership.

In this space, we will explore the realities of leadership, the challenges faced on the climb to the top, and the strategies that inspire growth, resilience, and impact. My hope is that every story shared here serves as both a guide and a source of encouragement as you shape your own leadership journey.

Thank you for being part of this community. Together, let us learn, unlearn, and lead with purpose.

Warm regards,
Pius Ceasor Kasule

MS. BRIGITTE KUSIMA

“Your brand as a leader is not your logo or title, it is the consistent story people tell about you when you’re not in the room. The power of branding in leadership lies in shaping that story with authenticity, credibility, and impact.”



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By: Pius C. Kasule

Executive Pathways: The Many Roads to the C-Suite

The journey to executive leadership is rarely a straight line. For some, it begins in technical roles where expertise and problem-solving earn recognition. For others, it starts in people-centered positions that build influence and leadership presence over time. What makes an executive pathway unique is that it reflects both professional milestones and personal growth. Every pathway requires adaptability. Executives are expected not only to master strategy but also to inspire teams, make tough decisions, and stay ahead of industry shifts. This means that one's career journey is as much about learning to lead oneself as it is about leading others. For emerging leaders, the lesson is clear: do not compare your path to someone else's.

What matters is clarity of vision, consistency in values, and the willingness to stretch beyond comfort zones.

Executive pathways are not about shortcuts—they are about preparation, resilience, and the courage to step into bigger responsibilities when the opportunity arises.

The Power of Teamwork: Lessons from the Nguvu Team



Team Nguvu and Kin Kariisa

One of the most enriching experiences of the Journey to the C-Suite program has been working within the Nguvu Team. True to its name, Nguvu-meaning strength —our team became a living example of how collaboration fuels leadership growth. In every session, we learned that leadership is not a solo climb but a collective journey. Each member brought a unique perspective, background, and strength to the table. Some of us excelled in strategic thinking, others in execution, and others in bringing out the best in people. By pooling these strengths together, we discovered that we could go further than any of us could alone. Working as the Nguvu Team taught us three critical lessons:

- **Diversity is Power:** Different perspectives spark innovation and challenge assumptions.
- **Collaboration Builds Resilience:** Supporting one another kept us moving, especially when tasks felt heavy.
- **Shared Success Inspires Growth:** Our wins felt bigger because they belonged to all of us.

The Journey to the C-Suite reminded us that the boardroom is not for lone stars—it is for leaders who can build, empower, and thrive with others. The Nguvu Team embodied this spirit, proving that leadership strength is

key learning points?

Janet Navvuga B



Lighting the Leadership Path

I am inspired by the vision and dedication of Janet Navvuga, the founder of the Journey to the C-Suite program.

Through her commitment to empowering leaders, she has created a platform that equips aspiring executives with the skills, confidence and networks needed to thrive at the highest levels of leadership. Her passion for fostering growth and transformation continues to shape the journeys of countless professionals striving for impact. Her impact is truly felt and I am proudly associated.

Jennifer Semakula Musisi

Leadership Rooted in Self-Governance



True leadership demands internal discipline. Deliver results with integrity, accountability, and autonomy. Hold the line on what's right, even when it's hard. The courage to say no is as vital as the ability to say yes. Lead yourself first, and the rest will follow.



One of the greatest gifts of the Journey to the C-Suite program has been the incredible connections I've made along the way. This journey isn't just about leadership, strategy, and growth it's also about the people who walk it with you. Women who inspire, challenge, and cheer each other on. Leaders who remind you that the climb to the C-Suite is not meant to be lonely, but collaborative.

I am truly grateful for these amazing and meaningful connections that continue to shape my leadership path and excited for the impact we'll create together.



3. Sylvia Mulomi – CEO, MTN Uganda

Her session was practical yet deeply inspiring.

She exemplified future-readiness by showing how innovation and people-centered leadership must work hand in hand. She proved that women can lead with both empathy and excellence in male-dominated industries.