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Samuel Katana is a Kenyan youth leader from Kilifi County whose work connects education access, technology and integrity. He founded Mellen, an initiative providing rural students with scholarship guidance and mentorship. Originally established as the Bahero Tutoring Programme in 2022, it transitioned to digital support after he moved to South Africa. Samuel studies Computer Science at the University of Pretoria and previously pursued a Bachelor of Laws at Egerton University. He is a Mastercard Foundation Scholar, Resolution Fellow, Global Changemaker and member of the For Youth, By Youth Movement. He also co-founded Sayuni Sports Club to expand girls' and women's participation in football. Through UNODC's YouthLED Integrity Advisory Board, he seeks to bring rural youth perspectives into integrity discussions and promote transparency, fair access to opportunities and meaningful youth participation.

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