

THE FUTURE IS HERS

Africa needs to tell its own stories, featuring Phoebe Boswell

Phoebe Boswell is a visual artist who, through her work, advocates for African citizens to use their power to change the narrative around Africa. She was a 2019-20 Africa No Filter fellow, funded by the Ford Foundation and other donors. This video transcript is part of the *Future Is Hers* multimedia series, celebrating innovators, risk-takers, and change makers who have impacted the lives of women and girls around the globe.

Transcript begins.

[on-screen text: Phoebe Boswell, #AfricaNoFilter Fellow]

[A Black woman, wearing a black dress with bright-red stars, matching star jewelry, and bright-red lipstick, opens and closes a clapperboard and addresses the camera.]

PHOEBE BOSWELL: History has been something that has been written mostly by people who don't look or sound like us. In order to find some kind of sense of freedom, it's important to document and celebrate and center our stories in our voices, in the languages that we wish to speak in, so they're not co-opted by people who, for whatever reason, choose not to fully see us.

[on-screen graphic: Ford Foundation logo]

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