

MEET A CHANGEMAKER – Yemi Alade

Yemi Alade, is a Nigerian singer, songwriter, actress and activist. Her music is a mixture of Afropop, highlife, dancehall, pop and R&B, and has been of influence in several countries across Africa. She sings in English, Igbo, Pidgin, Yoruba, French, Swahili and Portuguese.

During the height of the **COVID-19 pandemic**, Yemi Alade focused on the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on people without any social protections such as unemployment benefits or healthcare.

On 8 November 2024, Alade was announced as a nominee of the **67th Annual Grammy Awards**. She earned this nomination for her song **“Tomorrow”** on the category for **Best African Music Performance**. The Grammys, are awards presented by the Recording Academy of the United States to recognize outstanding achievements in the music industry. The awards will be announced on February 2, 2025.

CLICK to view an interview with her, December 2024, on CNN’s African Voices: **“Changemaker”** series as she reflects on her career and recent Grammy nomination.

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/11/29/world/video/yemi-alade-grammy-tomorrow-african-voices-spc>



On 23 September 2020 she was appointed a **Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**. She is using that platform to gain support for the UN’s **Sustainable Development Goals**, focusing on fighting inequality, promoting gender equality, and raising awareness of the disproportionate impact of climate change on women and girls.

Of climate change, she says,

“Women in developing countries, such as my homeland Nigeria, are particularly vulnerable to climate change because they are highly dependent on local natural resources for their livelihood.”



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life below water ... life on land ...
peace, justice & strong institutions ...
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