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## **Tina L. Taylor**

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Tina L. Taylor is Founder and Chairman of Heritage Leadership Academy, Inc. (HLA) and CEO of Heritage STEM Camps, Inc (HSC). These organizations are dedicated to developing the next generation of women leaders to greater economic success and parity in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) in Africa. Passionate about the empowerment of women, Taylor is expanding freedoms, education and opportunities of adolescent girls ages 15 - 18, by increasing their engagement with STEM subjects in academically intensive yet supportive formal and informal environments. Taylor believes this type of access and exposure will prepare young women to challenge the status quo and equip them with the capability and confidence to compete on a global scale. Recently, she launched HSC that is aimed to demystify and open up the world of STEM and leadership to boys and girls through the global residential camps and her latest one-day camp series called STEMulators at the IBM SA Innovation Center & Research Lab October 2017.

Prior to starting the businesses, Taylor worked at General Electric (GE) for almost 20 years. She was Chief Information and Quality Officer at GE Lighting; Vice President of Commercial Operations at GE Intelligent Platforms and was one of the original executives that created and launched a business within GE named Asset Intelligence. She has held several other global leadership roles and was in the top "less than one percent" leaders in the company. In addition to leading the African American Forum (AAF) with two other executives, she served as the Executive Sponsor of Education of the first 10<sup>th</sup> grade STEM school located at a business headquarters. Taylor sits on several boards in Africa and the US. She also speaks at numerous events, schools and roundtables both nationally and internationally, discussing women in business and equity in education.

Taylor holds a Global Executive MBA from HEC Paris Business School of Management, NYU Stern Business School, and London School of Economics; a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University and a Certificate of Engineering from Oxford University.