

Pelonomi Moiloa

Pelonomi Moiloa is a South African CEO and the founder of Lelapa AI, a company building resource-efficient language technology for underrepresented languages. Trained in electrical and biomedical engineering, she leads Lelapa's mission to expand the African digital economy through scalable AI optimized for locally constrained environments. She has been recognized as one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People in AI, a Bloomberg Catalyst, and a Mozilla Rise 25 Award recipient. She is also a TED speaker, known for her insights on human-centric AI and the strategic role of language technology in global digital equity. Before founding Lelapa AI, Pelonomi worked at the intersection of finance, data science, and machine learning, focusing on the application of technology to large-scale systems challenges. She currently serves as a trustee of a girls' scholarship fund and as a director of a community-based nonprofit.