Sherif Ghali

Entrepreneur, Policy Practitioner & Institution Builder

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Sherif Ghali is a Ghanaian entrepreneur, policy practitioner and institution builder working across public policy, enterprise development and technology. He is President of the Ghana Youth Federation, Chairman of the Governing Council of the Ghana Chamber of Young Entrepreneurs, which he founded in 2015 and led as CEO until September 2026, and Chairperson of the Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs – Africa. He is a member of the Governing Board of the National Youth Authority and of the Advisory Board of the Ministry of Youth Development and Empowerment, and co-chairs the technical committee on Ghana's Innovation and Startup Bill. He received the Head of State Young Achiever of the Year award in 2024.

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

For more than a decade, Sherif's work has sat where business, public policy, entrepreneurship, technology and development meet, with a focus on turning policy ideas into practical programmes, institutions and opportunities. He founded the Ghana Chamber of Young Entrepreneurs in 2015 with 15 entrepreneurs; it now has more than 19,000 members. He has coordinated, and now co-chairs, the technical committee drafting Ghana's Innovation and Startup Bill, and he helped establish the Ghana Youth Federation, Ghana's national youth umbrella body, which he now leads.

His professional focus is increasingly on evidence-based policymaking, citizen participation and the use of technology and data to make public policy and national development more measurable, transparent and responsive to citizens.

CURRENT POSITIONS

- President, Ghana Youth Federation
- Chairman, Governing Council, Ghana Chamber of Young Entrepreneurs
- Chairperson, Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs – Africa
- Member, Governing Board, National Youth Authority
- Member, Advisory Board, Ministry of Youth Development and Empowerment
- Co-Chair, Ghana Innovation and Startup Bill Technical Working Committee

PREVIOUS ROLE

- Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Ghana Chamber of Young Entrepreneurs, 2015 – 1 September 2026

SELECTED RECOGNITION

- Young Achiever of the Year, Head of State Award (2024)
- Royal African Young Leaders Award (2024)
- Unique Star Achiever Award, Y-PES Awards (2024)
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year, National Youth Authority's Youth and Mentors Achievers Awards (2024)

SPEAKING TOPICS

- Entrepreneurship and startup development
- Youth development and economic opportunity
- Public policy and governance
- Building effective institutions
- Technology and innovation
- Leadership and national development

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