



Meredith Beal

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Digital Disruption Specialist • Award-winning Peace Builder • Record Company Executive • Music Producer*

Internet Pioneer



In 1998, Meredith Beal became Dell Computer's first Global Webmaster, responsible for managing a global architecture and webmasters in more than 20 countries. Dell pioneered Internet commerce and the direct marketing model. Meredith received the Intranet Award of Excellence in 1999 and developed software innovations in personalization and knowledge management.

Media Master Mentor



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The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation did a global search to find the best person to help media in Africa. They chose Meredith Beal to manage a continent-wide program to improve management skills of media owners to create more capable and more sustainable media organizations. They embedded him with the African Media Initiative – the continent’s largest umbrella organization of media owners – to mentor CEOs of TV and radio stations, newspapers and digital news outlets. He promoted technological adaptation and developed management structures that leveraged new media convergence.

<https://www.icfj.org/about/profiles/meredith-beal>

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Alliance Builder



Meredith is the first person to take experts from the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) outside of the United States as trainers to share their expertise – first with Kenyan regulators and then other African countries. Now it's a regular part of FCC activities.

Learning Sustainer



The FCC experts pictured in the previous slide in Nairobi are on screen in this slide from Washington DC in one of the follow-up international videoconferences organized by Meredith linking engineers around Africa with the global experts they met locally.

Knowledge Sharer



Meredith wrote a pamphlet on digital TV technology – “Ten Tips for Managing the Migration to Digital Television,” published in English and French by the International Center for Journalism and the African Media Initiative, used by the African Telecommunications Union and regulators in all member countries.

Story <http://alturl.com/u72oy> **Free Digital Copy** <http://alturl.com/478mk>

Power Convener



Meredith was the first to organize multi-country, regional workshops on television digital migration in Africa, bringing experts from around the world to convene with government officials, television station owners and managers, engineers, advertisers, set-top-box manufacturers and other members of the value chain.

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Digital Evangelist



Jeanne Holm, NASA
Chief Knowledge Architect

Meredith brought NASA scientists to Uganda to share space data with farmers and agricultural researchers and taught journalists what open data is, trained them on how to use publicly-available information to create visualizations to enhance storytelling and work with application developers to create tools leveraging the data to improve living conditions for their communities.

Open Data Pioneer

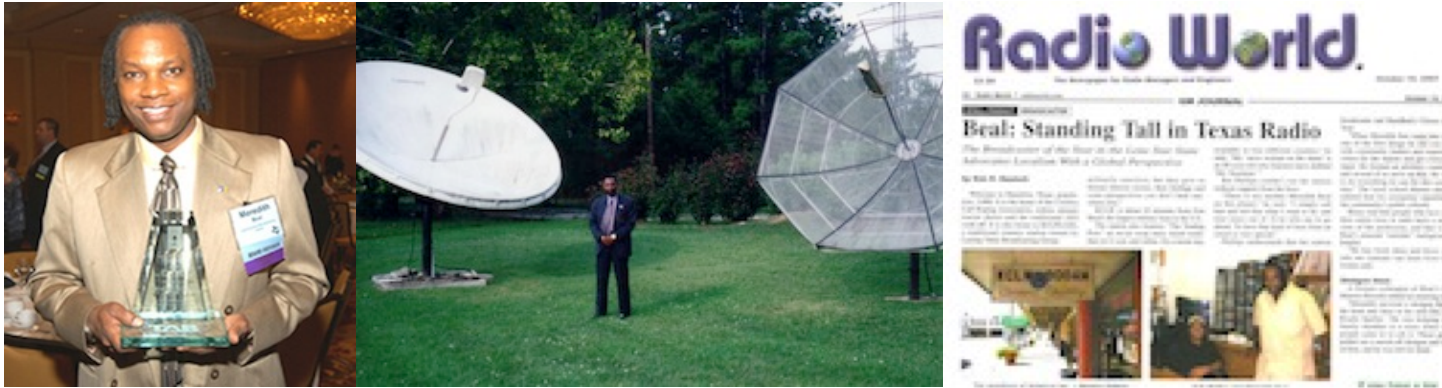


Kenya Deputy President William Ruto

Kenya held the world's first national open data forum in 2015, for which Meredith was one of the principal organizers for the Office of Deputy President Ruto. Three years before, in 2012, Meredith's open data team identified the cause of Kenya's low national education tests scores in certain regions of the country that had perplexed educators for years, showing the practical application of open data to solve community problems that actually led to policy change.

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Award-winning Broadcaster



Meredith was named Texas Broadcaster of the year in 2007. Starting in 2000, he built a network of terrestrial and OTT radio & TV stations and owned a number of broadcast properties including KCLW, America's oldest country/western radio station. He was a legislative leader on the Board of Directors of the Texas Assn of Broadcasters, was involved in drafting Texas' Freedom of Information Act, pioneered broadcasting high school sports online and developed a number of innovative programs, including "Shout Out From Iraq," a weekly program live from the front lines. <http://meredithbeal.com/broadcaster.html>

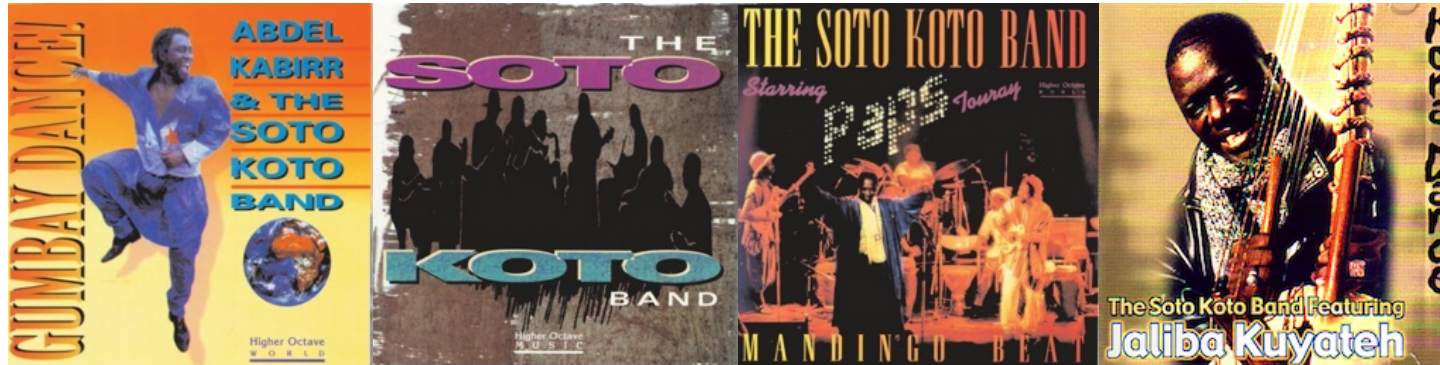
Record Company Executive



When Berry Gordy sold the legendary Motown Record Company in 1988, Meredith joined the company wearing two hats – Director of Marketing and MIS Director. The company had no computers and Meredith was tasked with purchasing computers for the entire company, creating a network linking the Los Angeles, New York and Chicago offices, training the employee base and creating integrated systems, templates and processes to manage the company.

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Music Producer



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Mother Africa's Influence Echoes Anew 'Gumbay Dance!' Carlos Santana Sets Resonant Rhythm

JUNE TUNES: As we celebrate Black Music Month and acknowledge the wide range of musical genres pioneered by African-American musicians and artists, we should not forget that at the root of all black music is the rich and varied African heritage, its rhythms, its tribal and multicultural values, which resonated in the various forms of musical expression by African descended peoples throughout North America, South America, and the Caribbean. In light of this ongoing connection, I've been listening to some of the new releases.

Higher Octave Music has released "Gumbay Dance!" by Abdel Kabir & the Soto Koto Band. Produced via a five-track all-instrumental sampler, the album celebrates African music, which, according to the label, is a mostly Gumbay dance. Uses Manding, Mandingo, Wolof, Fula, and Creole musical culture whose origin is attributed to producer Olu Demureh. Inspired by her efforts, powered by African drum rhythms, and infused by delicate guitar and keyboard work, this is a fusion of world music. Higher Octave Music, a Los Angeles based independent, focuses on world music. It is, in fact, a fusion of African music with this culture.



by Janine McAdams

CMJ NEW MUSIC REPORT July 17, 1992

NEW WORLD MUSIC

Chart compiled by Janine McAdams for CMJ

TW	LW	ARTIST	TITLE	LABEL
1	1	YVES ROSE	Yves Rose	World Circuit
2	2	WILSON PILLAY	Wilson Pillay	World Circuit
3	3	WILSON PILLAY & DAVID LLOYD	A World Out Of Time	World Circuit
4	4	WILSON PILLAY	Wilson Pillay	World Circuit
5	5	WILSON PILLAY	Wilson Pillay	World Circuit
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ON THE CHART
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JAZZ/ADULT ALTERNATIVE

SUBCHARTS

COMMERCIAL ADULT ALTERNATIVE

LW	TW	ARTIST	TITLE	LABEL
1	1	STEVE LAURY	Keepin' The Faith (Denon)	Denon
2	2	TOM GRANT	The View From Here (Verve Forecast/PolyGram)	Verve Forecast/PolyGram
3	3	STING	Ten Summoner's Tales (A&M)	A&M
4	4	RICHARD ELLIOT	Soul Embrace (Manhattan)	Manhattan
5	5	SPECIAL EFX	Play (JVC)	JVC
6	6	ACUSTIC ALCHEMY	The New Edge (GRP)	GRP
7	7	LEE RITENOUR	Wes Bound (GRP)	GRP
8	8	KIRK WHALUM	Cache (Columbia)	Columbia
9	9	BRIAN BROMBERG	Brian Bromberg (Nova)	Nova
10	10	KILAUEA	Spring Break (Brainchild)	Brainchild
11	11	RAY OBIEDO	Sticks And Stones (Windham Hill Jazz)	Windham Hill Jazz
12	12	POCKET CHANGE/DAVID PATT	Mediterranean Affair (Brainchild)	Brainchild
13	13	KENNY G	Breathless (Arista)	Arista
14	14	MARS LASAR	The Eleventh Hour (Real Music)	Real Music
15	15	THE JAZZMASTERS	Paul Hardcastle - Jazzmasters (JVC)	JVC
16	16	LAUREN CHRISTY	Lauren Christy (Mercury)	Mercury
17	17	ERIC LEEDS	Things Left Unsaid (Paisley Park/Warner Bros.)	Paisley Park/Warner Bros.
18	18	INCOGNITO	Tribes, Vibes And Scribes (Verve Forecast/PolyGram)	Verve Forecast/PolyGram
19	19	BLUE KNIGHTS	Cool Groove Styles (IC/DA)	IC/DA
20	20	CHUCK LOEB	Mediterranean (DMP)	DMP
21	21	SADE	Love Deluxe (Epic)	Epic
22	22	GO WEST	King (EM/VERG)	EM/VERG
23	23	DYSTEIN SEVAG	Link (Windham Hill)	Windham Hill
24	24	THE SOTO KOTO BAND	The Soto Koto Band (Higher: Octave)	Higher: Octave
25	25	WILTON FELDER	Forever, Always (PAR)	PAR
26	26	NELSON RANGELL	Trust Heart (GRP)	GRP
27	27	JAN HAMMER	Beyond The Mind's Eye (Miramar)	Miramar
28	28	RALF ILLENBERGER	Soleil (Narada)	Narada
29	29	JOE SAMPLE	Invitation (Warner Bros.)	Warner Bros.
30	30	ANGELA BOFILL	I Wanna Love Somebody (Jive)	Jive

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ADULT ALTERNATIVE

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3	3	3	STEVE LAURY	Keepin' The Faith (Denon)	Denon
4	4	4	SPECIAL EFX	Play (JVC)	JVC
5	5	5	TOM GRANT	The View From Here (Verve Forecast/PolyGram)	Verve Forecast/PolyGram
6	6	6	RAY OBIEDO	Sticks And Stones (Windham Hill Jazz)	Windham Hill Jazz
7	7	7	STING	If I Ever, Seven Days, Love Is Stronger, She's Too (A&M)	A&M
8	8	8	KILAUEA	Spring Break (Brainchild)	Brainchild
9	9	9	BRIAN BROMBERG	Brian Bromberg (Nova)	Nova
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18	18	18	THE JAZZMASTERS	Paul Hardcastle - Jazzmasters (JVC)	JVC
19	19	19	PORCUPINE	Look, But Don't Touch (Kaz/Unity)	Kaz/Unity
20	20	20	RALF ILLENBERGER	Soleil (Narada)	Narada
21	21	21	HENRY JOHNSON	New Beginnings (Heads Up)	Heads Up
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26	26	26	ROBERTO PERERA	Dreams & Desires (Heads Up)	Heads Up
27	27	27	NELSON RANGELL	Trust Heart (GRP)	GRP
28	28	28	ABRAHAM LABORIEL	Dear Friends (Blumoon)	Blumoon
29	29	29	KENNY G	Breathless (Arista)	Arista
30	30	30	THE SOTO KOTO BAND	The Soto Koto Band (Higher: Octave)	Higher: Octave
31	31	31	CAL SCOTT	Second Thought (Tamarack)	Tamarack
32	32	32	JAN HAMMER	Beyond The Mind's Eye (Miramar)	Miramar

Los Angeles Times Reporter



Hard news reporter with byline for one of the world's largest newspapers

Journalism Highlights

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Thought Leader & Keynote Speaker



CNBC Power Lunch



Zanzibar International Film Festival



Interfaith Harmony Week



Kenya ICT Summit



African Film Finance Summit



South Africa Digital Media Summit



Kalasha Film Awards



Mohamed Amin Africa Media Awards

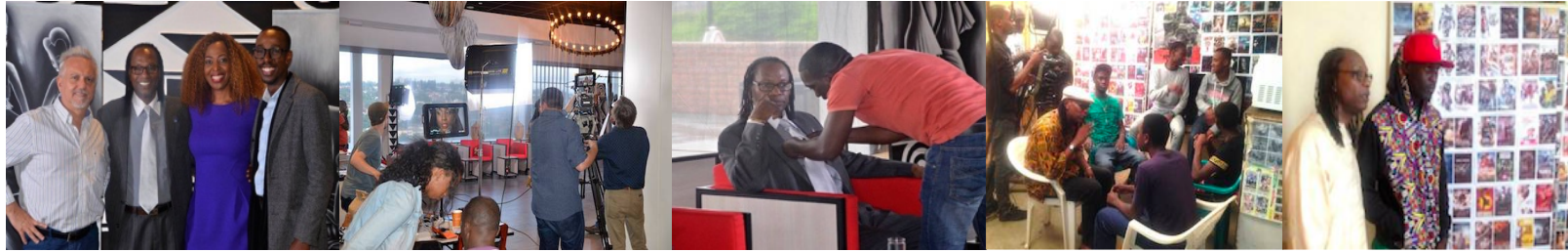
Event Director



Broadcast Film & Music Africa is one of the largest creative industries conferences in East Africa. Meredith was event director in 2013, 2014 & 2015. He organized Kenya Film Commission's national film conference and launched East Africa's first advertising summit within the event.

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Television



Meredith co-starred in The Africa Channel's "Shark Tank"-type TV series "The Bank," focused on micro development entrepreneurs. He is one of the four "bankers" who decides who gets the money. Each episode filmed in a different country. In Kenya's most popular teen drama series "Machachari," Meredith appears occasionally as an American investor.

Curriculum Designer

Finance



African Development Bank funded Meredith's regional financial workshops – *Financial Proficiency for Media Executives* – targeted at CFOs of media houses across Africa. He taught small-class, roll-up-your-sleeves-type workshops which included identifying sources of funding for media, outlining differences between VC, private equity and bank deals, pitch practice, how to analyze media deals and other important financial skills.

Curriculum Designer

Web Technology & Video Production



HT Univ. Pres. Larry Irving, Meredith Beal & Jonathan Clark

Meredith developed and taught web design curriculum for the World Association of Webmasters in 1999. He donated web design courses (curriculum & provided instructors, including himself) to Huston-Tillotson University and Wiley College as part of his efforts to bridge the “digital divide.” He donated video production classes to Huston-Tillotson and spearheaded innovative educational initiatives linking colleges and primary schools.

Government Advisor



Kenya Min of Info PS Dr. Bitange Ndemo

Tanzania Min of Info PS Dr. John Nkoma

Mohamed Gharib Bilal, VP Tanzania

Irish Ambassador to Kenya Dr. Vincent O'Neill

The Benin government sought Meredith's advice on legislative frameworks for spectrum management, the Kenyan government sought his guidance on open data & intellectual property legislation, the Tanzanian government sought his expertise on its ICT bill. He also shared ideas with the Ugandan government on expanding Internet penetration.

Cultural Capital



Meredith has traveled to 62 countries in the world including 26 African countries.

Political Capital



President Bill Clinton
USA



President Uhuru Kenyatta
Kenya



President Kenneth Kaunda
Zambia



President Joaquim Chissano
Mozambique



President Ameenah Gurib-Fakim
Mauritius



President John Mahama
Ghana



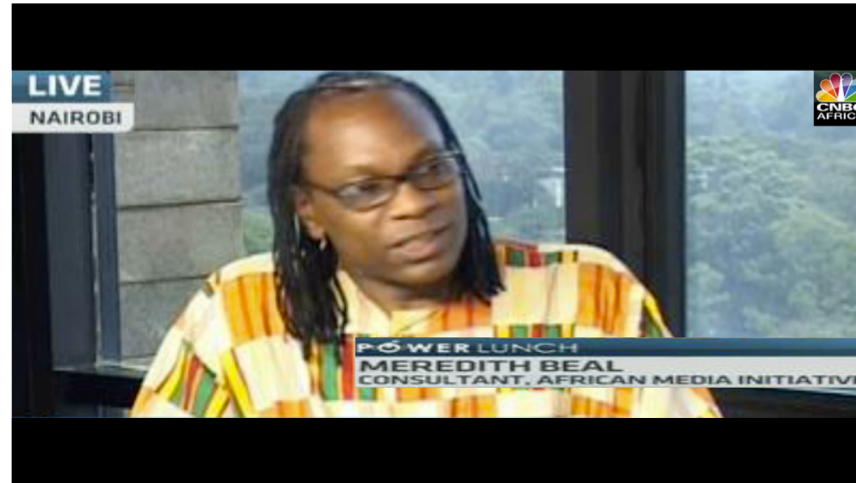
President Barack Obama
USA



Secr. of State Hillary Clinton
USA

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Video



CNBC Africa Interview on Investment in Entertainment in Africa

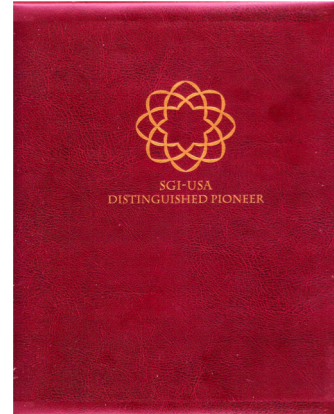
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Meredith recites his poem “Africa Rising” @ Highway Africa Awards Gala

[Watch on YouTube](#)

Awards



Texas Broadcaster of the Year
SGI-USA American Renaissance Award
SXSW Community Service Award
SGI-USA American Pioneer Award
Internet Award of Excellence
Meredith Beal Day City Proclamation
Texas Media Honor Roll



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*"The forward eternity we call the future
The backward eternity we call the past
All are lived in a time called now
It doesn't matter where you live, nor when
Only how"*

Meredith Clayton Beal



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