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Jon Foster-Pedley is a distinguished academic and business leader with a remarkable international career spanning more than 45 years and six continents. As the Dean and Director of Henley Business School Africa since 2011, he has overseen the institution's rapid growth and transformation, with a vision to build the people who build the businesses that build Africa. In 2025, he was appointed as Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor (Global Engagement – Sub-Saharan Africa) at the University of Reading, UK, expanding his mandate to build capabilities and create opportunities across the region.

A former airline pilot and aerobatic competitor, Jon worked in aircraft sales for British Aerospace and Airbus Industrie and was a faculty member at the University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business, where he taught strategy and creativity for 16 years. Through his leadership at Henley, he has become a prominent voice for ethical business and social development as exemplified by his founding of MBAid, an NGO that connects aspiring MBA students with social enterprises. Jon serves on numerous boards, including the Association of African Business Schools, the Alliance of Management Development Organizations in Rising Economies (pro bono), and SOIL (pro bono).



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