



OWN THE ROOM

"OWN THE ROOM" FILM SUBJECT BIOS

Henry Onyango (Kenya)

Henry is originally from Kisumu, a fishing town on the banks of Lake Victoria in Kenya. Growing up, his family had little money and no computer, so he would go to the local internet cafe and troubleshoot for customers in return for free computer time, developing his technical skills. Years later, when Henry traveled to Nairobi to start college at the Technical University of Kenya, he faced a problem common to many students: no available housing. So Henry came up with his own solution, an Airbnb-like online service called Roometo that helps students find local housing when dorms aren't available. Henry is a born problem-solver with a cute smile and sense of humor. He entered the competition on a whim, with no preparation. Now he is confident he will be the first African student ever to win Global Finals.