Magogodi Makhene is an entrepreneur. She founded Zenzele Circle (http://zenzelecircle.com/), with Brett Shere, while she was a Reynolds Fellow for Social Entrepreneurship at NYU. Zenzele invests in African entrepreneurship. In its first two years, the company has helped a mobile healthcare startup successfully raise its Series A, consulted on global marketing strategy for a mobile money transfer startup and held ministerial level negotiations for a multidisciplinary infrastructure project. She thinks it’s frighteningly cool that one of Zenzele’s projects hired women (and men) to build a stone road in South Africa using mine waste.

In 2011, Magogodi began exploring a life-long love affair with fashion and design through a blog and online boutique, KoKOFIFI (http://kokofifi.com/), which continues to evolve.

She is an avid writer and speaker. Her work was published last year in an anthology edited by Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel; she’s spoken at places such as the United Nations Youth Assembly and the U.S. State Department. Magogodi is quite proudly a Made In South Africa product—growing up in apartheid-era Soweto etched an indelible stamp on her soul and shapes her belief in humanity.