

# Generations of STEM:

# Farida Bedwei

## Financial Tech Software Developer

As CTO and cofounder of Logiciel, Farida was named the most influential woman in business and government in Africa in 2013. Raised in Ghana, Farida has never succumbed to adversity. At age 10, she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. The incurable disease affects the body's movement and muscle coordination.



Farida showed an early interest in computers and her parents saw that she was enrolled in a computer class early on. After working a few years and simultaneously earning her degree in computer science, she eventually worked with a colleague to start their own cloud software platform. Eventually that led to Logiciel, providing banking software systems for the microfinance industry.

Farida has authored an autobiography, *Definition of a Miracle* as part of her advocacy for those with disabilities. She has also created the comic book heroine Karmzah, an archaeologist with cerebral palsy who gains superpowers with her walking crutches!

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