

2nd AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY CONFERENCE 2021:

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This is the second African Philanthropy Conference held under the banner of The Centre on African Philanthropy and Social Investment (CAPSI) in collaboration with the Africa Philanthropy Forum (APF), African Philanthropy Network (APN), East Africa Philanthropy Network (EAPN), Southern Africa Trust, Harvard Center for African Studies and TrustAfrica. The first conference took place in 2019 and was a success leading to partners agreeing to hold one every year. The COVID-19 pandemic however happened and all plans for 2020 were aborted. The world has changed since March 2020. Life, as we know it, has changed; work models have shifted; economies have shrunk, and livelihoods have been severely affected. The devastation by the pandemic is immeasurable, yet amid this, the world of philanthropy has also witnessed huge amounts of giving in-kind and cash. Communities, individuals, corporates and various forms of philanthropic organizations have all responded to the pandemic and addressed the negative effects of COVID-19.

The Conference is an opportunity for everyone involved to celebrate African philanthropy and the many stories of resilience; showcase various innovations and creative responses; assess the impact and begin to make sense of the world with and beyond COVID-19. There are three main themes that the Conference will unpack in seeking to understand philanthropy in the context of the pandemic. The first is 'Celebrating African Philanthropy'. The second is a focus on 'Systems change, Virtual platforms and Technology'. The third relates to 'Uniting Africa'. All three themes are timely and relevant for the current moment but also for building forward better.

Please join the conversation online. There are three keynote presentations and three plenary sessions. In addition, there are six parallel sessions. Please register for the keynotes, plenaries and your selected parallel sessions so you can hear from experts in fields such as medicine, technology, community development, pan Africanism, philanthropy and social investment among others. We look forward to welcoming you to the 2nd African Philanthropy Conference on the 3rd-5th August 2021.





PROGRAMME AND LOGISTICS

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 travel restrictions, the conference will be held virtually. Participants will be able to dial in through the online platform provided.

TUESDAY, 3 AUGUST 2021

CELEBRATING AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING COVID-19

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Although life has been very hard since the advent of the pandemic, there are several positive stories of resilience and the benevolent nature of human beings. Philanthropic giving increased during this period leading to several initiatives, innovations and new narratives. Civil society and several advocates became even more needed in many countries. The business sector while struggling continued to do good. The first day of the Conference is therefore a celebration of African Philanthropy and Philanthropy in Africa.

Time

Details

13:00 – 13:10

Opening and welcome to the conference

Maurice Radebe - Wits Business School;

Emmanuel K. Akyeampong - Harvard University Center for African Studies

13:10 - 13:30

Keynote Address

Tsitsi Masiyiwa - Higherlife Foundation

13:30 - 15:00

Panel Discussion: Achievements

Moderator: Masego Madzwamuse - Southern Africa Trust;

Mary Malunga - Southern Africa Cross Border Traders Association (SACBTA);

Jeremy Maarman - Initiative for Community Advancement;

Grace Maingi - Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF)

Marwa El Daly - Maadi Community Foundation

15:00 - 16:00

Parallel Sessions

1. The role of philanthropy in supporting research and development during COVID-19

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Philanthropy plays many roles. One of these is to support research and development. Additionally, research is highly required in understanding the different expressions of philanthropy in Africa. This session features leaders of Centres on Philanthropy across the world and researchers to unpack the two dimensions of the session: the role of philanthropy in research and development; and researching philanthropy



Moderator: Logan Rangasamy - Wits Business School;
Una Osili - Lilly Family School of Philanthropy: IUPUI;
Clare Woodcraft - Centre for Strategic Philanthropy, Cambridge Judge Business School;
Wycliffe Ouma - Center on African Philanthropy and Social Investment;
Ali Awni - The John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy, Civic Engagement & Responsible Business : The American University of Cairo - AUC

2. The role of community philanthropy during COVID-19

https://wits-za.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GdddANR-T0CK9CBCSiY8gA

Community philanthropy continues to play a major role in various communities and in enabling people to be less dependent on government and other sectors. In Africa, community philanthropy had its busiest year in 2020 and 2021- distributing aid, educating people about the virus as well as magnifying the voices of vulnerable people like the elderly, women and children. This session will hear from different initiatives across Africa.

Moderator: Stigmata Tenga - Africa Philanthropy Network
Tendai Murisa - SIVIO Institute;
Nana Afadzinu - West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI);
Evans Okinyi - East Africa Philanthropy Network: EAPN
Jenny Hodgson - Global Fund for Community Foundations (GFCF)

16:00 – 16:30

Lifetime Recognition and Music

https://wits-za.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8YKqDh7oSyqPNsSIaITsIQ

Lifetime Recognition: Dr Akwasi Aidoo's role in Promoting African Philanthropy Leadership;

Music: Baba Maal

WEDNESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2021

SYSTEMS CHANGE, TECHNOLOGY AND VIRTUAL SHIFT OF AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY

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Throughout 2020 and still, in 2021, it is not unusual to hear people talking about the need to reset and start afresh. The pandemic has ignited a conversation around what the world needs to do to once again address massive challenges of inequality, poverty and many other social ills. The second day is dedicated to understanding the many shifts and changes that have already occurred and many more that still need to happen. What are the systemic and structural changes that need to happen to community-based build a better world for everyone?



13:00 – 13:10

Welcome

Mosun Layode - African Philanthropy Forum;

13:10 - 13:30

Keynote Address

Everjice Win – Shine Campaign

13:30 - 15:00

Panel Discussion: Systems change requirements

Moderator: Mosun Layode - African Philanthropy Forum

Sharmi Surianarain - Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator;

Francois Bonnici - Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship;

Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli - Sahel Consulting

Elizabeth Tanya Masiyiwa - DELTA Philanthropies

15:00 - 16:00

Parallel Sessions

1. Technology changes and innovation for African philanthropy

https://wits-za.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N3cdy9B7Tj-eo5D9PhEOjg

The pandemic not only caused devastation but also provided opportunities for innovations in the philanthropy space. New platforms and technologies shifted the way of work. This session will discuss specific changes in the system as well as showcase innovations in response to the pandemic.

Moderator: Keratilo Mogotsi - Center on African Philanthropy and Social Investment

Tendai Murisa - SIVIO Institute;

Franck Sombo - West Africa Civil Society Institute: WACSI;

Oswald Jumira - Liquid Intelligence Technology

Edwin Kamutjemo - Omaheke Radio Station

Discussants:

Justice Sumaili - Dzimwe Community Radio - Malawi

Voahirana Lucienne - Radio Mampita – Madagascar – French speaking

2. Community responses and impacts

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Innovations and changes also took place at community levels. This session will hear from community leaders, community-based organisations and activists.

Moderator: Briggs Bomba - TrustAfrica

Kennedy Odede - Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO);

Halima Mahomed - Center on African Philanthropy and Social Investment;

Tendisai Chigwedere - TrustAfrica;

Kunyalala Maphisa - Brighton Foundation

16:00 - 16:30

Performance

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Music by Relebohile Lefojane



THURSDAY, 5 AUGUST 2021

ONE AFRICA - OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNITING THE CONTINENT AND PHILANTHROPY

https://wits-za.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kjotEDvaQx-U-qukbl8p9w

It is a dream of the African Union and its founding fathers such as Kwame Nkrumah to see a united Africa with free movement of goods and people. Now more than ever, Africa is steadily making progress towards realizing this vision with the new AfCFTA agreement and active youth who are pushing this agenda. This session will deliberate on opportunities to unite the continent through the vaccine rollouts, youth engagement and identify areas where African philanthropy can play a role.

13:00 – 13:10

Welcome

Chidi Anselm Odinkalu - Open Society Justice Initiative

13:00 - 13:30

Keynote Address

Dr John Nkengansong - African Union, Africa CDC

13:30 - 15:00

Panel Discussion: Uniting Africa

Moderator: Chidi Anselm Odinkalu - Open Society Justice Initiative;
Ebrima Sall - TrustAfrica;
Joseph Asunka - Afrobarometer;
Kennedy Odede - Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO);
Souad Aden Osman - Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CoDA)

15:00 - 16:00

Parallel Sessions

1. COVID-19 Vaccine rollouts - philanthropy opportunities for unity

https://wits-za.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qbaBxLKPOCGmyy6XjCWG3A

As the numbers of COVID-19 cases increased speedily across Africa, the acquisition and rollout of vaccines were on a snail-pace. Vaccinations have picked up across the continent amid apathy. What role can philanthropy play in mobilising communities to vaccinate, procure and rollout vaccines?

Moderator: Shabir Madhi - Vaccines & Infectious Diseases Analytics Research Unit (Wits-VIDA);

Richard Mihigo - Immunization and Vaccine Development, WHO Africa Regional Office;

Helen Rees - South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA); and Wits University RHI;

Solomon Zwedu - Global Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation;

2. Opportunities for youth engagement to unite the continent

https://wits-za.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WTw-qRgnSv6uNR0jccw_4g

Crises provide opportunities to do things differently. COVID-19 is an opportunity for young people across Africa to unite in one voice and build the 'Africa' they want-a a continent always ready to respond to challenges, including the net potential pandemic.



Moderator: MacDonald Munyoro - SAYoF-SADC;
John Mayok - East Africa: South Sudan;
Heba Assem - North Africa: Egypt;
Sharon Onkoni - Central Africa - Gabon;
Patience Munyenyembe - Southern Africa: Malawi;
Bora Kaumba - Central Africa: DRC;

16:00 - 16:30

Closing Ceremony

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Emmanuel K. Akyeampong - Harvard University Center for African Studies

Performance

Music: Deng Nhial Chioh

16:30 - 17:00

Summary and key highlights

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Institution specific synthesis

Ebrima Sall - TrustAfrica

Stigmata Tenga - Africa Philanthropy Network

Mosun Layode - African Philanthropy Forum

Evans Okinyi - East Africa Philanthropy Network - EAPN

Way forward/ next steps

Masego Madzwamuse - Southern Africa Trust

Vote of Thanks

Bhekinkosi Moyo - Center on African Philanthropy and Social Investment



ABOUT THE HOSTS

1. WITS CAPSI

Located at Wits Business School in Johannesburg, South Africa, The Centre on African Philanthropy and Social Investment (CAPSI) was established to bridge the gap in the study, research and practice of philanthropy and social investment in Africa.

Global interest in the field of philanthropy and social investment in Africa and continents outside of Euro-America is growing exponentially. Recent years have seen a considerable increase in research and writings related to these topics. Despite this, the study of these fields is in a nascent stage, with very little formal academic research, teaching and publications available in Africa. In response to this lack of dedicated, formal academic focus, Wits Business School and the Southern Africa Trust introduced the Centre on African Philanthropy and Social Investment.

The Centre aims to support the advancement of this field, by filling the current gaps in teaching, research, and publication. The Centre serves as a source of knowledge, a cultivator of partnerships, and a catalyst for innovation, community engagement and a heightened sense of citizenship and social responsibility throughout the African continent and beyond. From the outset, this initiative took on a wider pan African outlook – seeking to understand philanthropic behaviour in different contexts and histories.

TRUSTAFRICA

TrustAfrica seeks to strengthen African initiatives that address the most difficult challenges confronting the continent.

Our dream of a better Africa resonates with the continent's collective vision and roadmap as expressed in the African Union's Agenda 2063: the Africa We Want, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

We currently focus on three critical areas: Securing the conditions for democracy; Fostering African enterprise and achieving broadly shared prosperity, and Cultivating African resources for democracy and development.

TrustAfrica is a partner to the continent's change agents, its diverse civil society organizations, top-ranked think tanks and vibrant social movements. Our aim is to support civic engagement that achieves justice, accountability and equitable development in Africa.

As a catalyst and convener, we are committed to generating and testing new ideas. We also strive to practice good governance and promote it among our grantees.

3. AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY FORUM

African Philanthropy Forum (APF) was established in 2014 to build a learning community of strategic African philanthropists and social investors committed to inclusive and sustainable development throughout the Continent.



It was incubated by the Global Philanthropy Forum (GPF), a global network of strategic philanthropists and social investors committed to international causes from 2014 - 2016. In 2017, APF became an independent entity and continues to be an affiliate of the GPF.

Over the years, APF has established a stronger presence on the Continent, with footprints in Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda, through its regional meetings and conferences. APF has also invested in the development of two volumes of the Toolkit for African Philanthropists and the "Why Give" Series, which consist of interviews with Africa's strategic philanthropic leaders to showcase their motivations for giving.

Since its inception, APF has reached over 2,500 philanthropists, social investors and key stakeholders in the philanthropic space across Africa and the world. Through APF's high impact convening and initiatives, the organization has facilitated collaborations, amplified the work of change-makers and shared best philanthropic practices and strategies for promoting homegrown development.

- **Our Mission**

African Philanthropy Forum is a strong and vibrant community of partners who through their strategic giving, investments and influence, foster shared prosperity on the African Continent.

- **Our Vision**

To transform the culture of giving on the Continent to the extent that it exceeds development aid by 2030. (USD 42bn FDA in 2017, source: UNCTAD Report).

4. HARVARD CENTER FOR AFRICAN STUDIES

The Harvard University Center for African Studies is a globally recognized, interdisciplinary body at Harvard University committed to broadening knowledge about Africa and African perspectives.

- **Vision**

Deepening knowledge and understanding of Africa through global connections and communities of learning.

- **Mission**

CAS is an interdisciplinary, university-wide Center that broadens the knowledge about Africa and brings African perspectives to bear on the scholarship of the Harvard community and beyond.

5. SOUTHERN AFRICA TRUST

The Southern Africa Trust channels the voices and the vibrancy of the vulnerable through policy in the 16 SADC countries.

We are a non-profit organization that undertakes activities that contribute to the reduction of poverty and inequality. These include activities related to public policy, official poverty reduction processes, human rights, stakeholder engagement, human and economic development, research, training, and capacity building.

Our work strengthens the voice and agency of poor people in regional policy processes, to reduce poverty and inequality in Southern Africa, in ways that promote regional interconnection and a regional agenda. Our mission is to support deeper and wider civil society engagement in regional policy dialogue to overcome poverty.



6. AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY NETWORK

APN is the only continent-wide network of organizations and individuals in Africa and its diaspora who promotes the culture of philanthropic giving. APN brings an ecosystem of philanthropy support member organizations serving different forms of philanthropy currently in 48 African countries. Established in 2009, APN was conceived as a space for African institutions to interrogate and intervene in the power dynamics that shape how resource mobilization, distribution and spending impact the possibilities of transformative change in Africa.

APN focuses more explicitly towards the multi-stakeholder end of the philanthropy spectrum -emphasis on philanthropic models, philanthropy as act of participation, empathy, a chain of solidarity– African philanthropy as a development tool. Our approach is founded on intersectionality and puts gender, race and class at the heart of analysis.

7. THE EAST AFRICA PHILANTHROPY NETWORK

The East Africa Philanthropy Network (EAPN) is a voluntary membership association that brings together philanthropic organizations in the East Africa region with an aim of promoting homegrown philanthropy. The Network draws its membership from charitable Family Trusts, Community Foundations, Corporate Foundations, and other types of Grantmaking and non-grantmaking organizations interested in promoting philanthropy in the region.

EAPN's mission is to nurture a local giving and resource mobilization culture through effective grant-making, advocacy and networking. This aspect includes looking into the resource base, capacity, credibility and practices of various development actors and the extent to which the operational context supports thriving local giving and effective grant-making.



SPEAKERS



Maurice Radebe

Wits Business School

Maurice Radebe is currently Head and Director of Wits Business School. Previously he served as Executive Vice President responsible for Sasol's Energy Business globally. He was accountable for the successful marketing of all the Energy Business' products as well as managing the gas-to-liquids (GTL) joint ventures in Qatar (ORYX GTL) and Nigeria (EGTL), the gas-to-power (GTP) venture in Mozambique. Maurice Radebe is the Founder and Chairman of Unleashing Leadership Potential Foundation in South Africa.



Emmanuel K. Akyeampong

Harvard University Center for African Studies

Emmanuel Akyeampong is Oppenheimer Faculty Director of the Harvard University Center for African Studies, and Ellen Gurney Professor of History and of African and African American Studies at Harvard University. He was appointed Loeb Harvard College Professor in July 2005.

Akyeampong is a Fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences (FGA), and a Corresponding Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (UK). He serves as the president of the African Public Broadcasting Foundation (US), a partnership of academic researchers, African broadcasters and African producers dedicated to the production of development-oriented programs for broadcast on television, radio and the Internet. He is a co-founder and director of the International Institute for the Advanced Study of Cultures, Institutions and Economic Enterprise (IIAS: www.interias.org.gh) based in Accra, Ghana. He served as chair of the Committee on African Studies at Harvard from July 2002 to June 2006.



Tsitsi Masiyiwa

Higherlife Foundation

Tsitsi Masiyiwa is an African philanthropist and social entrepreneur. She is Executive Chair and Co-Founder of Higherlife Foundation, whose primary goal is to invest in human capital development to build thriving individuals, communities and sustainable livelihoods.

As a result of her work and experience establishing and growing Higherlife Foundation over the last twenty-five years, Tsitsi has become an advisor and thought partner to universities, national leaders, and social entrepreneurs on issues of education, health, leadership development, and youth empowerment.





Masego Madzwamuse

Southern Africa Trust

Masego is a Social and Economic Justice warrior with over 20 years of experience. Her passion is driving work that demonstrates the interdependence between democracy, economic development and human rights. She is especially interested in strengthening social movements and nurturing young and emerging civil society voices and leaders. She has contributed to numerous thought pieces, research papers and conversations on high relevant global and regional topics, and is a trusted voice in the industry-leading the development, implementation and monitoring of programmes and projects within Africa and beyond.



Mary Malunga

Southern Africa Crossborder Traders Association (SACBTA)

Mary Frances Malunga is the Gender and Social Inclusion Officer at the Southern Africa Crossborder Traders Association (SACBTA) based in Harare, Zimbabwe. She has over 20 years of professional experience and expertise working with women in areas of Gender Equality, Women's Economic Empowerment, Environment and Natural Resources Management, HIV/AIDS, Trade, SME Development, Sustainable Economic Development, Social and Gender Inclusion. She has a certificate in NGO Management obtained in 2001 in Denmark under the auspices of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She also has a certificate of completion of the Boulder Microfinance Training Programme (Concentration in Development) obtained in 2013 at the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization in Turin, Italy.

In Malawi, Mary worked as the Executive Director of the National Association of Business Women, a local NGO advancing women's economic empowerment for fourteen years. For five years, she worked as Program Director for Malawi for the United States government-funded United States African Development Foundation. She also worked as chairperson of the Civil Society Advisory Group for the United Nations Entity on Women Empowerment and Gender Equality (UN Women Malawi) from 2016 to 2020. She has served on the boards of two parastatal organizations in Malawi - The Technical, Entrepreneurial and Vocational Education Authority (TEVETA) as its Chairperson from 2013-2016 and as a Commissioner of the Competition and Fair Trading Commission (CFTC) from 2012-2015.





Jeremy Maarman

Initiative for Community Advancement

Jeremy Maarman is in the business of showing that communities can indeed lead their own development. This stems from an expressed belief in the human concepts expressed in Africa as Ubuntu and Ujamaa. He has over 17 years of experience in the community development sector having obtained a certification in Community Development Work from the University of the Western Cape. Jeremy worked for the government at all levels before entering the non-profit sector in 2009 where he worked for some of the most reputable organisations in the West Coast district.

Co-founding and Director of the Initiative for Community Advancement he has grown the organization from an informal national youth network into a strong and vibrant Community Foundation. Jeremy is on a mission to show in what ways rural communities always have and continue to invest strategically into causes that they care about. Community philanthropy is nothing new it is just time that people really get to know what is already taking place and in what ways small-scale funding is used as a catalyst for systemic change.



Grace Maingi

Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF)

Grace Maingi is a human rights lawyer who has been working, over the last twenty years, in the governance not-for-profit sector in Kenya. Her work has focused on civic education and engagement, constitutionalism, promoting free and fair elections, women's rights, and growth within the legal profession in Kenya. Her passion for social justice and community development aligns with her main drive to reduce inequality. Grace Maingi was recently appointed as the Executive Director of the Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF). KCDF began its work in Kenya in 1997 as a public foundation that nationally supports communities to address their priority needs and challenges sustainably.



Marwa El Daly

Maadi Community Foundation

Marwa El Daly is the Founder and Chairperson of Waqfeyat al Maadi Community Foundation (WMCF), which is the first Community Foundation in Egypt and a pioneering initiative for reviving and modernizing the Waqf / traditional endowment model that used to be the backbone of civil society in Egypt and the Middle East for centuries. Marwa is also an Assistant Professor at the American University in Cairo (AUC) teaching courses related to the management of NGOs, innovation and philanthropy, as well as social entrepreneurship at the School of Global Administration and Public Policy (GAPP). Marwa El Daly is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Federation of NGOs in Egypt.



Marwa El Daly is the winner of the distinguished African Philanthropy Award in 2012 granted to her by the African Grant-makers Network in South Africa in appreciation for her work in strategizing philanthropy across Africa and internationally. She was recognized twice as a Social Entrepreneur / Innovator by Ashoka Arab World and by Synargos Institute (2006 & 2010) to become a permanent fellow for both international organizations. In addition, Marwa is the first recipient of the Rockefeller and ISTR's (International Society for Third Sector) Award as the best researcher in strategic philanthropy and the Civic Sector. This award was presented to her at the University of Barcelona in 2013. In 2014 she was recognized by the BBC 100 women to represent women of the Middle East and North Africa.



Logan Rangasamy
Wits Business School

Logan Rangasamy is currently an academic director and professor at the Wits Business School (University of the Witwatersrand) in South Africa.

He has worked on economic policy issues and developments for over 30 years. During this period, his involvement in policy issues has been in the capacity of economic advisor at the European Union and senior positions at the South African Reserve bank and international institutions. His work has covered policy issues related to national (South Africa), regional (African), and multilateral (G20, IMF, OECD, etc.) matters/interests.

His work at the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) has entailed oversight and leadership responsibility for all the SARB's international engagements on technical issues with the G20, OECD, IMF, World Bank, BRICS, rating agencies and bilateral engagements with advanced, emerging, and developing economies. Logan has also led the country and technical teams at many regional forums (CMA, SADC, AU) on the continent.



Una Osili
Lilly Family School of Philanthropy: IUPUI

Una Osili is the Efroymson Chair in Philanthropy and the Associate Dean for Research and International Programs at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, the world's first school dedicated to the study of philanthropy. She also serves as Dean's Fellow for the Mays Family Institute on Diverse Philanthropy.

An internationally recognized scholar in economics, Osili leads the research and publication of Global Philanthropy Tracker and the Global Philanthropy Environment Index, which are prominent sources of global development and social innovation data trends that collaborate with over 100 experts in 79 countries.



Osili has provided expert testimony at the Joint Economic Commission and the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee on philanthropy, international development, and the role of the public sector. She is a consultant with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and has worked on cross-sector initiatives on financial inclusion.

Clare Woodcraft

Centre for Strategic Philanthropy, Cambridge Judge Business School



Clare Woodcraft has over 25 years of experience working in the field of socio-economic development and philanthropy in emerging markets. She is the former CEO of Emirates Foundation, the national foundation of the UAE, where she led the organisation's transition from traditional grant-making to the model of Venture Philanthropy. During her time as CEO, she was elected as the Chair of the Arab Foundations Forum, a regional network of foundations where she helped to promote the model of strategic philanthropy.

Earlier she served as the Deputy Director of Shell Foundation, a leader in the philanthropic sector whose business model entails building scalable social enterprises to address global development challenges, otherwise known as enterprise-based philanthropy. Prior to this, she was the Regional Director of Communications for Royal Dutch Shell in the Middle East and North Africa overseeing the company's social investment and its transition into a more strategic focused portfolio in 14 countries. Earlier, Clare headed Visa International's public affairs arm in emerging markets working closely with governments in over 90 markets, to deploy social investment for the public good with a focus on financial systems and electronic payments. Previously she worked as the Finance Editor of Middle East Economic Survey, a specialised energy journal reporting on socio-economic development related to oil economies.

Clare writes and speaks extensively on the paradigm shift in the philanthropic sector and is a vocal champion of venture philanthropy. A fluent Arabic and French speaker, she has a BA in Modern Languages and an MSc in Development from LSE.

Wycliffe Ouma

Center on African Philanthropy and Social Investment



Wycliffe Nduga Ouma is a PhD candidate and a Research Assistant at the Wits Business School, University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg. Mr Nduga has a passion for research and Consultancy in the areas of Financial Markets, Financial Risk Modelling, Investments and International Trade. Mr Nduga has worked as a Research Associate with the Kenya School of Monetary Studies, a Central Bank of Kenya Research Institute mainly concerned with the Monetary Policy, Exchange Rates Movements, and Balance of Payments.





Ali Awni

The John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy, Civic Engagement & Responsible Business: The American University of Cairo - AUC

Awni is Professor of Practice at the Business School, and Director of the John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy, Civic Engagement and Responsible Business, The American University in Cairo (AUC). He has been full-time faculty since September 2009. He teaches operations management courses at the undergraduate and MBA levels. His areas of research are in applications of operations management in Egypt, and for SMEs in particular, operations and supply chain innovations for the base of the pyramid, upgrading of operations for Egyptian exporters, and suppliers' selection and evaluation. He teaches operations and supply chain management courses for EMBA and executive education in Egypt, Romania, and Germany. As a director of the Gerhart Center, he led the transition of the Center to the School of Business, including the addition of a responsible business theme.



Stigmata Tenga

Africa Philanthropy Network

Stigmata Tenga is the Executive Director of the Africa Philanthropy Network (APN). APN is the only organizational member-based continent-wide network that focuses on building the multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral network of African philanthropy support actors. Prior to that, Stigmata was working as a process consultant and a development facilitator. She has over 20 years of experience in the consultancy field bridging civil society organizations (CSOs) with Governments and development partners. Stigmata is an accomplished professional with competency in organizational development, strategic planning, monitoring, evaluation and learning within which gender, inclusion and research is an integral part. Dr Tenga has a PhD in Anthropology with professional experience in working with the public sector and local governments facilitating public service management reforms, public-private partnerships – balancing the state, market and community as well as promoting domestic resource mobilization through individual and community philanthropic giving.



Tendai Murisa

SIVIO Institute

Tendai Murisa is a development practitioner. His research focuses on citizens' agency & solidarity, philanthropy, public policy, land and agrarian reforms in Zimbabwe and across the continent. He was educated at the University of Zimbabwe (ZW), Leeds (UK) and Rhodes University (SA). Tendai is the founder and Executive Director of SIVIO Institute.





Nana Afadzinu

West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI)

Nana Afadzinu, Executive Director of the West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI), has worked with and within the civil society sector for the past 22 years and is a passionate advocate for sustainable development in Africa with the full participation of an effective, efficient, influential and sustainable civil society. Her passion for leading change and challenging the Status Quo on the continent recently landed her a place on the Avance Media 2020 100 Most Influential African Women List.

She is a lawyer by profession and has worked on areas of governance, human rights, philanthropy and capacity development with national, international, continental and regional organisations in Africa. They include the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, National Coalition on Domestic Violence Legislation in Ghana, Women's Initiative for Self-empowerment (WISE), the African Society of International and Comparative Law, the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) and IBIS West Africa. Nana has served as a member of a number of public services, corporate and non-profit boards. She is an alumna of the University of Ghana, Faculty of Law, the Ghana School of Law, the Columbia University Human Rights Advocates Program and the New York University School of Law.



Evans Okinyi

East Africa Philanthropy Network: EAPN

Evans Okinyi is the CEO of the East Africa Philanthropy Network, EAPN, a regional network of over 50 organizations developing and nurturing philanthropy in East Africa. He is a seasoned Non-Profit Executive, with over 9 years of progressive experience in Networks Management, Policy Formulation & Implementation and Stakeholders & Partnerships Management. He oversees the network's mission of fostering a local giving and resource mobilization culture through effective grantmaking, advocacy and networking.

Evans has worked to advance progressive growth in the philanthropy sector specifically the capacity, credibility and practices of various development actors towards supporting local giving and effective grantmaking in advancing systems change and transformation. He holds a Master of Arts Degree in Economic Policy Management from the University of Nairobi and a BSc degree in Agri-Economics from Egerton University.





Jenny Hodgson

Global Fund for Community Foundations (GFCF)

Jenny Hodgson has been the Executive Director of the Johannesburg-based Global Fund for Community Foundations (GFCF) since it was established in 2006. She has overseen its emergence as the leading global voice on community philanthropy as a core strategy for people-led development and shifting power closer to the ground. Based variously in Uganda, Kenya, Russia, Singapore and Thailand, Jenny has been involved in philanthropy development in emerging markets and developing contexts for the past two decades. She has a BA (Hons) in English from Emmanuel College, Cambridge and an MA in International Relations (African Studies) from Johns Hopkins School Advanced International Studies (SAIS). She is a board member of the African Philanthropy Network and a trustee of Comic Relief.



Everjoice Win

Shine Campaign

EJ, (as she is popularly known), has been active in feminist and social justice movements in her country, Zimbabwe, the African continent and globally for over 30 years. She started her development career with a Zimbabwean feminist organisation, Women's Action Group, where she designed and implemented popular education and community-based development programs as well as national policy advocacy campaigns. From there she moved on to the Pan-African Women in Law and Development in Africa, (WiLDAF). There, EJ worked collectively with other feminists, transforming and shaping the women's human rights landscape across some 24+ African countries. This includes the passing of new laws and policies on domestic violence, inheritance as well as shifting societal norms and values.

Everjoice was part of the first Women's Leadership Institute held at the Center for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University, which conceptualized the 16 of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.



Mosun Layode

African Philanthropy Forum

Mosun Layode is a development professional with two decades of experience in international development and nonprofit leadership. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the African Philanthropy Forum (APF) where she works extensively across Africa with established and emerging philanthropists who are committed to the sustainable and inclusive development of Africa. She was instrumental in the establishment of APF as an independent entity in Africa, increasing its reach and impact in the philanthropic community, as well as growing its brand and membership base. Prior to this, she served as the Executive Director of WIMBIZ and LEAP Africa, leading nonprofits



in Nigeria. Passionate about the interplay of social issues and business, Mosun founded Social Runway, a nonprofit organization that supports social innovators. She has also served as an independent development consultant for nonprofit organizations.

Sharmi Surianarain

Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator



Sharmi Surianarain serves as the Chief Impact Officer for Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator in South Africa. Sharmi is a fierce advocate for opportunity and social justice for young people and women across the African continent and is a keen analyst and thinker on the future of work. Sharmi leads on Harambee's impact and systems change agendas and oversee Harambee's work in new markets. Sharmi is the Founder of Making Caring Count, a social enterprise that aims to build impactful solutions around care work in Africa. Sharmi brings extensive experience in human capital management, education, and facilitating links to employment across Africa, India, and the United States. Prior to Harambee, Sharmi served as Vice President of Lifelong Engagement at African Leadership Academy (ALA) where she oversaw a network of 2,000 young African leaders, managed ALA's Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program, Africa Careers Network, and ALA's alumni engagement team. Sharmi is an Aspen African Leadership Initiative Fellow, Class of 2020, an RSA Fellow, and sits on the Boards of Emerging Public Leaders, Metis, Instill Education and on the Advisory Team of the Job Tech Alliance. Sharmi holds a B.A. from Harvard University, a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a master's degree from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

Francois Bonnici

Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship



Dr François Bonnici is a public health physician, professor, social change practitioner and foundation leader. His career is rooted in front-line medical and humanitarian practice and has evolved to advance social change work more broadly. He currently serves as Director of the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship and Head of Social Innovation at the World Economic Forum. He was previously founding Director of the Bertha Centre for Social Innovation at the University of Cape Town, where he is an Adjunct Associate Professor. He has been recognized as an Archbishop Tutu African Leadership Fellow, Rhodes Scholar, and Associate Fellow of the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship, and recently served as a founding board member of the Tshisimani Centre for Activist Education. François attained his medical degree from the University of Cape Town, MBA from the University of Oxford, and MSc from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He divides his time between Cape Town and Geneva.



Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli

Sahel Consulting



Mrs Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli is an expert on social innovation, African agriculture and nutrition, entrepreneurship, and youth development. She has over 25 years of international development experience and is a recognized serial entrepreneur, author, public speaker, and consultant. Through her work in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors, she has shaped policy and led the design and execution of high-impact initiatives focused on strategy, organizational design, ecosystem solutions, and growth.

Mrs Nwuneli serves on the boards of the Rockefeller Foundation, the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), AGRA, Nigerian Breweries Plc. (Heineken), Godrej Consumer Products Ltd. India, Fairfax Africa Holdings Canada, Royal DSM Sustainability Board, Netherlands, and the African Philanthropy Forum. She previously served on the Boards of Nestle Nigeria Plc., the World Vegetable Center and Cornerstone Insurance Plc.

Elizabeth Tanya Masiyiwa

DELTA Philanthropies



Elizabeth Tanya Masiyiwa is a social entrepreneur and smart tech executive. She is an Executive Director at Delta Philanthropies and the co-founder & CEO of Simba Education, an African edtech company in early year's education. Elizabeth is a non-executive Director who serves on the board of Cassava Smartech, one of the largest companies listed on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange and is a board member of Higherlife Foundation where she leads the Office of Design and Innovation. Elizabeth is responsible for the education portfolio across the foundations and the Econet Group of Companies. She is a board member of Ashesi Foundation, sits on Harvard University's Leadership Council for the Centre of Africa Studies, the Gender Champion's Circle for CARE International and advises a number of entrepreneurship and philanthropy networks. Elizabeth co-manages a social impact investment fund that invests in initiatives that promote economic development in Southern Africa.





Keratilo Mogotsi

Center on African Philanthropy and Social Investment

Pan Africanist, Researcher, Project Manager and African Philanthropy PhD Candidate at the University of the Witwatersrand. Keratilo Mogotsi is the Programme Manager at the Centre on African Philanthropy and Social Investment at the Wits Business School. She runs the African heritage programme with the Mandela Institute for Development Studies (MINDS) and leads several projects to promote pan Africanism and the use of African languages and customs. Prior to her current role, she led the African Women at Nielsen programme and the corporate social investment programmes at Nielsen Research in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Franck Sombo

West Africa Civil Society Institute: WACSI

Franck Sombo is a Certified Trainer Performance Monitoring & Assessment (TPMA) Trainer from the International Finance Corporation – Learning and Performance Institute (IFC-LPI). He also graduated from a certified Training of Trainers in Local Fundraising for the Change the Game Academy seeking to empower grassroots organisations to mobilise resources to support their sustainability and increase their social impact. Franck has ten (10) years of experience working with the West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI) where he currently serves as the Head, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning. His experience spans areas such as Strategic Planning, Programmes and Projects Management, Training and Facilitation, Mentoring and Coaching, Data Management, Organisational Capacity Assessment, Technology Support among others. He has excellent analytical and problem-solving skills. He values teamwork and believes in harnessing the potential of people to improve performance. Franck is IT proficient and results-oriented. He is motivated by the desire to maximise productivity and boost effectiveness through continuous learning and improvement.



Oswald Jumira

Liquid Intelligence Technology

Over the last 15 years, Oswald Jumira has worked in a number of countries across Africa focusing on technology research, product development, business development and partnerships to drive digital transformation, revenue growth and transformation across Health, Agriculture, Financial services, Education and Government Services sectors. Oswald is currently involved in the Covid-19 Response working with the Africa Union and Africa CDC and is part of the team that developed the Africa Medical Supplies Platform. Oswald is currently the Group Head of Innovation Partnerships for Liquid Intelligent Networks and an Executive in the Econet Group. Oswald has previously worked for MasterCard Foundation, ZTE, INRIA and has been involved in a number of start-ups.





Edwin Kamutjemo **Omaheke Radio Station**

Edwin Kamutjemo was born in a small town called Gobabis, approximately 200 km east of the Capital city of Namibia, Windhoek. I have wanted to be a journalist since my childhood. Kamutjemo has completed my Diploma in Media Studies in 2016 and was employed by a local Community Radio Station in my place of birth, started as a producer, and now a Station Manager. Kamutjemo is also a first-year student at the University of Namibia doing a Bachelor's Degree in Education and Community Development. I have a passion for community information dissemination.



Voahirana Lucienne **Radio Mampita – Madagascar**

Voahirana Yves Lucienne has studied management and has a master's in management. Voahirana did training on the management of the rural Associative Radio. Fundraising for the radio Rural, financial autonomy of radio Rural she has been the director of Radio MAMPITA since its creation in 1997 until now.



Briggs Bomba **TrustAfrica**

Briggs Bomba serves as the Programs Director for TrustAfrica, a pan-African foundation that works across Africa to promote democratic governance and equitable development. As part of the senior management team for TrustAfrica, Briggs provides strategic leadership to the programs team and oversees a diverse portfolio of programs and initiatives spanning several African countries that deal with a wide array of themes encompassing – Natural Resource Governance and Economic Transformation; Taxation and Illicit Financial Flows; Climate Justice and Food Sovereignty; Citizenship, Rights and Civic Engagement; Gender and Women's Rights; Youth, Education and the Future of Work; as well as African Philanthropy. In this role, Briggs oversees the implementation of TrustAfrica's strategies that include Grantmaking; Convenings; Knowledge generation and management; Capacity building; as well as Advocacy engagement with policymakers at national, RECs and AU levels.





Kennedy Odede

Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO)

Kennedy Odede is one of Africa's best-known community organizers and social entrepreneurs. Kennedy grew up in Kenya's Kibera slum, the largest slum in Africa, where he experienced the devastating realities of life in extreme poverty first-hand. At age ten he became a street child. Still, he dreamed about changing his community. In 2004, he had a job in a factory earning \$1 for ten hours of work. He saved 20 cents and used this to buy a soccer ball and start Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO).

Driven by the entrepreneurial spirit of the people of Kibera, SHOFCO became the largest grassroots organization in the slum. Today, SHOFCO impacts over 2.4 million slum dwellers across 14 urban slums in Kenya. SHOFCO is on the front lines of COVID-19 response in Kenya's urban settlements, delivering health care, WASH, food relief, and economic stability at scale. In 2018, SHOFCO became the youngest-ever organization to receive the Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize, the world's largest humanitarian prize awarded to nonprofits that have made extraordinary contributions to alleviate human suffering.



Halima Mahomed

Center on African Philanthropy and Social Investment, TrustAfrica

Halima Mahomed Senior African Philanthropy Fellow at TrustAfrica and an independent philanthropy researcher and consultant focusing on knowledge building and advocacy advancing the narratives, practice and impact of philanthropy in Africa. Halima serves, amongst others, as a member of the PSJP management team, Alliance Magazine Editorial Board and is an Associate Researcher at the Centre for African Philanthropy and Social Investment (CAPSI). She has written extensively on a range of philanthropy related issues, with a strong focus on linking philanthropy to a local agency and devolved decision-making power.



Tendisai Chigwedere

TrustAfrica

Tendisai Chigwedere has been passionate about working with communities and their leaders to find justice, find their voice, and speak their truth since childhood. A path to print journalism cemented her interest in "giving voice to the voiceless" until she realized that no one can give anyone a voice – everyone finds their own voice.

Tendisai's journey has taken her from sitting with and learning from communities in urban marginalized communities in Washington DC, Sacramento, and Cairo, to a deep dive in investigative journalism, community organizing, and advocacy in Honduras and Mexico.



She thrives on opportunities to leverage creative and collaborative strategies to advance progressive development in the global South. As a connector and proponent of facilitating space for innovation, dialogue and collective solutions she co-hosted the first TEDxHarare in 2011 as her re-entry to Zimbabwe; worked on launching Moto Republik as Zimbabwe's first creative hub, and published the impact of local civic engagement in Zimbabwe from a developmental evaluation perspective with Interchurch Organisation for Development Cooperation (ICCO). Believing in the need to bridge grassroots efforts with wider advocacy and public policy processes, Tendisai joined the public service in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the Government of National Unity (GNU) in Zimbabwe, where she was the senior officer on the African Union desk for 4 years.



Relebohile Lefojane

Poet

Relebohile Lefojane is a vibrant and passionate leader, poetess, social entrepreneur and biomedical solutions enthusiast. Her academic background is in Biomedical sciences, genetics, and physiology. She is currently enrolled for a Master of Health in Biomedical technology where she is working on triple-negative breast cancer research using nanoparticles. She is also the founder and President of Ntlafatso foundation and the deputy head of the third SADC youth forum technical team. She can be described as loving, authentic and solutions-oriented.



John Nkengasong

African Union, Africa CDC

Dr John Nkengasong currently serves as Director of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, a specialized technical institution of the African Union.

In early 2020, he was appointed as one of the WHO Director-General's Special Envoys on COVID-19 Preparedness and Response. In addition, Dr Nkengasong was most recently awarded the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's 2020 Global Goalkeeper Award for his contributions to the continental response in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa.

Prior to his current position, he served as Acting Deputy Principal Director of the Center for Global Health and Chief of the International Laboratory Branch, Division of Global HIV and TB for the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Dr Nkengasong holds a master's degree in tropical biomedical science from the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium, and a doctorate in medical sciences (virology), from the University of Brussels, Belgium.





Chidi Anselm Odinkalu

Open Society Justice Initiative

Chidi Anselm Odinkalu is the senior team manager for the Africa Program of the Open Society Justice Initiative. Based in the Abuja office, Odinkalu is a lawyer and advocate from Nigeria and the immediate past Chair of the Governing Council of Nigeria's National Human Rights Commission. Odinkalu received his PhD in law from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Prior to joining the staff of Open Society Justice Initiative, Odinkalu was the senior legal officer responsible for Africa and the Middle East at the International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights in London, Human Rights Advisor to the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone, and Brandeis International Fellow at the Centre for Ethics, Justice and Public Life of the Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts. He was also previously, Jeremiah Smith Jr. Lecturer in Law at the Harvard Law School, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Odinkalu is widely published on diverse subjects of international law, international economic and human rights law, public policy, and political economy affecting African countries. He is frequently called upon to advise multilateral and bilateral institutions on Africa-related policy, including the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States, and the World Economic Forum.



Ebrima Sall

TrustAfrica

Ebrima Sall is the Executive Director of TrustAfrica, a pan African foundation that promotes responsible citizenship and accountable leadership, and champions inclusiveness that is founded on justice. He has also, in the past, held other senior positions, including as Executive Secretary of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), Africa's premier social science research council, from April 2009 to June 2017; and Senior Research Fellow at the Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala, Sweden (2001-2004).

Ebrima is a member of the Expert Group supporting the work of UNESCO's Global Commission on the Futures of Education, and the Scientific Advisory Committee of UNESCO's Management of Social Transformations (MOST) program. He is the (co-) author/editor of several publications on higher education, academic freedom, social movements, citizenship, governance, and post-conflict transitions and development in Africa. He holds a PhD in sociology from the University of Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne, was a post-doctoral fellow of Yale University's Program in Agrarian Studies in 1997-98, and is a Senior Research Fellow of the Center for African Studies, Harvard University (October 2017-February 2018).





Joseph Asunka

Afrobarometer

Joseph Asunka is the CEO of Afrobarometer, starting his term from April 2021. He was previously Program Officer in the Global Development and Population Program at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation where he managed a portfolio of grants that support efforts to increase transparency and accountability in fiscal governance and foster citizen participation to improve public services in developing countries.

Before joining Hewlett, Joseph was a lecturer in political science at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), where he taught courses on African politics, the political economy of development, research methods and data analysis. Prior to that, he was a program officer at the Ghana Center for Democratic Development, A Core Partner of Afrobarometer. He previously served as a data manager for Afrobarometer prior to his PhD studies at UCLA.

Joseph's research interests include distributive politics, elections and electoral processes, and migration. He has published in journals such as the British Journal of Political Science, Research and Politics, and Population Research and Policy Review. Born in Ghana, Joseph holds a PhD in political science from UCLA.



Souad Aden Osman

Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CoDA)

Ms Souad Aden-Osman is the Executive Director for the Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CoDA). She is also the Head of the secretariat of the African Union High-Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) from Africa (HLP on IFFs). In this capacity, she serves as the Coordinator of the Consortium to Stem IFFs from Africa. Prior to her current roles, she was the Head of the Joint Secretariat Support Office (JSSO) for the African Union, African Development Bank and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Ms Aden-Osman served in the office of the Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist of UNECA. In this role, she worked with the leadership of continental pan-African institutions that led the establishment of the African Climate Policy Center (ACPC) and the African Mineral Development Center (AMDC). Ms Aden-Osman was part of several reform teams in the UN and directed the implementation of major institutional activities including the African Development Forum (ADF VII and ADF VIII). She recently coordinated the preparation and adoption by the AU Assembly of the Common African Position on Asset Recovery (CAPAR). Under her leadership, CoDA fostered the work of Afrexim Bank and the African Union Commission towards the establishment of the African Business Council (AfDC). Ms Aden-Osman has more than two decades of varied senior titles within the United Nations system, Canadian government and several private sector institutions. Souad Aden-Osman is a Djiboutian-Canadian and holds an M.B.A (University of Ottawa).





Shabir Madhi

Faculty of Health Sciences, Wits University; Vaccines & Infectious Diseases Analytics Research Unit (Wits-VIDA): African Leadership in Vaccinology Expertise (ALIVE)

A National Research Foundation A-rated scientist, Shabir A. Madhi is a Professor of Vaccinology in the School of Pathology at the University of the Witwatersrand and Director of the world-renowned Medical Research Council Vaccines and Infectious Diseases Analytics Research Unit (VIDA). Madhi is the National Research Foundation/Department of Science and Innovation SARCHI Chair in Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and he is Co-Director of African Leadership in Vaccinology Expertise (ALIVE). He chairs the National Advisory Group on Immunization in South Africa. Madhi was formerly President of the World Society of Infectious Diseases and he is the immediate past Executive Director of South Africa's National Institute of Communicable Diseases. As a trained paediatrician, Madhi's research has focused on the epidemiology and clinical development of vaccines against pneumonia and diarrhoeal disease. These studies have informed World Health Organization recommendations on the use of the lifesaving pneumococcal conjugate vaccine and rotavirus vaccine in children; and influenza vaccination of pregnant women. In 2016, Madhi received the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trial Partnership Award for Scientific Leadership and in 2013 the Medical Research Council Lifetime Award Platinum Medal, amongst other accolades. In January 2021, Madhi takes up the position of Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at Wits University. His qualifications include MBBCh (Wits), MMed (Wits), FCPaeds(SA), PhD.



Richard Mihigo

Immunization and Vaccine Development, WHO Africa Regional Office

Dr Mihigo is a senior public health specialist with over 25 years of experience in designing, implementing and evaluating disease control programmes at national and international levels. He joined WHO in July 2004 and is currently the Coordinator of Immunization & Vaccines Development (IVD) in the WHO Regional Office for Africa in Brazzaville, Congo; a position he has held since 2014. In this position, Dr Mihigo coordinates WHO's technical support to the Member States in the African Region in the planning, monitoring, and evaluation of immunization programmes.

This includes supporting the development of policies, norms, and standards for national immunization programmes including vaccine regulation and research, establishing and strengthening partnership coordination mechanisms between countries and supporting resource mobilization efforts for national immunization programmes.





Helen Rees

South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) and Wits University RHI

Professor Helen Rees is the Executive Director of Wits RHI. Helen Chairs the Board of the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority and also Chairs the World Health Organisation's AFRO Region Immunization Technical Advisory Group. She has extensive involvement in national, regional and global response efforts to COVID-19 including the development of COVID-19 vaccines, their potential rollout and utilization.

She is a member of the South African Ministerial Advisory Committee on COVID-19 and a member of the South African Ministerial Advisory Committee on COVID-19 vaccines. She Chairs the South African VACC-MAC COVID-19 Variant Technical Working Group and is a member of the South African National Essential Medicine Committee on COVID-19. Helen is involved with the oversight of the COVAX facility that GAVI, CEPI and WHO are jointly driving. She is a member of the COVAX committee on COVID-19 maternal immunization and a member of the WHO IHR Emergency Committee on COVID-19, a member of the WHO Expert Committee on COVID-19 vaccines, and a member of WHO's Scientific and Technical Advisory Group on Infectious Hazards. Helen has chaired the WHO's International Health Regulation Polio Emergency Committee since 2014 and Co-Chairs the WHO SAGE Working Group on Ebola Vaccines. Helen is a member of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization Board and chairs the Gavi Programme and Policy Committee. She is a member of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness and Innovation Board and chairs the CEPI Scientific Advisory Committee.



Solomon Zewdu

Global Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Dr Solomon Zewdu is the deputy director in the Africa office of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation where he shapes continental health, nutrition, disease eradication and development investments. Prior to moving to the continental platform, he served as the deputy director in Ethiopia, where he created significant opportunities for system-based investments; built on concurrently identifying, planning and aligning the Foundation's priorities with the Government of Ethiopia HSTP and the donor community. Given his background in emergency management strategy, planning and response, he also serves as the BMGF COVID-19 coordinator for the African continent, to inform the shaping of critical COVID-19 interventions. Prior to joining the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Dr Zewdu worked both in the private sector and US Department of Defense up to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel - USAF. He relocated to Ethiopia to take the position of Country Director for the US PEPFAR program under the joint program of the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health.





MacDonald Munyoro

SAYoF-SADC

MacDonald Munyoro is an ardent youth development worker with experience that spans over 10 years working with youth, communities and civil society currently serving as the Programs Manager for NAYO in Zimbabwe. In pursuit of “youth ideals in development,” he has a wealth of experience in youth programming; peace-building; facilitation of participatory community processes and research with various works published mainly on civil society (CSO) development effectiveness; enabling environment and Peace. He is an Alumni of the European Parliament (EP) Young Political Leaders and Youth in Action under the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). As a Pan Africanist he actively participates in AU and SADC led processes targeting the Youth. He serves as a focal point for various CSO initiatives within the SADC Region.



John Youhanes

East Africa: South Sudan

John Youhanes is the Executive Director of the Nile Youth Development Actions (NYDA) which is a grassroots catalyzer focusing on advancing the local socio-economic development in the Nile Basin countries. He is also a Mining Policy Officer at the African Union Commission working to popularize the Africa Mining Vision. He is an alumnus of Young African Leadership Initiative (YALI), entrepreneur, youth advocate, author of “The Forgotten Youth of a Nation Book”, researcher, and speaker at the World Youth Forum 2019 on African youth employability and the role of civil societies in Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD) in Africa. Co-researcher who produced “It’s our future report”, which aims at “Building better education and work for young people in a post-pandemic world” funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the Restless Development organization. Youhanes was a sub-team leader to Masindi District in Western Uganda, as part of the East African Community (EAC) Observers’ Mission to Uganda Presidential and Parliamentary Elections 2021.



Bhekinkosi Moyo

Center on African Philanthropy and Social Investment

Dr Bheki Moyo is a writer, author, researcher and thought-leader with a keen interest in questions of African resources, democracy and governance. He has championed the African discourse on philanthropy, contributed to the growth of many African civil society formations and has taken part in most of the continental processes of development and governance. He has written extensively on African philanthropy, civil society and governance. Equally, he has gained considerable experience in management, leadership and strategic roles over a significant period.





Baba Maal
Senegalese musician

Born in the town of Podor located in the Northern part of Senegal, Baaba Maal is a highly-regarded music star in Africa and worldwide. He is known for his engagement with marginalized communities in Africa and elsewhere and he has spent most of his time mobilizing support and resources for communities and people living at the margins of society. Singer and guitarist, he belongs to the semi-nomadic Fulani people and he sees himself as a pan-Africanist whose mission is to bring people together through music. Goodwill ambassador for several UN agencies and international organizations, Baaba has received many distinctions for his work as a star and as a person who dedicated his life to Africa and its diaspora.



Sharon Onkoni
Central Africa - Gabon

Sharon Onkoni is Central Africa Anti-Corruption Youth Ambassador, awarded by the Champion AU Anti Corruption His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari, President of Nigeria. Founder of Anti Corruption Youth Organisation named J-ACT & Author.



Patience Munyenembe
Southern Africa: Malawi Bora Kaumba - Central Africa: DRC

YALI Online Cohort 11 Alumnus Patience Munyenembe is a Deputy Country Director for Africa-Asia Youth Foundation (AAYFO) Malawi chapter and she also serves as a Programs Officer in the global AAYFO Programs office. 24-Year-Old African Feminist Macro-Economic Academy (AFMA) Alumnus, Patience is a member of the SADC Youth Parliament representing Malawi 2020/2021. She is also a newly appointed Malawi's country delegate to the Council of African Youth Advocates (CAYA). Ms Munyenembe is a member of Youth Activista Malawi, PEPETA Africa-Malawi as well as SRHR Africa Trust (SAT) Youth Hub. Above all, she strongly believes in Pan-Africanism.





Bora Kaumba
Central Africa: DRC

A child Ambassador for Children rights at UNICEF DRC after is the majority, Bora has been trained by UNICEF as a mentor and a trainer of Children. A passion for Africa, nature, rules, etc. Bora is a law student in the Department of Economic and social law of the public University of Lubumbashi in DR Congo. She is certified as a Young trainer by Unicef DRC and PNMLS DRC on Sexual and Reproduction Health and by the Model African Union in TANZANIA and DRC. She's a member of African. During the COVID19 she works with NexusAfrik as the focal point of all the young people in central Africa. She coordinates the group of Young Trainers of children. Bora has also militated for children rights in armed conflicts, for children's and women rights who are working in mines and carriers, for disabled children's rights, for young girls on the program called: 'no more marriage before the age of 18' and for Women Rights. She is a Sustainable Development Goal Ambassador and currently the co-chair of the SADC Youth parliament.



Akwasi Aidoo
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Dr Akwasi Aidoo is a philanthropy professional, human rights and peace advocate, and poet. He is currently a Senior Fellow at Humanity United and was the founding Executive Director of TrustAfrica – a foundation dedicated to promoting equitable development and democracy in Africa. His previous positions include head of the health sciences program of the International Development Research Center in West and Central Africa, head of the Ford Foundation's offices in Senegal and Nigeria, and director of the Ford Foundation's Special Initiative for Africa.



Heba Assem
North Africa: Egypt

Heba Assem is an Egyptian youth activist and a Leadership trainer who holds a bachelor degree in Spanish Language & Literature, a postgraduate diploma in Crisis and Conflicts management in Africa, and another postgraduate diploma in International Negotiations. She was the trainer of the first batch of the African Presidential Leadership Program (APLP) at the National Training Academy in Egypt, through which she was responsible for workshops, which focused on Post Conflict Reconstruction and Development from several perspectives such as, the Youth role in these operations and how we can involve them. Also, she is a volunteer with the African Union Volunteer Corp.

Heba is bilingual; she is a native Arabic speaker who has a fluent command of written and spoken English. She has quite a good experience in translation and proofreading from Arabic into English and versa while working as a UN Online Volunteer.





Justice Sumaili

Dzimwe Community Radio - Malawi

Justice is a Journalist and Marketer by profession and therefore working in the Media and has worked in different Marketing environments. His working with the generally underprivileged rural community gave him an opportunity to use the media as a change agent by focusing on gaps in knowledge, attitude and practices of the people. He has used his Marketing skills to advocate change to practices that are deep-rooted and are retrogressing the advancement of the people through radio programming.

Justice is currently engaging the communities in consolidating the impact of Covid-19 to the rural masses on their livelihood with the aim of seeking support from policy makers and the government and as well address misconceptions and misinformation that surround the spread, treatment and uptake of the COVID-19 vaccine.

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