



STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN POST-COVID-19 AFRICA A BRAINSTORMING E-POLICY SEMINAR

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(Abidjan time) Western Hemisphere

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(Abidjan time) Eastern Hemisphere

BIOGRAPHY OF SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS/DISCUSSANTS

**Prof. Osagie Imasogie,
Senior Managing Partner & Founder
PIPV Capital. USA**



Professor Osagie Imasogie has over 35 years of experience in the field of law, finance, business management, healthcare and the pharmaceutical industry. He is a co-founder of PIPV Capital through which he has invested over \$1 Billion in institutional money. Prior to co-founding PIPV Capital, Osagie conceptualized and established GlaxoSmithKline Ventures and was its founding Vice President. Osagie has held senior commercial and R&D positions within pharmaceutical companies such as GSK, SmithKline, DuPont Merck and Endo Pharmaceuticals. Osagie has also been a Price Waterhouse Corporate Finance Partner as well as a practicing attorney with a leading US Law Firm.

Osagie is a serial entrepreneur and investor. He serves as Chairman and Founder of Ibere Pharmaceuticals and Zelira Therapeutics. In addition, he serves on the Board of a number of financial institutions such as FS-KKR Capital Corp. (NYSE: FSK), Haverford Trust and Beltraith Investment, collectively managing over \$28 Billion. Osagie served as a Senior Technical Consultant to PEPFAR. In addition, Osagie serves

on the Advisory Board of the Africa Health Fund. Osagie also led the establishment of the Central Clearing House of the Nigerian Stock Exchange. Professor Osagie Imasogie is a Trustee of the University of Pennsylvania, and a member of its Executive Committee. For the past 17+ years, Osagie has been an Adjunct Professor of Intellectual Property at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, where he also serves as the Chairman of the Board.

Prof. Banji Oyelaran-Oyeyinka
Senior Special Adviser
African Development Bank Group
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Professor Banji Oyelaran-Oyeyinka is the Senior Special Adviser on Industrialization to the President of the African Development Bank, while coordinating the establishment of Agro-Industrial Processing Zones across Africa. He served at the United Nations for 20 years, his last position being Director, Regional Office for Africa. He led UN-HABITAT groundbreaking reports and introduced the “*City Prosperity Index*”, a metric now used in over 400 cities globally. He was Senior Economic Adviser, UN Centre on Trade and Development Geneva where he coordinated the ten-year review of performance of Least Developed Countries.

Former lecturer at Professor at the United Nations University, and current Visiting Professor at the United Nations University – MERIT, Netherlands and the Open University, UK Professor Oyelaran-Oyeyinka is a cerebral scholar epitomized distinction and dignity. He earned global acclaim for his pioneering work in the field of Industrialization, Technological Change, and Innovation Policy. He has published more than ten books.

Professor Oyelaran-Oyeyinka holds a *first-class* degree in Chemical Engineering from Obafemi Awolowo University, a Master’s in

Chemical engineering, from University of Toronto and a PhD in the Political Economy of Technological Change and Industrialization from the University of Sussex.

Prof. Soji Adelaja.
John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor (Land Policy)
Michigan State University, USA



Soji Adelaja, Ph.D., is the John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor in Land Policy at Michigan State University (MSU) (2004-current). A renowned policy economist, his expertise spans the areas of land use, conflict, agriculture, development, food security & renewable energy. As Special Adviser on Economic Intelligence at the Nigerian Presidency (2011-2016), he led the Presidential Initiative for the Northeast (PINE), which developed and implemented the economic stabilization, resettlement and revitalization strategies for the region affected by Boko Haram and helped design PINE’s successor organizations. Before MSU,

Adelaja served as Executive Dean of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Dean of Cook College, Executive Director of the NJAES, Cook College Research Dean and AFRE chair at Rutgers University. He founded/directed Rutgers’ EcoPolicy Center, Food Policy Institute and Food Innovation Center, and MSU’s Land Policy Institute. A graduate of Penn State (BS) and West Virginia (MA, MS & Ph.D.), he received the Outstanding Alumnus and Distinguished Alumnus Awards, respectively, from these universities.

Prof. Ibrahim Elbadawi
Managing Director,
Economic Research Forum
Egypt



Managing Director, The Economic Research Forum (since January 2017-August 2019; August 2020- present). Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Republic of Sudan (Sept 2019-July 2020). Professor Emeritus, University of Khartoum. Before that he was Director at the Economic Policy & Research Center, the Dubai Economic Council (2009-2016); Lead Economist at the Development Research Group of the World Bank, which he joined in 1989; and Professor of economics at the University of Gezira in Sudan. He holds a PhD in economics and statistics from North Carolina State and Northwestern universities in the USA. During his work at the World Bank he also served as Research Director of the African Economic Research Consortium (Nairobi, 1993-1998), on external leave from the Bank. He has edited 13 books and special editions of referred journal and published about 90 articles on macroeconomics, growth and development policy, democratic transitions and the economics of civil wars and post-conflict transitions. His regional specialization covers Africa and the Middle East. He is also a (non-resident) research fellow with the Center for Global Development. Dr. Elbadawi is the editor of (with Hoda Selim) of: *Understanding and Avoiding the Oil Curse in Resource-rich Arab Economies* (Cambridge University Press, 2016); and, Ibrahim Elbadawi (with Samir Makdisi). *Democratic Transitions in the Arab World*. (Cambridge University Press: 2016).

SCENE SETTERS

Dr. Rabah Arezki
Chief Economist and Vice President, ECVP,
African Development Bank
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Dr Rabah Arezki, a citizen of Algeria. Prior to joining the African development bank, he was the Chief Economist for the Middle East and North Africa Region at the World Bank, a role he has held since 2017. At the World Bank, he led the development of the Bank's "moonshot approach" for the Middle East and Africa which aims to achieve full internet and digital payment connectivity. He championed the agenda on fair competition, data and transparency to empower and unlock the potential of the region's youth. Prior to joining the World Bank, Dr Arezki worked at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) from 2006 to 2017. He started his career at the IMF as an Economist and became the Chief of the Commodities and Environment Unit in the Research Department. He provided leadership on the IMF's rapid response to the

historical collapse in oil prices that started in 2014. He advised authorities all around the world on risk mitigation policies. Dr Arezki is a senior fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, an external Research Associate at the Oxford University, UK, a research fellow at the CESifo, a global independent research network. Dr Arezki is also a resource person for the African Economic Research Consortium and a Research Fellow at the Economic Research Forum. He has been a non-resident Fellow at the Brookings Institute, USA.

He has published extensively both in top academic journals and policy-oriented outlets and is a co-editor and co-author of five books including *Shifting Commodity Markets in a Globalized World*. Many of his research papers have been cited extensively in academic circles and in prominent media outlets. Dr Arezki holds a master's in economics and Statistics from Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Economique (ENSAE) – France (2003), and a PhD in Economics from the European University Institute – Italy (2006). He is multilingual and fluent in French, English, and Arabic.

Prof. Vincent Nmehielle,
Secretary General
African Development Bank, Côte d'Ivoire



Professor Vincent O. Nmehielle is the Secretary-General of the African Development Bank Group. He is a former General Legal Counsel of the African Union; a former Professor of International Law and Head of the Wits Programme on Law, Justice and Development in Africa, University of the Witwatersrand School, Johannesburg, South Africa where he held the Bram Fischer Chair in Human Rights Law; a former Professorial Lecturer in law at the Oxford University and George Washington University Human Rights Programme; and a former Principal Defender of the United Nations-Backed Special Court for Sierra Leone. He holds a Bachelor of Laws with Honors from the Rivers State University, Port Harcourt, Nigeria; a Master of Laws, *Summa Cum Laude* in International Law from the

University of Notre Dame, USA; and a Doctor of Juridical Science in International and Comparative Law from The George Washington University, Washington, D.C, USA. His professional, academic, and research interests lie within the areas of law, governance justice, and development in Africa

Prof. Kevin Chika Urama, FAAS
Senior Director, African Development Institute,
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Kevin Chika URAMA, FAAS is currently the Senior Director of the African Development Institute at the African Development Bank Group, responsible for shaping and leading the bank-wide capacity development in the Regional Member Countries (RMCs) to accelerate delivery of the High 5 priorities of the Bank, the SDGs, and Agenda 2063. He is also an elected Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences (AAS); a Distinguished Professor of the University of Nigeria Nsukka; an Extra-Ordinary Professor in the School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University, South Africa; an Adjunct Professor at the Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs, Murdoch University, Western Australia; an Expert Partner of the Africa Progress Group Chaired by Former President Olusegun Obasanjo, and was Visiting Professor at the Department of Science, Technology,

Engineering and Public Policy, University College London. Prior to his appointment as Senior Director of the African Development Institute, he was Senior Advisor to the President of the African Development Bank Group on Inclusive and Green Growth – Strategy, Policy Development, and Implementation. Kevin has held various executive leadership positions in the academia, international organizations, the private sector, and is currently in a multilateral development bank. Prior to joining the African Development Bank, he was the inaugural Managing Director of the Quantum Global Research Lab established in Zug, Switzerland; former Executive Director of the African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) established in Nairobi Kenya; Director of Research and Training of the ATPS; Senior Research Fellow at the Macaulay Land Use Research Institute established in Aberdeen, United Kingdom; Deputy Chairman of the OMFIF Economists Network, and inaugural President of the African Society for Ecological Economics.

Kevin holds a Ph.D. in Land Economy from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom. He won the 2002-2003 James Claydon Prize for the most outstanding Ph.D. thesis in economics or related fields at St. Edmund's College, University of Cambridge. He was named the Technology Executive of the Year by the Africa Technology Awards in 2012. He has published in various media and has served on / contributed to many international and inter-governmental scientific panels/reports including the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC); Green Growth Best Practice (GGBP); the International Resource Panel (IRP); the OECD Green Growth and Poverty Reduction Task Team; the UNESCO Governing Board of the International Research and Training Centre for Science and Technology Strategy (CISTRAT), Beijing, China; and the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) Advisory Committee; the High-Level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020; among others. He serves on various boards and global research committees to deliver inclusive green growth and sustainable development.

Prof. Alex Ezeh
Dornsife Professor of Global Health,
Dornsife School of Public Health,
Drexel University, USA



Dr. Ezeh's work focuses on urban/slum health, population dynamics in sub-Saharan Africa, and models to strengthen knowledge-based institutions in Africa. Previously, he served as the founding Executive Director of the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) and guided APHRC to become one of Africa's foremost regional research centers. Dr. Ezeh also initiated and directed the Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa and the African Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship programs. He serves on numerous international and non-profit boards, including the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs' High-Level Advisory Board for Economic and Social Affairs. Dr. Ezeh has contributed to several Lancet Commissions and Co-Chaired the Gutmacher Lancet Commission on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. Dr. Ezeh received the London

School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Royal Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene's 2020 George Macdonald Medal.

Prof. Sharon Fonn, PhD,
Full Professor, School of Public Health
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Former Head of the School of Public Health and Acting Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences



Sharon Fonn, PhD, University of the Witwatersrand: Dr. Fonn, a medical doctor, is a full professor in the School of Public Health, University of the Witwatersrand. She has been the Head of the School of Public Health and Acting Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand. She was awarded a Doctor Honoris Causa Medicine from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden (2015), the University of the Witwatersrand Vice-Chancellor's Academic Citizenship Team Award (2011), and the Distinguished Scientist Award – for contribution to the quality of life of women by the South Africa Government, Department of Science of Technology (2005). She currently co-leads the Consortium of Advanced Research Training in Africa (CARTA). She has published over 100 peer reviewed articles and book chapters, as well a number of training curriculums and a range of technical reports, policy documents and publication for non-technical audiences. Her areas of expertise include: Policy development and implementation; Health systems research; Gender; Human rights; Reproductive health;

Research training and curriculum development

SPEAKERS /DISCUSSANTS

Hon. Seth Terkper
Former Finance Minister, Ghana
Accra, Ghana



Mr Seth Terkpe is the Executive Director of the PFM Tax Africa Network, Advisor and Senior Consultant at the African Development Institute of the AfDB, Chairman of the PEFA Advisory Committee, a member of the Advisory Committee of the NYU-Gates Foundation and a member of the Steering Committee of Duke University Centre for Policy Impact in Global Health. He previously served as both Minister and Deputy Minister of Finance in the Republic of Ghana. He also worked as a Senior Economist with the International Monetary Fund's Fiscal Affairs department.

Ryuichi Kato
Vice President
Japan International Cooperation Agency
Japan



Ryuichi Kato is Vice-President at the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), responsible for TICAD (African Development) , Grant aid assistance, and JICA Mid-term Plan. Since joining JICA in 1987, he has served various positions, including in the Planning Department and the General Affairs Department. He was seconded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau in Tokyo (1997-1998). He has extensive working experience in Francophone Africa, including his tenure as Deputy Resident Representative in the Cote d'Ivoire and Senegal Office (2002-2006), and as Chief Representative in the Senegal Office (2012-2016). He served as Director General of Africa Department (2017-2020).

As a reward for his dedication, he was awarded 'Officier de l'Ordre National du Lion' from H.E. Macky Sall, the President of Senegal in March 2016. Ryuichi graduated from Sophia University in 1987, majoring in Sociology. He is passionate about running and has so far completed 19 full marathons.

Hafez Ghanem,
Vice President for Eastern and Southern Africa,
World Bank Group, Washington, DC, USA



Hafez Ghanem, an Egyptian and French national, is the Regional Vice President for Eastern and Southern Africa. A development expert with over 30 years of experience, Dr. Ghanem leads relations with 26 countries, and oversees over 280 projects totaling more than \$49 billion.

Prior to his appointment on July 1, 2020, Dr. Ghanem served as the Vice President for Africa. Under his leadership, the World Bank supported inclusive growth and poverty reduction by financing projects that boost human capital, support private sector development, raise agricultural productivity, improve access to infrastructure, build resilience to climate change, and promote regional integration. Intensifying assistance for fragile and conflict-affected states, promoting gender equality, and providing economic opportunities for youth were core to his vision for the Africa Region.

Dr. Ghanem also served as Vice President of the World Bank for the Middle East and North Africa from 2015 to 2018, overseeing the World Bank's engagement with 20 countries. Leading up to this, he was a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution in the Global Economy and Development program leading the Arab economies project, focused on the impact of political transition on Arab economic development. Between 2007 and 2012, he served as the Assistant Director-General at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). He was responsible for the Economic and Social Development Department and the FAO's analytical work on agricultural economics and food security, trade and markets, gender and equity, and statistics. In this role, he and his counterpart at the OECD coordinated the preparation of the International Organizations' recommendations to the 2011 G20 meeting on how to respond to the global food crisis. He also led the reforms of the Committee on World Food Security to make it more inclusive and responsive to country needs. Dr. Ghanem began his career at the World Bank in 1983 as a Young Professional. Over the span of 24 years (1983-2007), he worked on Bank operations and initiatives in over 20 countries in Africa, Europe and Central Asia, Middle East and North Africa, and Southeast Asia. His previous positions at the World Bank include: Country Director for Nigeria where he led a multinational team of more than 100 professionals, managing the Bank's loan portfolio of some \$1.5 billion; Country Director for Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius and Seychelles; and Sector Leader for Public Economics and Trade Policy in the Europe and Central Asia Region. He has many publications in professional journals and was a member of the core team that produced the World Bank's 1995 World Development Report. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree in Economics from the American University in Cairo and a PhD in Economics from the University of California, Davis. He is fluent in Arabic, English and French.

Stephanie Springorum
Senior Project Manager
GIZ , Germany



Stefanie Springorum is a senior professional at GIZ (German Development Cooperation) with more than 15 yrs. of experience in the area of sustainable economic policy and private sector development. She currently manages a global programme on "Climate Resilient Economic Development" under the International Climate Initiative supporting countries in development climate-sensitive development plans and economic development strategies. The programme builds capacities in macroeconomic modelling on climate change impacts and adaptation options and advocates evidence-based policy-making for enhancing economic

resilience. This allow countries also to model the effect of shocks such as COVID19 and the effects of recovery programmes on the whole economy in terms of GDP and employment. Stefanie has worked for many years in GIZ on issues such as business and investment climate, value chain development, innovation, industrial policy, green economy and SME promotion. She holds a Master in Economics.

Dr. Aloysius Uche Ordu
Director - Africa Growth Initiative,
Senior Fellow - Global Economy and Development program
Brookings Institute.



Dr. Aloysius Uche Ordu brings over three decades of experience in international development and the private sector. He is currently Managing Partner, Omapu Associates LLC, a boutique advisory services and fund-raising firm. He was previously Vice President at the African Development Bank. In that capacity, he played active roles in the Senior Management team in resource mobilization, decentralization to regional and country offices across the continent, and participation in the Committees of the Board of Executive Directors. Aloysius earlier served as Regional Director for Eastern Africa where he introduced innovative approaches to portfolio management, quality assurance, and rigorous analytical work that informed the formulation of policies, strategies, programs, and

project lending. Aloysius worked at the World Bank for over 22 years and served in various leadership and managerial capacities, including Director of Operations Policy and Quality; Operations Director for Latin America and the Caribbean Region; Country Manager (Philippines); Manager, Development Effectiveness in the Middle East & North Africa Region; Manager, Young Professionals Program—the World Bank Group’s source of talents; and Task Manager for investment projects in diverse sectors. Aloysius won the ‘Award of Excellence’ from President Jim Wolfensohn and the ‘Good Practice Award’ from the Independent Evaluation Group. Prior to joining the World Bank Group, Aloysius worked at the Midland Bank Group and at The Economist Intelligence Unit, London, UK. Aloysius is currently a Member of the Board of Directors of the Partnership for Transparency Fund, and until recently he was a Board Member, Stellenbosch University Business School (South Africa). Aloysius holds a PhD in Economics (Sussex), M.Sc. Quantitative Economics (Bristol), B.Sc. Economics & Law (Wales), UK, and Executive Leadership & Corporate Finance Training (Harvard). He has published numerous commentaries on African affairs through the Brookings Institution and the Nairobi-based East African Newspaper

Dr. Martin Ledolter, LL.M.
Managing Director Austrian Development Agency
Operational unit of the Austrian Development Cooperation
Austria



Mr. Ledolter serves as Managing Director of ADA since 2013 and is responsible for implementation of all ADA projects in over 70 countries. Previously he served as Senior Advisor to the Vice Chancellor and Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs in the areas of development cooperation, social and health affairs and lectured in Intl Corporate Health Law at the University of Applied Sciences IMC Krems. He holds a Doctor for Laws from Vienna University and a Fulbright Scholar at Columbia University.

Mr. Dana Hovig
Program Director of Global Development and Population
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Dana Hovig is the Program Director of Global Development and Population at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Dana is an experienced leader of both philanthropic and global nonprofit organizations. He joined the Hewlett Foundation in 2019 to lead the team responsible for grantmaking to improve lives and livelihoods in low- and middle-income countries, and to promote the health and economic well-being of women in the United States and around the world.

Previously, Dana worked at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for six years, where he co-created and led the Integrated Delivery team. That team focuses on building health systems; launching, delivering, and scaling up new products, services, and interventions; and finding synergies to improve outcomes across

the foundation's health programs.

Prior to joining the Gates Foundation, Dana spent seven years as CEO of Marie Stopes International (MSI), based in London, U.K. Dana led the work of more than 8,500 MSI international staff with offices and operations in 40 countries. MSI delivers lifesaving and life-changing reproductive health, HIV/AIDS prevention, family and maternal health, and primary health care services via MSI clinics, franchised clinics, and community health workers. Dana joined MSI after more than a decade in leadership positions with Population Services International. He has spent nearly 10 years living and working in Pakistan and Francophone West Africa, including with the Peace Corps in Togo. Dana holds a Master of Science degree in international political economy from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. L. Muthoni Wanyeki
Regional Director
Open Society Foundation
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L. Muthoni Wanyeki is the regional director of the Open Society Foundations' Africa Regional Office. Prior to this, she served as a member and chair of the Open Society Justice Initiative's advisory board.

Prior to joining the Open Society Foundations, Wanyeki was Amnesty International's regional director for East Africa, the Horn, and the Great Lakes (2014-17). She served as executive director of the Kenya Human Rights Commission (2007-11), and executive director of the African Women's Development

and Communication Network (1999-2006). She has served as an advisor/board member for many organizations, including the African Leadership Centre of King's College London and the University of Nairobi. She was a columnist for the *East African*, (2003-18) and is now a columnist for the *East African Review*.

Wanyeki has a BA (Hons) in political science and French from the University of New Brunswick in Canada, an MPA (cum laude) from L'Institut d'études politiques (Sciences Po) in France, and completed her PhD in politics and international studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. Her research has focused on the African Union's right to intervene and the meaning, in practice, of the notion of "African solutions to African problems."

Sir Jeremy Farrar
Director, Wellcome Trust,
United Kingdom



Jeremy Farrar is Director of the Wellcome Trust - a politically and financially independent global charitable foundation that exists to fund Science to solve the urgent health challenges facing everyone. Jeremy is a clinician scientist who before joining Wellcome was, for eighteen years, Director of the Clinical Research Unit Hospital for Tropical Diseases in Viet Nam, where his research interests were in infectious diseases and global health with a focus on emerging infections, he has published almost 600 articles. He was named 12th in the Fortune list of 50 World's Greatest Leaders in 2015 and was awarded the Memorial Medal and Ho Chi Minh City Medal from the Government of Viet Nam. In 2018 he was awarded the President Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian of the Year Award. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences UK, the National Academies USA, the European Molecular Biology Organisation and a Fellow of The Royal Society. Jeremy was knighted in the Queen's 2018 New Year Honours for services to Global Health and was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun and Gold Ray Neck Ribbon in 2020 from the Japanese government in the name of the Emperor of Japan for contributions to global health.

Mr. Nick Lea, Deputy Chief Economist.
UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO).
United Kingdom



Nick Lea is Deputy Chief Economist at the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). He has written extensively on poverty, growth, inequality, fragility, the global economy, and the role of aid. He led the development of FCDO's bilateral allocation model, and the diagnostic framework used to prioritize what UK aid is spent on. Before working for HMG, Nick was Country Head for the Children's Investment Fund in Malawi; consulted for the World Bank; and spent ten years working in capital markets.

He has a first-class degree in Mathematics from Oxford and specialised in Latin America economies for his MPhil. He holds a patent in the risk management of financial derivatives.

Prof. Daya Reddy
President, International Science Council
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Daya Reddy completed bachelor's and doctoral degrees in engineering at the Universities of Cape Town and Cambridge. He holds the South African Research Chair in Computational Mechanics at the University of Cape Town. He was a founder member in 2003 of AIMS, the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, which is now a pan-African network with centres in six African countries. He is actively involved in bodies that work towards strengthening the scientific enterprise and at the science-policy interface and is currently President of the International Science Council, the largest representative non-governmental scientific organization globally. He is a recipient of the Award for Research Distinction of the South African Mathematical Society, the Order of Mapungubwe, awarded by the President of South Africa for distinguished contributions to science, and of the Georg Forster Research Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany..

Dr. Isayvani Naicker
Director of Strategy and Partnerships
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Dr Isayvani Naicker has over 20 years' management and practical experience in resource mobilisation, strategic international and government to government partnerships, donor support, advocacy and policy consultation, research and policy advice.

Prior to joining African Academy of Sciences, she worked as a Chief Director of International Resources at the Department of Science and Technology South Africa.

She was previously a research associate at the Centre for Science and Policy at the University of Cambridge and a Visiting Research Fellow at the School for Public and Development Management at the University of Witwatersrand. She is a member of international research networks including the Society for the Social Studies of Science, the International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA), Green Economics Institute at Oxford University, and has engaged professionally with donor agencies (the EC, UNEP, UNDP, OECD, and GEF), African regional partnerships (NEPAD, AU) and networks (African Technology Policy Studies Network) and with senior national policy makers (particularly across Southern African countries). She holds a PhD in Geography (Science Policy) from the University of Cambridge and MSc (Geology) from the University of Cape Town) and MSc (Philosophy of Social Sciences) from the London School of Economics.

Ms. Margaret Mliwa,
Acting Regional Director,
Office of Eastern Africa Ford Foundation,
Nairobi, Kenya.



Margaret Mliwa is the Acting Regional Director, Eastern Africa, based in Ford's Nairobi office. She has more than 25 years of social justice experience, working with government, civil society, and philanthropy to advocate for and implement policies that champion community-driven youth programs with an emphasis on youth voice, rights-based approaches, and strengthening leadership and capacity development among youth-led networks and organizations. She has been instrumental in catalyzing and nurturing the growth of local, national, and global youth social justice movements to push for accountability and responsiveness of governments to improve service delivery. Prior to joining Ford, Margaret was country director of Restless Development Tanzania. She has also served as the head Youth Social Mobilization unit in the Kenya Government and consultant in the development of the National Youth Service framework for the Sierra Leonean government respectively. Margaret is a recipient of a Commonwealth Scholarship and holds a bachelor's degree in education.

Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u
Executive Director
African Economic Research Consortium
Nairobi Kenya



Njuguna Ndung'u is the Executive Director of the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), a Pan African premier capacity building network. He is an associate professor of economics at the University of Nairobi, Kenya (on leave of absence). He is the immediate former Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya, where he served for two 4-year terms from 2007 to 2015. He has been a member of Global Advisory Council (GAC) of the World Economic Forum. He holds a PhD in economic from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Currently he is a Member of the Brookings Africa Growth Initiative (AGI) Distinguished Advisory Group, a Member of the Advisory Committee of the Alliance for Financial Inclusion, AFI, that coordinates financial inclusion policies in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and a Senior Advisor for the UNCDF-based Better Than Cash Alliance.

Prof. Emmanuel Nnadozie
Executive Secretary
African Capacity Building Foundation
Zimbabwe



Professor Emmanuel Nnadozie is the Executive Secretary of the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) Prof. Nnadozie is an educator, economist, professor of economics, author, and development expert. His work spans over 20 years in the development sector. Prior to his selection for ACBF, he was Chief Economist and Director of the Macroeconomic Policy Division and before then the Director of the Economic Development and NEPAD Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) which he joined in 2004. At the UNECA, Prof. Nnadozie led the production of the well acclaimed annual Economic Report on African from 2010 to 2013; the Least developed Countries Monitor and the annual Africa MDGs Report for 4 years. He also served as a UN representative at various intergovernmental and continental

forums and as coordinator for the UN system-wide support to Africa's development as well as the focal point for UN/UNECA's relations with African Union Commission, NEPAD Secretariat, and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM). Before joining the UNECA, Prof. Nnadozie taught economics from 1989 to 2004 at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri. While at Truman, he also held a fellowship at University of Oxford and a visiting professorship at University of North Carolina. In 1992 he obtained a federal grant to establish the university's McNair Scholars Program—a predoctoral programme for underrepresented students. He served as the director of the program until he left the university in 2004. Emmanuel Nnadozie has written several books and book chapters which include among others, African Economic Development. Recognized as an educator, Emmanuel Nnadozie is member of many Honor societies and organizations. He received higher degrees at the University of Nigeria Nsukka and the Université de Paris 1 Sorbonne.

**Prof. Etienne Ehouan Ehile,
Secretary-General, Association of African Universities (AAU)
Ghana**



Prof Etienne Ehouan Ehile is an Ivorian and a renowned physiologist. He graduated from the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Abidjan in 1974, where he obtained his Master's degree. He then joined the University of Aix Marseille III (France) and obtained his Doctorate in Neurophysiology with honors in 1978. His research work was carried out at the Neurophysiology Laboratory of the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), France. He is the former Director of Cabinet of the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Côte d'Ivoire and former President of Nangui Abrogoua University, Côte d'Ivoire, where he spent two terms of 4 years each (2001-2010), before assuming his duties as Secretary General of the Association of African Universities (AAU) in August 2011. Professor Ehile is not new to the AAU because he was an active member of the board of directors of the AAU

since 2005. Professor Ehile has published over 50 scientific articles in various regional and international scientific journals from 1978 to 2019. From 1992 to date, Professor Ehile has held numerous management and administrative positions.

**Dr. Ibrahim L. Stevens
Deputy Governor, Bank of Sierra Leone
The Republic of Sierra Leone
Sierra Leone**



Dr. Ibrahim Stevens is the First Deputy Governor of the Bank of Sierra Leone. He was appointed Deputy Governor in July 2014 and reappointed to a second five-year term in July 2019. He is responsible for monetary stability and leads the Bank's work on monetary policy, monetary operations and exchange rates, among other issues. He is an experienced central banker, research economist and senior policy analyst. Prior to his appointment at the Bank of Sierra Leone, he was Country Programme Director at the International Growth Centre (IGC), London School of Economics. Before joining the IGC, he was Macroeconomic Adviser at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development in Rwanda and Head of Project for the German International Cooperation (GIZ)-funded project on Macroeconomic Advice to Rwanda.

Before moving to Rwanda, he was a Senior Economist at the Bank of England and had worked for the Bank for ten years. He worked in Financial Stability, Monetary Analysis and was an Adviser at the Centre for Central Banking Studies (CCBS). His work at the CCBS was mainly to provide policy advice, capacity building and promote collaboration with other central banks. In this role, he had the opportunity to visit over 40 (forty) central banks/countries. Dr. Stevens' research interests are in financial stability (for example, the assessment of systemic risks in industrialised economies), monetary analysis (for example, understanding the financial and economic impact of unconventional monetary policy) and applied financial econometrics. His work has been published in a number of international academic journals.

He has attended numerous international conferences and presented papers on policy-relevant research in financial economics and central banking. Dr Stevens holds a PhD in Financial Economics from Durham University

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Dr Aldo Stroebe is Executive Director Strategic Partnerships at the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa and Visiting Fellow at the Institute for African Development at Cornell University, USA. He serves as South Africa's National Contact Point for the European Research Council, and as the co-chairperson of the Executive Support Group of the Global Research Council. He is a Foreign Fellow of the Ugandan National Academy of Science, and a founding member of the SA Young Academy of Science (SAYAS). Education credentials: University of Pretoria (BSc- and Hons-degrees); University of Ghent, Belgium (master's in international Agricultural Development); University of the Free State and Cornell University, USA (PhD); Postdoctoral research at Wageningen University, The Netherlands. He is a recognised scholar in sustainable agriculture and acknowledged as a leader in internationalisation of Higher Education, and research and innovation management.

**Dr. Simon Kay
Head International Operations
Wellcome
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Dr Simon Kay started his career with a PhD in Cancer Immunology whilst supporting himself as a chef in a monastery. He then moved to the British Council where he worked for 26 years around the world with postings in the UK, Singapore, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Sudan, Russia and Israel. As Head of International Operations Simon now leads Wellcome's efforts to build biomedical and health research capacity in Africa and India. His teams at Wellcome work closely with the Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa (AESA) and with the Wellcome Trust/Department of Biotechnology (DBT) India Alliance. His team also provides governance and operational support to Wellcome's major programmes in Thailand, Vietnam, Kenya, Malawi and South Africa. Through this work he has built up expertise in charitable and not for profit international governance arrangements and in capacity building in Lower- and Middle-Income Countries. He is also studying for a Masters in

Coaching and Behavioural Change at the Henley Business School and hopes to be able to use this expertise to help build research and innovation capacity skills in early career researchers. Simon is a Governor at Ardingly College in West Sussex, a Trustee of the DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance, a Trustee of the Malaria Consortium, a Director of the Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI) in South Africa (research into HIV/TB), a Director of the Africa Research Consortium for Health (ARCH) in Kenya and a member of the Partners' Group which provides governance oversight to AESA.

Prof. Goolam Mohamedbhai

International Higher Education Consultant / Honorary president of International Association of Universities (IAU) / Former AAU Secretary General / Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mauritius



Goolam Mohamedbhai did his undergraduate and postgraduate studies in Civil Engineering at the University of Manchester, UK and his postdoctoral research at the University of California, Berkeley. He joined the University of Mauritius in 1972 and served as its Vice-Chancellor from 1995 to 2005. He was Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities, President of the International Association of Universities, and a member and Vice-Chair of the governing Council of the United Nations University. He is the recipient of several honorary doctorates and awards.

Mohamedbhai operates as an independent consultant in higher education, with special interest in Africa. He is currently actively involved in several higher education projects in Africa supported by the

World Bank and the German DAAD. He is a Board member of the University World News (Africa) and an Honorary Adviser to the Commonwealth of Learning.

Prof. Moses Kiggundu

Distinguished Research Professor

**Sprott School of Business, Carleton University
Canada**



Moses N. Kiggundu is Distinguished Research Professor and Professor Emeritus, Sprott School of Business, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. For almost half a century, his active scholarly and professional work has been focused on management, organization development, and institutional capacity building in Africa, other emerging economies and globally, including advice to ACBF, governments, and international organizations. Working with colleagues in Africa and in the diaspora, he has recently published a report titled **Preliminary Investigations into COVID-19 Pandemic and Management in Africa**. He strives to understand and advance various aspects of equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in organizations, institutions, and society at large. He currently serves as the Founding Editor of the *Africa Journal of Management*.

Dr. Max Price
Emeritus Vice-Chancellor
University of Cape Town
South Africa.



Max Price is the former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town (2008 – 2018). In that capacity, he was the founding chair of the African Universities Research Alliance (ARUA), an initiative aimed at ensuring that the continent would increase the number of globally competitive research universities in Africa. Under his stewardship, UCT grew its research management capacity, and roughly doubled the grants secured, recruitment of top researchers, patents, spinoff companies and publication output.

Prior to his appointment as Vice-Chancellor, Dr Price was the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of the Witwatersrand. He has published extensively in the areas of health systems research, health policy and health science education. Currently, Dr. Price is an independent consultant and works in areas of philanthropy that relate to health and education in developing countries. He also consults to higher education institutions and on-line course providers.

Prof. Gunnar Köhlin
Director Environment for Development Initiative
Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg
Sweden



Director Environment for Development Initiative, Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg a global network of environmental economics' centers that he coordinates from University of Gothenburg. EfD is created to strengthen the science – policy nexus for the application of environmental economics to reduce poverty and increase sustainability in the Global South. He has spent 30 years working with applications of environmental economics in developing countries including the development of a dedicated PhD program in environmental and development economics with 45 PhD graduates, primarily from Africa. His research interests focus on sustainable agriculture, energy, forestry, and environmental policy analysis in developing countries. He has been involved in i.e. the World Bank Country Environment Analyses for Ethiopia and Tanzania as well as a major review of market-based approaches to environmental management for the Asian Development Bank. Gunnar Köhlin is also an honorary professor at the School of Economics, University of Cape Town

Prof. Ernest Aryeetey
Secretary-General
The African Research Universities Alliance
South Africa



Ernest Aryeetey is the foundation Secretary-General of the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA), a network of 16 of Africa's flagship universities. He is a Professor of Economics and former Vice Chancellor of University of Ghana (2010-2016). He was also previously Director of the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) (2003-2010) at University of Ghana and the first Director of the Africa Growth Initiative of Brookings Institution, Washington D.C. Professor Aryeetey studied Economics at University of Ghana and undertook graduate studies at Universitaet Dortmund, completing in 1985. He has held academic appointments at the School of Oriental and African Studies (London), Yale University and Swarthmore College in the U.S. at various points in time. Ernest Aryeetey was appointed a member of the Governing Council of the United Nations University by the U.N. Secretary-General in May 2016,

and was previously Chairman of the Governing Board of UNU-World Institute for Development Economics Research (Helsinki). He is also a member of the Governing Board of the Centre for Development Research at University of Bonn. He served as Resource Person and member of the Programme Committee of the African Economic Research Consortium (Nairobi) for many years. He is currently Board Chairman of Stanbic Bank Ghana Limited.

Ernest Aryeetey's research focuses on the economics of development with interest in institutions and their role in development, regional integration, economic reforms, financial systems in support of development and small enterprise development. He is well known for his work on informal finance and microfinance in Africa. He has consulted for and advises a broad range of international agencies. Ernest Aryeetey has published three books, nine edited volumes, and numerous journal articles. Among his publications are *"Financial Integration and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa"* and *"Economic Reforms in Ghana: the Miracle and the Mirage"*. His latest publication is the edited volume *"Economy of Ghana Sixty Years after Independence"*, Oxford University Press, March 2017. He delivered the 2018 WIDER Annual Development Economics Lectures in Helsinki. One of Ernest Aryeetey's strategic priorities as Vice Chancellor at University of Ghana was to develop the University into a research-intensive institution that supports structural transformation in Ghana and in Africa. He led his colleagues to engage in building many new research and graduate programmes that aim to both advance knowledge and to promote national development

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Prof Zeblon Zenzele Vilakazi is the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of the Witwatersrand. He joined Wits University as Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Postgraduate Affairs in 2014. His previous appointments include Group Executive for Research and Development at the Nuclear Energy Corporation of South Africa (NECSA) in 2011, while also serving as the Director of iThemba LABS – a position he has held since January 2007. He also holds an Honorary Professorship in the Department of Physics at the University of Cape Town (UCT).

Vilakazi has served as a chairman of the International Atomic Energy Agency's Standing Advisory Committee on Nuclear Applications from 2009 to 2011. He is a member of the Programme Advisory Committee for Nuclear Physics at the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Russia and a member of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics Working Group for Nuclear Physics. In 2010, he was nominated by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader and is a Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences. He has more than 300 refereed articles in Nuclear

and High Energy Physics and is a regular invitee for talks and presentations at leading international conferences and seminars.

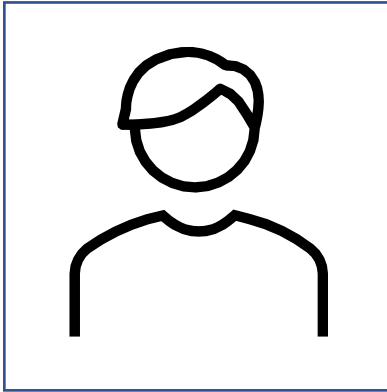
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Robert Eiss serves as senior global health adviser to the Director of the National Institutes of Health and Fogarty International Center. At NIH, Mr. Eiss assumed lead responsibility for the Fogarty International Center's first long-range plan, which reoriented its programs to address infectious and non-communicable disease research and training needs of low-and middle-income countries. Mr. Eiss has held executive management posts at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and at an international NGO established by the Rockefeller Foundation to improve access to innovative medicines. At ONDCP, he served as director of planning and budget and managed a research portfolio on illicit drug consumption and consequences. As CEO of an international NGO, he promoted innovative and strategic management of intellectual property to speed the development of medical products that reduce global health disparities. Mr. Eiss holds degrees from the

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He studied sociology at the University of Lagos, the London School of Economics and the University of Sussex, UK and was a full Professor of Sociology at the University of Lagos. He was a Deputy Executive Secretary of the Dakar, Senegal- based CODESRIA. He also served at the Ford Foundation as Acting Regional Representative for Middle East and North Africa in Cairo and later on as Regional Representative for Eastern Africa in Nairobi. He has served on several national and international boards. He is widely published and co-edited, with

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Prof. Thomas Jayne is a University Foundation Professor of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics at Michigan State University, Fellow of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association and a Distinguished Fellow of the African Association of Agricultural Economists. He works in food marketing and price policies, changes in land use patterns, sustainable intensification, employment, and rural transformation. Adjunct Professor at the Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute in Lusaka, Zambia, a board member of the Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes in Eastern and Southern Africa and was a founding Co-Director of the Alliance for African Partnership at Michigan State University. Co-Leader of the CGIAR Policies, Institutions and Markets research program on Economy-wide Factors Affecting Agricultural Growth and Rural

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Dr. Undieh heads the Neuromedications Innovation Lab exploring novel treatments and strategies to prevent addiction, predict depression, or promote post-traumatic neurorecovery. He recently completed administrative service as vice president and associate provost for research and graduate studies at the City University of New York, City College. As the institution's chief research officer, Dr. Undieh created innovative strategies to foster collaboration, promote translation of research discoveries into commercial products, address knowledge and technology needs of the local community, and strengthen the institution's research enterprise comprised of disparate disciplines ranging from humanities and social sciences to engineering and medicine. Dr. Undieh has a passion for creating and fostering innovative academic and research programs

characterized by visionary leadership, interdisciplinary collaboration, resource optimization, transparent accountability, and outcomes that support excellent returns on investment.

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Arjan de Haan is currently Senior Program Specialist at Canada's International Development Research Centre and based in Ottawa. His current work focuses on supporting southern-based research to integrated climate and gender equity considerations into policy analysis, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for sustained recoveries and transitions to low-carbon economies. He previously led the IDRC GrOW project on women's economic empowerment (see the recent book [here](#)), and published and taught on [social policy](#) in development contexts, [labour migration](#), and the 'aid industry'.

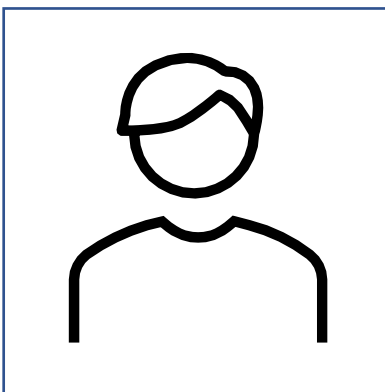
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Director, Health, Africa,
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Dr. Paulin Basinga serves as the foundation's director of health for Africa, where he leads a growing team in the development and execution of the country plan to fulfil the foundation's programmatic priorities in Africa. This work involves complex coordination across the foundation's divisions and programs. As such, he also acts as the principal Africa liaison with key program leads and program strategy teams in Seattle. Prior to joining the foundation in 2012, Paulin served as deputy director in charge of Research and Consultancies at the National University of Rwanda's School of Public Health. There, he spent years designing, implementing, and evaluating public health interventions for HIV, TB, and maternal and child health. He also led research into ways to strengthen Rwanda's health systems. Paulin

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Mr. Coulibaly, is a citizen of Mali and joined the African Development Bank in 2002. He brings into this role over twenty-five years of diverse experience in various areas of development, notably economic governance, project management, operational policy, country dialogue, finance, audit and advisory services, in both private and public sectors. Until this appointment, he was the Officer-in-Charge for the Governance and Public Financial Management Department of the African Development Bank since 2016. As Officer in Charge of the Governance Department, he was responsible for lending delivery and business development, donor coordination and partnership on governance, sector strategy as well as people management of the department. He coordinated the delivery of operations for economic governance and public finance management and served as substantive technical anchor for the

Bank's engagement with key policy and strategic processes. He championed the Department's delivery of more than twenty operations with over 100 percent implementation rate of the approved lending program, including complex and big-ticket interventions such as the budget support operations for several countries. He also led the design and preparation of various program documents through the Bank review process, in close collaboration with other Donor partners. In addition, he led the preparation of institutional support and capacity-building projects in the public sector and issued position papers relating to good economic and financial governance in regional member countries. He also co-led the Bank relationships with Regional Economic Communities and regional organizations, in particular with partners on governance. Very recently, he coordinated the joint work of the Bank and OECDs on Illicit Financial Flows and Combatting Corruption. Between 2013 and 2016, Mr. Coulibaly was Division Manager, Operations Design and Portfolio Management. He was also the Principal and Chief Governance Expert from 2008 to 2013 and Senior Governance Specialist, 2002 - 2008. Prior to joining the African Development Bank, Mr Coulibaly had worked as a Financial Management Specialist at the World Bank. He was also a Supervisor as well as Chief of Mission at Ernst and Young.

**Dr. Catherine Kyobutungi
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African Population & Health Research Center
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Catherine Kyobutungi is the Executive Director of the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC). The Center is a premier African institution conducting policy relevant research on population, health and development and translating that research into evidence for policy decisions and actions.

Dr. Kyobutungi holds a Medical degree from Makerere University, Kampala and a Master of Science degree and PhD in Epidemiology from the University of Heidelberg, Germany. She has more than fourteen years of experience conducting research in Africa, specifically on the epidemiology of non-communicable diseases (NCD) and their interface with the healthcare delivery system. Catherine has passion for evidence playing a role in decision making. She has worked with decision makers at different levels to make evidence count in their decisions and also supported the development of models of evidence uptake in decision making in the African context.

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Swithin J. Munyantwali is an international development lawyer with close to thirty years' experience leading law reform efforts in Africa, resulting in extensive engagements in over thirty-five countries in sub-Saharan Africa, as well as all the major bilateral and multilateral global development agencies. He is Vice Chairman and co-founder of the International Law Institute African Centre for Legal Excellence, an affiliate of the International Law Institute, on whose board he also serves. Mr. Munyantwali is the Head of Appleton Luff's East African Office. He serves on the Board of Directors of the African Philanthropy Forum, as a non-executive director at the Absa Bank Group, and a Judge (Vice-Chairman) on the Staff Appeals Tribunal at the East African Development Bank. Mr. Munyantwali also serves on various non-profit boards, and on the Dean's Cabinet for Global Legal Studies at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, from where he received his Juris Doctor.

Prof. David Morrison
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Murdoch University
Australia



Professor David Morrison is the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) at Murdoch University, Perth Western Australia. Prior to appointment at Murdoch University, he was a Winthrop Professor at the University of Western Australia and Head of School of Psychology in the Faculty of Life and Physical Sciences. Other academic appointments (in reverse chronology) have been held in Schools of Psychology at the University of Queensland, Murdoch University and the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology and the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. In his current role he is spearheading a radical research new strategy focused on Health, Food, and the environment, and heavily invested in infrastructure and people. A registered Organizational Psychologist holding postgraduate degrees from the Universities of Sheffield (Masters) and Wales (PhD) in the UK. His publication outputs cover diverse fields from ergonomics, industrial process control to economics and safety science to human resource management, clinical psychology, and fundamental psychological research. David sits on the steering committee of the Australia Africa Universities Network (AAUN) and is the Vice President of the Australia China Business Council (WA). Board Memberships include: Pawsey Supercomputer Centre, National Centre for Excellence in Desalination and the WA Animal Resources Authority, West Australian Marine Sciences Institute, and the Raine Study

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African Capacity Building Foundation
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Mr. Kone is currently Director of the African Capacity Building Foundation's Resource Mobilization, Strategic Planning and Partnership Department and Head of the West and Central Africa Regional Office. He joined ACBF in July 2005 in the Knowledge Management Department then the Operations Department until February 2010.

A development practitioner with hands-on experience, Mr. Kone brought to ACBF two decades of professional experience in the private sector and the United Nations. He worked for Arthur Andersen as an Auditor then Audit Manager in France and West and Central Africa, and for DHL as Finance Manager for Côte d'Ivoire. At the United Nations, Mr. Kone worked for the UNHCR in Côte d'Ivoire and for UNICEF as Chief, Operations in Guinea

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funding, agenda setting, and programme management platform created by the African Academy of Sciences and the AU Development Agency, global funding partners, and through a resolution of the summit of AU Heads of Governments.

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Professor Pascale Allotey is the Director of the United Nations University International Institute for Global, a position she has held since 2017. She is a nurse, midwife and public health nurse with postgraduate training in public health, anthropology and epidemiology. Her research in global health covers health equity, health and human rights, gender and social determinants of health, migration, sexual and reproductive health, tropical diseases, and non-communicable diseases. She has pioneered methodological approaches for engaging communities in research and policy processes to ensure joint ownership and partnership in health and service delivery.

Her Previous positions include Professor of Global Public Health, Deputy Head of School (Research and Development), and founding Associate Director of the South-East Asia Community Observatory (SEACO), School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Monash University (Malaysia), Professor of Race, Diversity and Professional Practice at Brunel University, UK, and Snr Research Fellow at the WHO Collaborating Centre for Women's Health, University of Melbourne, Australia.

Prof. Justice Nyigmah Bawole
Dean, University of Ghana Business School
Ghana



Justice Nyigmah Bawole is a Professor of Public Administration and Management and the Dean of the University of Ghana Business School, Legon. He obtained a PhD in Development Policy and Management from the Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, UK. He has over 70 publications and presented academic papers in a number of international academic conferences. Prof. Bawole has chaired high-level technical committees and platforms including the technical committee to develop the National Public Sector Reform Strategy for Ghana. He has consulted for a number of local and International organisations such as KFW, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) in Accra, CDD, UK Ghana Chamber of Commerce, OXFAM, UNDP, UNEP, and a number of government ministries in Ghana. He is a member of a number of academic societies

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Prof. Christian Happi

Professor of Molecular Biology and Genomics. Director African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases (ACEGID), Nigeria



Christian Happi, is a Professor of Molecular Biology and Genomics and Director of the World Bank funded African Center of Excellence for Genomics of infectious Diseases (ACEGID) in Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State, Nigeria.

Professor Christian Happi, did his postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University from 2000-2003. He subsequently worked at Harvard University as a Research Scientist (2004-2007) and became an adjunct Professor at Harvard University School of Public Health between 2007-2011.

Professor Happi in an unprecedented way, recently used next generation sequencing technology to perform the first sequence of the new SARS-CoV-2 in Africa, within 48 hours of receiving sample of the first case in Nigeria. This seminal work not only provided an insight into the detailed genetic map of the

new coronavirus in Africa, not only confirm the origin of the virus, but also pave the way to the development of new countermeasures including new diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines

Dr. Hanan Morsy,

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Côte d'Ivoire**



Dr Hanan Morsy is the Director of the Macroeconomic Policy, Forecasting and Research Department at the African Development Bank, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. She is a renowned macroeconomics and public policy expert with vast experience in international financial institutions and the private sector. She has published extensively on wide range of economic and development issues and led a number of major flagship publications. Dr. Morsy worked previously as the Lead Economist for the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Region at The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London between 2012 and 2017. Prior to joining The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, she worked at the

International Monetary Fund between 2003 and 2012 in various capacities across different departments including, Fiscal Affairs, Middle East and Central Asia, European, and Monetary and Capital Markets as well as Advisor to Executive Director. Dr. Morsy is a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Kennedy School of Government, a member of Aberdeen Economic Policy Panel, a Board member, Partnership for Economic Policy, and a Board of Trustee Member at the London Middle East Institute. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the George Washington University, USA, a master's degree in Economics from University of California, Davis, USA, and a bachelor's degree in Economics and Computer Science from the American University in Cairo, Egypt

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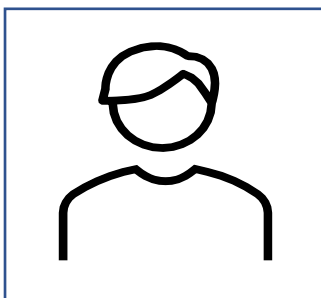
Dr. Baldeh, Yero
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Dr. Yero Baldeh has over 20 years of professional experience, 13 of which are with the African Development Bank. He is currently the Director of the Transition States Coordination Office at the African Development Bank, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Prior to this, he was the country Manager for Ghana, Manager and Lead Coordinator of the Transition States Coordination Office of the African Development Bank. He was responsible for coordinating the overall resource envelope of the Transition Support Facility (TSF), including increasing private sector investments in transition states. Dr. Baldeh was African Development Bank's Resident Representative in Sierra Leone between 2011 and 2015. During this period, he led the Bank's overall country program which included building a robust pipeline of projects, leveraging the financing

allocation for the country, portfolio management, analytical work and policy dialogue. He successfully led major interventions and initiatives such as the Bank's response to the Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in Sierra Leone and thematic donor groups such as the influential Multi-Partners Budget Support Group which played a pivotal role in the economic governance and reforms agenda of Sierra Leone. Other positions held within the African Development Bank include Lead Policy Adviser to the Vice President for sector operations (Governance, Agriculture, Human and Social Development), and Socio-Economist leading the design and appraisal of community-driven and employment generation projects. Before he joined the Bank in 2004, Dr. Baldeh was the head of The Gambia Social Development Fund responsible for implementing multi-donor funded entrepreneurship, skills and social development programs geared towards poverty reduction and job creation. Dr. Baldeh obtained his PhD and BSc (Hons) in Accountancy and Computing, from Lancashire Business School, University of Central Lancashire, UK.

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Jonathan is currently responsible for the Tony Blair Institute's Economic Response to COVID work in Africa, which is providing on-the-ground implementation support to 14 countries and policy advice to 18 countries. Jonathan has spent over 7 years working in Africa, spanning Liberia and Malawi where he was an embedded manager in government across various ministries and agencies, including the Presidency in Liberia. In 2012 he supported Malawi's Ministry of Industry and Trade to lead the country's agriculture-based export strategy. Jonathan spent 2 years as an ODI fellow working in the Government of Guyana working on economic competitiveness and development. Jonathan started his career in 2004 spent almost

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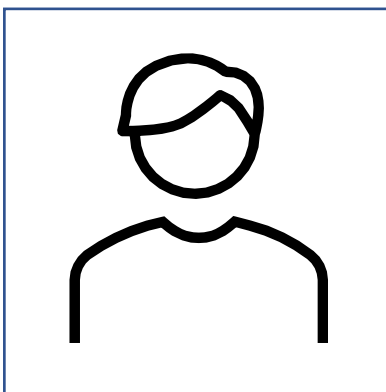
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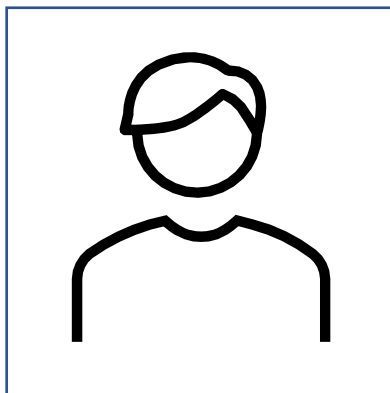


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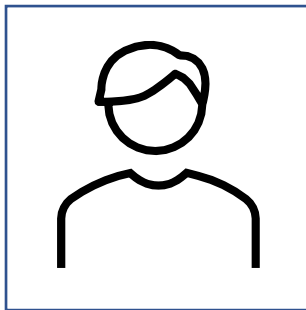


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facilities, training program materials etc. as may be required from time to time. Monitors the development of negotiated training contracts and related service terms and conditions. Design and file training evaluation analysis after training and ensure that everyone who needs a report receives it. Prior to joining the African Development Institute in 2010, Adewale was a training technician for the Joint Africa Institute (JAI) from 1999 to 2010, an Institute that comprises of three world leading Institutes (The IMF Institute, World Bank Institute and the African Development Institute) where he has demonstrated a professional leadership, technical, and soft-skills training. He initiated the design of eLearning platform for JAI in 2006. From 1994 to 1999, he has also worked in various departments in the Bank.

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