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#### LETTER FROM H.E. PRESIDENT

## ALI BONGO ONDIMBA



On behalf of the government of Gabon, the First Lady Sylvia Bongo Ondimba, and myself, I would like to welcome you to our capital, Libreville and to the fourth edition of the New York Forum AFRICA.

We are at a time of profound structural changes shaping the global economy, of which the shift in the balance of power from West to East is perhaps the most obvious. Every day, new investments are announced in Africa's natural resource sectors. We are attracting the attention of governments and companies from all corners of the globe. But the history of resource extraction in Africa is a history of plunder. The incentive to squander our resources in return for short-term

dividends is still very real, but the motivation to harness them for real and inclusive development is greater too than at any time in the past. During the TICAD V in Yokohama, Japan, I announced that by 2020 no African country should export raw materials without some local processing.

Increased transparency, greater accountability and improved scrutiny are all contributing factors. We must use our natural resource endowments to good effect if we are to meet the aspirations of our youth and supply them with a decent standard of living, with education, skills, and the capacity to create jobs and stimulate business growth.

Referring to Africa as "third world" should no longer be seen as a negative: the continent is undergoing its own renaissance, as we develop the most precious natural resource of all – our human resources. African thinkers, creators and inventors are leading the way in engineering new solutions to challenges – and they aren't just African solutions to African problems. Reverse innovation has never been as prevalent as it is today. We are creating new models of power delivery, of harnessing solar power in single house units, of imagining new credit and finance systems, and delivering pioneering research in healthcare

Africa's time has come. Now, more than ever, we have the opportunity to change our continent's destiny. To do so we must not be constrained by old ways of thinking or traditional models of working. We should embrace new technologies and have the confidence to address head-on the challenges that we face, rather than wait for others to provide solutions. Each day, we show the rest of the world that there is an energy in Africa, a spirit, a will to succeed that will drive our continent forward for years to come.



H.E. ALI BONGO ONDIMBA PRESIDENT OF THE GABONESE REPUBLIC

#### LETTRE DE S.E. LE PRÉSIDENT

### **ALI BONGO ONDIMBA**

Au nom du Gouvernement du Gabon, de la Première Dame Sylvia Bongo Ondimba et de moi-même, je vous souhaite à tous la bienvenue dans notre capitale, Libreville, pour la quatrième édition du New York Forum AFRICA.

L'époque que nous vivons actuellement est marquée par de profonds changements structurels dans l'économie mondiale, dont l'exemple le plus évident est peut-être le déplacement du rapport des forces de l'Ouest vers l'Est. Chaque jour, de nouveaux investissements sont annoncés dans le secteur des ressources naturelles en Afrique. Nous attirons l'attention des gouvernements et des entreprises des quatre coins du globe. Mais à côté de cela, force est de constater que l'histoire de l'extraction des ressources en Afrique est une histoire de pillage. Si l'incitation à gaspiller nos ressources en contrepartie de dividendes à court terme demeure toujours très forte, la motivation pour les exploiter dans l'optique d'un développement réel et inclusif n'a cependant jamais été aussi grande. A l'occasion de la TICAD V de Yokohama au Japon, j'ai annoncé qu'aucun pays africain ne devrait plus exporter de matières premières d'ici 2020 sans avoir subi localement au moins une première transformation. L'accroissement de la transparence, la responsabilisation croissante des différents acteurs et le renforcement des contrôles y contribuent tous. Ce qu'il nous faut faire, c'est utiliser à bon escient les capitaux tirés de nos ressources naturelles pour pouvoir répondre aux aspirations de notre jeunesse en lui garantissant des conditions de vie décentes, une bonne éducation et l'acquisition de réelles compétences, créer des emplois et stimuler la croissance

La référence au "tiers monde" lorsqu'il est question de l'Afrique doit se libérer de sa connotation négative. Le continent vit en effet à présent sa renaissance, et ce grâce à la plus précieuse de toutes les ressources naturelles : nos ressources humaines. Les penseurs, créateurs et inventeurs africains

ouvrent la voie à la conception de nouvelles solutions aux défis du moment, des solutions qui, faut-il le souligner, ne sont pas uniquement des solutions africaines à des problèmes africains. L'innovation inversée a atteint un niveau inégalé jusque-là. Nous créons de nouveaux modèles de production d'électricité et de captation de l'énergie solaire dans les maisons individuelles, imaginons de nouveaux mécanismes de crédit et de financement et jouons un rôle pionnier dans la recherche médicale

L'heure de l'Afrique est venue. Maintenant, plus que jamais, nous avons l'occasion de changer la destinée du continent. Mais pour cela, encore nous faut-il rompre avec les anciennes habitudes de pensée et les modèles de travail traditionnels. Nous devons assimiler les nouvelles technologies et sommes convaincus de pouvoir affronter les défis qui nous font face sans devoir compter sur des solutions extérieures. Chaque jour, nous montrons au reste du monde qu'il existe une énergie en Afrique, une détermination, une volonté de réussir qui fera avancer notre continent dans les années à venir.



S.E. ALI BONGO ONDIMBA PRÉSIDENT DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE DU GABON

#### LETTER FROM

## RICHARD ATTIAS



It is four years since we held the first New York Forum AFRICA in Gabon and I can no longer accept that the phrase "Africa is Rising" used every day is the correct message for the continent. We have no time for complacency: it is the time for implementation. We should not treat predictions of healthy GDP growth as a safety net; Africa has the opportunity to learn from recent mistakes in the West, and forge its own path to increased prosperity.

In 2012, we were the first Forum to really highlight how Africa has the opportunity to carve itself a place in the global economy as the pivot on which new partnerships – between East and West, between India and China, and between Europe and the US – can be formed. But, more than this new economic axis of influence, there is a new energy in Africa, in its people and its markets, that the West is missing at present. European markets are stagnating, still clawing their way out of the recession, while unemployment figures are high and innovation levels are low.

Africa is using its challenges – of water scarcity, food security, lack of power, limited infrastructure – to create game-changing solutions at every level. We owe thanks to the young people across the continent who are challenging the status quo and initiating exciting projects that have far-reaching potential. At this year's NYFA, we want to embrace the energy of the next generation, with more speakers and participants under 30 than in the past, and a commitment to give women more of a voice than ever before. The ideas and energy they bring represent the real investment opportunity in Africa.

We look forward to being stretched by the next generation, and look forward to the intense, collaborative sessions for which the NYFA has become known. This year, more than ever, we want to launch new initiatives and sign new deals during the NYFA – these three days will spark us into action! We truly hope that the NYFA will give all participants access to the most inspiring and dynamic population in the world.

Richard Atti

RICHARD ATTIAS
FOUNDER, THE NEW YORK FORUM
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, RICHARD ATTIAS & ASSOCIATES
PART OF WPP

#### LETTRE DE

#### RICHARD ATTIAS

Il y a 4 ans se tenait le premier New York Forum AFRICA, à Libreville. Depuis lors, j'entends régulièrement l'expression "l'Afrique émergente". Nous devons dépasser cette affirmation et commencer à implémenter. Nous ne devons pas prendre pour garanties les prédictions de saine croissance du PIB. L'Afrique a la chance de pouvoir tirer les enseignements des erreurs récentes des pays occidentaux, et de dessiner sa route vers une prospérité grandissante.

En 2012, nous étions le premier sommet à réellement mettre en lumière le fait que l'Afrique pouvait se faire une place dans l'économie globale en devenant le pivot sur lequel de nouvelles alliances entre l'Est et l'Ouest, entre la Chine et l'Inde, et entre l'Europe et les Etats-Unis, pouvaient se bâtir. Mais, au-delà de ce nouvel axe d'influence économique, il y a une nouvelle énergie en Afrique, l'énergie des hommes, des femmes, des jeunes, et des marchés, cette énergie qui manque à tant de pays occidentaux. Les économies européennes sont stagnantes, et tentent encore d'échapper à la récession, faisant face à des niveaux de chômage élevés et à des niveaux d'innovation faibles.

L'Afrique utilise les défis auxquels elle doit faire face – la pénurie d'eau, la sécurité alimentaire, le manque d'électricité et des infrastructures limitées – pour créer des solutions radicalement novatrices à tous niveaux. Nous devons remercier la jeune génération du continent qui lutte contre l'inertie et initie de nouveaux projets ambitieux. Lors de cette édition du NYFA, nous voulons inclure l'énergie de cette jeune génération, en y associant davantage d'intervenants et de participants de moins de 30 ans, avec un engagement ferme de faire porter plus fort et plus haut la voix des femmes ; leurs idées et leur énergie représentent la réelle opportunité d'investissement.

Nous comptons sur cette jeune génération pour nous mettre au défi, et nous interpeller durant les sessions de travail intenses et collaboratives qui font la renommée du NYFA. Cette année, plus que jamais, nous sommes résolus à lancer de nouvelles initiatives et à signer de nouvelles conventions pendant le NYFA. Durant ces trois jours, place à l'action! Nous espérons sincèrement que le New York Forum AFRICA vous donnera accès aux personnalités les plus dynamiques et les plus inspirantes du moment.

Merci pour votre total engagement! Merci de partager avec nous cet amour pour le continent africain.

RICHARD ATTIAS FONDATEUR, THE NEW YORK FORUM PRESIDENT, RICHARD ATTIAS & ASSOCIATES MEMBRE DE WPP

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# DAY 1 FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

PRE-FORUM SESSIONS

#### THE ENERGY OF AFRICA'S PEOPLE

10:30 // 16:30

PRE-FORUM SESSIONS: AFRICAN CITIZENS' SUMMIT

**₽** PLENARY TENT

10:30 // 11:00

OPENING OF THE AFRICAN CITIZENS' SUMMIT

11:00 // 12:00

GIVE ME A JOB!

12:00 // 13:00

WHAT'S MY ROLE IN SOCIETY?

DURING LUNCH

**FUTURE FLASH** 

14:30 // 15:30

FROM EDUCATION TO ENTERPRISE:

GIVE ME A CHANCE

Give me an education and I'll give you the world

#### 16:00 // 19:00

OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION

**P**I FNARY TENT



### THE ENERGY OF AFRICA'S LEADERSHIP

16:00 // 16:30

OPENING SPEECHES

16:30 // 17:30

AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE:
OUR CONTINENT, OUR LEGACY
No more time to lose!

17:30 // 18:00

IN CONVERSATION

18:00 // 19:00

HOW TO BUILD AN EMERGING ECONOMY

20:30 // 22:00

OFFICIAL DINNER
By invitation only



## JOUR 1 VENDREDI 28 AQÛT

PRÉ-FORUM

#### L'ÉNERGIE DU PEUPLE AFRICAIN

#### 10:30 // 16:30

**PRÉ-FORUM:** 2ÈME ÉDITION DE L'AFRICAN CITIZENS' SUMMIT

SÉANCE PI ÉNIÈRE

10:30 // 11:00

**OUVERTURE DE L'AFRICAN CITIZENS' SUMMIT** 

11:00 // 12:00

JE VEUX UN EMPLOI!

12:00 // 13:00

QUEL EST MON RÔLE DANS LA SOCIÉTÉ?

DÉJEUNER

FUTURE FLASH

14:30 // 15:30

DE L'ÉDUCATION À L'ENTREPRISE :

DONNEZ-MOI UNE CHANCE

Donnez-moi une éducation et je vous donnerai le monde

#### 16:00 // 19:00

SÉANCE D'OUVERTURE OFFICIELLE

SÉANCE PLÉNIÈRE



#### L'ÉNERGIE DES DIRIGEANTS AFRICAINS

16:00 // 16:30

DISCOURS D'OUVERTURE

16:30 // 17:30

TABLE RONDE DES CHEFS D'ÉTAT:

NOTRE CONTINENT, NOTRE HÉRITAGE Plus de temps à perdre!

, and the second

17:30 // 18:00

**EN CONVERSATION** 

18.00 // 19.00

COMMENT CRÉER UNE ÉCONOMIE ÉMERGENTE?

20:30 // 22:00

DINER OFFICIEL

Dîner Officiel (sur invitation)



# DAY 2 SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

## THE ENERGY OF AFRICA'S OPPORTUNITIES

**₽** PI FNARY TENT

09:00 // 09:45

THE MINISTERS' SESSION: TRANSFORMING GABON

09:45 // 10:40

**CEO PANEL** 

10:40 // 11:20

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

Encouraging and developing female leaders of the future

## THE CLIMATE SOUTH INITIATIVE PRESENTS

11:20 // 11:30

IN CONVERSATION



11:30 // 11:50

DRIVEN BY NEED:

FOOD SECURITY, BUT FOOD FIRST

11:50 // 12:20

POWER TO THE MASSES: AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO ALL We need power please! 12:20 // 13:00

GREEN IS THE COLOUR OF SUCCESS.

13:00 // 14:15

NETWORKING LUNCH



14:30 // 16:00

TASKFORCES:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

TASKFORCE 1

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

powered by Africa Caucus, Harvard Kennedy School

TASKFORCE 2

WATER AND SANITATION

powered by Africa Caucus, Harvard Kennedy School

TASKFORCE 3

LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES
powered by London School of Economics

14:15 // 16:15

SPECIAL SESSIONS:

THE CLIMATE SOUTH INITIATIVE

WORKSHOP 1:

GREEN STRATEGIES FOR CITIES AND REGIONS

WORKSHOP 2:

**FORESTRY** 

Powered by Tropical Forestry Alliance

16:00 // 16:30

**COFFEE BREAK** 

16:30 // 16:45 FUTURE FLASH:

INVENTED AND MADE IN AFRICA:

A label for 2015

16:45 // 17:35 REVERSE INNOVATION:

AFRICA'S BIG OPPORTUNITY

We have an abundance of genius; we just need trust and support!

17:35 // 17:50 IN CONVERSATION

17:50 // 18:00 IN CONVERSATION

18:00 // 18:45 THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION

19:00 // 21:00 NETWORKING



# JOUR 2

#### L'ÉNERGIE DES OPPORTUNITÉS SECTORIELLES EN AFRIQUE

SÉANCE PLÉNIÈRE

09:00 // 09:45

LE DÉBAT DES MINISTRES : TRANSFORMER LE GABON

09:45 // 10:40

PANEL DE CHEFS D'ENTREPRISES

10:40 // 11:20

LE LEADERSHIP DES FEMMES

Encourager et faire grandir les femmes leaders de demain

## LA CLIMATE SOUTH INITIATIVE PRÉSENTE

11:20 // 11:30

**EN CONVERSATION** 



11:30 // 11:50

DICTÉE PAR LA NÉCESSITÉ:

LA SÉCURITE ALIMENTAIRE (MAIS LES ALIMENTS D'ABORD)

11:50 // 12:20

**DÉMOCRATISER L'ACCÈS À L'ÉLECTRICITÉ:**GARANTIR L'ACCÈS POUR TOUS

Du courant, s'il vous plaît!

12:20 // 13:00

LE VERT EST-IL LA COULEUR DE LA RÉUSSITE ?

13:00 // 14:15

**DÉJEUNER DE NETWORKING** 

MARKETPI ACE

14:30 // 16:00

TASKFORCES:

GESTION DES RESSOURCES

TASKFORCE 1

ÉLECTRIFICATION RURALE

En Association Avec Africa Cauces, Harvard Kennedy School

TASKFORCE 2

EAU ET ASSAINISSEMENT

En association avec Africa Caucus, Harvard Kennedy School

TASKFORCE 3

GESTION DES SOLS

En association avec la London School of Economics

14:15 // 16:15

SESSIONS SPÉCIALES:

CLIMATE SOUTH INITIATIVE

ATELIER 1:

STRATÉGIES DE DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE

DES VILLES ET DES RÉGIONS

ATELIER 2:

SYLVICULTURE

En association avec tropical forestry alliance (TFA2020)

16:00 // 16:30

**PAUSE** 

16:30 // 16:45

FUTURE FLASH:

CONCUET RÉALISÉ EN AFRIQUE:

un Label pour 2015

16:45 // 17:35

INNOVATION

INVERSÉE:

La Grande Occasion De L'Afrique

Nous ne manquons pas de génies; nous avons juste besoin de

confiance et de soutien!

17:35 // 17:50

**EN CONVERSATION** 

17:50 // 18:00

**EN CONVERSATION** 

18:00 // 18:45

LA RÉVOLUTION DIGITALE

19:00 // 21:00

**NETWORKING** 



# DAY 3 SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

#### THE ENERGY OF AFRICA'S PEOPLE

**♀**PLENARY TENT

09:00 // 10:40

REPORT BACK:

AFRICAN CITIZENS' SUMMIT

PI FNARY TENT

## AFRICAN CITIZENS' SUMMIT SESSIONS

09:00 // 09:45

REPORT BACK: CAN WE FIX IT?

FROM WHERE WILL THE JOBS COME?

09:45 // 10:00

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR JOB CREATION?

10:00 // 10:40

IS THE AFRICAN EDUCATION SYSTEM BROKEN?

10:40 // 10:50

**FUTURE FLASH** 

10:50 // 11:20

**COFFEE BREAK** 

11:20 // 12:05

CREATING A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR A NEW

**AFRICA** 

Powered by the AAIL

12:05 // 12:20

IN CONVERSATION

12:20 // 13:00

BEYOND THE BOOM

13:00 // 14:15

LUNCH AND NETWORKING BREAK

14:30 // 16:00

TASKFORCES DAY 3:

HUMAN RESOURCES

TASKFORCE 4

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP** 

Powered by Columbia University SIPA Pan-African Network

TASKFORCE 5

SOCIAL MEDIA

Powered by University of London Centre of African Studies (CAS)

TASKFORCE 6

THE RIGHT TO WORK

Powered by AAIL

Assisted by London School of Economics.



# JOUR 3

#### L'ÉNERGIE DU PEUPLE AFRICAIN

SÉANCE PLÉNIÈRE

09:00 // 10:40

COMPTE RENDU:

AFRICAN CITIZENS' SUMMIT

## SESSIONS AFRICAN CITIZENS' SUMMIT

09:00 // 09:45

QUELS EMPLOIS POUR DEMAIN?

09:45 // 10:00

D'OÙ VIENDRONT LES EMPLOIS?

10:00 // 10:40

LE SYSTÈME ÉDUCATIF AFRICAIN EST-IL DÉFAIL LANT?

10:40 // 10:50

**FUTURE FLASH** 

10:50 // 11:20

**PAUSE** 

11:20 // 12:05

CRÉER UN CADRE LEGISLATIF POUR UNE

En association avec AAII.

12:05 // 12:20

**EN CONVERSATION** 

12:20 // 13:00

AU DELÀ DU BOOM ÉCONOMIQUE

13:00 // 14:15

NETWORKING ET DÉJEUNER

14:30 // 16:00

TASKFORCES JOUR 3:

RESSOURCES HUMAINES

TASKFORCE 4

**ENTREPRENEURIAT** 

En association avec Columbia University SIPA Pan-African

Network

TASKFORCE 5

RÉSEAUX SOCIAUX

En association avec University of London Centre of African

Studies (CAS)

TASKFORCE 6

LE DROIT DE TRAVAILLER

En association avec AAII.

Assisté de la London School of Economics.

### OFFICIAL CLOSING SESSION OF THE NEW YORK FORUM AFRICA 2015

#### THE ENERGY OF AFRICA'S IMAGE

16:30 // 19:00

PARTNERSHIPS WITH AFRICA: PROFITS MUST EQUAL JOBS



**Q** PI FNARY TENT

16:30 // 16:45

IN CONVERSATION

16:45 // 17:30

AFRICA: THE BRIDGE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

17:15 // 17:45

HOT TOPIC: MIGRATION

17:45 // 18:00

IN CONVERSATION

18:00 // 18:45

LEADERSHIP: THE NEXT TWO YEARS Jobs, climate change, security

18:45 // 19:00

CLOSING SPEECHES

19:00

FORUM ENDS

### SÉANCE DE CLÔTURE **OFFICIELLE**

DUNEW YORK FORUM AFRICA 2015

#### L'ÉNERGIE DE L'IMAGE DE L'AFRIQUE

16:30 // 19:00

PARTENARIATS AVEC L'AFRIQUE:

BÉNÉFICES ET EMPLOIS SÉANCE PLÉNIÈRE

16:30 // 16:45

**EN CONVERSATION** 

16:45 // 17:30

L'AFRIQUE: ENTRE ORIENT ET OCCIDENT

17:15 // 17:45

SUJET BOUILLANT : LES MIGRATIONS

17:45 // 18:00

**EN CONVERSATION** 

18:00 // 18:45

LEADERSHIP : LES DEUX ANNÉES À VENIR Emplois, Changement Climatique, Sécurité

18:45 // 19:00

DISCOURS DE CLÔTURE

19:00

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### REGISTRATION

#### REGISTRATION DESK

Badges & welcome bags will be available at the Registration Desk. Please refer to the Floor Plan. The Registration Desk will be open from August 27th to August 30th.

#### OPENING HOURS

AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>
From 09:30am to 6:00pm
AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>
From 8:00am to 8:00pm
AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>
AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>
From 7:30am to 7:00pm
From 7:30am to 7:00pm

#### REGISTRATION

All accreditation will be held for collection at the Stade de l'Amitié, where we will have a dedicated registration area.

Please note: You must bring your passport or identity card to register [presentation of a business card will not suffice]. Each delegate must personally collect their individual badges.

#### **ENREGISTREMENT**

#### BUREAU D'ENREGISTREMENT AU "STADE DE L'AMITIÉ SINO-GABONAISE" (VOIR PLAN)

Vous pourrez y récupérer votre badge et votre conférencier.

Important: Une pièce d'identité vous sera demandée pour retirer votre badge (la présentation d'une carte de visite n'est pas suffisante. Chaque participant doit venir récupérer son badge en personne.

#### HORAIRES D'OUVERTURE

JEUDI 27 AOÛT de 09h30 à 18h00 VENDREDI 28 AOÛT de 08h00 à 20h00 SAMEDI 29 AOÛT de 07h30 à 20h00 DIMANCHE 30 AOÛT de 07h30 à 19h00



#### **VENUE**

The Forum will be held at the Stade de l'Amitié Sino-Gabonaise in the Angondjé area of Libreville, Gabon.

#### TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN VENUES

A SHUTTLE SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICIAL HOTELS (Park Inn by Radisson and Le Meridien) to the stadium and back. A timetable will be available at each hotel's welcome desk.

For participants who are leaving on August 30<sup>th</sup> evening, shuttles will be provided to Libreville airport, leaving from the stadium immediately after the closing session. A secure luggage room will be available, free of charge, at the stadium, for all participants all day long on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

## LOST & FOUND

If you find someone else's belongings, please inform the Information Desk, where you can also inquire about the personal belongings you have lost. The Organizing Committee is not responsible for the safety of your personal belongings left unattended.



#### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

For any questions or requirements regarding logistics, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our logistics team, who will be based at the Registration desk at the Forum, and at the welcome desks at Le Meridien & Park Inn by Radisson.

#### SITE

Le New York Forum Africa se déroulera au "Stade de l'Amitié sinogabonaise"

#### TRANSPORT SUR SITE

DES TRANSFERTS SERONT ORGANISÉS ENTRE LES HÔTELS OFFICIELS (Park Inn by Radisson et Le Méridien) et le Stade de l'Amitié.

Le dimanche 30 août, des transferts seront organisés, au départ du Stade de l'Amitié, vers l'aéroport de Libreville immédiatement après la cérémonie de clôture. Une bagagerie sera mise à votre disposition au stade de l'Amitié.



#### **OBJETS TROUVÉS**

Merci de vous adresser au bureau d'accueil si vous trouvez ou avez perdu des effets personnels. Le Comité d'Organisation n'est pas responsable des affaires personnelles perdues que vous auriez laissées sans surveillance.

#### INFORMATIONS LOGISTIQUES

Pour toutes questions logistiques, nous vous prions de bien vouloir contacter un membre de notre équipe logistique, basée au bureau d'enregistrement du Forum et au bureau d'accueil du Le Méridien et du Park Inn by Radisson.

# ON SITE INFORMATION

#### NYFA SESSIONS

The New York Forum AFRICA will commence at 11am on August 28th with the African Citizens' Summit. All delegates are welcome to attend these sessions.

The official opening of the 2015 Forum will begin promptly at 4pm. Please note: there will be increased security due to VIP delegations in attendance of the opening ceremony. Therefore, everyone attending the official opening will need to be on site by 3pm.

(In order to avoid long queues, we advise you to collect your badge during the morning of the 27th or 28th and benefit from additional networking opportunities).

#### **DRESS CODE**

The dress code is business attire for the working sessions.

#### **CULTURAL EVENING**

This will take place on August 29th at the Stadium, starting from 7pm.

#### **CLIMATE**

The temperature ranges between 23°C and 28°C, but all hotels and venues are air-conditioned.

#### **ELECTRICAL CURRENT**

220 volts-European Outlets

#### **CURRENCY**

The local currency in Gabon is the Franc CFA (XAF)
Euros are also widely accepted in Gabon.

#### RATE OF EXCHANGE

1000 XAF = 1.52449 EUR 1000 XAF = 1.69701 USD

#### TIME ZONE

GMT+1

#### **TELEPHONE USE**

We advise you to consult with your telephone operator to verify that your mobile phone device will work in Gabon.

Most major cell phone operators have full mobile and data service.

#### INFORMATION SUR SITE

#### **PROGRAMME**

Début du New York Forum AFRICA le vendredi 28 août à 11h00 avec le African Citizen's Summit. Tous les participants sont conviés à cette séance.

L'ouverture officielle du Forum 2015 aura lieu à 16h00. Nous vous prions de bien vouloir noter qu'il y aura un haut niveau de sécurité dû aux délégations VIP qui se rendront à la cérémonie d'ouverture. Nous demandons à toute personne désirant participer à la cérémonie d'ouverture d'être sur place à 15h00.

Nous vous conseillons de récupérer votre badge le jeudi 27 ou le vendredi 28 août au matin pour éviter une trop forte affluence.

#### CODE VESTIMENTAIRE

Une tenue de ville est exigée pour les séances de travail du Forum.

#### SOIRÉE CULTURELLE

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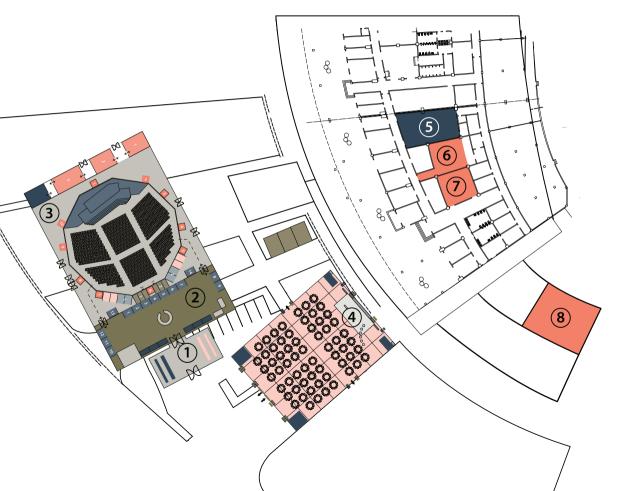


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## SPEAKERS DIRECTORY





SYLVIA BONGO ONDIMBA

First Lady

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Sylvia Bongo Ondimba became First Lady on October 16th, 2009 when her husband was inaugurated as President of the Gabonese Republic. She has placed family values at the heart of her work as well as those of her office and founded the Sylvia Bongo Ondimba Foundation for the Family in 2011. The principal areas of activity for the Foundation are those considered basic prerequisites for sustainable development: education, health and social action.

The First Lady has been empowered by the Gabonese government to lead a programme of action to fight social inequality, defined by the country's human investment strategy. She has contributed to the revision of the welfare policy in Gabon, as well as campaigning against violence against women in Gabon.

Placing education at the heart of the Foundation's mission, Sylvia Bongo Ondimba wanted to support personally the creation of a school of excellence in Gabon, Ruban Vert, providing scholarships to deserving students in the country. She is also is a member of the UNAIDS and Lancet Commission, and is committed to fighting the spread of HIV/AIDS.



SAMIR ABDELKRIM

Founder, StartupBRICS.com

France

Entrepreneur, consultant and tech journalist, Samir Abdelkrim is the founder of StartupBRICS.com, the leading Frenchspeaking "Blog Tank" about start-ups and innovation in emerging markets. In 2014, Samir bootstrapped and launched an initiative named #TECHAfrique, a one yearlong exploration of more than 10 start-up ecosystems in Africa, with hundreds of startup meetings, from Senegal to Kenya, from Togo to Botswana and Ghana.

Samir spends the most of his time spotting new tech entrepreneurs in Africa and shares their stories in leading publications such as Le Monde, the BBC, France Culture, Les Echos and Huffington Post. Today, Samir travels the world to share his expertise and has spoken at South By South West Festival (SxSW) in Austin, Texas, the Aspen Institute, and the Global Entrepreneurship Summit.



KWAME ABROKWA

Managing Director Avinture Group

**♥** Ghana

Kwame Abrokwa is the Managing Director and Founder of Avinture Group, a boutique Africa-focused investment advisory and business development firm based in Accra, Ghana.

Avinture provides financial and strategic advice including capital raising, corporate and project finance, and cross-border market access to corporations, SMEs, financial institutions, and public entities.

Prior to founding Avinture, Kwame worked as an investment associate in the sub-Saharan Africa department of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the World Bank Group, covering investments and advisory services in various sectors and countries

He also served as IFC country assistant, helping to facilitate key strategic initiatives of the World Bank in Ghana and Liberia.

Kwame is an active mentor and advisor to Sponsors For Educational Opportunity (SEO) Africa, a non-profit educational and career internship organisation. He is a non-executive director of PNA Express Ghana Limited.

Kwame graduated from Vassar College in New York with a B.A. in Economics.



OLUKOREDE ADENOWO

Managing Director, Standard Chartered Bank

Nigeria N

K.O. Adenowo is Managing Director, Co-Head, Financial Institutions Africa for Standard Chartered Bank. He is also a Non-Executive Director of Standard Chartered Bank Sierra Leone. During his 28 years' experience in banking and consulting, he has served as Managing Director, Origination and Client Corporates for Standard Chartered Bank, West and Central Africa, Deputy Managing Director of Standard Chartered Bank Cameroon and Director in Wholesale Bank in Standard Chartered Bank Nigeria.

He was appointed the first Regional Head of Global Corporates for Standard Chartered Africa where he led the Africa Multinational business.

KO was a founding staff of SCB Nigeria and has held other several positions in Standard Chartered Bank Group in the last 15 years. He has worked in Societe Generale Bank Nigeria and Deloitte Nigeria, where he qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1990. A Chartered Accountant by profession, he was appointed Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Institute Accountants of Nigeria in 2000. He is an alumnus of Said Business School of Oxford University and holds an MBA from International Graduate School of Management, University of Navarra, Barcelona.



HAMET AGUEMON

Founder Hodari Partners

United Arab Emirates Hamet started his career in London in 2003 working for Koch Supply and Trading, and then EDF Trading in risk management, followed by physical and derivatives commodity trading. In 2008, he joined Goldman Sachs where he was responsible for overseeing their efforts in Sub-Saharan Africa. Hamet has extensive experience working with most governments, financial institutions and corporations in Sub-Saharan Africa. Whilst at Goldman Sachs, Hamet was involved in major deals such as the Ghana Ministry of Finance oil hedging program, and other risk management and debt restructuring mandates.

From March 2012 to February 2014, he held the position of Director at VTB Capital, and started their expansion into Sub-Saharan Africa. He led the team that closed the USD1bn financing deal to the Republic of Angola in August 2012, and the USD350m and USD118m issues to the Republic of Mozambique in 2013. In February 2014, Hamet founded Emerging Africa Investment Partners to support the booming sectors in Sub-Sahara Africa

Hamet is currently on the board of: Inspirational You (empowering young minorities); Afromania group, (e-commerce in francophone Africa); and Bullion Holdings (a Ghana-based investment boutique). He has a Masters in Finance from Ecole Superieur de Gestion Paris, and an MBA from the Wharton School



**TUTU AGYARE** 

Managing Partner Nubuke Investments LLP



Tutu Agyare is the straight-talking Ghanaian who "baptised" the floor of the London Stock Exchange by being the first African to trade on it in his early 20s. He later pursued a successful career at UBS investment bank for two decades, where he became head of Europe, Middle East and African investment. In 2007 he set up Nubuke Investments, a company solely focused on African investment opportunities.

Today, he is a much sought-after business leader and investor, and one of a handful of Africans who sit on the board of a FTSE 100 company. He is known for confronting critics of the African investment trajectory and challenges them to "wake up and smell the coffee" and realise that the rest of the world is making a beeline for Africa. Having experienced the best of the South and the West, Agyare uses his experience to navigate his way through what he describes as a rich environment for opportunity. He was most recently voted one of the 100 most influential Africans by NewAfrican magazine.



PAUL-HARRY AITHNARD

Group Head of Securities and Asset Management, Ecobank



Paul-Harry Aithnard was appointed as Ecobank Group's Head of Securities and Asset Management, the bank's capital markets and asset management division, in October 2012. From 2008 to 2014, he held the position of Ecobank Group Head of Research. Under his supervision, Ecobank Research was recognized as the Best Africa Research Team for three consecutive years (2011-13) by Africa Investor magazine.

Prior to joining Ecobank, Paul-Harry worked in various positions between 2000 and 2008 with BBSP, a leading Investment Advisory firm located in Paris, Montreal and Singapore.

He was also actively involved in co-managing various Global Macro funds for institutional clients. From 2000 to 2007, Paul-Harry was the General Manager of the North American office located in Montreal

Paul-Harry holds a Master's degree from Sorbonne Paris IV, a postgraduate qualification in Business Administration and a Master's degree in Finance from HEC.



MUSSABEH AL KAABI

CEO Mubadala Petroleum

United Arab Emirates Musabbeh is the Chief Executive Officer of Mubadala Petroleum, responsible for developing and managing Mubadala's portfolio of oil and gas-related businesses at all stages of the upstream value chain. Musabbeh joined Mubadala Petroleum in 2013 after spending 16 years working with Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, where he rose to the position of Geoscience Team Leader, responsible for preparing and implementing the company's exploration strategy, and subsequently became Manager of the Exploration Division.

Musabbeh has been an active participant in a number of professional bodies and event-related executive committees, and served as a Board Advisory Committee member for the National Drilling Company and is currently an Executive Committee member of various newly established joint ventures in Abu Dhabi.



CEDRIC ATANGANA

CEO and Co-Founder Infinity Space

**♥** France

Cedric ATANGANA, 23, is a social-technopreneur from Cameroon.

He is the CEO & Co-Founder of INFINITY SPACE, a tech startup born in Cameroon building an ebusiness ecosystem for Africa that includes an ecommerce Marketplace www.weshopup.com and WeCashUp, a mobile payment platform to enable Africans without bank accounts to buy online using their mobile.

Trained as an industrial engineer computer technologist specialising in robotics and Lean production, he is passionate about innovation in all fields. He feels ready to tear down walls, build bridges, cross mountains and start fires to reach his goals.

Atangana says he is not afraid to start from scratch and feels that positive thinkers see the invisible, feel the intangible and achieve the impossible. His live-by words are: design, creativity and disruptive innovation.



DR. RUBEN ATEKPE

Executive Chairman, Merchants Company of West Africa (MECOWA)



Dr Ruben is an accomplished entrepreneur and investment advisor, with a passion for developing and launching major initiatives that blend successful global brands, companies, and ideas with the significant opportunities for socioeconomic development and growth in Ghana and other parts of Africa. Through working at the highest level with global companies, major international businesses, and governments, Ruben has driven the launch of several groundbreaking initiatives in Ghana. including:

- The first major retail franchising and distribution business (GRACEFIELD GHANA LIMITED), a business for which he currently serves as chairman.
- The first dedicated Container Terminal (MERIDIAN PORT SERVICES LIMITED), where he previously served as the first chairman.

Dr Ruben was formerly a Senior Lecturer at the University of Ghana Business School and he formed part of the team that established the Executive MBA Program at the University of Ghana Business School, Legon.

Ruben is a Co-founder and President of West Africa Luxury Brands Ltd (WALB), a company that pioneered shops at Ghana-Togo and Ghana-Cote D'Ivoire borders. WALB is currently acquiring rights for various luxury brands that wish to locate in Ghana, whilst advising some prestigious brands on their West Africa strategy.



RICHARD ATTIAS

Founder and Chairman, The New York Forum Executive Chairman, Richard Attias & Associates



Richard Attias is a global influencer and the catalyst for bringing together thought leaders from around the world - private sector and government - to create communities that facilitate the global exchange of ideas in pursuit of real change. He is the founder and chairman of The New York Forum Institute, a "Call to Action" for global CFOs, economists and business leaders to share ideas and provide recommendations and solutions for new business models in a post-crisis world. This talent for anticipating the most pressing issues of our time, creating global communities and inspiring innovation is based on his unique experience developing some of the most influential gatherings of global leaders in the last 20 years. These include the World Economic Forum in Dayos, the Clinton Global Initiative, the Arab League Summit in Jordan, the China Economic Summit, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit. the New York Forum and New York Forum AFRICA, the 2014 Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Marrakech, the Egypt Economic Development Conference, the Nobel Laureates Conference, the 15th Francophonie Summit in Dakar, Doha GOALS, and the production of the 50th All-Africa Games in Brazzaville. After nearly a decade at Publicis Groupe. ending as Chairman of PublicisLive, he founded Richard Attias & Associates. a strategic communications firm that provides private consultancy, creates idea initiatives, and serves as an advisory firm for governments and global executives. In January 2014, WPP, the world's largest global communications company, took a minority stake in the firm. Attias was born in Fez, Morocco. He holds a degree in civil engineering and a Masters in mathematics and physics. He is fluent in English, Arabic and French.



CHARLOTTE AUBIN KALAIDJIAN

President GreenWish Capital



Charlotte has more than 19 years of experience in financial asset management and environmental and infrastructure financing. Prior to founding GreenWish Partners in 2010, she was Managing Director at Morgan Stanley Investment Management and led their French and Swiss business. Her vast experience spans multiple domains of investment management including business strategy, team management, project structuring and management as well as capital raising across different asset classes such as infrastructure, private equity, cleantech venture capital, agriforestry and real estate.

She has a long track record of transactions with international investors such as pension funds, sovereign funds, insurance companies, corporates, funds and family offices all over the world. Charlotte holds an MBA from ESSEC Business School in Paris.

#### ABOUT GREENWISH

GreenWish is a dedicated investment management firm set up to invest in renewable energy infrastructures in Sub-Saharan Africa. The company is willing to raise € 250m equity and build a diversified portfolio of solar PV, onshore wind and hydro power projects with a cumulative capacity of 600MW in 15-20 Sub-Saharan countries over the next 5 years. GreenWish's strategy is to focus on countries where renewable energy emerges as a sustainable solution to diversify the electricity mix and increase energy access at competitive cost.

The investment vehicle is structured as a portfolio holding - GreenWish Africa REN funded by a consortium of equity investors. GreenWish Africa REN is finalizing a first closing of € 50m exclusively dedicated to solar PV projects, for a cumulated capacity of 150 MW



DAWOOD AZAMI

Senior Broadcast Journalist, BBC World Service



Dawood Azami is an award-winning journalist, writer and academic. He has been working as a Senior Broadcast Journalist for the BBC World Service since 1999 in London and served as the BBC World Service Bureau Chief and Editor in Kabul, Afghanistan (2010 and 2011).

Dawood is also a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Westminster, London, teaching occasionally on modules called "Globalization, Power and International Governance" and "International Politics of Resources." He also worked as a Visiting Scholar at the Ohio State University, USA.

Dawood holds a Ph.D. and three Masters degrees and his expertise includes globalisation, geopolitics, international relations, media and biological sciences. He was honoured as a Young Global Leader (YGL) by the World Economic Forum in 2011. In 2012, he was selected as a European Young Leader under 40under 40, the first pan-European programme of leadership. And in 2009, he became the youngest person to win the biggest award in the BBC, "Global Reith Award for Outstanding Contribution". Dawood speaks five languages and writes poems and short stories.



MIGUEL MELO AZEVEDO

Managing Director, Head of Investment Banking Africa and Head of Corporate and Investment Banking Citigroup

Portugal

Miguel joined Citigroup in 2010 as Corporate and Investment Banking Head for Portugal. Since mid-2012 he has also been the head of Investment Banking for Africa (excl. Egypt and South Africa). In this capacity, Miguel and his team have executed several transactions in North, West and East Africa in the Equity, Debt and M&A space. Citi has been recently named by Euromoney as the 2015 Africa Investment Bank of the Year as well as Africa's Equity Capital Markets House of the Year

Prior to working at Citigroup, Miguel was a Senior Country Advisor in Bank of America Merrill Lynch and an Executive Director in Goldman Sachs. Miguel has an MBA in Finance from City University (Cass) Business School, and an Economics degree from Universidade Nova de Lisboa. He has spent most of his more than 25 years in investment banking executing equity capital markets and M&A transactions in Europe, Latin America and Africa. In the last 12 months he has been a regular contributor to CNBC Africa, Bloomberg TV and CNBC Europe on investment in Africa-related discussions



MOSSADECK BALLY

Founder and CEO Azalaï Hotels Group

Mali Mali

Mossadeck Bally is the Founder, Chairman and CEO of the Azalaï Hotels Group, a leading private hotel chain group in the West African Region.

Born in Niger to Malian parents with a long tradition in commerce and trading, Mr. Bally was raised in Niger and Mali, where he received his early education. He studied abroad, notably in France and in the United States where he improved his business knowledge by obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of San Francisco, in California.

Mr. Bally commenced his foray into the African hospitality industry with an initial focus on his home country, Mali. In 1994 he established the special purpose vehicle "Société Malienne de Promotion Hôtelière (SMPH)" to effect the acquisition of the first hotel of the future Azalaï Hotels Group through the state privatisation of the reproved "Grand Hôtel de Bamako".

Building on the strong reputation, service quality and management of his first hotel, he built the Salam Hotel in 2000, and entered into a management agreement for Hotel Nord Sud, both based in Bamako.



KINGSLEY BANGWELL

Founder Youngstars Foundation



Kingsley Bangwell is an ASHOKA Fellow, a UNDP Innovation Consultant, an alumnus of the Harvard Kennedy Leadership School of Public Policy- Harvard University, a fellow of Yale University 21st Century Leadership Module, and a Fellow of the Stanford Democracy and Leadership Program, among others. His 2020 dream is to build a world-class youth development with hostel and training facilities in Nigeria.

In 1995, aged 21, he started Youngstars Foundation in a local barber shop in Jos, Nigeria, Plateau state. Now headquartered in Abuia, the enterprise has grown with an additional office in Accra. Ghana, He works to strengthen youth organizations in the areas of democratic governance. entrepreneurship and leadership. Youngstars has directly conducted more than 60 workshops, facilitated more than 500 stepdown workshops and hosted hundreds of radio and television programs. Youngstars conducts the oldest annual youth democracy training program in Nigeria (www.desplay. org). Youngstars has also introduced Nigeria's first political leadership preparatory program for youth called "Young Aspirants Leadership Fellowship - YALF". They are currently piloting Nigeria's first youth online television channel www.youthtvafrica.com.



JOSÉ MANUEL BARROSO

11th President of the European Commission (2004 to 2014) Prime Minister of Portugal (2002 to 2004)

Portugal

José Manuel Barroso was President of the European Commission (2004 to 2014). Before he was Prime Minister of Portugal, where he spent 12 years in Government, including as Foreign Affairs and Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister (1987 to 1995). His academic appointments include a visiting professorship at Georgetown University, Washington DC (1997 to 1999).

He is currently Visiting Professor at Princeton University, at Geneva (Graduate Institute and University) and Lisbon (Catholic University). He has a Law degree from the Lisbon University, a Masters degree in Political Science from the University of Geneva and a Masters in European Studies from the University Institute in European Studies, Geneva.



DOMINIC BARTON

Global Managing Director, McKinsey & Company

Canada

Dominic Barton is the Global Managing Director of McKinsey & Company. In his 27 years with the firm, Dominic has advised clients in a range of industries including banking, consumer goods, high tech and industrial.

Prior to his current role, Dominic was based in Shanghai as McKinsey's Asia Chairman from 2004 to 2009 and led the Korea office from 2000 to 2004. Dominic has authored more than 80 articles and is a co-author, with Roberto Newell and Greg Wilson, of Dangerous Markets: Managing in Financial Crises (Wiley & Sons, 2002) and China Vignettes: An Inside Look at China (Talisman, 2007).

Dominic leads McKinsey's work on the future of capitalism, long-term value-creation and the role of business leadership in society. This is a set of research initiatives and projects to convene organisations and leaders for constructive action

One such project was a task force on Inclusive Capitalism, which Dominic co-led with Lady Lynn Forester de Rothschild. The task force – comprised of business and public leaders in the US and UK – developed approaches for engaging and scaling business actions to address issues that create both social and economic value.



SOFIANE BEN TOUNES

President and CEO, GE NorthEast Africa

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Sofiane Ben Tounes is currently the President & CEO for GE North East Africa; he is responsible for driving the company's operations across fast-growing markets in the region, strengthening public private partnerships and identifying new growth opportunities for GF's different businesses.

With more than 20 years of industry experience, Ben Tounes joined GE in 2011 from Schlumberger, where he was Geo Market Vice President and General Manager responsible for business growth and relationship management.

Ben Tounes holds a Master's Degree from Grenoble Institute of Technology in Signal Processing, a Diploma in Physics & Instrumentation, and Bachelors degree with Honors in Mathematics and Computer Sciences.



OMAR BEN YEDDER

Group Publisher, IC Publications



Omar is the Publisher and Managing Director of leading publishing group IC Publications. The organization has over 50 years' experience in publishing magazines, country supplements, industry reports and market intelligence on Africa. It now offers a full suite of communications services.

Having previously been an Associate Vice President in the Equity Finance team at Merrill Lynch, Omar brought a new and dynamic approach to IC Publications. Under his leadership, African Banker magazine, as well as IC Events, was launched. Today the group also carries out communications advisory, media relations and contract publishing.

Omar's work and personal interests include media, development economics, leadership and education. He has chaired the Africa Story Challenge competition, a programme driven by the Africa Media Initiative. He also sits on the board of Brand Africa. Omar studied Economics and Languages at Durham University and also is a Chartered Management Accountant.



NEILA BENZINA

CEO Business & Decision

**♥** Tunisia

After graduating from INT Paris, Neila worked for three years as a consultant in France in the fields of business intelligence and CRM with major French groups such as Saint-Gobain, Renault and LVMH. She created the Tunisian subsidiary of Business & Decision in 2000 to support the development of the group internationally as a result of its listing on Euronext Paris, taking responsibility for the Middle East & Africa region in 2005.

She leads a team of more than 250 people, as well as the strategic and operational international marketing, business development, change management and relationship with large customers in Tunisia and abroad in France, Belgium, USA, UK, Spain, Switzerland and the Middle East and Africa.



# MAMADOU BITEYE

Managing Director, Rockefeller Foundation Africa Regional Office

Kenya

Mamadou Biteye is the Rockefeller Foundation Africa Regional Office Managing Director.

In this role, Biteye oversees the Foundation's work across Africa, which includes initiatives such as Digital Jobs Africa, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, Transforming Health Systems, Informal Workers' Health, Food Waste and Spoilage, among others.

He joined the Foundation's Nairobi-based Regional Office from Oxfam Great Britain, West Africa Regional Center, where he was the Regional Director and responsible for strategic program leadership and overall management of the West Africa region, including eight country offices.

Biteye brings with him decades of experience and expertise in the development sector in Africa. An agricultural economist by training, he has more than 20 years' experience in strategic leadership, human resources management, financial management, program development and implementation, public policy analysis, advocacy and campaigning and community participatory development.

Some noteworthy achievements from his career include co-designing a microfinance programme with Oxfam that is today improving the lives of over 500, 000 women in Mali and Senegal; Mamadou also played a key role in the development of some policy processes in West Africa such as the ECOWAS' Convention on Small Arms, and the ECOWAS' regional mining directives. He was recently awarded an honorary Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, OBE for his work done under Oxfam.



PIERRE BOIVIN

President McCarthy Tétrault LLP

Canada

Mr Boivin is a partner in the Business Law Group and co-leader of the firm's Africa Initiative. The practice is broadly based. with a focus on the areas of mergers and acquisitions, private equity and the planning and negotiation of business transactions. He has been counsel for several clients involved in the mining industry, including SOQUEM. Inc., a subsidiary of Investissement Québec: Managem, a Moroccan company involved in the mining sector in Africa; Argex Titanium Inc.: counsel for Teranga Gold in a negotiation of an overall agreement with the Government of Senegal involving gold producing mines; several clients who are conducting oil and gas exploration activities in the Province of Québec; counsel for Gaz Métropolitain Inc., in the implementation of a \$1-billion LNG receiving terminal project within the Rabaska Partnership.

Mr. Boivin is notably a member of the American Bar Association, the International Bar Association and Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Council for Africa and Vice-President Africa District of the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum. He was admitted to the Québec Bar in 1981



ANDRÉ BOUFFIOUX

CEO, BeLux, North, West and Central Africa Siemens

Belgium

Born in 1961, André Bouffioux graduated as a civil engineer (in electronics and automation technology) at the University of Ghent, and went on to the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve to study Management and Business Administration. His professional career started as a trainee at Siemens Brussels in 1986, and he has remained with the company ever since. He held various positions in Belgium and Germany, which led him to manage process automation activities all over the world

From 2002 onwards, André spent four years with Siemens France as a division director. In 2006, he was appointed CEO of Siemens Luxembourg. One year later he was heading up sales as part of the Global Industry Transformation project for Siemens AG (Germany). In 2008, André took over the position of CEO of the Siemens Belgium–Luxembourg. Additionally 2013, he became responsible for the assigned countries: Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and West-Central Africa.



YOSTINA BOULES

Managing Director Taga Solutions

**♥** Egypt

After winning the El Mashrou3 TV Show, the first reality show for young entrepreneurs in MENA, Yostina shifted her career from pharmaceuticals to her own renewable energy venture.

Egypt's energy crisis and recurring blackouts are placing a huge burden on Egypt's population, with a negative effect on the economy and hindering investment. Taqa Solutions provides sustainable solutions for turning waste into energy, by creating alternative sources of energy through offering economical solutions for waste management, biomass and landfill gas.

In November 2014, Yostina was invited by the US State Department and Morocco's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to speak at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit, the world's largest event to promote entrepreneurship and innovation. She has been mentored by Debra Grippo, VP Bank of America, through the mentee-mentor programme run by the Cherie Blair Foundation, as well as by Amr El Abd, Silatech's project manager in Egypt and a serial entrepreneur.



MANSOUR CAMA

President & Chairman Senegal National Confederation of Employers

Senegal 9

Mansour Cama was born in Dakar, Senegal and after graduation in UCAD (Cheikh Anta DIOP University) and complementary training in Montreal and Tokyo and leadership training in Georgetown University (USA), he launched his business career with activities such as commodities trading (cereals, oil) sectors like office equipment, and then moved to industry and finance.

He is Chairman & CEO of a holding company S.S.I. (industries/real estate/hotels) and as a big investor in Senegal and Ivory Coast, he is shareholder and board director of leading companies in water distribution (today, he is chairman of S.D.E.) and energy (gas and electricity). He is also chairman and one of the founders and chairman of Banque Régionale de Marchés (B.R.M.) launched in 2006.

For the last five years, he has also been advisor in insurance and investment to the Chairman of Islamic Bank Development (IDB) in Jeddah. Involved in the private sector development of AFRICA, he is the Chairman of Senegal National Confederation of Employers (CNES), one of the leading private sector organisations in Senegal. He is also a member of the board of African Business Roundtable (ABR) and a Goodwill Ambassador for Africa of UNIDO.



TIGUIDANKE CAMARA

Chairman & CEO Tigui Mining Group (TMG)

**Q** Guinea

Tiguidanke Camara, a former model turned mining entrepreneur, is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Tigui Mining Group (TMG) and Camara Diamond & Gold Trading Network (CDGTN). She is one of the youngest women mining executives and one of the few women mine owners in Africa. A visionary and proactive businesswoman, she uses her entrepreneurial background to pursue her objective of creating a conglomerate of natural resources and innovative technology companies.

Ms. Camara firmly believes in the growing mineral resources industry as a main driver of economic development, especially those of African countries. She leverages her relationships with local communities, governments, and investors to promote sustainable business ventures as well as the next generation of women in the mining industry. Ms. Camara uses her knowledge and connections to identify economically viable opportunities and translates them into reality.

Ms.Camara is an active advocate of women's presence and role in the development of the mining industry. A member of Women In Mining International (WIM), she co-founded Women in Mining Guinée (WIM Guinée).



Nelson is Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Africarena Capital Partners. Prior to this position, he was an Associate, M&A at Lazard. He has a Masters degree from the Universite Paris Dauphine in Corporate Finance & Financial Engineering.

# **NELSON CAMARA**

Co-Founder & Managing Partner Africarena Capital Partners





BANKOLE CARDOSO

Co-founder, Easy Taxi

Nigeria N

Bankole Cardoso is the Head of Communications of Africa Internet Group in Lagos. Prior to this, in 2013 Cardoso founded Easy Taxi, a taxi-hailing app for smartphones that allows people to request taxis everywhere. Present in 30 countries, Easy Taxi first launched in Nigeria and currently has a network of more than 400 drivers in Lagos with services extended to Abuja.

Bankole moved to the UK for his A-Levels and afterwards to the US, to do his bachelor's degree in business administration at Boston College. He has worked in financial services at PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York, where he earned his Certified Public Accountant credentials. He has experience in private equity as well, having worked with the Carlyle Group before moving back to Nigeria in July 2013 to lead Easy Taxi.

The entrepreneur was listed among Africa's 30 most promising young entrepreneurs by Forbes Magazine in 2014.



ISSAM CHLEUH

Founder & CEO Africa Impact Group

**Q** USA

Issam Chleuh is a Thought Leader who pioneered impact investing in Africa. His work has been featured on The Economist, Forbes and CNN, among others.

As the Founder & CEO of Africa Impact Group, Issam is in charge of driving the organization's vision and mission, developing existing partnerships and creating new ones – influencing the growth of impact investing in startups & Small and Medium Businesses (SMFs) in Africa.

He has been named by Forbes as one of 30 Most Promising Entrepreneurs both in 2014 and 2015, by Take Part magazine as one of 10 Amazing Millennials who are saving the World and by Young People in International Affairs (YPIA) Top 35 Africans Under 35.

Prior to launching Africa Impact Group, Issam worked as an Executive at Harbour/Vest Partners and Ernst & Young where he structured, advised and invested in private equity transactions globally.

A native of Mali, Issam grew up in Guinea (Conakry), Republic of Congo, Mauritania, Ghana, Morocco, Benin, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Mali and the USA.



H.E. ABDOURAHMANE CISSÉ

Minister to the Prime Minister in charge of the Budget

V Ivory Coast

H.E. Abdourahmane Cissé is Côte d'Ivoire's Minister to the Prime Minister in charge of the Budget, A graduate from Ecole Polytechnique (France) with an Engineering Degree, Mr. Cissé also holds a Master of Science in Petroleum Economics & Management from the French Institute of Petroleum (IFP School. France and University of Oklahoma, USA). He started his career at Goldman Sachs (UK) in 2005, ending up as Executive Director in charge of equity volatility trading on Eurozone indices within the Equities Derivatives Division. After leaving Goldman Sachs, Mr. Cissé was appointed Advisor to the President Alassane Quattara in charge of Public Finance from 2012 to 2013, then Chief of Staff at the Ministry in charge of Economy and Finance of Côte d'Ivoire from January to November 2013.

He was appointed Minister to the Prime Minister in charge of the Budget on November 19, 2013, becoming, at 32, the youngest minister of the Ivorian government. As such, Mr. Cissé oversees the Budget, Customs, Taxes, State-owned Entities and Public Procurement Administrations



**ETHEL COFIE** 

CEO and Founder, EDEL Technology Consulting



Ethel is CEO and Founder of EDEL Technology Consulting (an IT consulting and digital products company) and Mandela Fellow for President Obama's Young African Leaders initiative (YALI). She is a high-calibre IT professional with a wealth of technical and commercial skills acquired across a wide range of demanding roles.

With more than 12 years' experience working in the UK, Ghana, Nigeria and Sierra Leone, Ethel has worked on projects for organisations such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Mobile Technology for Health project, the Ford Foundation's Election Monitoring project for Nigeria. She has also served as Head of Commercial Solutions for Vodafone, where she conceptualised, executed and worked with teams to align corporate strategy to IT strategy and to develop and manage creative technology solutions.

Ethel has been featured in BBC and CNN for her work in technology and women's leadership. She is the founder of Women in Tech Africa, initiator of the 1st Pan African Woman in Tech meet-up and was shortlisted for the United Nations GEM -Tech Award for work supporting women in ICT.

Women in Tech Africa brings together women in more than 30 countries across Africa and will be opening offices in Zambia, Nigeria, Canada, DRC and Benin in the coming months. Ethel also sits on numerous boards of numerous companies in Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa.



MELISSA COOK

Partner LCC & President Advisory Council on doing Business in Africa



Melissa Cook is the Founder and Managing Director of African Sunrise Partners LLC, a research and advisory firm. Ms. Cook is a member of the President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa. The PAC-DBIA includes fif-teen senior executives, investors, and experts who advise President Obama on how to expand US corporate and investment activity on the continent.

Ms. Cook has more than 25 years of global research experience at Drexel Burnham Lambert, Prudential Securities, and CLSA/ Crédit Agricole. At CLSA, Ms. Cook was the Head of AsiaUSA Strategy, where she analysed the impact of China's rise on global markets and China's strategy for developing new markets. She was a Managing Director and Head of Global Research at Lazard Asset Management. Ms. Cook has an A.B. degree in History from Dartmouth College and an M.B.A. in Finance from the Stern School of Business at New York University. She is a CFA charter-holder.



DANIEL COTTA

Business Development Director Grégori International



In 2011, Daniel joined Grégori International as Business Development Director in order to build the African development of the company. He builds tailored solution for clients who hope to build golf course projects, natural pitches for football or landscaping works. In order to optimise public or private institution investments, he prioritises sustainability, long lasting construction and easy maintenance. In Gabon, Daniel was involved in renovating Stade de l'Amitié Football pitch and the golf project.

A graduate of l'Ecole Nationale du Paysage de Versailles and Bordeaux Business School. Daniel has a technical and commercial background. His global and transversal approach, as a landscape architect and marketing developer, brings a comprehensive approach for each project. Previously Daniel spent 12 years in the industry as Export Manager for Alstom Transport and Safran. Grégori International is a French family run company, operating only on the international level and specialized in turnkey construction of major sport facilities (design and construction) for golf courses. football pitches with natural grass (more than 50 pitches worldwide), landscaping and equestrian race tracks.



ISABELLA DA COSTA MENDES

Managing Director FKS Capital

Rrazil

Isabella joined FKS Capital as Head of Infrastructure in April 2015 with 18 years experience in Emerging Markets, notably as a Managing Director at Renaissance Capital, running its Solutions Business for Africa. Her previous experience includes two years as a Managing Director at Morgan Stanley, where she ran the CEEMEA Credit Structuring business and 10 years at J.P. Morgan, where she held several positions, including as an Executive Director responsible for its Emerging Markets Structuring business.

Isabella holds an LL.B. from the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, an LL.M. from New York University and a Graduate Degree in Accounting from Fundacao Getulio Vargas.



**BONY DASHACO** 

CEO, Acmar Media Group

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With more than 14 years experience in media communication and Marketing, and a thorough understanding of the Central and West African Market, Bony has established ACMAR MEDIA Group as the leading media agency in the region. He was named one of the 100 African leaders of tomorrow by the Choiseul Institute.

Bony has an MBA in media communications and strategic marketing, and was founder and group president of AMG Central and West Africa. He is bilingual in English and French.



AMADOUDIALLO

CEO, DHL Freight

Senegal S

Amadou Diallo is CEO of DHL Freight and a member of the DHL Global Forwarding, Freight Management Board. Based in Bonn, he is responsible for the performance and long-term strategic development of the unit, a role he is well-placed to perform with his experience in freight operations and international leadership. Mr. Diallo was previously CEO of Africa and South Asia Pacific for DHL Global Forwarding.

Mr. Diallo has more than 20 years of experience in the tourism, banking, express and logistics industries. He was appointed to head the South Asia Pacific region in June 2008, prior to which he was CFO of DP-DHL Logistics Divisions and Managing Director for the integration of Exel and DHL. Renowned for his expertise and forward-thinking approach towards corporate integrations, Mr. Diallo played a lead role in shaping the development and structure of the DHL Logistics Division through the Exel integration, which remains the largest corporate integration in the transportation and logistics industry to date.



**AMADOUDIAW** 

President ISM Group

Senegal

The founder of the first Business School in West Africa, Amadou Diaw, 54, is an economist, specialising in management control. Today he heads up a leading education body, ISM Group, with 17,000 alumni, 5,000 students, 12 campuses and five high schools of excellence

Amadou began his career in Paris, as management controller of GMF. On his return to Senegal, he was appointed Executive Director of the National Confederation of Employers (CNES). Through his knowledge of the African private sector in general, and of Senegal in particular, allows Amadou to better assess the needs for capacity building on the continent. This led to the creation of ISM in 1992. Soon, the Group became the leading business school in Francophone Africa. Amadou is President of the Conference of Grandes Ecoles of Senegal (CGE), and a member of the main representative bodies of higher education in Africa.



IBRAHIMA CHEIKH DIONG

Founder and Chief Executive Officer Africa Consulting and Trading

Senegal

Ibrahima Cheikh Diong is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Dakar-based pan-African management consulting and commercial facilitation firm, Africa Consulting and Trading (ACT). Mr. Diong also advises the Middle East and Africa Region Department of the Corporate and Investment Banking Unit of BNP Paribas. He served in July 2007 as Minister, Special Adviser to the President of the Republic of Senegal and was appointed in May 2010 as Ambassador at Large and Director General (DG) of the International Cooperation of Senegal. Mr. Diong was appointed in February 2011 as Permanent Secretary of Energy (PSE) of Senegal.

He previously served as the first Chairman of the Board of Senegal Airlines (SAL), in the Africa Department of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), and as Regional Coordinator for Africa of the World Bankmanaged multi-donor facility, the Public Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF). Prior to the World Bank Group, he worked for Booz Allen and Hamilton (BAH) where he led the Africa privatization business. Mr. Diong graduated from the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University in New York City. He is fluent in English, French, Mandarin Chinese and Wolof.



TEBOGO DITSHEGO

Group CEO Ditshego Media

South Africa

Born in South Africa, Tebogo Ditshego is the Group CEO of private equity firm Ditshego Investment Group and also the CEO of public relations agency Ditshego Media. He was listed as one of Forbes Magazine's top 30 African Entrepreneurs under the age of 30 in 2014. In 2015 he was listed as one of Fast Company Magazine's top 100 most creative people in business in South Africa and abroad.

He is the founder of South Africa's most followed reading initiative @ReadAbookSA; this project falls under the South African Reading Foundation of which Tebogo Ditshego is the Founder and Chairperson. In June 2015 he was appointed by Krugersdorp, Kagiso based radio station Mogale FM as a board member to spearhead their marketing operation.

In 2014 he completed the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) and he was also named as one of the top 200 Young South Africans by the Mail and Guardian. In the same year, he was a guest panellist for Investec Bank's Junior Innovators Entrepreurship competition. He's currently a guest judge for the Chivas Regal SA "win the right way" social entrepreneurship competition.



KOFFI FABRICE DJOSSOU

Senior Director of Sales, ABS Satellite

South Africa

Koffi Fabrice Djossou is the Senior Director of Sales for ABS (www.absatellite.com). A young, fast-growing global satellite operator, with an entrepreneurial and creative business approach, ABS is majority owned by the Permira funds that are advised by European Private Equity firm Permira. Koffi has more than 10 years experience in ICT and telecommunication industry.

He is the former Africa Liaison Manager for ZACR, a South Africa-based entity that performs the technical and administrative functions of the ZA Central Registry (Internet registry and infrastructure), which includes the administration of the CO.ZA domain name space and also the dotAfrica geographic Top Level Domain.

An IEEE member, Koffi is a telecommunication engineer with a significant knowledge in project management, strategy and policy development.



INYANG EBONG-HARSTRUP

Deputy Director UN Office for South-South Cooperation UNDP

Currently serving as the Deputy Director of the United Nations Office for South - South Cooperation (UNOSSC), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Invang Fbong-Harstrup began her career in 1988 with UNDP as a Canadian Junior Professional Officer (JPO) serving in Tanzania. Ms. Ebong-Harstrup was then assigned to the UNDP Country office in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia as a Programme Officer for three years. Following this, she was Policy Advisor in UNDP HQ. New York, for five years and worked in the Bureau for Policy Development (BDP) and the Operations Support Group Office (OSG). In October 1999, she returned to UNDP Tanzania as Deputy Resident Representative (programme) and also acted as the UNDP Resident Representative a.i. In August 2002 she took up her first appointment as UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative (RC/RR) in Trinidad and Tobago, and she also served as RC/RR for Suriname, Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. Ms. Ebong-Harstrup returned to UNDP HQ in January 2007 to take up her assignment as Associate Director, UN Development Operations Coordination Office (UNDOCO/ UNDP) before taking up her current assignment as Deputy Director UNOSSC.



JEAN-LOUIS EKRA

President African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank)

**♀** Egypt

Jean-Louis EKRA has been President and Chairman of the Board of Afreximbank since January 2005 after successive positions of Executive Vice-President and Senior EVP of the Bank. Under his leadership, the Bank was assigned an investment grade credit rating by three international agencies (Fitch, Moody's and S&P) and won many awards and prizes for excellence by various reputable organisations. He was re-appointed by Shareholders as President and Chairman of the Board for a second term in July 2010.

Before Afreximbank, he held other senior positions: Vice-President, Citibank NA: Managing Director, Société Ivoirienne de la Poste et de l'Epargne, Côte d'Ivoire; Country Manager, (UEMOA) region at Meridien BIAO. Côte d'Ivoire and Partner at DKS Investment, a financial advisory firm in Jersey. He was also Honorary President of the Global Network of Exim Banks and Development Finance Institutions (G-NEXID). He holds a MBA from Stern School of Business - New York University (NYU) and a Maîtrise en Sciences Economiques from University of Abidian, Côte d'Ivoire, In 2011, Mr. EKRA was listed among the 100 most influential people of Africa by New African and received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from African Banker in 2013.



**GETACHEW ENGIDA** 

Deputy Director-General United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Mr. Engida has spent the last 20 years leading and managing international organisations advancing the cause of poverty eradication, peace building and, sustainable developments. He has extensively worked on rural and agricultural developments, water and climate challenges, education, sciences, technology and innovation, intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity, communication and information with emphasis on freedom of expression and the free flow information on and offline as well as good governance.

He brings to the international public service a broad range of leadership and management skills from his academic background and rich experiences in the private sector. He is a specialist in change management, good governance and transformative leadership in diverse international setting. Mr. Engida has conferred with political leaders, policy makers, international, regional and national NGOs, the private sector, academia and civil society.

Mr. Engida joined UNESCO as Deputy Assistant Director-General for Administration and Comptroller in June 2004. He has served as Deputy Director-General since July 2010, and from January 2014, has taken on the added responsibility of managing the Communication and Information Programme of UNESCO. He also serves in a number of not-for profit international boards.



ESMEL EMMANUEL ESSIS

General Director CEPICI

V Ivory Coast

Born in Dabou, Côte d'Ivoire, Mr Essis was appointed Director General of the Investment Promotion Centre in Côte d' Ivoire (CEPICI) in October 2011 by Decree N°. 2011-279. He is also President of International Network of Francophones Investments Promotion of Agencies (RIAFPI). Finally, Mr. Essis was appointed representative of Sub-Saharan Africa and Member of the Management Committee of WAIPA (World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies) in 2015.

After graduating from the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce d'Abidian (FSCA), Mr. Essis began his career at Arthur Andersen, before becoming Chief Operating Officer of Ivoiral IPS Group - Cl in Abidjan. He then joined Palm Industry in Abidian as Financial Management Director. After a time as Deputy Director General Cosmiyoire - Sifca Group in Abidian, he became Director of Research and Development for the holding company, Siparal, He was appointed CFO of the Coca. Cola bottling plant of ECCBC Group in Guinea, then Regional Managing Director Guinea, Gambia & Bissau. He set up Amsey's International Consulting (AIC) in Paris and Abidian, and was Associate Director, before being appointed General Manager of CEPICI.



EBENEZER ESSOKA

Vice Chairman, Africa Standard Chartered Bank

South Africa

Ebenezer Essoka has had more than 30 years of banking experience in Africa. He joined SCB in 1986 and is currently Vice Chairman, Africa. Prior to this appointment, he was Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank. South Africa and Southern Africa.

Ebby holds an MBA in Finance as well as a Diploma in International Business from Seton Hall University South Orange, New Jersey, USA and has also attended senior development programmes at INSEAD, London Business School, Templeton College, Oxford University and Cambridge University. He has served on twelve SCB subsidiary Boards. He is currently Chairman of SCB Cameroon, Chairman of SCB Securities, South Africa and previously Chairman of SCB Côte d'Ivoire and Non Executive Director of 10 others including Nigeria and Pakistan.

Ebby has served on the Presidential Investor's Advisory Council of Ghana. In South Africa, he has served as Director on the Main Board of the Banking Association; was Vice Chairman of the International Bankers' Association and Council Member of Business Leadership SA. In addition, he serves on the Global Advisory Council of the London Business School and is a founding member and trustee of the Global Reach Network Foundation – an organisation focused on bridging opportunity gaps for individuals and communities worldwide



MEAGAN FALLONE

Global Strategy and Development Barefoot College

**Q** USA

Responsible for Barefoot College International, Meagan Fallone is currently steering the establishment of a further six Barefoot College Vocational Training Centres throughout sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and SE Asia/Pacific to triple the size of the Barefoot College by 2018. In addition she is leading a significant move towards digital integration, both within the organisation and to thousands of women the college trains throughout the developing world

The "Barefoot Approach" focuses on water management, renewable solar energy, livelihood & enterprise creation and a unique solution to rural education for rural children that has educated more than 75,000 young people.

Since she joined founder Bunker Roy in 2011. Ms Fallone has been at the heart of curating an international curriculum designed with, and for, illiterate and semi literate poor rural women which empowers them towards enterprise activities and amplifies their agency and aspirations. She has been a field presence in more than 52 countries since joining Barefoot College and currently guides field operations and partnerships in 72 Countries. Meagan is responsible for Development, Strategic Planning, Budget Management, Policy & Advocacy, Measurement & Evaluation and Communications initiatives of the Barefoot College Internationally.



PARINAZ FIROZI

Managing Director Jumia Kenya

Kenya

Parinaz Firozi is the Managing Director of Jumia Kenya. The company is Kenya's leading online retailer, selling electronics, home appliances, fashion and much more. Jumia is currently active in 12 countries, and was the first African company to win an award at the World Online Retail Awards 2013 in Paris as the "Best New Retail Launch" of the year. Jumia is part of Africa Internet Group (AIG).

Parinaz' experience spans back to 2006 when she started working at the structured finance department at Ernst and Young in Texas.

Before moving to Kenya as Managing Director of Jumia Kenya in 2014, she also worked at JP Morgan as a finance analyst and associate.

Parinaz holds an MBA from IESE Business
School and The London Business School



PATRICE FONLLADOSA

President and CEO Africa and Middle East Veolia

**♥** France

In July 2013, Fonlladosa was appointed President and CEO of Veolia's business activities in Africa and the Middle East, with the aim of making of Africa and the Middle East one of the Group's most significant zone of growth within the Group as part of the 2015-2020 Plan. That role includes leading the water, sanitation and electricity concession contracts in Gabon, Niger and Morocco and also in Namibia and Ghana, and in many countries of the Middle East (Saudi Arabia. UAE. Oman, and so on).

He successfully led the opening of Veolia Africa and Veolia Middle East's equity to first ranked minority shareholders (IFC-World Bank and Proparco-AFD Group to 20% of contribution for seven years), as well as the Group's first joint venture (Azaliya) with the UAF development company Mubadala in 2008 for MENA. Within a few years, he managed to expand the group's presence to 7 additional countries by winning numerous contracts (Concessions, BOT, Performance, etc.) mainly in the Middle East where he extended the desalination plant of Oman Sur for instance, Recently, he successfully managed the alliance of Veolia Group in Saudi Arabia with GIHC Group held by Sheikh Baker Binladen, and the first sustainable industrial implementation in Ghana. In June 2015. he signed a performance contract to provide electricity management services to Electricité de Guinée (FDG).



**ELENI GIOKOS** 

Journalist Bloomberg TV Africa

South Africa

Eleni Giokos is a freelance financial journalist in South Africa. She was formerly senior anchor for Bloomberg TV Africa and anchored the global show African Business Weekly for Bloomberg International. Giokos also hosted Leading Africa, featuring exclusive interviews with African Heads of State such as President John Dramani Mahama, President Macky Sall and President Mohammed Marzouki.

Giokos was formerly an anchor at 24-hour news channel, eNCA. She broke the Oscar Pistorius story, staying on air for seven hours as the story developed. She has been in the industry for 10 years in radio, print and broadcast media. She gained extensive experience at CNBC Africa spending 5 years covering capital ad equity markets.

As a broadcaster and a published journalist at the Mail and Guardian newspaper, she has gone head to head with some of the biggest global and local names. She has interviewed President Jacob Zuma, IMF MD Christine Lagarde, former Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou and Zimbabwe Prime Minister Morgan Tsyangirai.

Giokos is an International Monetary Fund Fellow and has a Honours Degree in Journalism from The University of Witwatersrand.



HOWARD GOULD

Eco entrepreneur funding board member mindHive



Howard Gould has been an innovator and entrepreneur in digital media, mobile technology and clean tech for the last 20 years. Howard started his career in San Francisco in the late 1990s running business development and sales for Microcast, a pioneer in the video streaming business, followed by Netcatalyst, a tech-focused global liquidity engineering investment bank. He co-founded and is a current board member of the asset management firm Equator LLC. Together with BTG Pactual of Brazil, Equator now manages more than \$3.5 billion in sustainable assets and is currently one of the top five global timber operators in the world.

Howard is currently a founding board member of mindHive, a mobile based social network that incorporates cutting edge technologies in Augmented and Virtual Reality, Artificial Intelligence and Distributed Networks (Blockchain). He is on several mobile and tech company advisory boards, and is a board member of several non-profits, including Conservation International and Brad Pitt's Make It Right Foundation. Howard is a regular commentator on Fox News, CNN and Fox Business on topics ranging from technology to the environment



**NIK GOWING** 

Journalist BBC

**₽**UK

Nik Gowing was a main news presenter for the BBC's international 24-hour news channel BBC World News 1996-2014. He presented The Hub with Nik Gowing, BBC World Debates, Dateline London , plus location coverage of major global stories. For 18 years he worked at ITN where he was bureau chief in Rome and Warsaw, and Diplomatic Editor for Channel Four News (1988-1996). He has been a member of the councils of Chatham House, the Royal United Services Institute, and the Overseas Development Institute, the board of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy including vice chair, and the advisory council at Wilton Park

Nik has extensive reporting experience over three decades in diplomacy, defence and international security. He also has a much sought-after analytical expertise on the failures to manage information in the new transparent environments of conflicts, crises, emergencies and times of tension. In 2014 Nik was appointed a Visiting Professor at Kings College, London in the School of Social Science and Public Policy and he is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Geo-Economics.



JEAN-JACQUES GUILBAUD

Chief Administrative Officer Executive Committee Member Total

**France** 

Jean-Jacques Guilbaud graduated in sociology and public law. He joined Total in 1981 as a legal advisor specialising in labour law. In 1985, he was appointed Industrial Relations Manager and in 1991, Real Estate Asset Manager. He served as Deputy General Manager of the Normandy refinery from 1994 to 1996 and Vice President Human Resources from 1996 to 1998.

He was appointed Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Corporate Communications and member of the Management Committee in April 1998. He was appointed Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Corporate Communications of TotalFina in 1999, of TotalFinaElf in 2000 and of Total in 2003. He has been Chief Administrative Officer since 2008 and a member of the Executive Committee since February 2007.



MOHAMED H'MIDOUCHE

CEO, INTER AFRICA CAPITAL GROUP



Mohamed H'MIDOUCHE, a Moroccan national, is a veteran of 36 years in development banking, project finance, trade finance, project management, diplomatic representation, and leadership.

Most of his career has been in senior management positions at the African Development Bank Group (1978-2014). Within AfDB, Mr. H'MIDOUCHE held among others, the following managerial positions: Director, Vice President & Chairman of the Permanent Committee for the Review and Implementation of the Decentralization Strategy reporting directly to President Donald Kaberuka; Regional Resident Representative in Senegal and Egypt; Deputy Resident Representative in UK; Head, Cooperation Unit; Executive Director, AFREXIMBANK, Executive Director, Africa Governance Institute

After retiring from the AfDB in July 2014, he established "Inter-Africa Capital Group (IACG)" as a vehicle to boost Intra-Africa trade and to attract Arab and FDI to Africa. Mr. H'MIDOUCHE is also Vice-President of the Moroccan Exporters Association and Executive Vice President of the African Diolomatic Academy.



MORATUOA HLONGWA

Founder and Managing Director Image Evolution

**♀**Lesotho

Moratuoa Hlongwa is a Chartered Accountant and Founder of Image Evolution Lesotho, an organisation that aims to address a lack of solid financial, internal control and corporate governance structures in small to medium businesses in Lesotho. The organisation also coaches and consults on personal branding and corporate image.

As an Image Consultant under her business called 'Moratuoa Speaks', she personally empowers men and women of all ages to boost their self esteem. She combines health insights obtained from running ultra marathons and discipline from vast accounting experience. She is a Mandela Washington Fellow for Young African Leaders at Yale University and an Audit Committee member of the Central Bank of Lesotho, She is the ambassador of the Young Women in Sports Leadership Development Program. first program in Lesotho which aims to bridge soft skills gap and empower young women to drive social and economic change in their communities through sport.



FRED HOCHBERG

Chairman and President Export-Import Bank of US



Fred P. Hochberg is Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) and one of the highest ranking business leaders in the Obama Administration, During his six years of leadership, Ex-Im Bank has supported more than 1.3 million American jobs and financed exports with a value exceeding \$200 billion. while generating more than \$2 billion in surplus revenue for U.S. taxpayers and reducing internal costs by 15 percent. During Hochberg's tenure, the Bank has increased its focus on customers, particularly America's small business exporters, and in each of the last several years, nearly 90 percent of Ex-Im Bank authorizations have directly supported small businesses.

Hochberg has also worked to expand the global footprint of key domestic industries in which U.S. exporters have a comparative advantage, such as renewable energy, space technology, construction and farm machinery, medical technology, agriculture, and avionics. In addition, he has streamlined processes. dramatically cut transaction times, and introduced innovative new financial products to better equip U.S. companies to win sales in an increasingly competitive global economy. Formerly, he was dean of the Milano School of Management and Urban Policy at The New School in New York City, and acting Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA), where he helped quadruple lending to minority- and womenowned small businesses.



**AMADOUHOTT** 

CEO FONSIS

Senegal Senegal

Amadou Hott has been CEO of FONSIS (Sovereign Wealth Fund of Senegal) since October 2013 and Chairman of the Blaise Diagne International Airport since June 2013. He has previously worked in New York and London as a Market Risk Analyst and Manager; Associate Director of ABN AMRO, London, Energy and Mining sector covering the Africa region; Director Africa for the Millenium Finance Corporation, Dubai; CEO of UBA Capital in Lagos; Founder and CEO of Afribridge Capital in Dubai and co-founder of Dangote Capital in Lagos; and a Special Advisor to President Macky Sall of Senegal for Investments and Finance.

Hott has conducted several investment banking transactions for, or facing, multinational corporations (including Arcelor Mittal, Dangote Group, Virgin Nigeria, France Telecom and Orange), international organizations (African, Western, Chinese and Japanese development banks and agencies) and governments (including DRC, Senegal, Mali, Guinea, Gabon and Ethiopia). Hott has Masters Degrees from the Sorbonne University in Paris and New York University.



SAÏD IBRAHIMI

CEO, Casablanca Finance Authority

♥ Morocco

Saïd Ibrahimi holds a degree in engineering from Ecole Centrale de Paris and a graduate degree in industrial engineering. He currently serves as CEO of Casablanca Finance Authority, Morocco.

Mr. Ibrahimi began his professional career in France in 1986 within the banking industry, taking on various operational responsibilities for BNP Paribas.

He was appointed General Director of the Moroccan Bank for Africa and the Middle East in September 1995. His late Majesty King Hassan II appointed him in as General Director of the "Caisse Nationale de Crédit Agricole" in 1997.

During this time, he successfully drove important institutional and financial reform by leading the transition of the state bank into a commercial bank. In September 2003, His Majesty King Mohamed VI appointed him as Treasurer of the Kingdom.

He ran a modernization plan aiming to improve the quality and efficiency of the institution's services. He was also in charge of the public spending control, which he successfully achieved by merging heavy and important administrations.

In April 2010, His Majesty King Mohamed VI appointed Mr Ibrahimi as Chief Executive of the Moroccan Financial Board, the body in charge of the institutional promotion and the overall management program of the Casablanca Finance City project. He is a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Association for Solidarity.



IVOR ICHIKOWITZ

Founder and Executive Chairman, Paramount Group

South Africa

Ivor Ichikowitz is an industrialist and philanthropist. He is a life-long proponent of Africa and its people and his interests stretch from local community initiatives to international trade and development. Over the last two decades he has been an active investor, employer and industrialist building numerous successful businesses across the continent.

He believes that innovation is the key to Africa's future growth. As a result his

core businesses are within the high value

manufacturing and technology sectors. It is investment in these and other heavy industries like mining and energy that positions Ivor at the vanguard of Africa's re-industrialisation. Over the last 20 vears he has built successful businesses across oil and gas, defence and aerospace manufacturing, property, retail, tourism, mining, agriculture and sustainable development across Africa. Ivor is the Executive Chairman of the Paramount Group, which he founded in 1994. Under his leadership the business has grown into Africa's largest privately owned defence and aerospace business. As Executive Chairman of private equity group TransAfrica Capital Limited, he directs investments in scientific research and development projects. He founded the Ichikowitz Family Foundation, which supports educational and developmental programmes that empower Africa's young people to seize the new century's opportunities.



THEBE IKALAFENG

Founder and Managing Director Brand Leadership Group

South Africa

Thebe Ikalafeng is arguably the foremost global African brand and reputation architect, advisor and author. Named one of the 100 Most Influential Africans by New African Magazine, he has been to more than 50 countries across Africa and the world and worked on over 100 brands, gaining an invaluable and incomparable perspective and knowledge on building brands and reputations. He is the founder of the awardwinning brand and reputation firm, Brand Leadership Group, and a non-executive director of Mercantile Bank Holdings, Brand South Africa, WorldWideFund for Nature (WWF) and South African Tourism.

He is founder of the Brand Africa and Public Sector Excellence initiatives. Ikalafeng holds BSc and MBA degrees from Marquette University (USA), completed executive education at Wits Business School and Harvard Business School, and a qualified Chartered Marketer (SA). Ikalafeng is widely recognized and respected in Africa and the world, and has been featured in global and Africa media such as CNN, BBC, CNBC Africa, African Business and New African and quoted globally in matters related to branding, reputation & Africa. www.ikalafeng.com.



DANIEL JAEGER

Alcatel-Lucent Vice President Africa

South Africa

In his current role as Vice President for Africa, Daniel Jaeger is responsible for Alcatel-Lucent's business and operations in the biggest part of Africa. Based in Johannesburg, South Africa, Alcatel-Lucent's main office for the region, Daniel leads an organisation serving customers across the continent.

Prior to his current assignment, Daniel held various positions within Alcatel and Alcatel-Lucent, during which he was based in Austria, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belgium and Egypt. Among others, he was in charge of the company's business in Central Asia and later leading the Fixed Access Division for Central and Eastern Europe.

Daniel has more than 12 years experience in international business in various leadership roles, covering sales, business development and operations. He holds a Master's degree in International Business Administration from the University of Vienna.



MICHAËLLE JEAN

Secretary General of the Francophonie

Canada

H.E. Michaëlle Jean was elected Secretary General of the Francophonie on November 30, 2014 at the Summit of Dakar. She succeeded Senegalese President HE Mr. Abdou Diouf and is the woman to hold this position. Born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Ms Jean fled and her family fled the brutal regime of dictator Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier in 1968 and took refuge in Quebec.

After her studies, she worked for 10 years with shelters for women victims of domestic violence and participated in the establishment of an emergency network in Quebec and elsewhere in Canada. Ms. Jean then moved to a successful career as a journalist and TV presenter on Canadian national television

In 2005, Ms. Jean became the 27th Governor General and Commander in Chief of Canada. In this capacity, she led a official missions and state visits, including to Afghanistan, China and various countries in Africa, the Americas and Europe. In 2010, she founded the Michaëlle Jean Foundation with her husband, filmmaker and philosopher Jean-Daniel Lafond. The same year, she was appointed UNESCO Special Envoy for Haiti, before being appointed Chancellor of the University of Ottawa in November 2011.



CHUDE JIDEONWO

Managing Partner Red Media Africa



Named by Forbes as one of Africa's 30 best entrepreneurs under 30, Chude Jideonwo is Managing Partner of Red Media Africa (RED), which owns the continent's largest portfolio of youth media brands. RED's brands include Y! Africa and YNaija.com, and Chude has consulted for global brands including Microsoft, Google, the British Council and the United States Government.

RED has also successfully managed the campaign communication for two consecutive Nigerian Presidents. Through Statecraft Inc, RED's governance communication company, he led on the communication for the Muhammadu Buhari campaign in 2015. The digitally-driven movement upset a 16-year monopoly by the previous ruling party.

A lawyer and award-winning journalist, he has a Masters Degree in Media and Communication from the Pan-African University. He is a Global Shaper with the World Economic Forum, a member of the African Leadership Network and sits on the boards of the Oando Foundation and Micosoft 4Afrika

In May 2014, his latest book, Are We The Turning Point Generation? was published by Farafina. In October 2014, he was announced winner of the CNBC All Africa Young Business Leader of the Year.



STEPHEN KARANGIZI

Director of the African Legal Support Facility African Development Bank

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Mr Stephen Karangizi has been the Director of the African Legal Support Facility since October 2011. The African Legal Support Facility, hosted by the African Development Bank, was established to support African Countries in negotiating complex commercial contracts and in assisting them with creditor litigation. Mr Karangizi is a lawyer with extensive experience in International Commercial and Trade Law. He was Deputy Secretary General (Programmes) of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) from 2008 to 2011 and the Legal Advisor for COMESA from 1997 to 2008.

Over a 34 year career as a lawyer, he also served as a Legal Advisor for the Governments of Uganda, Antigua and Barbuda (West Indies) and Zimbabwe. He holds an LLB (Honours) and LLM degrees. He is enrolled as a Legal Practitioner of the High Court of Zimbabwe and an Advocate of the High Court of Uganda. He also served as Chairman the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) in 2006. He has also been a visiting Resource Person to many Regional and International Capacity Building Centres on different legal issues and has authored many publications in the legal field.



AISHA KARANJA

Executive Director, The Green Belt Movement



Aisha Karanja is the Executive Director of the Green Belt Movement (GBM). Aisha joined the Organisation in 2013 and was appointed as the Executive Director in June 2014 after serving as the Executive Director for six months. Prior to joining the Green Belt Movement she worked in senior management positions since 2007 and has served in both not–for-profit and corporate organizations. A seasoned administrator and human resource management professional, she has a dynamic combination of practical management skills and innovative thinking, as well as strong experience in operational leadership, strategic development and team building.

Aisha holds a Masters degree in Community Development and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political science, economics and sociology both from Agra University, India. She also holds a Post-graduate diploma (PGD) in journalism and mass communications. As GBM Executive Director she is leading her team to empower communities on watershed management, climate adaption and mitigation, and gender equality, while continuing to carve out space for women's voices to be heard and valued, keeping alive the legacy of Professor Wangari Maathai, 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner and founder of the Green Belt Movement.



ALAN KASULIA

Presenter of Newsday BBC

**♥** Uganda

Alan Kasujja is widely regarded as one of Africa's most prominent journalists. At the moment, he presents Newsday - the BBC World Service's award-winning flagship news programme. It is considered the biggest programme of its kind in the world with tens of millions of listeners across the globe.

Alan has also reported for the UK's most influential breakfast programme, Radio 4's Today and for BBC TV. He's recently presented a highly acclaimed three-part documentary series - My Africa - exploring the social and economic transformation of the continent

Before joining the BBC, Alan was the host of Uganda's leading morning radio programme on Capital FM. He also worked in Nairobi and presented the East African version of the TV series Who Wants To Be A Millionaire.



LIKEPING

President & CIO, China Investment Corporation

China

Mr. Li Keping has been Vice Chairman, President and Chief Investment Officer of China Investment Corporation since 2014. Immediately prior to this, Mr. Li served as the Executive Director, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of CIC for three years. Before joining CIC, Mr. Li worked in the National Council for the Social Security Fund as Head of Investment Department (2001–2007) and Deputy Chairman (vice minister level) (2007–2011) successively.

From 1992 to 2000, Mr. Li took various positions in the State Commission for Restructuring the Economic Systems which was then restructured and renamed as the State Council Office for Restructuring the Economic Systems. There, he served as Deputy Director General of the Macroeconomic Control Department until 2000. In 2000, Mr. Li went to the University of Colorado as a visiting scholar.

Between 1982 and 1992, Mr. Li worked as a lecturer at the Beijing University of Chemical Technology and took his advanced education at the Fudan University, University of Tübingen and TH Darmstadt (Germany) during that period of time. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Peking University.



JEAN-LUC KONAN

CEO. Groupe Cofina

Senegal 9

Jean-Luc Konan is a 41-year-old banker with 20 years of experience in the financial sector. He holds a Master of Science in Banking and finance for ESC Toulouse and a postgraduate Degree (DESS) in finance. He has held various senior positions in several international banks including CITIBANK, Barclays, BNP Paribas.

He has been Regional Director in charge of Expansion projects for ECOBANK, the largest bank (in term of footprint) in Africa, before holding a CEO position for the Nigerian-based pan African bank United Bank for Africa in Gabon and Senegal, where he has won CEO of the Year from Banker Magazine and Global Finance, two years running.

He is Executive Vice President and founder of MJE Capital, a Dubai based advisory Cabinet that fosters on the structuring of large ticket transactions across Africa. He has recently created the COFINA Group, a microfinance institution specialised in financing SME and entrepreneurs - 'the missing middle' - that operates in four African countries and aims to cover 16 countries by 2021. Jean-Luc is the chairman of Capital Performance Development (CAP- DEV), a regional association that promotes governance and best practices among microfinance institutions in Africa.



JOHN A KUFUOR

Founder, John Kufuor Foundation and President of Ghana (2001-9)



John A. Kufuor launched his political career in 1967, when he became chief legal officer and town clerk for the city of Kumasi. On Jan. 7, 2001, he began his first term as president. His inauguration marked the first peaceful transfer of power between democratically elected governments since Ghanaian independence in 1957. He stepped down from office upon the end of his second term and then served as the chairperson of the African Union in 2007–08.

On two occasions, he chaired the Economic community of West African State and the African Union, and in 2011 was named in the joint winner of the World Food Prize with former Brazilian President Lula da Silva. Currently, he serves as UN Special Envoy and co-chairs the Global Panel on Climate Change and Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition. Also, he was Global Ambassador against Hunger for the UN World Food Program; chairman of the Sanitation and Water for All Partnership; Global Envoy for the Neglected Tropical Diseases Alliance; and Lead Advocate for the Partnership for Child Development.



WILLIAM KWENDE

Chairman, Agritech Group

Rurkina Faso

William Kwende is an African entrepreneur and developer. He was educated in Dakar, Paris and Washington DC, where he graduated with a degree in computer engineering at George Washington University and a DEFL from Georgetown University. William is a former UN Official with the IOM agency. He was first posted in Dakar covering West and Central Africa, then in Manila, Philippines for 8 years where he covered several countries in Southeast Asia.

His experience in development was the base for Agritech's initial concept featuring a mix of profit-making and sustainable development notions. Agritech promotes eco-development clusters supporting rural farmers in six West African countries. It also provides agro models, access to energy, and training in rural areas as well as commodities consolidation bridging the rural and world markets. In 2010 William created Burkina Golden oils to produce shea butter and consolidate Agritech's activities in shea, focused on empowering rural women.



**CINALAWSON** 

Minister of Post and Telecommunications Government of Togo

**♥** Togo

Cina Lawson is Minister of Post and Telecommunications of Togo, building on 14 years of experience in the areas of telecommunications. Previously, as Manager of Corporate Strategy and Business Development at the Orange Group in New York City, she was in charge of identifying business opportunities by monitoring markets and innovative technologies. Prior to that, she worked at Alcatel-Lucent in Paris, providing insight into the communication tools linked to supply chain reforms that were being implemented at the corporate level.

Lawson began her career at the World Bank in Washington, DC where she worked on telecom restructuring projects in developing countries focusing on regulatory reforms. She is a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po). In 2012, Forbes magazine ranked her among the 20 most powerful young women in Africa.



THIERRY LEPERCO

CEO. Solairedirect



Thierry Leperco, 52, is the Chairman of Solairedirect, which he co-founded in 2006. Solairedirect is a solar power company operating across four continents with the mission of making solar power more competitive than other energy sources. Solairedirect has developed a distinctive scalable business model as a 100% solar power company with the aim of creating value all along the value chain from development to construction, services and investment. Solairedirect had revenues of FUR156 million. in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014 and has achieved a 45% compound annual revenue growth rate over its last five fiscal vears.

Previously Mr Lepercq had a 20-year career in technology finance, first with Bankers Trust in New York, and later with Banque Arjil (Lagardère Group) and Oddo & Cie. In 1999 he founded NetsCapital, a boutique investment bank focused on information technology, which structured 40 transactions for a total of EUR400m. In 2004 Mr Lepercq set up Réseau Innovation Energie, a think tank with such participants as Caisse des Dépôts, Suez, EDF and Gaz de France. He is a graduate of HEC (Paris).



JUN LIU

Executive Vice President AVIC International Holding Corporation



Mr. LIU Jun is the Executive Vice President of AVIC International Holding Corporation, in charge of overseas business, and the Chairman of the AVIC-INTL Project Engineering Company. He has worked for CATIC (predecessor of AVIC International) since 1989, working for CATIC Germany; from 1990-1993, he was the CEO of CATIC Beijing Company. From 2012, he was nominated as Executive Vice President of AVIC International.

AVIC International has set up wholly-owned or holding subsidiaries in major cities across China, has established more than 130 branches in more than 50 countries and regions, and owns eight listed companies.

The company has more than 80,000 employees serving customers in more than 180 countries and regions. It has total assets of more than RMB 250 billion (more than USD 40 billion).

The company specialises in six major business sectors, including international aviation, trade & logistics, retail & highend consumer goods, real estate & hotel management, electronic high technology and development of resources.

In recent years, Mr LIU Jun has led AVIC-INTL Project Engineering Company projects in sectors as diverse as vocational training, health and mobile hospitals, energy EPC and investment, infrastructure and so on.



CARLOS LOPES

Executive Secretary
UNECA - United
Nations Economic
Commission for Africa

Dr. Carlos Lopes holds a PhD in History from the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and a Research Master's in Development Studies from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. In 1988, he joined the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as a Development Economist and occupied various positions including Deputy Director for the Office of Evaluation and Strategic Planning, Director of the Bureau for Development Policy and UN Resident Coordinator in Zimbabwe and Brazil

He then served as the Assistant Secretary-General and Director for Political Affairs of the UN Secretary-General. From 2007-2012, he served as Executive Director for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in Geneva and simultaneously at the UN System Staff College in Turin. He is currently the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and UN Undersecretary-General. He has published extensively, authoring or editing 22 books, mostly on Africa and development issues. He received an Honorary PhD in Social Sciences from the University of Cândido Mendes, Rio de Janeiro. Brazil.



#### ABDOULAYE LY

Director of Investment Promotion Ministry of Promotion of Investments and Partnerships



An economist, Mr I v is an official at the Central Bank of West African States (CBWAS), where he worked for more than 15. years on macroeconomic analysis and the financial sector in the research department. before being seconded to the Senegalese government. His role is Special Advisor to the Director General of the Investment Promotion and Major Works Agency (APIX) in charge of economic policies and the financing of the economy. He played an active role on the Steering Committee for the financing of this plan before being promoted to Project Director for the development of a mining hub. He has carried out a number of missions all over the world, looking at the business environment, the financing of the economy and regional integration.

Mr. Ly holds a postgraduate degree in banking and financial economics from the Institut Technique de Banque of the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers in Paris (CNAM), a specialist studies certificate in political science, a DESS in economic policy and project analysis and a masters in macroeconomic management from Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar.



ISABELLE MACQUART

CEO, Hodea

France

Isabelle's target is to create new opportunities, building new models, and to establish a better balance between humans and economics. Her aim is to create new strategic areas and to drive innovation knowledge.

A graduate of École Normale Supérieure and École Centrale de Paris, Isabelle was a performance project manager leader, and an innovation and organisational consultant for 15 years in the financial sector. She now runs Hodea, a strategic consulting & executive advisory agency.

Her main activity creates innovation by value to support top management and entrepreneurs in designing their new offers. She has been designing a specific model for Africa within the SME network: Crowdfunding Incubator Clusters.



**VERONE MANKOU** 

Founder and CEO, VMK

Republic of Congo

Ranked by Forbes Magazine as one of the "top 30 entrepreneurs under 30 in Africa" (2013), Vérone Mankou is President and General Manager of VMK, a Congolese startup that aims to "make technology accessible to the greatest number." In 2011, VMK launched the first touch pad designed in Africa. In 2012 VMK repeated this feat by selling the first smartphone designed in Africa.

To this day, VMK is committed to bringing innovative products to the field of mobile technology, and the company is currently building a plant in Congo to assemble these products (phones and tablets). VMK will soon unveil a "tablet for development", dedicated to education, health and agriculture, at a market price of USD60 - the cheapest in the world for a product of this kind.



CHRISTOPHER MARKS

Senior Advisor African Development Bank

UK

Christopher Marks currently serves as Senior Advisor at the African Development Bank. based in Abidian. He has worked in finance for more than 25 years, bringing together transactional experience as a pre-eminent capital markets banker with an earlier professional specialisation in public finance advisory and development economics. As Global Head of Debt Capital Markets at BNP Paribas, following progressive promotions during some 15 years at the bank, he built and led one of the world's dominant primary bond market and debt advisory platforms. He has managed global teams while originating and executing some of Europe's largest and most innovative market financings.

In the realm of sovereign advisory, he has worked for governments and international agencies on sovereign debt management, SME financing programmes and infrastructure finance. Prior to his move into investment banking in 1999, Dr. Marks worked for more than 10 years as a development finance expert specialised in intergovernmental finance. He has a D.E.A. from Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris and a Ph.D. from Princeton University.



BEATRICE MARSHALL

Anchor, CCTV



Beatrice Marshall is one of Africa's most highly respected News Anchors. She anchors "Africa Live" on CCTV News, a daily news programme that gives global viewers a deeper perspective of the news and views of Africa. Beatrice is also the host of "Talk Africa", a weekly talk show that provides viewers with an inside look at political and economic affairs and trends in Africa.

Beatrice has extensive knowledge of Africa having covered major events across the continent, particularly the conflicts and politics of the Horn of Africa and Great Lakes. region for the past 10 years. In 2009, Beatrice moderated a forum for the then US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in Nairobi. In 2011 she moderated a town hall forum for visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel. In 2010 she moderated a Kofi Annan-led national debate on Kenya's dialogue and reconciliation process hosted by the African Union Panel of Eminent African Personalities, Beatrice holds a Masters Degree in Mass Communication from the University of Leicester (UK) and has been a journalism lecturer at the United States International University (USIU) in Nairobi.



**GUY MAURICE** 

President, Africa, Total E&P

France

He joined the Total Group in 1983 as a Reservoir Engineer, initially in Paris, then in China and later in Indonesia. In 1993, he was assigned to Total Austral, Buenos Aires, where he headed the Planning Department for three years before returning to Total E&P, Paris as Head of Pre-Project.

From 1997 to 2001, he served in Abu Dhabi, in the UAE, where he headed the Technical Division, Middle East. Three years later, he was assigned to Venezuela as Director of Sincor Upstream Project, Total E&P Venezuela. In 2004, he moved to Total E&P Congo as the affiliate's Managing Director and Chief Executive, a position he occupied until September 2008. He was then assigned to Nigeria as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Total E&P, Nigeria and the Total Group representative in Nigeria. On April 1st, 2014, Guy Maurice was appointed Senior Vice President. F&P Africa.



ABDOULAYE MBAYE

Founder and CEO Neurotech SA

Senegal Senegal

In 2003, Senegalese entrepreneur Abdoulaye Mbaye founded Neurotech, an SME specialising in the development of IT infrastructure, networks, security, and the most advanced technologies in the field of unified communications and data centres. He has built partnerships with top firms including VMware, Cisco, EMC, Citrix, Dell, HP. IBM, and Oracle Fortinet.

A telecommunications design engineer, Abdoulaye has worked in the IT and telecoms industry for 22 years. He started at Telecom Plus, a subsidiary of the Orange Group. He was Head of Department and Director Telecom Networks & Services at ITA for seven years, leading the establishment of infrastructure, network, telecom and IP telephony for BNP Paribas in Senegal and lvory Coast, and the introduction of WiFi infrastructure for all universities of Senegal, funded by the World Bank.

Abdoulaye launched Neurotech's new strategic plan Echelon 2020, with the goal of a successful IPO before maturity. The plan focuses on major ongoing infrastructure projects in the sub region, regional development with the opening of subsidiaries, and the development of new service offerings around the third generation platform. Neurotech has been named one of the top 20 Senegalese companies – and the highest-placed IT firm.



NARCISSE MBUNZAMA

Founder Avonax Research Group

Sweden

Narcisse Mbunzama is a Swedish citizen and CEO of Avonax Group, a company that funds tech companies in Africa, the development and transfer of tech innovation solutions and tech consulting to SMEs and organisations in Africa. Narcisse holds a degree in computer science from Umea University in Sweden. Mr. Mbunzama is winner of several tech innovation awards including the Smart Tech challenge 2014 and Nokia Open Innovation 2010. Narcisse speaks fluent in French, English and Swedish and he is based between Paris in France, Stockholm in Sweden and Kinshasa in the democratic republic of Congo.

Narcisse Mbunzama est un citoyen de la Suède, et directeur exécutif du groupe AVONAX. Une entreprise qui favorise les investissements des entreprises technologique en Afrique, le développement et transfert de technologie innovante et le conseil en technologie auprès des entreprises et institutions Africaine, Mr. Mbunzama a un diplôme d'informatique de l'université Umeå en Suède. Lauréat de plusieurs prix d'innovations technologique dont le prix Smart Tech challenge 2014 et Nokia Open Innovation 2010. Narcisse parle correctement Français. Anglais et Suédois. Il est basé à cheval entre Paris en France. Stockholm en Suède et à Kinshasa en république démocratique du Congo.



**BRIAN MENELL** 

Principal & CEO Kemet Group

United Kingdom

Brian Menell is a principal and the CEO of the Kemet Group. Kemet is a private group that invests in and manages a range of natural resource projects in East, Central and West Africa, ranging from gold and iron ore, to forestry and commercial agriculture. The group also advises certain African governments on resource policy and strategic transactions.

Brian also serves as the CFO of Tinco Investments Ltd. an integrated tin and tungsten producer with projects in Rwanda, South Africa and Niger, Brian is a former principal and Executive Director of Anglovaal Mining (AVMIN) with extensive Base Metal, Precious Metal and Ferrous Metal interests across Southern Africa, Prior to taking up his role in Anglovaal, Brian spent eight years with the De Beers Group with whom Anglovaal was a partner in South Africa's largest diamond mine, Venetia. Over the last 20 years, Brian has been a participant in mining and exploration, oil and gas, energy infrastructure, and agri-industry projects in 19 African Countries.



KARL MIVILLE-DE CHÊNE

President Canadian Council for Business Developement



Mr. Miville-de Chêne has worked on the international scene since 1984. Starting out as a coffee trader, for the last 15 years he has dedicated himself to promoting the export industry, developing his trade profession and coaching many African trade promotion organisations. Karl Miville-de Chêne is a recognised name in training, consulting and coaching not only in Canada, but in Latin America and Africa as well. He also has expertise in strategic planning, trade finance, international marketing, risk management analysis and commercial marketing organizations and exports.

Mr. Miville de Chêne has coached and consulted trade promotion organisations and advised high level government officials in Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica, Haiti, Lebanon, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Chad and others. He was the recipient (in 2006) of an arts and professions. medal in cultural influence awarded at the Carrefour des Communautés du Québec for his excellent work in international trade training and intercultural rapprochement. He also received the 2014 award from the Regroupement des Professioniels Africains (REPAF) for his contribution on developing trade between Canada and Africa. He is currently dedicating himself to consulting and training via his own research firm.



# **JOEL MWALE**

Founder Skybrop

Kenya

Joel is a young Kenyan entrepreneur with several innovative awards under his belt. He started his first company at the age of 16 and grew it into a pan-African business in more than eight countries. He sold Skydrop in 2012 to an Israeli group and moved on to start Gigavia, a social education and mentorship platform whose aim is to transform the education industry on a global scale. He is also recognised as the inaugural winner of the Anzisha Prize and a dropout of the African Leadership Academy, He is the recipient of Google's brightest young minds in 2012. Joel was also recognised in 2012 and 2013 by Forbes magazine as one of the 30 under 30 Africa's best young entrepreneurs.



DR. WALTER MZEMBI

Minister of Tourism Ministry of Tourism

∇ Zimbabwe

Hon Eng. Walter Mzembi (MP) has held various positions in both the Public and Private Sectors in Zimbabwe, including: Inspector of Mines in Zimbabwe's Ministry of Mines, Sales Engineer, General Manager, Marketing Director and Chief Executive Officer in various private companies. He was elected to Parliament in 2004 where he held the position of Portfolio Committee Chairperson for Agriculture, Lands and Resettlement. He was subsequently appointed Head of the Zimbabwe Delegation to the ACP/EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly in Europe.

In 2007 he was appointed Deputy Minister of Water Resources and Management. In February 2009, he was appointed to his current position of Zimbabwe's Minister of Tourism and Hospitality Industry in the inclusive government. Walter has indicated clear tourism policy direction, particularly on tourism, wildlife as a tourism product, livening hope that current challenges in this area will be addressed, and keeping alive international investors' interest in this area of business. The Minister oversaw the successful hosting of the 20th Session of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) General Assembly co-hosted in Victoria Falls in 2013 by Zimbabwe and Zambia.



PAM NAMAI

CEO & Managing Director, African Energy Association



As the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the African Energy Association and Executive Director of Edsol Group LLC, Namai brings more than 13 years of multi-faceted experience in government relations, foreign relations, international trade, financial services, energy, commodity trading and negotiations.

An entrepreneur at heart, Namai envisions the African Energy Association's role as the most influential, effective and independent trade organization serving as the voice of energy in Africa. In her capacity as Founder and CEO, she is actively engaged in comprehensive oversight, including short and long-term strategic planning, policy draft on all facets of energy; renewables, Oil & Gas, power and local content, marketing, quality assurance and financial management.

During her tenure as the Government Relations/Federal Affairs Specialist, at the American Gas Association (AGA) on Capitol Hill, she gained exposure to policy issues in natural gas and actively liaised with the federal government, to include the executive and legislative branches of former President George Bush and currently, President Barack Ohama

Prior to joining AGA, Pamela spent four years at Zurich North America/Zurich Financial Services.

She serves as a strategic advisor to several governments, energy companies and investors throughout Africa, specifically, Nigeria, Angola, Mozambique, South Africa, Namibia, Equatorial Guinea and Kenya.



**CLAS NEUMANN** 

Senior Vice President, Head of Global SAP Labs Network, Head of Fast Growth Market Strategy Group



Neumann's strategically-integrated role supports two important SAP objectives: Enabling the Fast Growth Market Strategy team to directly tap the innovations by more than 8,000 FGM Labs developers worldwide, and driving the SAP Labs Network to focus on growth in BRIC countries.

Part of SAP's Senior Executive Team, Neumann's experience includes an 20-year SAP career in the fast growth markets, with more than 13 years in India and China.

He was instrumentalin establishing this largest research & development Hub of SAP outside of Germany in Bangalore by growing it constantly to its current strength of 4000 engineers, responsible for various products and solutions of SAP.

Neumann is recognized for his business achievements in Asia. At present, he serves as a spokesperson in the Asia Pacific Association of German Industries (APA), a board member in the East Asian Association (OAV) and a member of the Indo-German advisory council of the Prime Minister of India and the German Chancellor. Furthermore he co-authored several books and articles on innovation and business practice in emerging markets.

Neumann holds a Diploma of the University of Applied Science in Ludwigshafen and a MBA degree from INSEAD, Fontainebleau and Singapore.



GEORGE NJENGA

Dean Strathmore Business School

Kenya

Dr. George N. Njenga is the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Quality Assurance at Strathmore University and founding Dean of Strathmore Business School. He is also a senior lecturer at Strathmore University in Strategy, Political Governance and Leadership. He has a PhD (hons) in Political Philosophy from the University of Navarra, Spain. He holds a Masters in Governance and Culture of Institutions from the same University and a MBA. He is a also a Certified Public Accountant of Kenva.

He has directed various departments and schools and initiated several projects at Strathmore University. He helped set up the first successful School of Finance and Banking in Kigali, Rwanda, Prior to these positions he worked as a senior auditor at Ernst and Young. He holds several board memberships. He is a founding member of Pacis Insurance Company, a top Insurance Company in the region, the Association of African Business Schools and an International advisory board member of Global Business Schools Network. Heis also a Kenvan board member of GOAL, Ireland, He is a member of the Steering Committee on the Public Private Initiative to fight HIV/Aids, tuberculosis and malaria



# DR. VINCENT NMEHIELLE

Legal Council and Director Legal Affairs, African Union Commission



Professor Vincent O. Nmehielle has more than 24 years of professional and academic experience. He is currently the general Legal Counsel and Director for Legal Affairs of the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He is also Professor of Law and Head of the Wits Programme on Law, Justice and Development in Africa at the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) School of Law in Johannesburg, South Africa, where he has taught since February 2002 and where he held the Bram Fischer Chair in Human Rights Law from 2002 to 2004.

Nmehielle was a Professorial Lecturer in Law at Oxford University and George Washington University Human Rights Program in 2003 and 2004. From 2005 to 2008, Professor Nmehielle went on a leave of absence from Wits to serve as the Principal Defender of the United Nations-backed Special Court for Sierra Leone in Freetown, Sierra Leone. He returned back to Wits in June 2008. He is again on leave of absence from Wits to the African Union Commission. Professor Nmehielle's professional, academic, and research interests lie within the areas of law, governance, justice and development in Africa.



BARCLAY PAUL OKARI

Founder and CEO, Impact Africa Industries



Barclay Paul is a 22-year-old entrepreneur who is the Founder/CEO of Impact Africa Industries, a three-year-old company that manufactures affordable sanitary care products for women and children at the bottom of the socio-economic pyramid. The company employs 34 staff members and currently distributes within Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan and Tanzania. He is a Co-Founder of OneProjects, a pan-African organization that seeks to bridge the gap on renewable energy, agriculture, education and leadership for young people across the African continent

Before founding Impact Africa Industries, he helped found two other start-ups, SkypeScience and Marketplace, which had mixed success. He started his first company at 15 years old. Barclay is an author of the book MarketPlace, which gives start-ups advice on how to navigate the early days of running a company.

He is a World Economic Forum Global Shaper and was an Anzisha Prize winner - the African Oscars for young entrepreneurs - in 2013. He is a Spark Fellow, named one of the social entrepreneurs to watch (Under35CEO), a Remarkable25 Under 25 Young African Entrepreneur, and twice one of Forbes' 30 Most Promising Entrepreneurs under 30 (2014&2015) in Africa, Top 40 under 40 men in Kenya by The Businessdaily, 7 inspiring entrepreneurs to watch globally 2015 by the United Nations Foundation and MTV Voices 20-somethings changing the world. He has a Bachelor degree in Commerce with a major in Finance from the University of Nairobi.



Olaniran, 26, is the founder and CEO of Nigerian gaming company, Gamsole. Olaniran founded the company in 2012, and it has venture backing from 88mph, a Kenyan seed fund. The company's games now have more than 9 million downloads both locally and internationally on the Windows phone store. (Source: Forbes)

ABIOLA OLANIRAN

Founder and CEO Gamsole





SERGUEI OUATTARA

Executive Manager, EU-Africa Chamber of Commerce

Belgium

Serguei Ouattara has been concerned for several years by the development of Africa's economy, especially the private sector and SMEs. With the support of his network, he initiated the Brussels' based EU-Africa Chamber of Commerce

Ouattara started his professional career in 2003 as a freelance in Information Systems and Management Consulting. He had worked as SME consultant for the World Bank and for the International Finance Corporation in Africa. He liaised with the local private sector, professional associations, financial institutions and development agencies such as GiZ, DFID and EU Delegation.

In addition to his expertise with the African private sector, Serguei had provided his services as an information systems consultant to several European companies such as Europear, AXA Belgium, BNP Paribas Fortis, Merial, Brasseries d'Orval, STIB, Generali Insurance Group. He holds a Business Engineer Diploma obtained with Honors at Catholic University of Louvain (UCL). Mons. Belgium.



MILIND K. OZA

CEO Wollongong Coal Limited

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Milind K.Oza, age 58, has a Bachelor degree in business and an LL.B. degree in law from South Gujarat University, India. Mr. Oza also holds Masters in International Management studies from University of Texas and Masters of Science in Management Information Systems from University of Texas at Dallas, USA.

Mr. Oza has more than 30 years of experience and has held senior positions in various organisations. He worked with Canadian telecom major Nortel Networks as Director of International Marketing for 14 years and two years with Booz Allen Hamilton in Mclean Virginia. Prior to this, he successfully managed his own business in hospitality industry in US. Presently, he the CEO of Wollongong Coal Limited, Australia, where the Jindal group has acquired the mining company and invested more than US\$600 million in the company, and he is also the Chairman of Jindal Power Senegal SAU, which has signed a Power Purchase Agreement for building a 350 MW coal based power generation plant in Senegal, with total investment of US\$900 million. He is also focusing on JSPL's efforts in North and West Africa.



CIRO ANTONIO
PAGANO

Senior Vice President, Sub-Saharan Africa eni

Ciro Antonio Pagano got his university degree in Geology in 1985 and joined eni in 1987 as a Wellsite geologist. Gaining experience as a geologist and geophysicist in the Italian market, he then worked as a geophysicist in Egypt throughout the mid-1990s. He was subsequently appointed Exploration Manager in Angola and in Fgypt.

From 2005, he worked as manager of the exploration activities for Americas and Far East and in 2007, he was appointed Vice President Global Exploration, Geology and Geophysics for eni. In 2009, he moved to Nigeria, where he was appointed Vice Chairman and Managing Director of eni companies in Nigeria, and in 2013, he became the Senior Vice President, Sub-Saharan Africa.



ANDRÉS PASTRANA

President of Colombia (1998-2002)

**Colombia** 

Before entering politics, Andrés Pastrana was a journalist, twice winning the King of Spain journalism award, the Spanish equivalent of a Pulitzer Price.

The son of former Colombian President Misael Pastrana (1970-1974), he entered politics at a very young age, becoming one of the youngest Bogotá City Council Members to hold the Presidency of the Council. In 1988, Mr. Pastrana was the first elected Mayor of Bogotá, after surviving a kidnapping by Pablo Escobar, leader of the Medellín Cartel. His administration succeeded in lowering crime rates in the capital, fighting drug addiction, privatizing sanitary services, supplying drinking water to the poorest sectors of society, improving transportation and promoting education.

Mr. Pastrana founded the New Democratic Force movement in 1991, serving in the Senate until 1993. In 1998, he was elected President of Colombia for a four-year term. During his presidency, Mr. Pastrana made important steps towards negotiating a peace process with the FARC and the ELN guerrilla groups. His administration also proposed and implemented Plan Colombia, a multimillion US Aid package. He became President of a country with a devastated economy and financial crisis; at the end of his term the country was facing economic growth.



**DENVER PHIRI** 

Health Economics Specialist GE Healthcare

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Denver T. Phiri, BSc.(Hons), MSc., DLSHTM, FRSPH, is a Global Health Economist in the Market Access Team for GE Healthcare. His experience as a public health specialist has been gained through supporting economic health strategies for some of the top 25 pharmaceutical companies in the world. As part of his career within the UN, Denver focused on executing MDG-related programmes for UNDP, Botswana coordinating a core team of partners that included all the other UN agencies and various ministries of government in Rotswana

His research experience includes diagnostic laboratory-based research for Roche Diagnostics and the Botswana-Harvard AIDS Institute Partnership, an alliance between the Ministry of Health in Botswana and Harvard School of Public Health supporting the country's HIV/AIDS and public health. research. Denver received his BSc. honours. degree in Applied Biology and Biochemistry from National University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe, MSc. and a DLSHTM in Public Health for developing countries from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He is currently a Fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health and serves on the board of Vanavevhu, a youth empowerment charity based in Zimbabwe.



**MATTHIEU PIGASSE** 

General Director

France

Matthieu Pigasse has been the Global Head of M&A and Sovereign Advisory at Lazard Ltd. since April 2015, and also serves as the CEO of Lazard France. Prior to that, he was Co-Chief Executive of Operations of France at Lazard, Ltd. and Chief Marketing Officer of the European Investment Banking Committee at Lazard Ltd. Mr. Pigasse served as Executive Officer at Compagnie Financière Lazard Frères SAS. Prior to that, he held a number of senior governmental roles, including as Chief of Staff to Laurent Fabius, French Minister of Economy, Finance and Industry from 2000 to 2002.

Mr. Pigasse serves as an administrator of Relaxnews. He is the owner of Les Inrockuptibles and a co-controlling shareholder of Le Monde and the French edition of the Huffington Post. He is a Member of the Supervisory Board and Director of Groupe Lucien Barrière SAS and has been an Independent Non-Executive Director at Sky plc (formerly British Sky Broadcasting Group plc) since November 29, 2011. He has been an Independent Director of Derichebourg and a Member of Supervisory Board of Natixis Corporate & Investment Bank since 2005.



SACHA POIGNONNEC

Co-founder, Africa Interest Group



Sacha is the co-CEO of Africa Internet Group (AIG), the leading internet platform in Africa, which promotes sustainable online growth that benefits both consumers and businesses. Since the founding of AIG in 2012, Sacha has overseen the successful launch and expansion of 10 companies across more than 30 countries across Africa.

Sacha was also involved in the founding of Jumia, Africa's largest online shopping mall, which is often referred to as the "Amazon of Africa". Previous to his engagements for AIG and its companies, Sacha was Associate Principal at McKinsey in France and the US, focusing on retail and consumer goods strategy. It was during his time there that Sacha met Jeremy Hodara, his future partner and co-CEO of AIG. Before, he worked at AON, at accounting firm Arthur Anderson and at his own financial advisory firm in Paris. Sacha holds a Master's degree in Economics and Finance from the EDHEC Business School.



**ALLON RAIZ** 

Founder & CEO, Raizcorp

South Africa

Allon Raiz is regarded both locally and globally as a pioneer and maverick in the business incubation industry. He is the CEO of Raizcorp, the only privately held, unfunded, profitable business incubator on the African continent.

Allon is the co-founder of the Entrepreneurs' Organisation South Africa and Rural Roots, and sits on the advisory and judging boards of numerous local and international NGOs and entrepreneurial awards. Allon's passion and focus on the development of entrepreneurs attracted the attention of the World Economic Forum (WEF) which, on 11 March 2008, awarded Allon as a Young Global Leader.

As an accomplished international speaker, Allon was invited to speak at the 2011 WEF Annual Meeting, held in Davos, Switzerland. In 2011, Allon was also invited to become a member of the WEF's Global Agenda Council on Fostering Entrepreneurship, making him one of 15 recognised global experts in this field. Since 2014, Allon has guest lectured every year at Oxford University, where he is recognised as the Oxford University Saïd Business School's Entrepreneur-in-Residence.



MICHEL RENTENAAR

Special Envoy for Climate and Development Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Netherlands

Michel is the Netherlands Special Envoy for Climate and Development and the Deputy Director of the Inclusive Green Growth Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Until 2012 he was the Civil-Military Interface Advisor at the NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe. Before that he served as Netherlands Ambassador a.i. to the Congo. In 2009 he commanded (together with a one star army general) the Task Force Uruzgan VII in Afghanistan. During the same period he was also the Director of the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Uruzgan. Previously he worked in the Middle Fast Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. and served at the Netherlands embassies in Egypt, Yemen, Lebanon and the Palestinian territories. He did two tours of duty in Iraq where he served as the political adviser to Dutch battalion commander as well as to Head of the Coalition Provisional Authority in al-Muthanna (southern Irag). Afterwards he served for two years as the head of the Asia and Middle East Department for Asylum and Migration at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs followed by three years as Deputy Ambassador and Head of Development Cooperation in the Netherlands Embassy in Uganda.



**BUNKER ROY** 

Founder Barefoot College

**♀** India

education at St. Stephens College Delhi University and was the Indian National Squash Champion in 1965, 1967 and 1971. But his "real" education started when he dug open wells for drinking water as an unskilled labourer for five years. He established the only fully solar electrified Barefoot College in the deserts of Raiasthan in India 40 years ago. It is the only college in India built by the poor and managed by the rural poor who earn less than \$1 per day, Barefoot College is almost the only college left in India that respects and practices the work style and life style of Mahatma Gandhi. In 20 years, the demystified and decentralised community-based Barefoot approach has been implemented in more than 30 of the least developed countries, and a total of 36,000 houses in 1,024 villages have been solar electrified by nearly 300 illiterate rural grandmothers. Without using the written or spoken word they were trained in six months using only sign language by the Barefoot College in India, and are now solar engineers under a scheme called ITEC of the Government of India, Bunker was identified as one of the 50 environmentalists who could save the planet and as one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time magazine in 2010.

Sanjit 'Bunker' Roy received his formal



MICHÈLE SABBAN

President R20 Regions of Climate Action

France

Ms Michèle SARRAN has been Île de France Regional Counsellor, formerly Vice-President of the Regional Council of Ile-de-France since 1998. Since the beginning of her term, she has worked on strengthening ties and cooperation between Ile de France and Furopean Institutions. She was elected President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER) in 2008 (re-elected 2010-2013). The Assembly of European Regions is the largest independent network of regions in wider Europe. Bringing together more than 250 regions from 35 countries and 16 interregional organisations, AER is the political voice of its members and a forum for interregional co-operation. Within AER, Michèle is working to improve the recognition of regions as major actors in designing and implementing fair and efficient public policies, most notably in the fields of climate change, youth mobility and economic development of European territories.

She is a Founding Member of R20, Regions of Climate Actions in 2010, together with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and was appointed President in March 2012. R20 helps states, provinces, regions and other subnational governments around the world to develop, implement and communicate low-carbon and climate-resilient economic development projects, policies and best practices.



ALBERT SASSON

Funding Member of the Hassan II Academy of Science and Technology

Morocco

Albert Sasson, M. Sc., D.Sc. (University of Paris), is a founding member of the Hassan II Academy of Science and Technology, He has had a distinguished scientific career as a Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Science of Rabat, Morocco; and thereafter at the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO, Paris), He was Assistant Director-General of UNESCO and Special Advisor to UNESCO Director-General from 1993 to 1999. He has been Senior Visiting Professor at the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (Yokohama, Japan) and is a senior consultant to United Nations specialised agencies, several governments, national and regional institutions, as well as to the European Commission. He is President of the Association BioEuroLatina that aims to promote cooperation between Europe and Latin America in biotechnology.

Professor Sasson has been appointed by the King of Morocco as member of the Kingdom's Human Rights Consultative Council (CCDH), the governing board of the Royal Institute of Strategic Studies (IRES), and the Economic and Social Council. His research and work have culminated in over 200 publications, including many books and reviews on biotechnology in developing countries.



MOUSSA SECK

Chairman, PanAAC

Senegal S

Moussa Seck is a renowned expert in the field of agricultural science and planning. He is the architect for Senegal's national policy on agriculture, known as "Senegal Agricole", a Comprehensive Multisectorial Rural Development Program called also "Senegal Vert" and pioneered the concept of "Agropoles", a word he coined in 1989. In the late 1990s he created Agraria Africa, a concept for developing agriculture on a Pan African scale, based on the geophysical and climatic specificities of the African Continent. Moussa is the author of many discoveries on the geophysics of the African continent.

He is the Chairman of PanAAC, the Pan-African Agriculture and Agribusiness Consortium. Moussa was also recently appointed as the Vice President of IPS (Institute of Pan-African Strategies for Peace, Security and Good Governance). He has acted as a consultant on agricultural policy to FAO, UNDP, World Bank, and the Swiss Government, among others. He has managed a graduate and undergraduate student exchange program at University of Minnesota, ISARA of Lvon. and University of Dakar.

Moussa founded an organic irrigated agribusiness farm in 1996. Previously, he managed the SYSPRO think-tank of ENDA for 21 years, since its formation in 1986. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Borlaug Hall, USA and the Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II in Morrocco



**BRIGHT SIMONS** 

President, mPedigree

**♀** Ghana

Bright Simons is the president of the mPedigree Network, where he pioneered a system that allows consumers to instantly check whether products they buy, especially health-related products, are counterfeits or not by sending a free text message.

He is honorary director of development research at IMANI; a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Councils, Young Global Leaders, and Technology Pioneers Communities:

a TED and Ashoka fellow; and a Brain Trust member of the Evian Group at IMD. He is a recipient of numerous awards, ranging from an Archbishop Desmond Tutu Award, Marie Curie and Commonwealth Vision Grants to a PPARC Scholarship in Gamma Ray Astronomy.

Bright is consulted on innovation strategy by international organizations such as the World Bank, UNECA, USAID, and the Commonwealth; and is a member of the United Nations taskforce on innovative models in healthcare and the Lancet Commission on Sub-Saharan Africa. He is a Global Fellow of the Salzburg Global Seminar, where he also served on the 2011 faculty for healthcare.

He has appeared on primetime BBC shows, cited by The Economist magazine, and been profiled by MIT's Tech Review's as one of the world's most impressive visionaries under age 35. Bright is furthermore a member of the Advisory Board of IC Publications, one of the world's leading publishers focused on Africa and the African diaspora; of the Microsoft for Africa Advisory Council; and of the Sanofi Digital and Africa 2.0 Advisory boards.



**RAINATOU SOW** 

Founder & Executive Director, Make Every Woman Count



Rainatou Sow is the founder and executive director of Make Every Woman Count, an organisation that monitors and publishes an annual report as an audit of the status and conditions of women in each African country.

Rainatou holds a MA in International Relations as well as a MA in Law, and she has worked with several organisations such as the International Organisation for Migration, World Health Organisation, UNICEF, PeaceWomen and grassroots organizations in areas of peace, development and human rights focusing on women and youth. Apart from being featured on CNN's African Voices, and awarded as the "Most Inspirational Woman" by Women4Africa in 2012, Rainatou was named as one of the "20 Youngest Power Women in Africa 2012" by Forbes.

She was also named as one of the Top 20 African women with powerful and inspiring voices by Applause Africa. In 2014, she was named one of the "Top 20 Young Builders of Africa of Tomorrow" by Forbes.



PIERRE-OLIVIER SUR

Dean of the Bar at the Court of Paris

France

Born in 1963, Pierre-Olivier Sur was elected to the Council of the Order in 1997 and was elected to the Order Dauphin to become Bâtonnier de Paris (2014-2015). In this role, he is the representative of 26,000 lawyers. He was a member of the Law Society Ethics Committee, Director of the Guarantee Fund and a Director of the National Institute of Advanced Studies of Security and Justice. Admitted to the Paris Bar in 1985 aged just 22, he specialised in criminal law, criminal business law and tort law. He began his career at the criminal law firm of Olivier Schnerb. In 2000, he joined the law firm of Fischer Tandeau Marsac Sur & Associés to create a criminal division, and spent the next few years working on major political and financial trials in recent years. One of the most noticeable was his work on the 2011 trial of the Khmer Rouge, where he was counsel to the victims' families



DR. SIDI OUI.D TAH

Director General Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)

Mauritania

The Mauritanian Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Dr Sidi Ould Tah was elected Director General of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) in April, replacing the Algerian Abdel Aziz Khelef. Dr Ould Tah took up his position in June.

He has a doctorate in Economics from the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis (France) and was in charge of the Mauritanian Department of Economic Affairs and Development from 2008. He began his career in the Mauritanian Bank for Development and Trade (BMDC). Between 1986 and 1999, he served as a financial analyst at the Arab Agency for Investment and Agricultural Development (AAAID) based in Khartoum, before joining the group of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB).



THIERNO BOCAR TALL

Head of Project, African Bio-fuels and Renewable Energy Fund



Mr. Thierno Bocar Tall holds a Masters Degree in Finance and Economics from the Cheick Anta Diop University in Dakar, Senegal (1980). He was Head of External Audit Unit at the Centre for Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs from 1981 to 1984

Mr. Thierno Bocar was recruited by the ECOWAS Bank of Investment and Development (EBID) in 1985, and has occupied the following positions: Head of Division, Operational Policies and Procedures from 1985 to 2003; Director of the NEPAD and Resources Mobilization Unit from 2003 to 2005; Director of Studies and Strategic Planning from 2005 to 2007, Director of the African Biofuel and Renewable Energies Fund (ABREF) Project from August 2007 to December 2010 and Chairman & CEO of the African Biofuel and Renewable Energy Company (ABREC) since January 2011.

He is the Executive Chairman of ABREC Capital and a Member of the Board of Director of GVEP since 2013.



# ELIZABETH TCHOUNGUI

Journalist

France

Elizabeth Tchoungui is a journalist and TV host. Born of a Cameroonian diplomat father and a French mother, she grew up in Cameroon before starting graduate studies in France.

A graduate of Celsa and Lille School of Journalism, Elizabeth Tchoungui started at TF1 before joining Canal J. In 2000, she joined France 5, before anchoring the Ubik culture show. In 2006, with the formation of the new international news channel France 24, Elizabeth became editor of the channel's daily culture show, JT Culture. Between 2006 and 2008, she also presented the culture programme Free Spirits on France 2, alongside Guillaume Durand.

Elizabeth is the author of several novels and was awarded the rank of Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters in 2009



HENOK TEFERRA

CEO ASKY Airlines

**P** Ethiopia

Henok Teferra is the CEO of ASKY Airlines. He also serves as Vice-President of Corporate Strategy, Communications & Alliances at Ethiopian Airlines. Previously he worked as the Director of Corporate Strategy and Government Affairs at Ethiopian Airlines (2010-2012) and as the First Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia (2003-2010). He holds a Masters in International Law from the University of Nice and degree from the Université Panthéon Sorbonne in International Economic Law



THOMAS VAN HALEN

Research Director VC4Africa

South Africa

Thomas has more than eight years of research experience in emerging markets. He joined VC4Africa in 2013 and is responsible for its research and investor services. He executes the annual Venture Finance in Africa report, which provides detailed information on the progress of pan-African early-stage high-potential growth ventures. This data helps him to connect the VC4Africa investor network ranging from angel investors to venture capital funds with opportunity-driven entrepreneurs all over the continent.

Prior to his role at VC4Africa he conducted business research in Europe, Asia and Africa. Furthermore he founded two companies in the media and ecommerce industry. He also holds a board position of a non-profit organisation based in Kenya. Thomas earned his MSc in International Business with a specialisation in Entrepreneurships and SME Management at Maastricht University and a bachelors degree in International Business from Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.



HARRY VERHAAR

Head of Global Public & Government Affairs, Philips Lighting

Netherlands

Harry Verhaar has more than 20 years of experience in the lighting industry, and is Head of Global Public & Government Affairs for Philips Lighting. He is responsible for the strategy, outreach and stakeholder management on energy & climate change, resource efficiency and sustainable development, with a key focus on the role of the LED lighting revolution. Since the end of 2003, he has been the architect of the lighting strategy on energy and climate change, which has resulted in a global momentum on phasing out of old lighting technologies.

Harry is an active member of a number of partnership and stakeholder networks, among which The Climate Group; Regions20 and the World Green Building Council and is a member of the Advisory Boards of The Lisbon Council and the Global Cities Institute (and their World Council on City Data). He is responsible for Philips' relationship management with the UN and the World Bank and is a founding member of UNEP's en.lighten program and the SE4All's Global Energy Efficiency Accelerator Platform.

He is chairman of the European Alliance to Save Energy and is president of the Global Off-Grid Lighting Association. Harry is a recipient of the 2011 UN Leader of Change Award, and has received the Carbon War Room's Gigaton award on behalf of Philips.



MAGATTE WADE

Founder and CEO, Tiossan

Senegal S

Magatte Wade was born in Senegal, educated in France, and launched her entrepreneurial career in San Francisco. She started her first company, Adina World Beverages, after visiting Senegal and discovering that Bissap, her country's drink of hospitality, was being replaced by Coke and Fanta. Adina raised more than \$30 million in capital and, at its peak, was carried nationwide.

In order to supply Adina with organic hibiscus from Senegal, Magatte partnered with ASNAPP (Agribusiness in Sustainable African Natural Plant Products) and the first lady of Senegal. The result was a major revival of the Senegalese hibiscus industry resulting in thousands of jobs for women hibiscus growers. She then launched Tiossan, a high-end skin care line based on indigenous Senegalese recipes, modernised for the U.S. consumer market.

Fifty percent of Tiossan profits are dedicated to the creation of innovative schools in Senegal designed to developing the next generation of Senegalese genius.

Magatte serves on the board of ASNAPP and the SEED Academy (Sports for Education and Economic Development), a private school in Senegal that prepares young people academically and athletically so that they can win NCAA basketball scholarships in the U.S.



LECH WAŁESA

President (1990-95)

Poland

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and former President of Poland, Lech Walesa is one of the best-known Poles in today's world. He was the leader of the 1980 strike in the Gdansk Shipyard, which led to establishing of Solidarnosc (Solidarity) - the first independent trade union in the Soviet bloc. He remains one of the symbols of the fall of Communism in Central and Eastern Europe.

Today Lech Walesa continues his mission as the spokesperson for solidarity. He travels around the world, retelling the story of the Polish experience and the non-violent struggle for peace and democracy. Through his lectures and dialogue with young people, he calls for the building of a modern world founded on universal values. Being a supporter of globalization and seeing the opportunities offered by new technologies and the development of civilization, he encourages the establishment of new structures of a peaceful cooperation of nations in the 21st century.



DAVID WELCH

Senior Vice President and Region President EMEA Bechtel

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David Welch is a Bechtel Senior Vice President, and Region President for Europe, Africa & the Middle East. He joined Bechtel after more than 30 years of experience in the US Foreign Service, where he rose to its highest rank, Career Ambassador. Mr Welch was appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate to senior positions in successive Democrat and Republican administrations.

He served as Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs from 2005 to 2008, where he led US diplomacy in this key region and supervised American relations with the Arab Middle East, Israel and Iran. From 2001 to 2005, Mr Welch was the US Ambassador to Egypt and he was the Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs from 1998 to 2001. Mr Welch graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 1975 and has a Master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.



**RAHAMA WRIGHT** 

Founder and CEO Shea Yelen

**♥** Ghana

Rahama Wright is a social entrepreneur working to innovate the shea butter supply chain in West Africa. In 2005, she launched Shea Yeleen International, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organisation that supports womenowned cooperatives in West Africa, and provides training on quality assurance and micro-enterprise development. With a vision to develop an integrative and sustainable supply chain, Ms. Wright created Shea Yeleen Health and Beauty, LLC in 2012, a for-profit sister organisation. Shea Yeleen markets and distributes high quality skincare products, while providing living wages to cooperative members: the products are distributed through Whole Foods Markets. A leading voice on African women's economic and business development. Ms. Wright has participated in the UN Thematic Debate on Entrepreneurship for Development, the Secretary of State Global Diaspora Forum. and the Congressional Black Caucus Conference. In 2014, she completed her first round of private equity investment with the Pan African Investment Company. She currently serves as an advisor to entrepreneurs in the Johns Hopkins University's Social Innovation Lab. In 2014 she was appointed to President Obama's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa. Ms. Wright received her BA in International Relations from the State University of New York at Geneseo, and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mali.



ZHANG XINGSHENG

President International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

China China

Mr Zhang Xinsheng is the President of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Executive Chairman of the Eco-Forum Global (EFG) and President of China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE). He was Chinese Vice Minister of Education (2001-2009).

Mr Zhang was elected Mayor of Suzhou, one of the leading economic cities in China, for two consecutive terms from 1989. During this time, Suzhou started a new role model of sustainably developing new zones while preserving the historical city and environment. Mr Zhang was appointed concurrently the first Chairman of the Sino-Singapore Suzhou Industrial Park Administrative Committee and Chinese Co-Chair of the Working Committee for both Chinese and Singaporean Governments. Prior to that, he was Vice Chairman of the China National Tourism Administration.

He was co-founder and served as Party Secretary and Executive General Manager of Nanjing Jinling Hotel and Jinling Tourist Management Group, one of the first projects to attract foreign investment in China. Mr Zhang is an eminent figure in the world arena. He was elected Chairman of the Executive Board of UNESCO in 2005, the first chairman from East Asia, and served as Chairman of the World Heritage Committee from 2003 to 2004.



LEYTH ZNIBER

CEO & Founder, Eiréné4Impact

Morocco

Leyth is the founder and CEO of Eiréné4Impact, a support and empowerment platform for high social and environmental impact entrepreneurs and their ecosystems in Africa. Through an incubator and an investment company, Leyth accompanies innovative entrepreneurs and organizations wishing to establish internal innovative and entrepreneurial dynamics.

After graduating from the Stern School of Business of NYU, Leyth began his career at Deloitte Consulting in New York. Specializing in governance and reorganization, he participated in, then led, governance projects for multinationals. After a short entrepreneurial adventure in Beijing, Leyth returned to Morocco to join then head Diana Holding (DH), an agro-industrial conglomerate and 7th largest Moroccan private company.

During his seven years at DH, Leyth discovered the great potential of an integrated socio-economic approach to business. It was the combination of the large restructuring project he launched when he arrived, with the intelligent integration of its socio-economic environment (social incentive and entrepreneurship), that enabled the group to increase its profitability five-fold in 6 years.

Motivated by this new vision, Leyth left DH in 2013 to create Eiréné4Impact and dedicate himself to high impact entrepreneurship.

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