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WE hope that this gathering of influential thinkers, actors and motivators of philanthropy in Africa will generate innovation, a sharing of ideas and activities, exploration of the new knowledge products being launched and networking opportunities that will help chart the ongoing philanthropic journeys on our continent and globally.

This Assembly was scheduled to be held in Accra, Ghana in late 2014, but was postponed and moved to Arusha due to the ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak that hit Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea in that year. As this gathering proceeds, we hope that participants will remember our colleagues and stakeholders in those countries, some of whom died and all of whom were affected by the health, social, political, economic and cultural fall out of EVD. Liberia has now been declared ebola free, but Sierra Leone and Guinea continue to struggle to eliminate the virus. The importance of philanthropic solidarity, partnership, innovation and commitment to overturning the multiple and varied challenges EVD has brought to those countries cannot be over emphasised.

Special thanks go to the Assembly organising committees, led by Sarah Mukasa and Abigail Burgesson of the African Women’s Development Fund (AWDF), Francis Kiwanga and his team at the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS) and Karen Sai, Joyce Ambale and Adern Nkandela of the AGN Secretariat. The support and hard work of the independent judges’ panel for the Philanthropy Awards is much appreciated and the partnership with the East Africa Association of Grantmakers and the Youth Philanthropy Network has added to the richness and diversity of this gathering.

Thanks also to the partners and key sponsors of this Assembly, including AWDF, Trust Africa, the Kenya Community Development Foundation, the Southern Africa Trust, the Nelson Mandela Children’s Fund, Urgent Action Fund Africa, Rockefeller Foundation (East Africa), the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the CS Mott Foundation.

The rich tradition of philanthropy in Africa continues to have great impact on our continent’s social, economic, political and cultural progress. The AGN is pleased to support the effectiveness and accountability of that philanthropic activity and learning, which enables us to promote the recognition and acknowledgement of the breadth and diversity of African philanthropy.

Enjoy the Assembly!

Theo Sowa, Chair AGN
AGN IS A CONTINENT-WIDE NETWORK OF AFRICAN GRANTMAKING ORGANIZATIONS THAT FACILITATES NETWORKING AND EXPERIENCE-SHARING AMONG ESTABLISHED AND EMERGING AFRICAN PHILANTHROPIC INSTITUTIONS. AGN AIMS TO CONSOLIDATE THE VOICE OF AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY TO ADDRESS SOCIAL INJUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES ON THE CONTINENT.

THE African Grantmakers Network (AGN) was launched in Accra, Ghana in July 2009 as a continent-wide network of African grant making organizations and other philanthropic groups. It was established to facilitate African philanthropic institutions to network and learn from each other. The board is currently made up of the African Women’s Development Fund (AWDF) based in Ghana, TrustAfrica in Senegal, the Kenya Community Development Foundation and Akiba Uhaki - both from Kenya, the Southern Africa Trust, the Nelson Mandela Children’s Fund and Community Development Foundation Western Cape in South Africa, and the Foundation for Civil Society in Tanzania.

AGN’s Vision is to ensure transformed, relevant, vibrant and sustainable African philanthropy. Our mission is to be the platform for the promotion of an African voice and agenda for philanthropy. Our values are informed by African philosophies of interdependence, empathy, care and support. They include:

- Mutual respect
- Inclusiveness
- Non-discrimination
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Integrity
- Innovation

AGN’s strategic objectives are to:

- Serve as a platform for peer learning and to enhance good standards and practices
- Ensure an amplification of local voices in development discourse and African perspectives at global platforms
- Reinforce the tradition of African philanthropy
- Advocate for long-term and sustainable mechanisms and resources, including investments and endowments for philanthropic institutions in Africa
- Serve as a reference point for Africans in the Diaspora and a point to affirm the identity of African philanthropic institutions
- Cultivate good relations with other civil society formations in Africa and increase networking for effective advocacy around the aid agenda and the legal environment, including the tax regime
- Conduct pertinent research, capacity building and advocacy roles

These objectives permeate all of AGN’s projects, programmes and partnerships. It is on the basis of these that AGN seeks to achieve institutionalization and strengthening of organized regular giving in Africa as a value.
AGN SEES TO STRENGTHEN PHILANTHROPY IN AFRICA BY INVESTING IN RESILIENT INSTITUTIONS AND CAPABLE LEADERSHIP WHICH RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF OUR CONSTITUENTS.

AGN Programmes
AGN conducts activities in 3 key programme areas:

**Thought Leadership / Knowledge Building**
While there has been an increase in recent years in knowledge about African philanthropy, it remains fragmented and limited in providing a comprehensive picture of the state of the sector. AGN seeks to be at the forefront of developing new narratives on philanthropy on the continent, challenging the notions that Africa receives but does not give. Activities included under this programme area include, research and documentation on critical areas pertinent to development of philanthropy in Africa.

**Policy Advocacy / Enabling Environment**
AGN focuses its advocacy on strengthening public trust and accountability in the philanthropy sector. It seeks to engage with policy makers, legislators and other key decision-makers to craft an enabling environment for philanthropic engagement in Africa. Programme activities include policy dialogues and forums, convenings as well as outreach and education. A key programme under this is the biennial AGN Assembly.

Membership Services
If Africans are to effectively shape and own the philanthropy agenda, they need to have strong organisations that have impact through their programmes. AGN offers its members various services aimed at enhancing their capability and institutional strength. These include access to peer learning and exchange, an online portal for information sharing, and other communication tools to share best practice and ideas. Members also have access to tools such as grant management and monitoring and evaluation systems to further enhance their operations and programmes.
PROGRAMME INTRODUCTION

THE AFRICAN GRANTMAKERS NETWORK (AGN) THIRD ASSEMBLY

THE THIRD ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN GRANTMAKERS NETWORK (AGN) HOSTED BY THE AFRICAN WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT FUND (AWDF) AND THE FOUNDATION FOR CIVIL SOCIETY (FCS) WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 1ST – 3RD JULY 2015 AT THE ARUSHA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA.

IT will bring together leaders in philanthropy and other sectors to discuss actions that will contribute to and sustain the growing sector of indigenous philanthropy in development. Themed “Philanthropy in Africa 2015: People, Policy and Practice”, the programme seeks to add value by zooming in on three critical areas for analysis and engagement in the discourse on philanthropy in Africa.

PEOPLE - The programme seeks to foreground the contributions, ideas and experiences of critical constituencies such as women, youth as well as other marginalised groups of African citizens to the growing field of African philanthropy. The programme provides a platform for dialogue, debate as well as showcasing innovative and transformative approaches in philanthropic practice that these constituencies have developed in their various communities.

POLICY - The programme highlights pathways to policy moments and opportunities to shape an enabling policy and legislative framework for philanthropy and development. Case studies will be shared from different countries on various policy initiatives to strengthen local philanthropic giving.

The critical question of resource governance in Africa will be discussed in the various forums and workshops with special interest in how philanthropy in Africa best positions itself in these debates.

As the consultations and negotiations on the development of the Sustainable Development Goals draw to a close (September 2015), the implications for philanthropic practice on the continent need to be clearly understood and debated in order to form effective responses.

PRACTICE – This part of the programme provides opportunity for internal reflection and institutional strengthening. The programme incorporates a number of skills building and Master Class sessions, linking participants to peers and other experts in the field of philanthropy. A focus on African philanthropic response to humanitarian crisis, seeks to uncover to what extent the approaches adopted by a cross section of African philanthropic actors add value or provide support to those who most need it.
NEW KNOWLEDGE GENERATION
A key aim and value added of AGN is the generation of new knowledge and best practice in philanthropy in Africa. This is achieved primarily through research and documentation. A series of research initiatives were undertaken by AGN in the period prior to the Assembly. Four AGN research reports each addressing a critical area of policy focus and engagement for AGN will be launched. These are:

**AGN report commissioned by Southern Africa Trust:**
- Constructing a Developmental and Transformational Philanthropy in Africa (Brian Kagoro)

The report maps existing regulatory frameworks for philanthropy in seven African countries (Angola, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa) with a view to contributing to the broader development of African philanthropy.

**AGN reports commissioned by Southern Africa Trust and Trust Africa:**
Three research papers for the Philanthropy and Development in Southern Africa series will also be launched at the Assembly. These are:
- Philanthropy and Resource Governance (Shauna Mottiar)
- Illicit Flows and Tax (Khadija Sharife)
- Illicit Flows and the Potential and Policy Required to Change Economic Structures (Sarah Bracking)

The papers focus on the contemporary and enduring problem of economic injustice in Africa in the context of huge and increasing outflows of illegally transferred wealth. They also explore illicit financial flows as both the cause and consequence of malign structures of political economy, and discuss what philanthropists can best do about the agenda of illicit flows and economic justice.

AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY AWARDS
Innovative philanthropic practice will be showcased in the second African Philanthropy Awards. This will be done in partnership with the East Africa Association of Grantmakers. The awards have been established to recognise the best of transformative African philanthropy.

SIDE EVENTS
CAUCUS GROUPS
The AGN seeks to strengthen philanthropy on the continent through strengthening ties and creating opportunities for networking, alliance building and continued dialogue and exchange. Thus the Assembly provides space for participants who have an interest in establishing closer ties for follow up action on identified areas of interest. These Caucus Groups are self-organised and self-managed.

THE AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY AWARDS
The African Philanthropy Awards recognise excellence and innovation in philanthropic practice in Africa. African philanthropic institutions and individuals who show a tangible commitment to lasting and institutional change, who are committed to genuine partnership with local, national or international communities, and who advance a vision / voice of African agency and self-determination will be celebrated and feted at this, the second edition of the Awards during the AGN Assembly in Arusha, Tanzania in July 2015. This prestigious non-monetary award recognises African philanthropic initiatives that are innovative and fresh, that go beyond traditional models of giving, and that offer a sign of the future of African philanthropy. The award intends to showcase these innovations, and celebrate them as new contributions to Africa’s growth and development.
# Welcome Day and Satellite Events

## Monday, 29 June 2015

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| 0900HRS – 1700HRS | **African Youth in Philanthropy Conference**  
GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (GADeF)/NEXUS AFRICA | SELF ORGANISED EVENT     | PALACE HOTEL           |
| 1400HRS – 1700HRS  | **Building Community Philanthropy, Amplifying Voices**  
GLOBAL FUND FOR COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS (GFCF) | SELF ORGANISED EVENT     | ARUSHA HOTEL           |

## Tuesday, 30 June 2015

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| 0800HRS – 1600HRS | **Building Strong Philanthropy Support Networks**  
EAST AFRICA ASSOCIATION OF GRANTMAKERS (EAAG) | SELF ORGANISED EVENT       | PALACE HOTEL           |
| 0900HRS – 1700HRS  | **Building Community Philanthropy, Amplifying Voice**  
GLOBAL FUND FOR COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS (GFCF) | SELF ORGANISED EVENT       | PALACE HOTEL           |
| 1000HRS – 1700HRS | **Grantees Convening**  
AFRICAN WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT FUND (AWDF) | CLOSED SELF ORGANISED EVENT | ARUSHA HOTEL           |
| 1500HRS – 1900HRS | **AGN Assembly Registration**  
AGN STEERING COMMITTEE |                          | KARAFUU HALL, AICC     |
| 1600HRS – 1800HRS | **AGN Board Meeting**  
AGN STEERING COMMITTEE |                          | MOUNT MERU HOTEL       |
| 2000HRS – 2200HRS | **AGN Welcome Reception**  
AGN STEERING COMMITTEE |                          | MOUNT MERU HOTEL       |
DAY 1 OF AGN ASSEMBLY

WED 1 JULY 2015

CONFERENCE FACILITATORS
- Nana Asantewa – Afadzinu (West Africa Civil Society Institute);
- Deus Valentine

ARRIVAL OF DELEGATES

0800HRS – 0900HRS

MBAYUWAYU HALL
WELCOME REMARKS
Theo Sowa, CBE: Chair of African Grantmakers Network, African Women’s Development Fund (AWDF)
Dr Stigmata Tenga: President, Foundation for Civil Society
Guest of Honour: Hon Gertrude Mongella (Former President, Pan African Parliament)

1030HRS – 1100HRS

BREAK

1100HRS – 1230HRS

MBAYUWAYU HALL
PHILANTHROPY IN AFRICA: PEOPLE, POLICY AND PRACTICE
- Senator Hassan Omar Hassan (Mombasa County, Kenya)
- Leymah Gbowee (Nobel Laureate, 2011, Leymah Gbowee Foundation)
- Natalia Kenam (UNFPA, Tanzania)
- Tendai Murisa (TrustAfrica)

MODERATOR
Bola Mosuro (BBC Focus on Africa and Newsday)

New narratives are taking shape about philanthropy in Africa, and especially the continent’s unique role and contribution in the areas of social giving and community resilience. What are the pillars and who are the drivers of African philanthropy? In the context of growing wealth alongside increasing inequality, what is the role that the different philanthropic actors in Africa must play in order to bring about lasting and sustainable change? What is the role of the State, the private sector as well as civil society in ensuring that philanthropic practice responds to the needs of the most marginalised citizens? This armchair discussion with commence with a brief and provocative introductory submission highlighting key concerns for debate and dialogue.
WED 1 JULY 2015

1230HRS – 1400HRS
LUNCH / SIDE EVENT - TY DANJUMA FOUNDATION (VENUE - TBA)

1400HRS – 1530HRS
PARALLEL SESSIONS

PARALLEL SESSION 1
MBAYUWAYU HALL
LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA
IN CONVERSATION WITH
Senator Hassan Omar Hassan
MODERATOR
Kepta Ombati (Akiba Uhaki Foundation)

PARALLEL SESSION 2
TAUSI HALL
GOVERNANCE, PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA
IN CONVERSATION WITH
Leymah Gbowee
MODERATOR
Bola Mosuro (BBC Focus on Africa and Newsday)

PARALLEL SESSION 3
TWIGA HALL
LEADERSHIP AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA
IN CONVERSATION WITH
Professor Samuel Wangwe (Senior Economic Advisor, World Bank, Tanzania)
MODERATOR
Francis Kiwanga (Foundation for Civil Society)

1530HRS – 1600HRS
BREAK
THE ADVOCATES; CREATING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR PHILANTHROPY IN AFRICA

- Beulah Fredericks (Community Development Foundation Western Cape)
- Nicanor Sabula (East Africa Association of Grantmakers)
- Sarah Mukasa (African Women’s Development Fund)
- Jenny Hodgson (Global Fund for Community Foundations)
- Moipone Buda-Ramatlo (Nelson Mandela Children’s Fund)
- Brian Kagoro

MODERATOR
Ezra Mbogori (Akiba Uhaki Foundation)

AGN REPORT LAUNCH
CONSTRUCTING DEVELOPMENTAL AND TRANSFORMATIONAL PHILANTHROPY IN AFRICA

The creation of an enabling policy and operational environment for philanthropic giving is a key advocacy objective of AGN and its many partners. This includes provision of tax relief incentives, and other policy initiatives that recognise philanthropic engagement as critical to development and community strengthening. This session examines how best to strengthen advocacy strategies and the evidence base required in order to make the case.
African women have played a critical role in the economic, political and social development of the continent. The dynamics and intersections of gender, ethnicity, age, class, race and so on often relegate women in Africa to some of the most marginalised groups of people. Thus insights from these constituencies can only help strengthen the effectiveness of the philanthropic sector. African women have a long and largely unrecognised ‘her story’ of giving and community mobilising. This session seeks to uncover the myriad ways in which African women have been and are organising in philanthropic endeavour. Seen through the experiences of a number of women actors from the private sector, cultural institutions and community organising, the Talk Show explores, what are the key contributions by the constituencies of African women, what are challenges and successes, and how can their efforts strengthen or enhance philanthropy in Africa?
PARALLEL SESSION 4
MBAYUWAYU HALL

USING PRACTICE TO INFLUENCE POLICY:
Rural Women’s Leadership for Equitable Food Systems, Social Justice, and Civic Mobilization in East and West Africa

This session will explore best practices in funding strategies for organisations working to advance equitable food systems, social justice and civic mobilization. Through the sharing of consultative surveys and testimonials from rural women leaders in East and West Africa it will show how rural women and their organizations have changed policy on land and other natural resources.

- Mme Bauco Sibiri Dao (Assciation Munyu)
- Yves Niyiragira (Fahamu)
- Sabrina Nafisi Masinjila (African Centre for Biosafety)
- Esther Malya (Mtandao wa Vikindi vya Wakulima, Tanzania)

MODERATOR: Elizabeth Kanssole (New Field Foundation)

PARALLEL SESSION 5
TAUSI HALL

MASTER CLASS
MAKING YOUR CASE WITH THE MEDIA

The media has always been a key vehicle for mobilising and shaping public opinion as well as information dissemination. The world of the media has changed tremendously over the years with in particular, developments in technology. Whilst these changes create opportunities for greater access and engagement, there are also challenges especially for those who seek to question the status quo.

This session aims to impart participants with tools and tips to engage the media effectively in ways that transmit our messages on our terms.

Bola Mosuro (BBC Focus on Africa and Newsday)

MODERATOR
Karen Sai (AGN Secretariat)
PARALLEL SESSION 6
LAKE DULUTI HALL

MASTER CLASS
DONOR TOOLS FOR ASSESSING FUNDING FOR WOMEN’S RIGHTS

Funding for women’s rights has for a long time been a key development interest. Yet in reality the evidence demonstrates disproportionately lower levels of support for women led, women’s rights groups and organisations especially in the south. It is often not clear what philanthropic actors mean by gender equality and women’s rights at the level of practice. This session aims to strengthen donor capacities to assess their own performance tool aims to help donors ask critical questions of their programming to ensure that they align mission with practice.

Amina Doherty (Association for Women’s Rights in Development)

MODERATOR
Mary Rusimbi (Tanzania Women’s Fund)

PARALLEL SESSION 7
MANYARA HALL

THE RISE OF IMPACT INVESTMENT IN AFRICA:
MYTHS, REALITY, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

This session will explore the concept, practice, potential and limitations of impact investment in Africa as a rising model of financing development needs.

- Sunday Khan (TrustAfrica)
- Cynthia Ryan (Schooner Africa Fund)
- Kojo Pariss (Centre for Applied Social Entrepreneurship)
- Tomas Sales (UNDP)

MODERATOR
Briggs Bomba (TrustAfrica)
PARALLEL SESSION 8
TWIGA HALL

REMOVING ‘THE NGO MENTALITY’; WORKING TOWARDS ‘INDEPENDENCE’

The dependency syndrome on external donor support by many African NGOs has led to a crisis in sustaining their institutions. This session seeks to explore challenges and options that African Philanthropic organisations can pursue in their journey towards financial independence using experiences from KCDF. Come and be inspired.

Janet Mawiyoo (Kenya Community Development Foundation)

LUNCH

MBAYUWAYU HALL

SECTION: HARNESSING THE POWER OF YOUNG PEOPLE

- Ashleigh Davids (SayXchange)
- Boniface Mwangi (Pawa 254)
- Vuyane Mhlomi (MH Foundation)
- Samm Farai Monro aka Comrade Fatso (Magamba Network)

MODERATOR: Briggs Bomba (TrustAfrica)
Almost 50% of the population in Africa is below the age of 25 years. In addition the low life expectancy in many parts of Africa reinforce the ‘youth bulge’ which in turn has serious implications for the growth and development of the continent’s socio-economic and political systems and structures. How are young people responding to these challenges? What new/different narratives are they shaping in community self-help, social giving and citizens engagement and agency? What are the critical lessons we need to take in order to shape philanthropic responses for transformational change?

**PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**PARALLEL SESSION 9**  
MBUYAWAYU HALL  

**MASTER CLASS**  
**PHILANTHROPICATION THROUGH PRIVATISATION**

This session will examine a new route to the creation of charitable endowments in Africa and other parts of the world by capturing the considerable assets that result from the privatization of state-owned or state-controlled assets (e.g. mineral rights). It will share research that has identified nearly 600 foundations around the world that have emerged from such transactions, and will explore the formation of a Working Group to identify possibilities in the African context.

**Lester Salamon** (Johns Hopkins University)
PARALLEL SESSION 11
TAUSI HALL

AFRICAN DIASPORA PHILANTHROPY: PUBLIC, PRIVATE & THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

Diaspora philanthropy is increasingly recognised as an important part of African philanthropy. This session will provide an overview of innovative initiatives that seek to harness and instrumentalise diaspora giving through innovative new partnerships between the diaspora and other players. It will also explore the role that the diaspora play in African philanthropy through an interactive discussion.

- Stella Opoku-Owusu (African Foundation for Development, AFFORD)
- Solome Lemma (Africans in the Diaspora)
- Rajasvini Bhansali (International Development Exchange)

MODERATOR
Ezra Mbogori (Akiba Uhaki Foundation)

PARALLEL SESSION 12
LAKE DULUTI HALL

BUILDING COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS THROUGH TAX RELIEF: A CASE STUDY IN TANZANIA

This workshop highlights the case study of the Morogoro Municipal Community Foundation (MMCF) and its campaign to build community support for local philanthropy by persuading the Tanzania Revenue Authority to issue tax exemption to those who give financial support to foundation activities.

MODERATOR
Michael Njohole (MMCF)
THUR 2 JULY 2015

1545HRS – 1730HRS

PARALLEL SESSIONS

PARALLEL SESSION 13
TWIGA HALL

AFRICA - PHILANTHROPY. TECHNOLOGY. OPPORTUNITIES

- David Barnard (TechSoup Global) and
- Kolo Kenneth Kadiri (Kolo Kenneth Kadiri)

MODERATOR
Adern Nkandela (African Grantmakers Network)

This workshop will cover various trends and developments related to technology and philanthropy in Africa, including technology interventions aimed at increasing the flow of philanthropic resources to non-profits in Africa, initiatives aimed at building the capacity and awareness of foundations and non-profits in taking advantage of the potential of technology, and the role of technology in effective and factual storytelling for social good.

1900HRS – 2100HRS

THE AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY AWARDS: MOUNT MERU HOTEL
Chibok Girls, Ebola Virus Disease, Garissa, xenophobic attacks in South Africa are but a few of the crises experienced on the continent in the recent past. International reporting has entrenched the notion that response has been led by efforts from the north in the form of financial, technical and human resources. Whilst these efforts are laudable and important, this session seeks to examine how African philanthropic institutions have responded and to what extent these contributions add value. What lessons can we draw on in order to strengthen our efforts to respond to crisis?
FRI 3 JULY 2015

MBAYUWAYU HALL

1145HRS – 1300HRS

THE POST 2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA - WHAT ROLE FOR PHILANTHROPY IN AFRICA?

- Bhekinkosi Moyo (Southern Africa Trust)
- Arif Neky (UNDP Partnership for Philanthropy)
- Emilie Romon (OECD netFWD)

MODERATOR
Dr Stigmata Tenga (Foundation for Civil Society)

The consultative and deliberative processes crafting the global development policy framework beyond 2015 have been under way for some time and are expected to conclude in September 2015. Other development frameworks such as Africa Agenda 2063 are taking shape. These processes define development priorities and determine where resources will be targeted. This session examines what the critical role of philanthropy is in the shaping and implementation of these agendas.

1300HRS – 1500HRS

CAUCUS GROUPS (SELF ORGANISED GROUPS)

CAUCUS GROUP 1
Phanthropication Through Privatisation

CAUCUS GROUP 2
CAUCUS GROUP 3
Strengthening African Philanthropy Networks
AGAG, AGN, APF, EAAG, WINGS, and others

CAUCUS GROUP 4

1500HRS – 1600HRS

MBAYUWAYU HALL

CLOSING SESSION
REFLECTIONS: MY TAKE AWAY
AGN Board Chair

1600HRS

DEPARTURE
**Amina Doherty**

Amina Doherty is a Nigerian feminist activist whose work focuses on feminist philanthropy and creative arts for advocacy. She holds a BA in Political Science & Women’s Studies from McGill University (Distinction) and an MSc in Gender, Development and Globalization from the London School of Economics. Prior to her role as founding member and general coordinator of FRIDA | The Young Feminist Fund, Amina worked in the women’s rights grant-making program at the Sigrid Rausing Trust in London. Amina sits on the boards of Just Associates (JASS) an international feminist organisation that trains and supports activist leadership, and the Global Fund for Women. She is an advisor to Mama Cash and the Match International Women’s Fund and currently works at the Association for Women’s Rights in Development (AWID) as the Private Sector Engagement Coordinator. Amina has facilitated learning programs on women’s rights, resource mobilization, and youth leadership and brings to her activism a passion for music, art, travel, photography, fashion and poetry.

**Arif Neky**

Arif Neky is the Advisor - Strategic Partnerships and Philanthropy, to the UNDP Kenya country office. He is the Coordinator of the new UNDP Global Post-2015 Partnership Platform for Philanthropy project at the Kenya Country Office level. Arif’s extensive experience spans across social development and private enterprise in three continents. His leadership in social development, enterprise and financial services includes forging partnerships across philanthropic and nonprofit organizations with governments, bilateral/multilateral donors and private sector.

As the former Regional CEO of the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) East Africa for over 13 years, Arif was directly responsible for a wide portfolio of programs in education, health, rural development and civil society enhancement successfully leading teams to impact development outcomes with many of the poorest communities in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. During his tenure at AKF, Arif also nurtured non-profit networks and philanthropic institutions. He helped establish the Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF), was the founding Co-Chairman of the East Africa Association of Grantmakers (EAAG), and more recently - is its Founding Vice Chairman. Arif was also instrumental in helping create Viwango, a new flagship Kenyan organization to promote voluntary certification of CSOs in Kenya. He has engaged actively in Education and Health Sector planning and was the first Chairman of the CIDA Kenya Partners Forum. Arif previously worked as the Regional Representative of Eastern Africa for the French & International Bank - Société Générale where his achievements included consortium financing of significantly large selected development and infrastructure projects.

**Adern Nkandela**

Adern Nkandela is African Grantmakers Network (AGN) Coordinator, heading the AGN Secretariat. Prior, Adern worked as Senior Manager at Nelson Mandela Children’s Fund (NMCF), charged with leading the Fund’s programmes and regional advocacy work; Executive Director at Children In Need Network (CHIN), an apex body for and network of child development institutions in Zambia; National Expert on SME development under the UNDP Component Six Project assistance to Zambia; Economist at Commerce & Industry, Botswana Government, implementing its Financial Assistance Policy for community development, resources generation, and industrial productivity; Projects Officer for Small Enterprises Promotion’s Limited and National Hotel Standards Inspector for Hotels Board at the Ministry of Tourism in Zambia.

Adern’s areas, include governance, planning, financial management, programme development, network coordination/management, socio-economic development, micro-financing, small enterprises development, impact assessments, research, monitoring and evaluation.
**Ashleigh Davids**

Ashleigh Davids is a young South African and fellow of the Southern Africa Youth Exchange Programme, an initiative of the Southern Africa Trust. The programme seeks to promote a regional identity and regional integration amongst young people in the SADC region. While on the sayxchange programme in 2014, where she participate in various initiatives on a volunteers basis including; providing her skills to the Family Planning Association of Malawi, Plan Malawi and contributed her vocals to a song to raise funds for Ebola sufferers. The song was recognised by, African heavyweights, KORA Music awards and will be showcased at their awards ceremony.

In prior years, Ashleigh was the editor in chief of a national youth publication in South Africa (Live Magazine SA) and is involved in many youth initiatives at community level

Ashleigh’s current goal is to use the knowledge and resources she has to turn her business models into sustainable entities which can produce other exciting and useful initiatives across Africa. Since returning to South Africa in December, Ashleigh has already facilitated discussions about Malawi and her exchange experience and initiated dialogue with a Malawian national (also an exchange participant) about cross pollinating between their countries as a long-term push for regional integration and regional identity.

**Bhekinkosi Moyo**

Bheki is a renowned writer, author, researcher and thought-leader with keen interest in questions of African resources, democracy and governance. Bheki has championed African discourse on philanthropy, contributed to the growth of many African civil society formations and has taken part in most of the continental processes of development and governance. He has written extensively on African philanthropy, civil society and governance. He joined the team after an extensive and profound contribution to the establishment and growth of the Dakar-based TrustAfrica where he was Program Director.

Bheki served on the board of WINGS until 2013, and currently he is on various boards that include the African Grantmakers Network (AGN), ICCO Southern Africa Regional Council, the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR), as well as the African Union Foundation Council. He has worked tirelessly and very innovatively in the fields of governance, development, and philanthropy in Africa.

**Bola Mosuro**

Bola Mosuro is a radio journalist and broadcaster with the BBC World Service. She can be heard presenting Focus on Africa, the flagship news and current affairs evening programme or hers may be one of the familiar voices you wake up to on the breakfast programme, Newsday.

The radio journalist, who studied Peace and Conflict studies in Northern Ireland, has had a long career with the BBC, spanning two decades. In that time she has hosted a variety of BBC Series including Postmark Africa, Every Woman and the youth show ‘What’s News?’

A senior producer, Bola co-produced the BBC 21-part history series, ‘The Story of Africa’. She is passionate about women’s affairs, arts and music. Bola hails from Nigeria and was raised both in London and Lagos. She is married with three children.
Beulah Denise Fredericks is the Director of The Community Development Foundation Western Cape (formally, the Western Cape Foundation for Community Work), an organization set out to play a mediating and facilitating role by strengthening relationships and building partnerships within communities, with donors and other development players.

Ms. Fredericks’ interests during her studies, focused on women and children within the context of the family and community, particularly focusing on issues relating to race, gender and poverty as structured within the social, political and economic environment in South Africa. One of her concerns was the fact that people and communities tend to remain in a survival mode, which have such a negative impact on life. Attempts to change this attitude became her passion.

After a short work encounter with the State Department as a probation officer, Ms. Fredericks joined the South Africa National Council for Alcoholism and Drugs (SANCA), where she worked for seven years as a social worker. Female alcoholism and developing support networks for children of alcoholic parents became her primary focus. Her task was to assist the team in developing intervention strategies and support networks.

Ms. Fredericks was born and raised in Cape Town, South Africa. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in social work from the University of the Western Cape, and her Masters of Arts in sociology at the University of Cape Town.

When she joined the Western Cape Foundation for Community Work (FCW) in the early 1980s, Ms. Fredericks found her niche as a community worker, and soon afterwards was appointed director. While working as a community worker, she researched the feasibility of alternate early childhood development (ECD) models and was instrumental in the formation and implementation of the Family in Focus Programme, the FCW flagship. Her main function as the director of FCW was to fulfill the overall objectives of the organization in carrying out its vision in relation to the mission statement. Key duties included: organizational development, policy development and training, fundraising and public relations, sustainability in terms of funding and development, human resources management, capacity building and training, consultation and supervision, community participation and decision making, forging partnerships/consortia, advocacy and lobbying, vision and forward planning.

Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi is a Nigerian activist, writer and fundraiser for feminist and human rights movements. In 2001, along with Hilda Tadria and Joanna Foster, Adeleye-Fayemi founded the African Women’s Development Fund (AWDF), the first Africa-wide grantmaking organisation supporting women’s organizations in Africa. She was appointed its first Executive Director. Between 1991 and 2001, Adeleye-Fayemi served as Director of Akina Mama wa Afrika (AMwA), an international development organisation for African women, based in the United Kingdom and with offices in Uganda and Nigeria. During her time at AMwA, she set up the African Women’s Leadership Institute (AWLI) which has helped train over 3,000 women leaders in Africa.

Adeleye-Fayemi has been associated with a number of international women’s rights and philanthropy organisations, including Co-Chair of the International Network of Women’s Funds, President of the Association for Women’s Rights in Development (AWID), and Chair of the International Women’s Health Coalition (IWHC). She has also been on the Board of Trustees for Comic Relief (UK). Adeleye-Fayemi was given the ‘Changing the Face of Philanthropy’ award by the Women’s Funding Network in 2007, and was named one of the 20 most influential African women in 2009 by the New African magazine. In 2011, Women Deliver listed her as one of the top 100 people in the world, advancing the rights of women and girls.
**Briggs Bomba**

Briggs Bomba coordinates TrustAfrica’s project to curb Illicit Financial Flows from Africa and the Zimbabwe Alliance initiative - a funding collaborative that works to strengthen civil society and promote democracy in Zimbabwe. Previously Briggs served as Director of Campaigns for Africa Action in Washington, D.C. He holds a Master’s Degree in Social and Applied Economics from Wright State University (Ohio, USA). He has served on the steering committees of the Zimbabwe Social Forum and Southern Africa Social Forum as well as on the board of Jubilee USA. A leading analyst on democracy and economic development in Africa, Mr. Bomba has appeared on CNN, BBC, WorldFocus, NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, CBC, Press TV, Al-Jazeera, Voice of America, SW Radio Africa, KPFA, WPFW and Rev. Jesse Jackson’s Keeping Hope Alive radio show. His commentary and analysis has appeared in Alliance Magazine, Foreign Policy in Focus and Pambazuka News, among other outlets.

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**Boniface Mwangi**

Boniface Mwangi is an award winning Kenyan Photo-Activist. For four years he held a staff photography position at The Standard, the second largest Kenyan newspaper, taking on various assignments of increasing responsibility in a number of countries. Boniface became the eye of Kenyans during the 2007 post-election violence and showed courage and compassion to capture thousands of images; some so gory they could not be published.

In 2009 Secretary of State of the United States, Hillary Clinton wrote a letter commending Boniface for his work during the post-election violence and stated: “Your photography is absolutely stunning and tells an important and powerful story for the world to hear.” His work has appeared in virtually all the important newspapers in the world, from The New York Times to The Guardian, Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, The International Herald Tribune, The Sunday Times, The Telegraph, The Boston Globe and the BBC Focus on Africa magazine among other International publications.

He holds a Diploma in Print Journalism from the East African School of Journalism and studied Human Rights and documentary photography at New York University. He has been recognized as a Magnum Photography Fellow and twice as the CNN Multichoice Africa Photojournalist of the Year, Future Africa Awards in Advocacy among other awards. He is the youngest Prince Claus Laureate and is currently a Senior TED Fellow. New African Magazine named him one of the 100 Most Influential Africans of 2014. Time magazine recognised him as Next Generation Leader in 2015. Boniface runs Pawa 254 a collaborative hub for creatives in Kenya where journalists, artists and activists meet to find innovative ways of achieving social change.

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**Baouco Sibiri Dao**

Mme. Sibiri Dao is the vice president of the Association Munyu (Diola for “patience, tolerance, and selflessness”) which is based in Burkina Faso. Munyu works to promote education, good health, empowerment and justice for women. Created in 1992, Munyu now represents over 10,000 women members. Mme. Dao is also the vice president of the Executive Bureau of FENOP, the Federation Nationale des Organisations Paysannes, which operates throughout Burkina Faso bringing together 15 farmer organizations. Its goal is to defend family farms by developing farming as a rewarding occupation for rural people.
SPEAKER PROFILES

Brian Kagoro

Brian is the Regional Programme Advisor for the UNDP’s Africa Governance and Public Administration Programme as well as Officer in Charge (ad interim) of the UNDP Africa Governance Team. Brian is based in Addis Ababa at the UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa. A constitutional lawyer by training, he practiced law as partner at Kantor and Immerman, one of the leading law firms in Zimbabwe. He was instrumental in the formation of several civil society groups, including: the national constitutional assembly; the NGO Human Rights Forum; Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition; and the Centre for Citizen Participation in the African Union (CCP-AU). Brian has served on boards of both private sector and civil society groups, including: National Foods Ltd, Workers Trust, Amani Trust; CCP-AU; Action Aid International Ghana; and Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights.

In 2002, he became the Founding Director of Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition and was subsequently elected chairperson of the Crisis Coalition. In 2005, Brian was appointed Pan-African Policy Manager for Action Aid International, an international anti-poverty development agency headquartered in Johannesburg, South Africa. Brian has served as a Consultant for several Regional Organizations, including the African Union Commission (AUC), NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency, and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

Cynthia Ryan

Cynthia Ryan is a Director of the Schooner Africa Fund, an impact investment fund based in Nairobi, Kenya that focuses on the agricultural sector in East Africa. She also is a Trustee and Senior Advisor to the Schooner Foundation. Cynthia started the foundation with her father in 1998 and ran it until 2013 when she moved from Washington D.C. to Nairobi, Kenya. The foundation works internationally in human rights, peace & security and economic opportunity. It has multiple funding partners in a wide array of thematic and geographic areas throughout the African continent with a focus on post-conflict countries.

Cynthia has vast non-profit board experience including: the Fund for Global Human Rights, Women for Women International, the Lake Tanganyika Floating Health Clinic, the Nature Conservancy’s Africa Council, and the Women’s Rights Division at Human Rights Watch. She is also deeply involved in the global philanthropic community as a member of the African Philanthropy Forum, the African Grantmaker’s Network, the African Grantmakers Affinity Group, the Clinton Global Initiative, Global Philanthropy Forum, and the International Human Rights Funders Group. Cynthia received her Bachelor of Arts from the New School for Social Research in New York and a Masters of Arts from the School of Oriental & African Studies at the University of London in England. She was a contributing author to the book “Women, Philanthropy and Social Change: Visions for a Just Society.”

Deus Valentine

Deus is an active player in Tanzania’s and Eastern Africa’s grant making community. He has worked and/or supported the work of various donors from bilaterals to private foundations across the Eastern Africa region. His work has included developing a four year strategy for the Open Society Foundations work with young people in the five countries of Eastern Africa i.e. Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan and Sudan. He has also engaged closely with numerous nascent civil society groups in Mainland Tanzania as well as Zanzibar where he worked closely to develop robust capacity building programs and international learning exchanges between groups in Tanzania and South East Asia (Malaysia and Mongolia). At the moment he works to support Tanzania’s development partners in identifying priorities for their grant making portfolios as well as their active engagement with the Tanzanian government on a range of governance issues including elections.
SPEAKER PROFILES

David Barnard

David Barnard is the Vice-President: Africa at TechSoup Global, the largest not-for-profit provider of technology assistance services to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and libraries worldwide. TechSoup Global’s mission is working toward a time when every nonprofit and NGO on the planet has the technology resources and knowledge they need to operate at their full potential. Before joining TechSoup Global, Mr. Barnard was the Executive Director of the Southern African NGO Network (SANGONeT) from 2000-2013. Mr. Barnard was previously the Manager of the Programme for Development Research at the Human Sciences Research Council (1992 to 2000). He is a Founding Member of the African Institute for Corporate Citizenship and Advisory Board Member of the African Press Organization. He serves on the e-Skills Council and in the past served on the Presidential National Commission on the Information Society for Development.

Mr. Barnard has extensively published and presented on issues relating to development and ICT in Africa. His areas of expertise include the role of the international development, funding community and NGO sector in Southern Africa, corporate citizenship and the involvement of the corporate sector in development issues, and the contribution of information and ICT in support of development processes. Mr. Barnard holds BA and BA (Hons) degrees (both cum laude) from the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, and has participated in management training at Cranfield University, UK, and City University of New York. He is an extreme ultra-marathon athlete and in the recent past completed the 250km Kalahari Augrabies Extreme Marathon from 17-23 October 2010, the 250km Sahara Race from 2-8 October 2011 in Egypt, the 220km Namib Desert Challenge from 26-30 March 2012 in Namibia, the 250km Gobi March from 10-16 June 2012 in China, and the one-day, 100km Fish River Canyon Ultra on 22 June 2013 in Namibia, as part of the annual SANGONeT “No Pain No Gain” fundraising campaign.

Emilie Romon

Ms. Emilie Romon is a Coordinator at the OECD Global Network of Foundations Working for Development (netFWD), where she is in charge of the implementation of the Guidelines for Effective Philanthropic Engagement at the country level. In addition, she contributes to positioning foundations in the international development debate, by playing a bridging role between governments and philanthropic organisations. Emilie works in close collaboration with senior management of foundations worldwide as well as country representatives to the OECD. She coordinated the first-ever study developed by OECD netFWD, entitled Venture Philanthropy in Development. Dynamics, Challenges and Lessons in the Search for Greater Impact. Prior to joining the OECD Development Centre, Emilie served the Swiss Delegation to the OECD where she advised the Ambassador on cross-sectoral OECD strategic policy and governance-related issues. She holds a degree (MA, Public Management and Policies) from the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP) and an undergrad in Political Science from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Esther Malya

Mtandao wa Vikundi vya Wakulima Tanzania (MWIWATA) is the national farmers organisation which brings together 100,000 smallholder farmers from all regions of Tanzania in order to have a common voice to defend economic, social, cultural and political interests of smallholder farmers in Tanzania. Founded in 1993, MWIWATA aspires to empower smallholder farmers economically and socially through capacity building and undertake lobbying and advocacy interventions by strengthening their groups and networks to ensure smallholder farmers inclusiveness and participation, facilitating communication and learning so that they are capable of defending their interests.
SPEAKER PROFILES

Elisabeth Kanssole

Elisabeth Kanssole has been the program administrator at New Field Foundation for the Niger River Basin focus area since 2011. She brings over 19 years of experience working with NGO’s and rural communities. Before joining the New Field team, she served as the technical assistant for the Netherlands Development Organisation (SNV) and as the program coordinator for women and youth for the Burkinabè Federation of Agricultural Professionals (FEPAB). She holds a master’s degree in rural geography from the University of Ouagadougou and a diploma from the International Center for Agricultural Research for Development (ICRA) in Montpellier, France.

Ezra Mbogori

Ezra Mbogori is the Executive Director of Akiba Uhaki Foundation – a relatively new human rights and social justice fund for Eastern Africa. He was the founding Executive Director of MWENGO for 14 years – a reflection and development centre in Zimbabwe for NGOs in eastern and southern Africa. He also headed up UNDUGU Society, a Nairobi-based urban poverty focused organization, for over six years. Ezra has previously served in a voluntary capacity on the leadership and/or advisory structures of numerous organizations namely as Founding Chairperson of the Kenya NGO Council (1992-1993); Member of the Commonwealth Foundation NGO Advisory Committee; Board member of the Resource Alliance; Board member of the Montreal International Forum; Board member of the Charities Aid Foundation of South Africa; Board member of CIVICUS and Vice Chair of the International Board of PLAN International. More recently he serves on the International Grants committee of Comic Relief; co-chairs the Civil Society Reference Group, an alliance of progressive national, International and local Public Benefit organisations leading the effort to retain civic space in Kenya; is a board member of OXFAM South Africa and the Vice Chairperson of the African Grantmakers Network. Ezra has an undergraduate degree from Kenyatta University and an MPA from the Kennedy School of Government at the Harvard University. He is a Fellow of the Kellogg International Leadership Program and the Kennedy School’s Mason Fellows Program.

Francis Kiwanga

Francis Kiwanga is an advocate of the High court of Tanzania with A bachelor of Law from the University of Dar er Salaam and a Master of Business Administration from the Eastern and Southern African Management institute in Arusha. He served as the Executive Director of a leading human rights organization, The Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) between 2008 and 2011. He also served as the managing director of Matrix consulting, the legal and corporate governance consulting firm based in Arusha, prior to joining the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS). Mr Kiwanga has also been a facilitator and trainer on various human rights topics, accountability systems and good governance to civil servants, Members of Parliament and managers of Civil Society Organizations both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar. He is the current Executive Director for the FCS.
SPEAKER PROFILES

Gerry Salole

Gerry Salole is the Chief Executive of the European Foundation Centre (EFC) since 2005. The EFC is an association of over 200 public-benefit foundations and corporate funders active in philanthropy in Europe and elsewhere.

His previous posts have included serving as Representative at the Ford Foundation’s Southern Africa office, based in Johannesburg, and director of the Department of Programme Documentation and Communication of the Bernard van Leer Foundation, based in The Hague. He has also worked for Save the Children Federation (USA) in Ethiopia and Zimbabwe, and Redd Barna (Norwegian Save the Children) and OXFAM UK and UNHCR in Ethiopia.

Gerry Salole studied Social Anthropology and African History at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. He holds an M.A. (Econ.) and Ph.D. from the University of Manchester.

He is the Founding Chair of TrustAfrica, (Dakar) Chair of the Global Fund for Community Foundations (Johannesburg) sits on the Education Advisory Board of the Open Society Foundations (New York) on the Strategic Advisory Committee of the European Venture Philanthropy Association (Brussels) and is a Board Member of Assifero, the Italian Association of Grant Making Foundations (Milan).

Khadija Sharife


Hassan Omar Hassan

Hassan Omar Hassan is the Senator for Mombasa County in Kenya. He is a lawyer and has a track record in the reform movement in Kenya. He is also the Author and Sponsor of the Preservation of Human Dignity and Enforcement of Economic and Social Rights Bill, 2015, which seeks to establish a framework law on the enforcement of Art 43 of the Kenyan Constitution to address the question of Inequality and Social Justice in Kenya. He is also a past Commissioner with the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights.
SPEAKER PROFILES

Graça Machel, DBE

Graça Machel, DBE is a Mozambican politician and humanitarian. She is the widow of former South African president Nelson Mandela and of Mozambican president Samora Machel. She is an international advocate for women's and children's rights and in 1997 was made a British dame for her humanitarian work. Ms. Machal was the First Minister of Education of independent Mozambique from 1975 to 1989. In 1994, the Secretary General of the United Nations appointed her as an independent expert to carry out an assessment of the impact of armed conflict on children. Her groundbreaking report was presented in 1996 and established a new and innovative agenda for the comprehensive protection of children caught up in war, changing the policy and practice of governments, UN agencies, and international and national civil society.

Over the years, Mrs. Machel has gained international recognition for her achievements. Her many awards include the Laureate of Africa Prize for Leadership for the Sustainable End of Hunger from the Hunger Project in 1992 and the Nansen Medal in recognition of her contribution to the welfare of refugee children in 1995. She has received the Inter Press Services (IPS) International Achievement Award for her work on behalf of children internationally, the Africare Distinguished Humanitarian Service Award and the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe, amongst others. She serves as Chairwoman and President of the Foundation for Community Development which she founded in 1994.

Ms. Machel was awarded a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire. She has served on the boards of numerous international organisations, including the UN Foundation, the Forum of African Women Educationalists, the African Leadership Forum and the International Crisis Group.

Hon. Gertrude Mongella

Gertrude Mongella was born in 1945 on a small island in Lake Victoria in Tanzania. After graduating as a teacher from University of Dar es Salaam, she worked in several ministries among others for Julius K. Nyerere and Ali H. Mwinyi in her home country until beginning of 1990. In 1991, Mongella was appointed Tanzania’s High Commissioner to India. Two years later, the strong-minded feminist became a diplomat to the UN and led the fourth World Conference on Women 1993-1995. As General Secretary and Chair she significantly contributed to the success of this conference and has since been known as “Mama Peking”.

Her diplomatic obligations in India did not prevent Mongella from keeping pace with her other interests. She served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the UN’s International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INRAW), as a member of the Global Assembly on Women and the Environment, the World Women’s Congress for a Healthy Planet as well as the Tanzanian Association of Women Leaders in Agriculture and Environment. In March 2004, Mongella was elected as the first President of the Pan-African Parliament. She is highly committed to the political integration of Africa, as well as championing a strong involvement of women in political leadership.

As such the inspiring feminist joined the Movement’s Global Coalition of Women Defending Peace in its Mission to Palestine, which supported Palestinian women to gain power in political processes. More recently Gertrude Mongella became Tanzania’s Goodwill Ambassador to the World Health Organization, a special advisor to the Economic Commission of Africa, and a member of the AU’s African Women’s Committee for Peace and Development.
Janet Mawiyoo

Janet Naumi Mawiyoo is the CEO of the Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF), an organization that promotes sustainable development of communities for social justice, through local institution building, policy influencing, resource mobilization and partnerships and collaborations. She has been in the development sector, primarily with the nonprofit sector for the last 30 years, having spent about 14 years with Action Aid International in both Kenya and Tanzania.

Mawiyoo has been instrumental over the last eight years in making KCDF a leading and recognizable Kenyan local development actor that continues to commit significant resources into a diverse range of community initiatives that cut across issues affecting vulnerable Kenyan communities nationally. Under her leadership, KCDF has also become a leader in pursuing a range of sustainability strategies that will in future guarantee availability of resources to support community development efforts; these include building an endowment that is currently at about US $6 million, promoting local giving among people and companies operating in Kenya, exploring real estate as a viable investment in Kenya, and setting up an investment company whose profits (after tax payment) will be ploughed into supporting the work of the foundation.

She is a certified Organization Development consultant, with a master’s degree in Development Administration and Management from the University of Manchester (UK), and a post graduate diploma in Organization Development Consultancy from the Swiss Institute of Applied Psychology, Switzerland.

Kojo Malcolm Parris

Kojo is the Executive Director of the Centre for African Social Entrepreneurship and serves(d) on a number of boards. He is the Founder of the African Social Entrepreneurs Network & Social Private Equity South Africa. Kojo is the Director of a number of social enterprises, including Khulisa, Operation Hope, Open Africa, and a Member of the organizing committee of the Nelson Mandela Foundation “Promise of Leadership” conference. He is also the Chairman of Homeless Talk; a newspaper for indigent persons in Johannesburg, and mentors young adults through entities such as Youth Alliance for Leadership and Development in Africa (YALDA). His most recent venture is the Roraima Learning Trust.

Previously he read for a Masters in Engineering at Cambridge, qualified as an accountant with Deloittes before joining the telcoms team at NM Rothschilds, which took him to their then Zimbabwean affiliate, Merchant Bank of Central Africa. He went on to execute private equity transactions with the predecessor of Actis before leading the investment banking arm of Banc ABC until 2002. Since then he has invested for his own account and assisted a prominent South African Family Office. Kojo served as Guyana's Honorary Consul to South Africa for many years, and informally advises leadership in a number of countries in the sub-continent on socio-economic matters.
SPEAKER PROFILES

HRH Sylvia Nagginda,
Nnabagereka of Buganda

Her Royal Highness the Nnabagereka Sylvia Nagginda is the wife of the King of Buganda, King Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II. She is a traditional and cultural leader of the people of Buganda, the largest Kingdom in Uganda occupying almost a quarter of the country with a population exceeding 7 million people, which is equivalent to 25% of the total population. Her Royal Highness is the first Nnabagereka (Queen) in the history of the Buganda Kingdom to set up a fully-fledged Office, a very crucial phenomenon that has greatly complimented the ongoing development work in the Kingdom and Uganda at large.

The Nnabagereka carries out charity work for and through the institution of the Kingdom of Buganda, international, national and local organizations and the Nnabagereka Development Foundation (NDF) which she founded in 2000. Using the Foundation HRH works for children, the youth and women through support for socio-economic development initiatives including education, health care, community empowerment and the advancement of good cultural values and practices. A pillar for development and held in high esteem, HRH plays a major role in sensitizing and mobilizing the general population on issues of Health; Education Culture Preservation and Sustainable Livelihoods Promotion. Through the above, HRH has graciously supported and empowered marginalized groups of youth, women, children and persons with disabilities.

The Nnabagereka is a Good Will Ambassador for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Uganda – working with Population Secretariat (POPSEC) and Partners in Population and Development (PPD-ARO). She is also a Torchbearer for the Millennium Development Goals (MDG3); Ambassador for Mama Club - an initiative of mothers living with HIV/AIDS; a Champion in the Campaign to End Pediatric HIV/AIDS (CEPA) in Uganda. HRH is also a Patron of several organisations including Hospice Africa Uganda, Child Fund Uganda, Female Sponsorship Foundation Makerere University, Special Olympics Uganda, Programme for Accessible Health Communication and Education (PACE), Conservation Through Public Health (CTPH), and Buganda Tourism Board. She a visionary Founder Member of the African Queens and Women Cultural Leaders Network (AQWCLN) and Co Founder and Patron of African Royals for Culture and Development (AFROCAD). HRH is a core member of the African Philanthropy Forum and an Advisory Board member of the Global Thinkers Forum. In addition, HRH collaborates with the Ministry of Health, and UN Agencies such as UNFPA, UNAIDS, UNICEF, and WHO as well as other NGOs on community health related initiatives.

Jenny Hodgson

Jenny Hodgson has been the Executive Director of the Global Fund for Community Foundations (GFCF) since 2006. She has overseen the development of the organisation from its inception as a pilot project to a fully-fledged global grantmaking fund which has disbursed over U.S. $3 million in grants to 157 community philanthropy organisations in 52 countries. Jenny has worked in the field of philanthropy and development in Uganda, Russia, Kenya, Singapore and Thailand. Jenny has a BA (Hons) in English from Emmanuel College, Cambridge and an MA in International Relations from Johns Hopkins School Advanced International Studies (SAIS). She is based in Johannesburg, South Africa and is on the board of WINGS (Worldwide Initiative on Grantmaker Support and Enset).
Karen Sai

Born in Ghana, Karen Shormeh Sai spent her formative years moving between the United States, the United Kingdom, and Ghana. Working in the non-profit area for over two decades, Ms. Sai has established her commitment to the vulnerable and the less privileged. She has achieved successes providing assistance to non-profit organizations in the areas of organizational development, public relations and marketing, generation of private and public financial support for major national and international organizations. She has managed major gifts programmes and enhanced relationships between non-profit organizations and foundation and corporate donors, Board members, and senior management. Ms. Sai has designed and managed start-up and expansion funding programmes, including large gift solicitation.

She has demonstrated her resource development skill, management capacity, strategic planning aptitude, and administrative ability as the Executive Director of United Way Ghana Ghana, Executive Director of the Progressive Life Society, Ghana, and as a member of the Executive Management team of the Progressive Life Center. She has worked with International organizations such as FINCA International, Ford Foundation, Adoptions Together, Inc., the Environmental Working Group, the National Blood Foundation, Americans for a Fair Chance, International Planned Parenthood Federation and affiliates, Family Health International, Centre for Development & Population Activities, and the World Bank, in consultant and staff capacities. She has done significant management and project consultant work in Ghana with Ministries and their departments and agencies, and the civil sector to strengthen programmes, service delivery, sustainability, and monitoring and evaluation.

Currently as the Executive Director of the African Grantmakers Network she hopes she will have the opportunity to put her experience, skills and enthusiasm to work enhancing innovation and collaboration in African philanthropy.

Lester M. Salamon


Michel Njohole

Michel Njohole is founding Administrator of Morogoro Municipal Community Foundation, established in 2008 at Morogoro in Tanzania. With more than 20 years experience, he has worked with World Vision Tanzania as Microfinance specialist in the entrepreneurship development office, UNDP Programme for economic empowerment for women as a marketing Manager. He trains local entrepreneurs’ especially women and youth and is also thr chairperson of his local Parish. In 2008 with the establishment of Morogoro Municipal Community Foundation he worked as its founding Administrator, developing various programmes, implementing and planning future development of its objectives. A graduate of University of Dar es Salam in Finance and Administration.
SPEAKER PROFILES

Leymah Gbowee

2011 Nobel Peace Laureate, Leymah Gbowee is a Liberian peace activist, trained social worker and women’s rights advocate. She is Founder and current President of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa. She also founded the Liberia Reconciliation Initiative and Co-Founder and former Executive Director of Women Peace and Security Network Africa (WIPSEN-A). She is also a founding member and former Liberia Coordinator of Women in Peacebuilding Network/West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WIPNET/WANEP). Leymah currently serves as a member of the High-Level Task Force for the International Conference on Population and Development. She is a board member of the Federation of Liberian Youth. Leymah’s leadership of the Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace – which brought together Christian and Muslim women in a nonviolent movement that played a pivotal role in ending Liberia’s civil war in 2003 – is chronicled in her memoir, Mighty Be Our Powers, and in the documentary, Pray the Devil Back to Hell. In addition, Gbowee is the Newsweek Daily Beast’s Africa columnist. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Nobel Women’s Initiative, Gbowee Peace Foundation and the PeaceJam Foundation, and she is a member of the African Women Leaders Network for Reproductive Health and Family Planning. She holds a M.A. in Conflict Transformation from Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, VA), and a Doctor of Laws (LLD) honoris causa from Rhodes University in South Africa and University of Alberta in Canada. Leymah was honored as a flag-bearer for the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games in London. She is based in Monrovia, Liberia and has six children.

Mary Janet Rusimbi

Mary Janet Rusimbi is a founding member and was the Executive Director of the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) for ten years until March 2007. As a founder of other organizations and board member of several organizations, she has been playing key leadership roles in the women's movement for many years, engaging in promoting gender equality, equity and social transformation in the country, regionally and internationally. She previously worked as a gender programme officer for the Royal Netherlands Embassy and the Canadian High Commission in Tanzania. Mary is currently working as a gender and development specialist in gender and policy analysis, gender budgeting, participatory training and facilitation, research and organizational development of civil society organizations. She has published numerous articles and book chapters relating to gender and development issues. She is currently the Executive director of the Women Fund Tanzania.

Moipone Buda Ramatlo

Moipone Buda-Ramatlo joined the Nelson Mandela Children’s Fund in October 2005 as the Programmes Director. Prior to that, she worked for the National Productivity Institute as the Programme Director for emerging sectors specializing in turnaround strategies for SMMEs, and development initiatives for rural communities, women, young people and people with disabilities. She has extensive experience in the development and corporate arenas that spans 25 years and specializes in public/private partnerships with emphasis on turnaround strategies for community development initiatives using corporate or donor funding.

She holds a BA (SW), Honors degree from UNISA and has certificate courses in Project management, Competitive Study and General Management from the Gordon's Institute of Business Studies and a Public Relations Management diploma from the Public Relations Institute of SA.
Nana Asantewa Afadzinu

Nana Asantewa Afadzinu is currently the Executive Director of the West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI). After obtaining qualifications in Law from the University of Ghana and the Ghana School of Law, she practised with a Commercial Law Firm, Hesse and Larsey, then worked as a Legal Officer with the Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights in Banjul, The Gambia the African Society of International and Comparative Law in Accra.

Nana spearheaded the establishment of a legal division for the Women’s Initiative for Self Empowerment (WISE) and volunteered as its legal Counsel. She was the Coordinator of the National Coalition on Domestic Violence Legislation in Ghana and is a member of the Ghana Bar Association (GBA), International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), the Pan-African Lawyers Association (PALU), African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA), the Network for Women’s Rights in Ghana (NETRIGHT), and the Gender Violence Survivors Support Network (GVSSN).

Previously a visiting scholar at Columbia University’s Human Rights Advocate Training Programme, Nana completed her Masters in Law degree at New York University in 2004 and has worked with the Media Foundation for West Africa and the Centre for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University, in establishing a West and Central Africa Human Rights Institute. Nana has served on a number of boards including the Ghana News Agency and the Graphic Communications Group Ltd.

Natalia Kanem

Natalia Kanem is the current representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Tanzania and a former President of The ELMA Philanthropies Services (U.S.) She is an international advocate for women’s and children’s health and education, with long experience in philanthropy. Her work re-examines the relationship of culture and tradition to the transformation of public health conditions for under-served people around the globe. She is a senior associate of the Lloyd Best Institute (West Indies). Dr Kanem was founding President of ELMA Philanthropies, a major services organization promoting health and education for African children. Earlier she co-founded the Harlem Center for Health Promotion while involved with the first successful trials for pediatric HIV/AIDS treatment. As Deputy Vice President of the Ford Foundation, she funded global programs to bolster peace and social justice, and led the Council on Foundation’s accountability task force. She is a director of King Baudouin Foundation US and Nike RED Project Africa. A history and science graduate of Harvard, she has a Columbia University medical degree and a University of Washington Masters in Public Health.

Nicanor Sabula

Nicanor Sabula is an experienced Association Management Executive having joined the East Africa Association of Grantmakers (EAAG) from the Association of Professional Societies in East Africa (APSEA), an umbrella body for professional societies representing diverse professional disciplines within East Africa. He served as the Administrator and Programmes Manager for close to five years. Prior to that he worked with the International Council for African Museums (AFRICOM), a Pan African professional body for museum professionals. He started his career at the National Museums of Kenya working with the interactive public programmes project, where he was involved in the design and implementation of interactive education programmes for school children visiting the museum. He is a holder of a Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Science and currently finalizing his Masters Degree in Project Planning and Management at the University of Nairobi. He has undertaken specialized training in advocacy, project monitoring and evaluation; and association management. He is currently a member of the Centre for Association Leadership formerly known as the American Society for Association Executives (ASAE).
SPEAKER PROFILES

Ndana Bofu-Tawamba

Ndana Bofu-Tawamba, a proud African citizen and Zimbabwean national, is the CEO & Executive Director at Urgent Action Fund-Africa (UAF-Africa). Ndana brings to UAF-Africa and the African women’s movement a sophisticated appreciation of the global philanthropy architecture. Prior to joining UAF-Africa, Ndana was in charge of the UN Women office in Harare, Zimbabwe. She has lectured at the Women’s University in Africa, been invited as guest lecturer and speaker at several academic, social justice and donor platforms to speak about African Women’s Leadership, New Frontiers of Philanthropy, the nexus of HIV & AIDS, Ebola, Gender and Conflict.

Ndana is an Executive Education on Leadership alumnus of INSEAD Business School, Fontainebleau, France and Singapore. She earned her Master’s degree in Women’s Studies from Lancaster University, UK; Bachelor of Science Honors degree in Social Psychology from University of Zimbabwe and a diploma in Personnel Management. Ndana sits on the Board of the International Network of Women’s Funds, Mexico. Her work with UAF-Africa, the Global women’s movement, the UN, academia and consultancy assignments has meant extensive travels across the globe, thereby allowing her to combine her commitment to social justice with an opportunity to further explore women and girl’s realities throughout the world.

Sabrina Nafisi Masinjila

Sabrina Masinjila is the Outreach and Advocacy Officer for African Centre for Biosafety based in Tanzania and also a link of ACB’s work in East Africa on Biosafety, Farmers’ rights, Seed and Food Sovereignty. She has an environmental background with a Bachelors of Environmental Studies and has been engaged in the NGO sector for 5 years, with experience working on projects at the grassroots level with farmers on organic cocoa farming in Tanzania, and also with Civil Society Organizations within the Tanzania Alliance for Biodiversity on Biosafety, Farmers’ rights and Food sovereignty.

Sarah Mukasa

Sarah Mukasa is the Director of Programmes at the African Women’s Development Fund. She is a feminist activist with extensive experience in advocacy at international, regional, and national levels, resource mobilisation, policy development, programmes development and management as well as strategy development. Sarah has written extensively on women’s rights in Africa and has served on a number of boards as well as advisory groups on the continent and currently serves on the board of the African Grantmakers Network as well as on the Working Group of the African Feminist Forum.
Professor Samuel M. Wangwe has a Ph.D from the University of Dar es Salaam (1980), an MA (Economics) from the University of Dar es Salaam in 1973 and a BA (Economics and Statistics) from the University of Dar es Salaam in 1972. Prof. Wangwe has authored eight books, including Economic Challenges Facing the Third Phase Government (with Prof. Van Arkadie), Exporting Africa: Technology, Trade and Industrialization in Sub-Saharan Africa (1997). Prior to assuming his current position, he was chairman of Daima Associates Limited (DAIMA), a private consulting firm based in Dar es Salaam that offers a range of professional services directed towards the economic management and policy analysis, policy advisor on coordination of reforms in the Office of the President, Public Service Management, a post he took after eight years as Executive Director of the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), a nonprofit nongovernmental policy research institute focusing on capacity building in economic and social policy and development management in Tanzania. He is principal research associate with the ESRF and is chairing the Independent Monitoring Group, which is tasked to monitor aid relationships between donors and Tanzania government.

He has 35 years experience as an economist and policy researcher and policy analyst and policy advisor, and as economist and an economic advisor to the Government of Tanzania. He has authored/co-authored/edited 13 books development and economic management and over 70 published articles in journals and edited books. In addition he has led and/or participated in over 80 consultancies addressing development policy and economic management in a wide range of areas including formulation and implementation of strategies and policies, industrial development, agricultural development, infrastructure, finance and poverty studies. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Economics and Statistics, masters degree in Economics, and a doctoral degree in Economics from the University of Dar es Salaam; and has also worked as the head of the Department of Economics as well as dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the same university. During a three-year leave of absence from the University, he was senior research fellow at the Institute for New Technologies of the United Nations University in Maastricht, The Netherlands.

Besides the African Technology Policy Studies (ATPS) network, has served on a number of advisory boards including the Bank of Tanzania, the Tanzania Housing Bank, and the National Micro Finance Bank and has chaired several boards including the State Mining Corporation, the National Institute of Productivity, the National Social Security Fund in Tanzania and is currently chairing the Social Action Trust Fund and the Kibaha Education Centre in Tanzania. He has also been a member of several commissions, special committees, and task forces including the Fourth Five Development Plan Working Committee on Industry and Technology; the Committee for Improving National Statistics; the Secretariat of the Tanzania Advisory Group; the Presidential Commissions on Exports and Salaries; the Tax Force on Restructuring the National Bank of Commerce; the Advisory Committee in Financial Sector Reform, and was Chairperson of the national Consultative Committee on Fast Tracking the East African Federation.
Samm Farai Monro

Samm Farai Monro is one of Zimbabwe’s pioneering creatives. Better known as Comrade Fatso he juggles being a poet, a comedian, a blogger, a new media publisher, a festival director and a creative director. Comrade Fatso currently runs Magamba Network, one of Zimbabwe’s most dynamic organizations that works on the cutting edge of culture, media, activism and innovation. Magamba’s award-winning projects include Shoko Festival, Zimbabwe’s biggest festival of urban culture; Kalabash-Media.com, one of the country’s leading youth opinion blogs; and Zambezi News, the hugely popular satirical news show. Through his trailblazing creative work Comrade Fatso has reached millions across the country and beyond.

Comrade Fatso co-founded Shoko Festival, an annual event that has reached thousands of young people and created international touring opportunities for various Zimbabwean artists including Hope Masike, Simba The Comic King and Clive Chigubu. The award-winning festival scooped the Promoter of The Year Award two years in a row at the Zim Hip Hop Awards (2012 & 2013). Shoko has also hosted major international acts such as Khuli Chana (SA), Tony Rebel (JAM), Loyiso Gola (SA), Andi Teichmann (GER), The Layabouts (UK) and Hip Hop Pantsula (SA).

Comrade Fatso has been involved in events organizing since 2004. Magamba’s regular events have nurtured cutting edge new urban artists and hugely contributed to the growth of socially conscious spoken word, hip-hop and comedy in Zimbabwe. A project through which the likes of award-winning rapper, Synik and breakout alternative act, The Monkey Nuts were given their first platforms, the various events that Fatso and Magamba run truly engage young, urban and peri-urban Zimbabweans. The series of events include Bang Bang (a monthly stand up comedy event), Mashoko (a spoken word and music concert) and Peace In The Hood (a hip-hop community concert in the townships of Harare). Through Magamba’s Artist Agency, Comrade Fatso has overseen exchanges between local and international artists, having organised successful tours for Zimbabwean urban artists in South Africa, Botswana, Senegal, Germany and the UK.

Through Magamba’s B.The Media Project, Comrade Fatso is the publisher of Kalabash Media the award-winning website (Winner in the ‘Pursue Truth’ category at the World Summit Youth Awards, Sri Lanka 2013) that serves as a portal for youth expression and opinion from Zimbabweans. Its articles and other productions have spread like wildfire online and the site has over 80,000 unique readers and over 100,000 page views. Under the umbrella of the project also comes the Hub Unconference, an event on new media, activism and creative entrepreneurialism that has welcomed speakers from around the world and reached, at its peak, over 5 million impressions on Twitter. Comrade Fatso has mover around the country with the Hub Unconference project, been involved in the training of hundreds of young citizen journalists and the launch of brand new online platforms of youth expression.

Comrade Fatso is also the creator of Zambezi News, the popular satirical TV programme that’s uses humour to cleverly deal with Zimbabwe’s complex social and racial issues. The faux news show has been showcased live in Sweden, Swaziland, South Africa and Zimbabwe. It has been screened to millions on the continent via eNCANews and 1st TV and through DVD distribution has reached many, many more. With recent features on DSTV’s Late Nite News the future of the programme is gleaming with possibilities. Zambezi News has inspired a new generation of satirical productions and bold new comedians in Zimbabwe.
Solome Lemma

Solome Lemma is a philanthropist, activist, and organizer. She is currently a grantmaking program advisor at The Global Fund for Children (GFC). For over five years, she served as GFC’s Senior Program Officer for Africa, managing a large portfolio that included work with over 100 grassroots organizations in about 25 countries. Solome is also co-founder and coordinator of HornLight, an online platform that promotes diverse, nuanced, and dignified narratives on the Horn of Africa. She currently spends most of her time working to establish Africans in the Diaspora (AiD), a new organization that aims to unleash the philanthropic and intellectual capital of the Diaspora to advance sustainable development in Africa. In the past, Solome has worked with the UN Development Programme in Ethiopia, Human Rights Watch in New York City, and International Rescue Committee in Liberia. Solome received a master’s degree in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School and an undergraduate degree in international relations from Stanford University.

Stella Opoku Owusu

Stella Opoku-Owusu has over 12 years experience of capacity building and fundraising and is actively committed to diaspora development in Africa. She is the Engagement and Capacity Manager with the African Foundation for Development (AFFORD). Her role engages diaspora, INGOs, inter-governmental and international bodies, governments and other stakeholders involved in diaspora and development with a view to developing policy to create a better enabling environment for diaspora action and to develop capacity for stakeholders in the sector. She leads the AFFORD team advising African governments – this includes Ghana, Ethiopia and Malawi – on the development of their diaspora engagement policies. Stella previously managed the Africa-UK initiative, part of Comic Relief’s Common Ground Initiative (CGI), a project that engages and works with African diaspora to influence international development policy affecting Africa. She also developed, established and implemented AFFORD’s small grants programme. As a young diaspora professional working with AFFORD in 2003, she produced AFFORD’s ground-breaking research on young Africans in the UK - ‘Shaping Africa’s Future: Do young Africans in the Diaspora share the dreams of NEPAD/AU?’ In 2011, Stella spent five months contributing her time and resources to developing a grassroots organisation in the slums of Kibera in Kenya.

Sunday Khan

Khan joined Trust Africa in August 2010 as a Program Specialist for the Investment Climate and Business Environment (ICBE) Research Fund. Prior to this he was a staff member of the University of Yaoundé II, where he has been a senior lecturer in economics since 2003. He is also affiliated with the Centre for Research in Economics and Management. Khan holds a doctorate in economics from the University of Yaoundé and has consulted for the World Bank, North-South Institute, African Economic Research Consortium, NEPAD and ActionAid International. He was a Visiting Research Scholar at the IMF in 2001 and a Helleiner Visiting Scholar at the NSI (Ottawa) in 2005. Khan has published extensively in such peer-reviewed journals as the Brussels Economic Review, The African Finance Journal, The African Journal of Economic Policy, The Nigerian Journal of Economic and Social Studies, and The Journal of Educational Planning and Administration and has also published several book chapters and research papers. He speaks English, French and Pinyin.
Stigmata Tenga

Stigmata Tenga is an independent advisor and consultant specializing in social development with emphasis on social justice and poverty issues. Tenga Stigmata holds a MSc. in Agriculture and a PhD in Social Anthropology.

She is currently the Managing Director at ST Associates-Process Consultants and Facilitators Ltd and the President of the Foundation for Civil Society in Tanzania. She has worked in many countries in the region. Her work includes advisory roles on policy development, strategic planning, project designing, gender programming, institutional capacity building, accountability, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms with a variety of organizations and agencies, both domestically and internationally. Tenga works with the local and central Government of Tanzania as a technical advisor for gender and reform processes. She has intensively engaged and led efforts to strengthen the civil society organizations to become key catalysts for on-going change and development processes. Leadership that serves to empower citizens into realizing equal opportunities and social justice so as to improve their quality of life.

Tenga is a board member of various national and international civil society organizations and grant making foundations, including being a President at the Foundation for Civil Society in Tanzania, trustee of the National Council of People living with HIV and AIDs in Tanzania, a trustee of Southern African Trust in Southern Africa, Board Member of the African Capacity Building Advisory Board of the Africa Chapter of the Center for Development and Population (CEDPA) in Washington DC, as well as a trustee of the Center for Leadership and Development in East African.

Theo Sowa

Theo Sowa is an independent advisor and consultant, specialising in international social development with a particular emphasis on children’s rights and protection issues. She is currently the CEO of the African Women’s Development Fund. Born in Ghana, she has lived and worked in many countries in Africa, as well as the UK, Europe, and the USA. Her work includes advisory roles to African and other international women and children’s rights activists and leaders, plus policy development and advocacy with a variety of international agencies and organisations. She was Senior Programme Advisor on the UN Study on Children and Armed Conflict (the Machel Report) and led the five year review of the report.

Theo is a board member of various national and international civil society organisations and grant making foundations, including being a trustee of Comic Relief (a multimillion grant making foundation) and Chair of Comic Relief’s International Grants Committee; a member of the African Advisory Board of the Stephen Lewis Foundation; a Patron of Evidence for Development; a member of the UBS Optimus Foundation and a board member of the Graça Machel Trust. She has authored many publications, including being a contributing editor to ‘The Impact of War on Children’; a contributing author and co editor of a Harvard Law School/UNICEF Innocenti publication on ‘Children and Transitional Justice’; and co author of ‘Groupwork and Intermediate Treatment’.

Theo was awarded a CBE in June 2010.
Tomas Sales

Tomas Sales is the current UNDP Senior Private Sector Advisor and the African Facility for Inclusive Markets (AFIM) Team Leader at the new UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa in Addis Ababa, after servicing with the organization both in Johannesburg and New York. Under UNDP AFIM he has successfully worked with more than 38 African countries governments and their private sector both local and international, development partners and international organizations. He lead in the design, development and delivery of flagship products and services including the “African Inclusive Business Report advocating for the Ecosystem Collaborative Platforms”; the African Agribusiness Supplier Development Program; three Regional Food Value Chains Facilitation Platforms and Catalyst Grant Grants with ECOWAS, COMESA, EAC; the CAADP Investment Facilitation Program, the 14 Countries Great Lakes Sector Investment Opportunities Briefs. He also been leading in the conceptualization and preparation of the UNDP Impact Investing Africa – Trends, Constraints and Opportunities Study as well the ongoing process of launching a Public Private Dialogue platform and Action Plan for the development of this sector in the continent.

He began working for UNDP in 2008 in New York as the Global Manager for the program GSB (Growing Sustainable Business), its UNDP Lead Partnership Broker and Value Chain Team Coordinator which lasted till 2011. From 2005 -2008 he served as an Emerging Capital Markets Director and Senior Investment Advisor both with Caswell Capital Partners; a US based private equity firm and Development Partnerships- Devpar Group, a Canadian and international financial advisory firm focusing on Emerging and Frontier Markets Investments and assisting in the development of equity/stock and bond markets.

From 2000 -2005 Mr. Sales worked in Wall Street in New York for the Aidoo Group Capital Markets, an international investment boutique, where he started as a Research Analyst working on investment research reports for South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Morocco, Brazil, Mexico and Thailand. Clients included the Bank of America, Bankers Trust and a number of Emerging Markets Funds such as the Morgan Stanley Emerging Markets Fund and the New Modern Africa Group Fund.

Tomas Sales started his career as a development diplomat in the Mozambican Foreign Service Ministry. From 1980 he worked in Germany, Russia and the UN Headquarters in New York and later became the Head the Department of International Economic Cooperation and Conferences. He attended Fordham University in the United States and in 1993 completed a Post Graduate Diploma in International Finance and Business as well as a Masters on International Economics and Development.

Tendai Murisa

Born and raised in Zimbabwe, Murisa joined TrustAfrica in December 2009 to coordinate efforts to build an effective advocacy movement for sustainable and equitable agricultural development in Africa. He was named Executive Director by TrustAfrica’s Board of Trustees in July 2014, and took office on 1 October 2014. Murisa holds a B.Sc. in political science and administration from the University of Zimbabwe, where he graduated with honors; a Master’s degree in development studies from Leeds University in the UK; and a doctorate in sociology from Rhodes University in South Africa. He spent eight years at the African Institute for Agrarian Studies in Harare, where he developed policy dialogues and training programs aimed at improving pro-poor land and agrarian policies in Africa, and has two years of experience working at the Poverty Reduction Forum, also in Harare.
SPEAKER PROFILES

Vuyane Mhlomi

Vuyane Mhlomi, 27, is a South African medical doctor and Rhodes Scholar, currently reading a DPhil at Oxford University. He has been awarded several honors, including the Ackerman Family Foundation Award for outstanding leadership, and the South African Medical Association Young Leaders Award. He is a World Economic Forum Global Shaper and a Fellow of the Oxford Global Leadership Initiative. He is the founder of the MH Foundation, an educational non-profit organization he founded with other young professionals in South Africa. The MH Foundation offers scholarships to 10 learners from poor backgrounds through a program of educational support, mentoring, personal and career development, and social responsibility. Vuyane is named amongst the Johannesburg-based Mail & Guardian newspaper’s Top 200 Young South Africans.

Yves Niyiragira

Yves Niyiragira is Executive Director of Fahamu, a PanAfrican organisation that works for social justice in Africa. He has more than nine years of experience in policy analysis and advocacy on issues related to governance, citizen’s participation and women’s rights among others as well as an understanding of international affairs and international humanitarian laws. Prior to being appointed Executive Director in 2014, he was Programme Manager at Fahamu. Yves also serves on the board of directors of Open Hand Studios, a non-profit organisation based in Chicago, United States of America that seeks to preserve cultural diversities. He has a master’s degree in International Relations with a specialisation on diplomacy and foreign policy. He comments and writes on African affairs; his recent paper is “The interface between South Africa’s leadership at the African Union Commission and the Global South: A contextual and empirical analysis.”

Yvonne Chaka Chaka

Yvonne Chaka Chaka is considered a role model throughout the African continent and she has demonstrated compassion for others throughout her career. Yvonne has taught literacy, promoted the rights of women, and never stopped to work to protect children everywhere. As UNICEF’s Goodwill Ambassador against malaria, and also Ambassador for Roll-Back Malaria (sponsored by the World Bank, United Nations, World Health Organization, and other institutions), Yvonne tirelessly campaigns for medications and bed nets that will help to end malaria — a preventable and curable disease that kills 3,000 people in Africa every day. Inspired by these statistics she created her own charity, the Princess of Africa Foundation.

Yvonne has also served as Ambassador for the University of South Africa (UNISA); City of Johannesburg Tourism, and Nelson Mandela’s 46664 Campaign. Yvonne embraces the belief that every citizen should play a part in building community, so when she was asked to become an honorary Colonel in the South Africa Air Force, she didn’t hesitate. Her duties include team-building and attaining excellence in communication. In 2001 Yvonne was named one of the Top 100 Heroes of South Africa by the Star Newspaper. Despite a travel schedule that keeps her on the road much of the time, Yvonne continues to make time to motivate, inspire, and educate everyone she meets.

Her continual efforts to raise donor monies from various African governments, the Global Fund, the World Bank, and the Gates Foundation ensure that those who need help the most will get it. Of the many awards and accolades she’s earned, Yvonne says that being the recipient of the Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Award, established in 1957, was a great honour. Today, the voice of Yvonne Chaka Chaka has also become the voice for untold others who suffer injustice and disease. Her wisdom and insight, combined with common sense and good judgment, have become evident in the dignity, poise, and courage she radiates. It is said that the only way to have a friend is to be one, and the Princess of Africa lives this credo.