

AFRICAN YOUTH CHARTER HUSTLERS INITIATIVE

2020 - 2022

A Flagship Initiative building A Movement of Youth-Led Accountability to lead the ratification and implementation of the African Youth Charter as well as the institution of effective monitoring and reporting mechanisms.

■ BACKGROUND

Cognizant of Africa's burgeoning youth population, with over 75% of the continent's population under the age of 35, the African Union has since prioritized the empowerment of young people as central to achieving the vision of Agenda 2063.

The African Youth Charter, adopted in 2006, is a rights-based framework which guides the engagement and empowerment of youth in Africa, enshrines their rights, duties and freedoms and has spawned the action plans which have guided continental programming, the African Plan of Action on Youth Empowerment (2019-2023).

Article 28 of the Charter mandates the African Union Commission (AUC) to collaborate with governments, non-governmental institutions, and developmental partners to identify best practices on youth policy formulation and implementation and encourage the adaptation principles and experiences sharing.

In a similar vein, Article 26a calls for young people to be custodians of their own development. The AUC's youth engagement strategy is centred on youth ownership of their outcomes, youth-led accountability, and building the capacity of young Africans to undertake these responsibilities.

As mandated by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission H.E. Moussa Faki, the African Union Youth Envoy published 2019/20 Action Plan. The Action Plan, under the Advocacy Model, seeks to mobilize the African Youth Charter (AYC) Hustlers, to lead continental, regional and national advocacy for the ratification and implementation of the Charter as well as the institution of effective monitoring and reporting mechanisms. This is in line with the AUC's 1 Million by 2021 Initiative, which seeks to provide opportunities for African youth in the game-changing areas of employment, education, entrepreneurship and engagement. Under the engagement pillar, the initiative seeks to create meaningful platforms for youth to drive change in their environments.

■ THE AFRICAN YOUTH CHARTER HUSTLERS

This is a flagship initiative spear-headed by the African Union Office of the Youth Envoy, with the support of the Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology, and in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities, and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, seeking to mobilize the African Youth to lead continental, regional and national advocacy for the ratification and implementation of the Charter as well as the institution of effective monitoring and reporting mechanisms.

The Youth Charter Hustlers initiative engages two mobilizers per country, one male and one female from the 55 member states, for a period of two years (November 2020 - 2022). The initiative seeks to create meaningful platforms for youth to drive change in their environments, through youth-led advocacy and youth-led accountability, to ensure results on continental commitments.

THE AYC HUSTLERS MISSION

ADVOCATE FOR ACTION



Actively advocate for the ratification of the African Youth Charter by the 16 AU Member States who are yet to sign and/or ratify;



Actively Advocate for the implementation by Member states of the African Plan of Action on Youth Empowerment (APAYE);



Actively advocate for the implementation of the Charter in their countries, including the establishment of effective National Youth Councils (NYCs) where they are absent, the reaffirmation and strengthening of NYCs where they exist, and the establishment of progressive national youth policies and youth funds;

PROMOTE AFRICA'S MODEL



Document the best practices of AU Member States, and encourage sharing, replication and scaling up of these practices on youth inclusion and leadership informed by, and building on, the Status of African Youth Report;



Promote policy formulation to increase youth involvement and participation in decision-making processes at all levels- political, social and economic spheres;



Promote Pan-Africanism, Agenda 2063, African solidarity and intergenerational co-leadership

HUSTLE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY



Engage the AU Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Youth, Culture and Sports and advocate for the development of a continental monitoring framework on the implementation of the AYC and the APAYE;



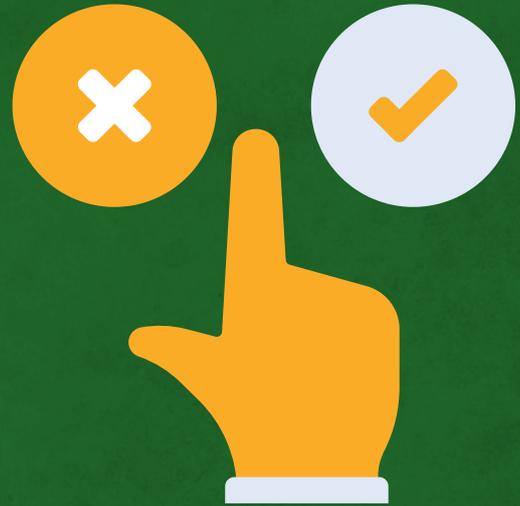
Support the effective monitoring of the implementation of the AYC and the APAYE;



Support the collection of data, as well as other accountability matrices for the Status of the African Youth Report and the African Peer Review Mechanism

SELECTION OF THE AFRICAN YOUTH CHARTER HUSTLERS

The African Union Office of the Youth Envoy has released the list of the **110 selected** as the African Youth Charter Hustlers among over **2,100 youth applicants** from across the continent and the diaspora, focused on their role in advocacy and commitment in volunteering for two years to hustle for the implementation of the Youth Charter across the continent.



The initiative opened up closed intergovernmental spaces with inclusive gender balance and diaspora engagement. This is the first initiative of the African Union with fully inclusive youth representation across the **55 AU member states**.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HUSTLERS

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ANGOLA



● LUIS BENGUI GANGE

Luis Bengui is graduated of one of the most prestigious university of Angola, University Agostinho Neto, has a specialization in Business and leadership by the university of Nevada Reno in the united states, and by the APLP training academy in Egypt, Luis bengui is founder of Si4s Lombongo a consultancy that provides training professional internships for several young Angolans, luis is passionate about agribusiness and likes to mediate conflicts to maintain the peace and tranquility of his homeland. Luis is also committed to influence state policies to ensure that the rights of youth are being fulfilled.

● LIRIA DE CASTRO

Líria Victoria Miguel de Castro, 27 anos de idade, nascida aos 20 de Fevereiro de 1993, na Província de Luanda/Angola, Solteira, Portadora do bilhete de identidade nº: 001459749LA030, filha de Fausto de Castro e de Luísa Mateus Miguel.

Durante o meu percurso académico sempre interessei-me pelas causas sociais e políticas. Técnica média de Gestão Empresarial (2010-2012). Licenciada em Relações Internacionais pelo Instituto Superior de Ciência Social e Relações Internacionais (2013- 2017) com o tema de dissertação: TERRORISMO CONTEMPORANEO E SUAS REPERCURSSÕES POLÍTICAS E SOCIAIS EM ÁFRICA: O CASO DE ESTUDO NIGÉRIA-2009-2015. Co-fundadora e Directora Geral da ONG Arquivo de Identidade Angolano, o primeiro colectivo de Mulheres Feministas LBTIQ+ Angolano que luta pela defesa dos direitos Humanos das mulheres e inclusão social. Participou em vários projectos sociais e académicos e actualmente Especialista em Direitos das Mulheres e Igualdade de Género. Escritora em tempos livres. Escrevo poesias, artigos não científicos e crônicas.

BOTSWANA



● DUMISO GATSHA

Dumiso is a Pan African feminist human rights defender with over 9 years working with diverse youth communities and networks on decolonising SDGs, treaty bodies, special procedures, public health, philanthropy and governance. Notable advocacy on the Beijing +25, ICPD +25 and at the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women and the African Commission on Human and People's Rights. A two-time masters graduate in Strategic Management and Human Rights & Democratisation in Africa respectively, Global Chartered Management Accountant and PRINCE2 Practitioner with previous consultancy work for the UNDP and Botswana Council of NGOs. Founder of Success Capital NGO, SDG 16 Regional Focal Point for UN Major Group on Children & Youth and Board Member at the World Youth Movement for Democracy and Accountable Now.

● BONOLO MAGOWE

Bonolo Magowe is an international debater, a critical thinker, an inspired writer and development practitioner. She is also one of the founders and coordinators of the first Southern Africa Development Community Open- A series of regional youth led dialogues focused on regional integration and sustainable development. She is the Programme Coordinator for the Southern African Political Parties and Dialogue Program at Democracy Works Foundation, working closely with the Political Parties Women and Youth Wings in Botswana to challenge their political party structures. She is currently conducting a political party inclusivity audit to determine the internal inclusivity of parties structure. Through this audit, Bonolo will develop indicators to monitor inclusion of women, youth and marginalized groups according to relevant governmental and international policies

ESWATINI



● MTHOBISI MANGALISO SIMELANE

Mthobisi is an advocate, Activist, Facilitator, Young investigator, Volunteer and Peer Educator/Teen Leader.

She is passionate about Africa's Universal Health Coverage and about meaningful engagement of Young People (MAYE) in all sectors of governance advocacy and Youth-led Leadership.

She is an active participant in the fulfillment of Africa's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

● TEMAHLUNGWANE TREASURE MKHONTA

Temahlungwane Treasure Mkhonta is currently a nursing student doing her final year at the University of Eswatini.

She is also an Elisabeth Glaser Paediatric AIDS Foundation volunteer in an initiative called Committee of African Youth Advisors.

She works with young people aged from 12 years old to 24 years old, helping them to develop as young HIV positive individuals.

Her passion is advocacy.

LESOTHO



THEKO TLEBERE

Theko is an International Relations Development Practitioner with a focus on Youth/children development and People & Organisation Development (POD).

He believes in working with organisations that focus on capacity-building, on initiating policies and programs towards goal achievement. He is a Projects Administrator, Political scientist, Researcher, Analyst, Policy advisor, Youth development practitioner, International development expert, Human resource manager, Youth Interventions Certified (YIC) Practitioner, Change Agent, Mentor, Coordinator and Writer.

Theko has a masters of Law in International relations from the China Foreign Affairs University, and a double undergraduate degree in public Administration and Political Science. He has vast experience as a volunteer, having worked for numerous organizations in Lesotho and beyond. He is an alumni of the African Union Youth Volunteer Corps.

MAMOQENELO PRISCILLA MOROLONG

Mamoqenelo was born in a humble family from a small district of Lesotho. She is a young African enthusiast for women and children empowerment with years of volunteering, working in civil services and academia in improving the quality of young people's lives through youth advocacy, education and mentorship.

Her work has taken her to more than seven African countries over the last five year, during which time she has developed a unique knowledge on the inherent issues facing young people in Africa, as well as the interaction between academia and politics.

In particular, her skills are linked to software development, procurement and administration, Cyber-security and examines the interplay of cybercrime and the society as well as the global economy, while highlighting the key opportunities for cyber-security; capitalizing on her rare ability to translate trends in technology, politics, regulatory matters and frameworks into their likely impact on real lives.

MALAWI



TANAKA CHIROMBO

Tanaka Chirombo, Malawi's Adolescent activist of the year 2020 is a firm believer that Africa's development dwells on the youth who are the continent's great resource.

Tanaka is a public health student at University of Livingstonia (Law campus), and a board member representing eastern and southern Africa on the Global Y+ and the country director of the Africa Asia Youth foundation Malawi.

He was part of this year's 2nd SADC Youth Forum and SADC Youth parliament as a participant and has also been involved in the 2018 SADC people's summit debate competition in Namibia.

Furthermore he sits as country representer on youth AFROCARB.

MILDRED CHIRWA

Mildred is a social entrepreneur, a volunteer enthusiast and a humanitarian at heart. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities (Philosophy) from the University of Malawi, Chancellor College. She recently served as a CorpsAfrica volunteer in the rural areas of Malawi and Rwanda where she facilitated community-led projects. From there, she went back to Malawi where she worked with Plan International Malawi as an intern before joining GiveDirectly as a field officer. Currently, Mildred is pursuing a master's degree in cooperation and development at the University of Pavia in Milan, Italy.

As a young change maker, Mildred has worked with organizations like World Peace Organization, Graca Machel Trust, the Commonwealth Youth Council, and World Literacy Foundation on girls empowerment, civic engagement, financial inclusion, peace building and entrepreneurship. In 2018, Mildred participated in a YALI residential program in South Africa where she was trained as a civic leader.

MOZAMBIQUE



● LOGERMÍNIO AMÉRICO MAVILE

Loger Mavile has a degree in Electronic Engineering from Eduardo Mondlane University with five years of professional experience. He currently works as a teacher at the Instituto Técnico de Moçambique (ITM) and as an Instrumentation Technician at Domotike Lda. His passion for social activism started very early when at the age of 16, he was invited to join a group of young activists engaged in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Through visual arts, he was able to arise awareness and spread messages on HIV/AIDS prevention and combating in schools and around his community.

Logerminio, also collaborates at Genesis Empreendedor, a non-profit organization committed to empowering young people and alleviating poverty among the most disadvantaged communities in Mozambique. He's an active fellow UNDP Youth Connekt Africa 2019, YALI RLC Southern Africa, Baanko 2020 and Succenergy 2019.

● FRANCISCA NORONHA

Francisca Guilherme Noronha was born in Mozambique. She is passionate about voluntary work.

Francisca studied Journalism and has a degree in Sociology from the Pedagogical University, and is also a graduate of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI).

As a member of the African Youth Network's that aims to unify youth voices, she empowers young people with skills and knowledge that are on-demand in 21st-century labour markets, benefitting up to 3000 young people, especially women.

This year, she launched the initiative "Empowerment of Women in Public Speaking".

She is also part of the National Network of Human Rights' Defenders.

NAMIBIA



● LOT NDAMANOMHATA

Lot Ndamanomhata is a former Board Member of the National Youth Council of Namibia. He has extensive experience in youth activism from various youth lead movements in Namibia such as the SWAPO Party League (SPYL), Namibian National Students Organization (NANSO) and the National Youth Council of Namibia (NYC).

He is inspired to pursue a career in international relations and diplomacy. He authored many articles. He holds an undergraduate, Honours degree in Journalism & Media Technology and is enrolled in a Masters of Journalism & Media Technology from the Namibia's University of Science and Technology.

Since October 2019, he is employed as Head of Communications & Corporate Services. Mr. Ndamanomhata is hopeful that he will be able to put his 9 years in youth & leadership development to good use to inspire others and build a better society for all.

● BERTHA TOBIAS

"Known for her razor-sharp eloquence, unyielding drive and professional versatility, international award-winning speaker, MC and youth leader Bertha Tobias has wide-reaching experience in strategic socio-political relations and youth development. She is a graduate of the United World College Changshu China and is currently pursuing an International Relations and Economics dual major at Claremont McKenna College, a leading private institution of higher learning in Claremont, California. Bertha, who is a Davis scholar, has been serving as #BeFree Ambassador since 2017 and has interned at the United Nations Population Fund to facilitate national social progress for women in Namibia and beyond. In her school community, Bertha has served as the Chairperson of the Student Government as well as the College Management Committee student representative. Most recently, she has been at the forefront of #ShutItAllDown protests in her country of Namibia, highlighting the importance of meaningful youth participation in political activity.

SOUTH AFRICA



THEO MOETSE

Theo Lehlohonolo Moetse is a self-taught visual and digital technician and marketing specialist. After being financially challenged to cover his formal education in Information Systems and Software development, he made the decision to further his education in his own capacity and pursued related interests and marketable skills.

He is driven and passionate about self-development and about issues the environment. He values learning and growth and has fought his way into Film, Business as well as Political environments from SABC, AMF (Africa Media Fund) all the way to being a Web Developer for the World Youth Summit, whose visions and goals align with his own.

Coming from a background characterised with a lack of access to resources pushes Theo to develop the world he lives in day after day.



JENNIFER MPHO LEBETHE

Jennifer is passionate about women empowerment and youth development which lead her to establish Building Blocks and Miss Empowered. She advocates for building sustainable and impactful businesses in Africa.

Building Blocks provides Entrepreneurship Education in High Schools with the aim of helping alleviate the youth unemployment crisis in South Africa.

They seek to help young people use their skills and talents to enterprise themselves by equipping them with entrepreneurial tools and encouraging job creation rather than job seeking.

Miss Empowered is a Non-Profit Company that provides career tools to high school students. Through, A Seat at the Table, which is an extension of Miss Empowered, they bring women together through events to build community.

ZAMBIA



● CHABALA KEN CHISENGA

Chabala Ken Chisenga is a Global Peace Ambassador with Global Peace Chain.

He is also a YALI Network Member, UN-MGCY Member. He also went for Junior President and formed a junior party called PDP (Peoples Democratic Party).

Chabala loves learning new things, working hand in hand with fellow change-makers.



● MZEZITI CRECENCIA MWANZA

Young professional female with over four years' work experience in Human Rights Advocacy and one-year work experience in Electoral Process Observation and Governance.

Over the past year, Mzeziti has worked on four Parliamentary By -Elections Observation Projects with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and the Christian Churches Monitoring Group where she is currently working as Provincial Coordinator.

She hopes to promote youth participation in democratic processes, fight inequality and empower young people who aspire for leadership as evidenced by successful advocacy projects she has led with the ONE Campaign and Fight Inequality Alliance Zambia (FIA).

She intends to work with innovative youth to maximize mutual benefits in fostering the African Youth Charter agenda.

ZIMBABWE



RONALD TATENDA MAGOMO

Ronald Tatenda Magomo is a young game changer who is passionate about Youth development, with the aim of seeing a society without inequalities.

Ronald remains keen to see the meaningful participation of Youth in the economic, political and social spheres guided by the African Youth Charter. Currently, Ronald is the Regional Advocacy and Communications Manager with Southern Africa Youth Forum (SAYoF-SADC) and also a Regional Focal Point for Africa in the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth (UNMGCY) Migration Working Group.

He is also representing SADC Youth in the Africa Youth Front on Coronavirus (AYFC), a high level Policy and Advocacy Framework put in place by the African Union for African Youth to co-lead Africa's response to COVID19. Ronald is the Zimbabwe Focal Point in the Network of African Youth for Development (NAYD) and a former YouthLead Ambassador Peer Advisor with YouthLead.

THANDO GWINJI

Thando GWINJI is a digital media specialist, gender champion and renowned youth leader based in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. She is currently the Managing Director of Youth for Innovation Trust and chairperson of the Zimbabwe Young Women's Alliance.

Thando Gwinji, through YIT, has been empowering young women and girls to claim their space in male-dominated sectors of development such as the ICT sector. She has assisted many school girls and students to participate in tech competitions such as the Technovation Challenge.

As recognition for her work, Gwinji was honoured with an award for being a gender champion for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence in 2019 with the Dutch Embassy. Gwinji also made it to the list of 100 Most Influential People in Zimbabwe under the age of 40. She has extensive knowledge of the African Union Agenda 2063 and Sustainable Development goals.

DÉFENSEURS DE LA CHARTE AFRICAINE DE LA JEUNESSE

AFRIQUE DU NORD



ALGERIA



● SAMI AISSAOUI

Sami started his volunteering journey in 2012 as a social activist by founding a charity association.

He founded Google Developers Group El Tarf, a volunteering chapter that aims to teach people how to use new technologies: Web and App development.

He graduated in 2017 with Bsc in Computing Science and has worked for Renault and Oppo as a salesman.

He started working as Marketing Manager & communication and has a wide range of skills, from marketing communication to event organizing. He is an African Union Youth Volunteer.

In 2020, he won the Best Startup Prize of the biggest Virtual Startup Hackathon in Algeria.

● MANAL BENANI

Manal Benani is an Algerian doctor. She is a trainer in debate and public speaking skills, and currently a masters student of diplomacy at the Mediterranean academy of diplomacy in Malta.

Her journey with civil society started in 2012 with the Young Mediterranean voices as a debater, to later become the chairwoman and organiser of the national debate competition in 2017.

Her most distinguished participation was in the exclusive meeting with HR/VP Federica Mogherini in March 2017 followed by other meetings in Mali, Jordan, Spain, Malta and many others.

EGYPT



● YOUSSEF AROOG

Aroog holds a Bachelor of Arts and Education from Al-Azhar University. He is a researcher specializing in international experiences in youth empowerment. He has a 5 years' experience in founding and managing youth movements and organizations, and has studied leadership and peacebuilding at Cambridge University, UK.

Youssef is interested in conveying the voice of youth to officials, especially youth with fewer opportunities, and dedicates his efforts to create more opportunities for them.

During the past three years, Aroog has also concluded 12 partnership in the field of youth work with youth organizations and national agencies in more than 18 countries in the European Union.

Youssef spent more than 10,000 volunteering hours with governmental and international organizations in Egypt, Russia, Spain, Hungary, Estonia and the UK.



● MENNAH GHONAIM

Mennah Ghonaim is an Egyptian graduate from Faculty of Alsun, Ain Shams University, Russian department. She is passionate about political science, languages, and development. She is always interested in developing her skills, so since 2015 she joined different models of simulations and ended up in Tunis where she represented the Egyptian delegation and won the best delegate award from the Model of African Union in 2018. Being interested in translation and advocacy, she joined "Her Story" campaign in 2017 and she is an editor in the initiative since then. She translated different topics about women and economics and non-communicable diseases. She is also a youth peer tutor at Y-Peer Egypt which is funded by UNFPA. Currently, she enrolled in a political science diploma, where she discovered her new passion regarding scientific research in international relations and foreign policy. One day, she would love to be in a position where she is capable of making the right decision for her country.

LIBYA



● LUBNA ALBESHARI

Lubna Albeshari graduated from Benghazi university with a Bachelor degree in Science, from the Department of Medical Physics.

After graduation, she worked in multiple sectors before starting a career in the aid sector. Since then, she has worked with different national and international organizations in the humanitarian and development sector.

Lubna considers every project to be a unique experience and an opportunity to learn.

● ALHARETH ELSHIBANI

A simple youth with great ambition. Productivity is a norm within my Character. I thrive towards creating value in my country and continent, by valuing integrity, assertiveness, compassion, and empathy. I have developed ample experience in building youth's capacity, through several projects in Libya, Africa, and the world, with an aim to create change in Libya and Africa, throughout continuous push over policy change and advocate youth-related issues.

Throughout my experience, I have encountered challenges that have enabled me to provide various solutions and decisive consultations locally and internationally. Additionally, my work towards my community is aligned within my development. Thus, I continue to support youth in Libya and Africa by sponsoring capacity building and educational value. Through various platforms online and in the field. Thus, increasing the cooperating aspects to ensure to reach to the most active youths.

MAURITANIA



● **DIOP ABDERRAHMANE**

Diop Abderrahmane, is a consultant in food and nutritional security and Vice-president of the SDGs for Mauritania business center.

He is also a member and communication manager within the association of Mauritanian nutritionists.

He is very active in civil society in Mauritania and Tunisia. He has managed several environmental and climate projects, and worked extensively on adopting more climate resilient agricultural systems in order to increase production and achieve food security in Africa and also protect agricultural land.

● **KHADIJETOU BA**

khadijetou Ba is from Mauritania. She is a Commercial Manager by training and president of an initiative for maternal and child protection.

She is an alumna of the online civic leadership workshop by YALI Dakar and an Alumni of the second edition of the 2063 Academy.

MOROCCO



HATIM EL OTMANI

With his strong believe that it is only through co-leadership the world can face the 21st Century issues, Hatim is leading a grassroots change in his country as a President of Atlas4dev, a youth led NGO.

As UN SDG Action Campaign Award Winner as best mobilizer in 2018, an Ambassador of the Royal Initiative the African Youth Climate Hub, Hatim remains very engaged in the youth community. He leads and inspires youth to be a catalyst of change.

He has an extensive experience in project management, mobilization and has led many initiatives in Morocco, such as the 2063 Academy project, aiming to promote the African Agenda 2063, and also making youth part of its achievement by taking local-based actions. The project has impacted more than 700 youth across the continent. Hatim defines himself as a young change-maker who is Moroccan by birth but African by heart.



YASMINA BENSLIMANE

Yasmina Benslimane is a young Moroccan human rights activist with Mauritanian origins. Her fascination for Pan-Africanism was transmitted through the work of her late grandfather, who was responsible for implementing Moroccan policy on OAU issues. Ms. Benslimane's professional experience involves national human rights institutions, NGOs, and UN agencies such as UNESCO, IOM, UNHCR, and UNDP. Yasmina speaks on social and global issues particularly on topics related to political participation, youth & women empowerment, migration, and peace-building. She has founded Politics4Her a feminist youth-led blog and movement that breaks stereotypes, helps women grow more informed, and encourages active participation in civil society. Highly skilled in communication and media, human rights, policy analysis, research, and writing, Yasmina holds a BA in Political Science from SLU, a MA in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes from UPEACE and is currently pursuing a MA in Forced Migration and Refugee Protection.

SAHRAWI REPUBLIC



● SIDAHMED ERGUEIBI SAAD ABDELHAI

Sidahmed Jouly is a Saharawi human rights activist and civil society actor, graduated in 2016 with a Master's degree in international relations, worked extensively with Oxfam in advocacy and youth engagement in Saharawi refugee camps in Algeria.



● MAGLAHA HAMMA AYENA

Maglaha Hamma Ayena was born and has lived in a refugee camp in Algeria.

She studied at Jijel University, and at the Academy of Leading Businesses of University of Autonoma de Madrid. She worked as a volunteer with the Students' Union in then the Landmine Victims Association and Association of Detainees and Missing Sahrawi and Danish Demining Group.

Maglaha leads the Dialogue for Peace project and the Maghreb Dialogue project to reinforce Resolution 2250. She is also a member of a partnership project with Oxfam.

TUNISIA



● ACHREF CHIBANI

Achref Chibani is a Tunisian activist whose core areas of focus are climate change, human rights, and socio-economic development.

He has extensive experience working in international organizations such as Hilfswerk International, the Arab Trade Union Confederation, and Earth Hour Tunisia.

Achref is also a translator and journalist and reports on diverse issues for international and local media in Arabic and English. Academically, Achref has a Master's degree in Translation (English, French, and Arabic).



● INES JEDAY

Ines Jeday is a University Assistant in the Higher Institute of Technological Studies of Mahdia teaching English.

She is an Executive Trainer in communication and soft skills, strategic planning and entrepreneurship with TAMK-in Network.

Ines Jeday also works as a Sales Account Manager in Demco Group and she is a Sustainable Development Project Officer in the same company.

Jeday is an AU/CIEFFA ALUMNI: During the last 4 years, she was part of a large network of gender equality advocates.

She participated in different high-level dialogues and events on the Education of Girls and Women in Africa and discussed policies and practices to promote STEM-focused education for Women and Girls.

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BURUNDI



● ARTHUR NIYONKURU

Arthur Niyonkuru is a Burundian physician, a reproductive health specialist (M.D, M.P.H). He develops and leads awareness campaigns on GBV, carries out capacity building for NGOs, and teaches public health in several universities in Bujumbura.

Arthur Niyonkuru is an activist who leads conferences for young leaders in Burundi. He co-founded and manages SIMA-Burundi a communication company as well as CVS.Ngozi Club of young Burundian doctors committed to medical innovation in Burundi.



● KELLY CYNTHIA KAZE

Kelly Cynthia Kaze is a young Burundian who graduated in economic sciences and international trade. Her working history has been in advocacy/ campaign initiatives, monitoring and evaluation and documentation & communication.

She has had the opportunity to work with different organizations/networks such as ActionAid International Burundi, African Union Office of the Youth Envoy, African Women Leaders Networks, Burundian Girl Guides Association, Association for the Promotion of Burundian Girl, and East Africa Youth Leadership Program.

Her human's rights activism journey began with her work as a community worker, mobiliser through civil society initiatives focusing on activities related to women's rights, sexual and gender-based violence, sexual and reproductive health, youth empowerment. She is expecting to contribute in establishing and supporting local efforts from youth that support gender equality for inclusive development as well youth mobilization campaigns.

CAMEROON



● PIAMEU NDE PRINCE DARWIN

Prince Darwin is a doctoral student at the University of Dschang, where he is studying Political Science with a focus on international relations and security issues, including the fight against terrorism, specifically Boko Haram.

This work allows him to appreciate how sensitive young people are to the sirens of violent extremism in the context of a globalisation that places them on the sidelines of modernity.

He has worked as Secretary of the National Student Bureau of the Cameroon Students Bible Fellowship, a student movement with over 800 members.

The missions he carried out there granted him an awareness of the need for young people to take responsibility and initiative in an increasingly deleterious social environment.

● FADIMATOU IYAWA OUSMANOU

Fadimatou Iyawa Ousmanou est une jeune Camerounaise. Elle est depuis 2018 la 1ère femme élue Présidente Nationale du Conseil National de la Jeunesse du Cameroun (CNJC).

Sur le plan professionnel, elle est ingénieure informaticienne spécialiste des questions de biométrie et de cyber sécurité. Titulaire de deux Masters en télécommunications et Réseaux et en Système d'information et Génie Logiciel obtenu respectivement.

Au niveau international, elle est Secrétaire Général Afrique Francophone du Conseil de la Jeunesse Afro-Arabe depuis décembre 2018. Suites aux séries de consultation virtuelles de la jeunesse de l'Union africaine sur la COVID-19, elle est membre de la task force de la Africa Youth Front on Coronavirus présider par l'envoyée spéciale de la Jeunesse de l'Union Africaine et qui travaille en collaboration avec la Africa CDC.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC



● BACHIR NIANG SO

Bachir NIANG SO is a Young Leader from the Central African Republic. He is a national Expert in Adolescent and Youth Development.

He is the founding president of the Pan-African organization Jeunes Agents de Développement which works in the field of adolescent and youth development.

He is the secretary general of the executive committee of the CSOFORUM on the Rights and Welfare of Children, the president of the Network of Child Rights Organizations in Central Africa (REDEAC) and the president of the Coalition of Child Rights Organizations in Central Africa (COCDE).

● HAMAT-EL-MAGIDO ADJA-KADIDJE

Agée de 26 ans, Adja-Kadidje est une activiste de la paix et la sécurité à la RCA ainsi que dans la sous-région Afrique centrale (Tchad-Cameroun - RCA).

Elle a commencé son militantisme en 2014 dans la Plateforme Interconfessionnelle de la Jeunesse Centrafricaine (PIJCA), dont elle est membre fondateur. Avec ses collègues, ils ont mené beaucoup de projets pour un appel à la paix et à la réconciliation entre les communautés en période de conflits d'armes.

Elle a mené plusieurs projets sur le leadership féminin et la cohésion sociale, la lutte contre les VBG, la réinsertion

socioéconomique des ex-combattants et l'autonomisation économique des jeunes tant à la capitale (Bangui) que dans les provinces. Coordonnatrices de médiatrices sociales depuis 2015 jusqu'à ce jour, elle a réussi à jeter les jallons d'une dynamique d'action collective des femmes et jeunes filles centrafricaines et tchadiennes pour la paix et la reconstruction post-conflit par la création d'un réseau de jeunes militantes pour la paix en RCA et au Tchad. Celui-ci est un programme d'appui et/ou de création des initiatives locales des jeunes pour la paix et la sécurité dans la zone CEMAC. Elle est aussi membre actif de RASPAC, un Réseau des Acteurs de la Société Civile pour la Paix en Afrique Centrale.

CHAD



● BACHAR MOUSTAPHA BATRANE

Bachar Moustapha Batrane is the Country Lead of the Hult Prize foundation in Chad and Program Coordinator at the United Nations Youth Section of Chad (UNYSEC).

Previously, He has served as a Campus Director at the University of N'Djamena where he empowers students with Entrepreneurship skills. Furthermore, Bachar has also served as a Global Peace Ambassador.

He has been awarded the Prestigious YALI Fellowship in 2017 for Young African Leaders, and the ICYF Media fellowship and African Changemaker fellowship. Moreover, Bachar speaks Fluently English and French.

Last but not least, Bachar has two bachelors degrees: in Public Law and in English Language and literature.

● MAKKA ISSA GOUKOUNI

"Makka Issa Goukouni is a business lawyer, holder of a Master 2 in Business Law. After several experiences in companies and notary offices, she started her career in 2018 in a renowned law firm as Legal Counsel.

She has developed a passion for volunteerism and leadership as an Alumna of the Young African Leader Initiative (YALI) and the promotion of pan-Africanism and integration.

Her dream is to integrate further pan-African organizations in order to contribute to the development of Africa."

CONGO DRC



● SMITH ETUMBA KASHINDE

Smith Etumba is an activist for Child Protection, Human Rights Civic Leadership and Citizen Engagement and Right to Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRHR).

Smith is a member of the Peace, Education, Gender and Health Commission of Afrika Youth Movement and Current Country Coordinator of AYM/HUB DRC, CEO of ExpeditAfrica company. He is a research consultant on the issue of peace, conflict resolution through the traceability of small arms and light weapons at the borders of Eastern DRC and its East African neighboring countries with the ELOCOS DRC AND NOVA Consortium.

● IRIS NZOLANTIMA

Congolaise, Iris Nzolantima est une jeune femme Entrepreneur à multiples casquettes et une Activiste engagée pour la promotion du bien-être, l'égalité entre les sexes, de la bonne gouvernance, de la jeunesse ainsi que de l'éducation menstruelle.

Lauréate du prestigieux Collège des Hautes Études de Stratégie et Défense (CHESD), elle détient aussi une Licence en Gestion des Relations Publiques de l'Université Technologique de Tshwane, un Certificat en Droit des Contrats de l'Université de Harvard et un Certificat en Pétrole et Gaz de l'IFP School.

Iris est passionnée par les sciences politiques, la Géopolitique, la Sécurité, et l'Aviation.

GABON



● BORICE E. EFOUA ABA'A

Borice Evard Efova Aba'a est originaire du Gabon. Il est agriculteur et entrepreneur. Il est aussi un Éleveur, Zootechnicien de formation et producteur de viande porcine.

Après avoir acquis de l'expérience à travers sa famille et étudié les sciences animales au Mali, sa vision de l'agriculture et la valorisation du potentiel des jeunes la conduit à débiter des projets entrepreneuriaux en 2015.

En 2017, il est devenu un alumni de YALI et TEEP. En septembre, il fonde officiellement l'entreprise Agri Business Activities - ABA.

En 2019, après une vie associative animée, il est nommé président de l'association YPARD au niveau national au Gabon.

Il est passionné et engagé dans le développement de l'agriculture, l'entrepreneuriat et le leadership des jeunes.

● PENDEMOAKOUMET-DJABOUTH CLAUDE D.

Claude Dominique PENDEMOAKOUMET DJABOUTH. is a Gabonese of 29. She is graduated from Omar Bongo University. I hold a bachelor's in French literature and a master's in communication.

She is interested in both literature and ICTs. She is a hard worker and perfectionist.

She is also interested in humanity field. Dealing with achievements, in 2009 she was involved in a program to struggle against hunger, lunched by the Ngo Action Contre la Faim.

In 2015 she was involved in campaign against HIV organised by the NGO Gamma.

she can be summed up through this sentence by Desmond Tutu " if you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."

SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE



● MÁRIO JUSTINO QUIPUNDIA LOPES DE CEITA

Mario Lopes is the co-founder of Tela Digital Media Group and editor of STP Digital, a news platform that shares news from citizen media around Sao Tome and Principe with the goal of combatting fake news in the country. He uses his talent to advocate for youth and women empowerment and to build the next generation of leaders. Currently, he is a board member and policy advisor in the National Youth Council of Sao Tome and Principe and Vice-President of the NGO Galo Canta, using his expertise in leadership, communication and digital marketing. He is passionate about good governance, quality education, peace and security, and good life for all. He believes in peace-building and inclusion for a better future.

● ANESILINA FRANCISCA DA TRINDADE CARVALHO

Anesilina da Trindade Carvalho graduated with a BA in International Development and will soon start a Masters in Gender and Feminism. She is currently a Policy Assistant Intern at the Women, Gender and Development Directorate at the African Union, alongside being member of the Coligacao dos PALOP and Country Director at International Youth Society. She is engaged with a pan-african project, having created FINDAFRICA to teach and enhance all aspects of the continent. She is currently part of a news dissemination channel (@santola_nation.news). In 2018 she represented her country in the World Youth Forum where young people across the world joined voices to discuss most critical issues. In 2019 she joined MWASI collectif to help organise the Paris 2nd edition of the Black Feminist Festival where black women gathered to voice their minds. Most recently, she was part of the African Union Model in Addis Abeba where young people across Africa represented their country in a Head of State Simulation of the Assembly for African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) and Youth Participation on the African Union Charter. She aims to empower women and youth to be part of decision-making dialogues to reach a fair and just participation and access to opportunity.

REPUBLIC OF CONGO



● ALEX OTOUBOU

Alex OTOUBOU is a 30-year-old young man with over 9 years of experience in social transformation, capacity building and the promotion of peace building. He is very creative and passionate about developing and implementing innovative tools related to youth empowerment. For three years now, he has been engaged as a national coordinator and peace architect to restore balance and harmony in his community by designing and organizing peacebuilding events and workshops. Through this position, he led several workshops in 5 African countries where more than 1,500 people were impacted on peace issues. He's currently developing a social incubator which supports NGOs and social entrepreneurs in designing innovative solutions to meet the needs of vulnerable communities.

● GENNY JACQUELINE LEFOUOBA'

Genny Jacqueline Lefouoba Ekouo is a youth leader, with approximately eight years experience in the fields of youth mentorship, leadership and community service. She founded in 2015 an International Organization called Changing The World Ministries International, which aims to love God and serve the people in China.

She traveled from 2015 to 2018 to Cambodia, India, Philippines, South Korea and Kenya to fulfill the organization's objectives with her teammates. Upon return in her Home country in 2018, she decided to serve the well being of the youth of Country by putting in place a Youth Association called LIKABO GROUP INTERNATIONAL where she is the current President since Mai 2019.

In June 2019 she was selected to represent the Republic of the Congo among the 700 selected young professional leaders of the African Continent in the program called Young African Leaders Initiative in the United States, in Public Management and Leadership from Georgia State University. In November 2019, she was selected to be part of AFWID in South Africa.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA



MELCHOR NSUE ABESO OBONO

Melchor Nsue Abeso Obono is a young Equatoguinean. He is a lawyer by profession and is currently studying for a degree in the Environment. I work as a lawyer and teacher, as well as a young leader and volunteer for the African Union Youth Corps.

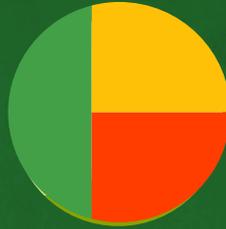
SILVIA OBAMA REO

Silvia is a young Equatoguinean with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration in International Business Nilai University, Malaysia. She currently works at the Ministry of Trade in Equatorial Guinea (General Direction of International Trade and adhesion of the WTO)

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BENIN



● AYININ SANNI

Ayinin Sanni est du Bénin. Il est titulaire d'un Master en Droits de l'Homme et de la Démocratie, d'un Master en Santé Environnementale et d'un autre Master en Gestion des projets et développement local. Il est également titulaire d'une Maitrise en Psychologie Sociale et d'un Diplôme de Technicien de Laboratoire Médical. Il occupe actuellement le poste de consultant national chargé du renforcement de capacité des acteurs de la réponse à la pandémie de COVID-19 de la coordination et du suivi des interventions de l'UNICEF au Bénin. Grâce à sa compétence pluridisciplinaire, il travaille depuis 10 ans dans plusieurs domaines avec plusieurs ONG à accroître la capacité de la jeunesse à formuler des exigences sociales de reddition de compte pour une meilleure prise en charge de leur préoccupation par les Etats.

● OROU WIANSO GOURA

Goura Orou Wianso is Beninese. She holds a degree in Nursing and Obstetrical Care. Since then she has been practicing with passion her profession as a midwife. Since a few years, she regularly participates in youth activities through several youth associations.

She is also president of the Yonba association that she founded. Through her association, she defends the rights of women and girls for a better and fulfilled life.

Because of her leadership in the service of youth, she is a laureate of the Young African Leadership Initiative (YALI) of Dakar.

As a laureate of the Young Leaders of Benin program of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, she plans to devote part of her life, as she already does, to working with and for young people.

Her dream is a world in which young people, and girls in particular, make their own choices and live fulfilling lives.

BURKINA FASO



● ZIDA MOHAMED IBRAHIM

Zida Mohamed Ibrahim est titulaire d'un master en diplomatie et relations internationales et d'un master en histoire politique et représentations sociales. Il est par ailleurs un militant panafricaniste engagé pour l'autodétermination des peuples, et milite activement au sein des mouvements associatifs Burkinabè et à l'international. Bénévole, il a assuré la formation des jeunes au sein du projet Alliance jeune et parlementaire de OXFAM Burkina. Il vient de soutenir brillamment son mémoire de master en diplomatie dont le thème portait sur l'Agenda 2063 de l'UA avec une mention d'excellente.

● KADIJA SIMBORO

Kadija is passionate about issues related to energy access and women's empowerment. She is an energy expert with more than 6 years of experience in the renewable energy sector in Burkina Faso. She also works on issues related to the environment, and sanitation through advocacy, sensitizing, communication, networking, and local projects. Given the interest to bring together women to take part in technical professions, Kadija founded the FLA association, an organization of African women scientists and engineers that works for women's rights and women's access to technology and science. She is also a member of the International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists (INWES). Kadija works with several youth development organisations. In 2014, the Moremi Initiative for Women's Leadership in Africa has awarded her as one of the 25 most promising young women leaders in Africa. She is a Mandela Institute for Development Studies (MINDS) 2016 fellow, 2017 Mandela Washington Fellow, 2018 African Changemakers fellow, 2019 United Nations Young Climate Champion and a One Young World Ambassador

COTE D'IVOIRE



● AHOUA KANGAH JEAN-PHILIPPE HERMANN

Jean-Philippe Ahoua est un ivoirien âgé de 28 ans et titulaire d'un Master de Sociologie option Développement. Passionné des questions d'engagement de jeune, de protection des enfants et d'entrepreneuriat social, il cumule quatre années progressives d'expériences dans les domaines de la gestion de projet, du genre, du plaidoyer et du réseautage d'organisation de jeune.

En tant que coordonnateur de communauté locale au sein du programme U-Report Côte d'Ivoire, il a aidé les jeunes à renforcer leur participation au débat public afin de trouver des solutions à leurs problèmes et ainsi influencer les pouvoirs décisionnels pour un changement positif.

En 2018, l'opportunité lui a été donnée de faire partie du programme AUYVC où il a pu approfondir ses connaissances sur les différentes politiques de promotion et de valorisation de la jeunesse mise en place par l'Union Africaine.

Aujourd'hui, il occupe le poste de chargé de programme Protection et Plaidoyer au sein de Save the Children International en Côte d'Ivoire

● AMINATA SIAHOUÉ

Aminata Siahoué is an Ivorian sociologist. She is deeply involved in the development process of her country and Africa through her activism and her profession. Today, she has 8 years of professional experience with a special emphasis on social work with NGOs, and 10 years involvement in youth associations as Country Coordinator for organizations such as the World Peace Initiative and chair of the education committee for Afrika Youth Movement. Her expertise falls in project management, research, monitoring and evaluation, advocacy and capacity building in the field of development and governance, education, children and youth right and peace building/keeping.

Convinced that being at the heart of the action by being a changemaker contributes to global change, she chose to be engaged in her community helped by her practice of a transformational and participative leadership to share and involve other youth.

GAMBIA



● PATEH BALDEH

Pateh Baldeh is Gambian, and currently an employee of Social Development Fund (SDF) serving as a Program Officer in Central River Region South of The Gambia. He holds a Masters Degree in Governance and Regional Integration from the Pan African University (PAUGHSS) Cameroon. In 2016 Pateh graduated from the University of The Gambia, where he studied a BA program in Development Studies. In 2012, he graduated with a Higher Teachers' Certificate from Gambia College School of Education.

Pateh is a people-driven self-motivated-individual, with strong passion to work on Regional Economic Integration and committed to serving the interest of African youths, and other development issues.

● KADIJATOU JUWARA

Kadijatou Juwara is Gambian and staff at the Gambia Radio & Television services. She has four years working experience as a News presenter, reporter and anchored of different flagship programs at both TV and Radio including "Women's magazine" which gives the platform to women to decide for themselves on multiples of issues. She equally present a cultural program called "Taraku-koto" which bridges the gap between the young and the old. Part of her routine work is to cover high powered government and youth programs. She is in the final year, final semester at the University of the Gambia reading Development studies while she also attended an international training at TIKA training held in Turkey Radio & Television.

GHANA



● SARPONG HAMMOND ANTWI

Sarpong Hammond Antwi is an alumnus of the Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences (Including Climate Change) – PAUWES, Algeria. He is passionate about youth engagement and partnership for community development with a research interest in Energy-water-climate change nexus, environmental sustainability and gender mainstreaming. Hammond loves to advocate, blog and volunteer on youth-related projects and empowerment initiatives. He currently serves as a commitment Mentor for the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U). Hammond holds the conviction that a reconstructed African mind, is a reconstructed African society and remains committed to such course through youth advocacy and the identification of best practises for youth policy formulation, implementation and governance.

● GRACE AKOSUA DANKWA

Grace Akosua Dankwa is a Global Goodwill Ambassador. She is also a Chapter Lead for Net Impact; an organization that equips youth to build a more sustainable world. Grace is an alumnus of the University of Ghana and the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center. She has worked with the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Information Centre, and other international organisations. She volunteers with several organizations and leads change in various capacities. Grace is passionate about humanitarianism, volunteering, gender inclusivity, peace and security, implementing the sustainable development goals, youth empowerment, human rights and sexual reproductive health rights, and she is looking forward to contributing more to the existence of empowered and resilient youth in Africa

TOGO



● GODWIN KOKOU ETSE

Juriste de formation, Godwin Etse est un défenseur des droits humains, résident à Lomé au Togo.

Aujourd'hui, il dirige une ONG togolaise dénommée «Centre de Documentation et de Formation sur les Droits de l'Homme », une structure spécialisée dans l'appui technique aux acteurs des droits humains, la formation, le plaidoyer, et le monitoring à travers un réseau national de jeunes moniteurs nommé Réseau Watch. Dans le cadre de ses missions avec son organisation, il est membre de la coordination de plusieurs initiatives (dont un programme de volontariat dénommé «#WeBuild» ou encore la plateforme #ConnecTogo) visant à renforcer l'engagement citoyen des jeunes, et leur participation aux cadres de plaidoyer avec les autorités.

● AKOUAVI TANNOUS

Akouavi Tannous is a Jurist, social entrepreneur and young leader dedicated to the promotion of Human Rights and actions in favour of Young people. He is a member of Youth Communities of the Center for Documentation and Training on Human Rights (CDFDH) which carries out education activities and promote the SDGs, She was involved in the coordination of several civic initiatives such as "BeXL and show it on the web" . She is also a member of The International Youth Catholic Student (IYCS-Togo) where she led major actions as JECUSymposium in 2019 aimed at creating a framework for exchanges and dialogues within the university community in Lomé.

LIBERIA



● JOSEPH MOSERAY DECONTEE JOHNSON

Joseph Moseray Decontee Johnson is a Liberian Youth Advocate, Peace Ambassador, YALI Fellow, DAFI Scholar and Young Career Diplomat with over 14 years of professional experience in youth development that focus on leadership and Capacity Building. He is known for his prolific and unique writing skills, motivational speaking coped with tremendous endowment of versatility and competences. He is currently the CEO of YEP Business and Leadership Consultant, founder of the Youth Empowerment for Progress (YEP), an organization for and of young people between the ages of 12 to 39 years with the vision of "Creating a human society."

● VIOLA H. CHEESEMAN

Viola H. Cheeseman is a Liberian currently pursuing her master's in Information Systems in Nigeria at the Obafemi Awolowo University. She holds a BSc. in Information Technology. With over three years of professional work experience, Viola has served as a relations officer. Viola is volunteering at three youthful organizations. She is the current Promotional Supervisor for the Youth Parliament Liberia Chapter. She is the assistant Executive Director for Youth Empowerment Society (YES LIBERIA).

MALI



● MAMADOU COULIBALY

Journaliste indépendant et consultant en communication institutionnelle, politique et digitale, Mamadou Coulibaly a été Chargé de mission jeunesse, communication et coopération à l'Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF). Il a également été collaborateur de plusieurs médias au Mali et à l'étranger.

Cet engagement pour les droits humains et pour la défense de la cause des jeunes, lui a valu d'être régulièrement sollicité pour prendre part à des rencontres de hauts niveaux sur ces questions. Lauréat du prix du jury du public au Festival Francophone de reportage court de Vichy, Monsieur Coulibaly est diplômé en Droit International Public et détenteur d'un Master en développement spécialité Communication et Médias de l'Université Senghor à Alexandrie en Égypte.

● FATIMA BOCOUM

Fatima Bocoum is an activist for Women's and Girls' rights, Art Curator, and Business Development professional; She is a Chinese-born Malian citizen who lived in Libya, Saudi Arabia, and Mali before moving to the United States. After studying the Science of Art in Georgia, she landed in New York to pursue a B.A. in Communication and Media, New Technologies at Fordham University, which empowered her to build a career working at tech companies within the Creative Content, Edtech, and Analytics industries. When not working on Marketing and Digital projects, she advocates for gender equality through art and culture. Her exhibition *Musow Ka Touma Sera* (it is the era of women), presented during the 2019-2020 edition of the African Photography Biennale in Bamako by apexart, attracted the attention of the BBC, UNESCO, and World Bank.

NIGER



● ADAMOU DADÉ RAPHAEL MAHAMAN BASSIROU

Dadé Adamaou est un juriste Internationaliste/ Spécialiste en Sc-Politiques de Paix et Gestion des Conflits. Il est CEO/ Asscoié-Gérant du Cabinet Strat-Core Plus Sarl ainsi que consultant à l'union Africaine au département Paix et Sécurité ainsi que le Youth4Peace A-U Program. Dadé est commissaire International de l'Association des Scouts du Niger et président du Forum des Jeunes Scouts de l'Afrique de l'Ouest 2016-2019

● HAMANI SOUMAILA MÉLAINE

Melaine belongs to the Zarma-Songhraï ethnic group, which is from the royal family of the Maiga. She continued her higher studies until obtaining a first degree in international relations and diplomacy. She has had the opportunity to participate in the sensitization of young people on STDs (sexually transmitted disease), and participated in raising wareness on the importance of blood donations to young people.

NIGERIA



● OBINNA GODHEART JOHNESTHER

Obinna Godheart Johnesther, is a medic, developmentalist, serial advocate-ambassador, entrepreneur, teacher, editor, researcher, reviewer, mentor and coach. Obinna is Marketplace Auxiliary-MAux, Fellow Regional-Leadership-Centre West-Africa-Ghana Cohort12-RLCF, UnitedStates' Young African Leaders Initiative-YALI Emerging Leaders Program-ELP; HORDINTNetwork's UnitedNations-International Women's Day2020 GenderChamps Ambassador-GA; UN-Millennium Development Goals-MDGs Advocate-Ambassador (now-SDGs). Johnesther has BSChons degree-specialization in Medical-Public Health Parasitology-MPHP, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka-Nigeria, and global Masters-Level Advanced-Postgraduate Certifications in Integrated Healthcare, University of London-UoL London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine-LSHTM-FutureLearn; Mental Health and Lay Counseling-MHLC, PADEP-UK-YALIRLCWestAfrica-Nigeria; and Public Policy and Management, Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration-GIMPA. Godheart founded HORDInternational and presides over HORDINTNetwork; convenes-hosts Godheart-Obinna-Johnesther-International-Visionary-Summit-GOJIVSummit; edits Journal of Adolescent Health-JAH Intersection as Editorial Board-Selection Committee-Member, Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine-SAHM; Reviews ElsevierInc-editorialmanager.com; and Advocates-Advises different national-international organizations.

● ENITAN OKEDIJI

Enitan Okediji is an International Development professional with over nine years of demonstrated experience in Strategic Management, Knowledge Management, and Development Communications. She has contributed to the design and implementation of development projects focused on economic growth, improving the lives of women and girls, ensuring health commodities reach rural communities, creating growth & employment in states through agriculture and youth development in Nigeria. Her continued aspiration is to be in spaces where she is able to contribute her skills and insights to tackle socio-economic challenges in order to scale up impact. Enitan is currently the Manager for Learning and Knowledge Management for a USAID funded project that supplies health commodities to health facilities across 34 states in Nigeria. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication from Covenant University and a Master's Degree in International Development from the University of York as a 2018 Commonwealth Scholarship recipient.

SENEGAL



● GORGUI BA TOURE

DOB: 20 APRIL 1988

Gorgui Ba Toure is from Senegal. Gorgui is an experienced program specialist with comprehensive expertise in developing and implementing projects in the humanitarian sector. His career accomplishments include outstanding experience facilitating high-level humanitarian programs to measurably improve results across Malawi, Benin and Senegal.

In positions with organizations such as CorpsAfrica, "Planète Paix" the Jesuit Refugee Service, he coordinated community needs assessment, advocating, and overall planning efforts for livelihood improvement in rural Africa (in Senegal and Malawi (December 2017 - November 2019)).

On November 16, 2019, he was nominated as the general secretary of the diaspora of "Planète Paix", whereby he facilitated the organization of the summit for peace, security and sustainable development in Cotonou, Benin.

● MAIMOUNA YADE

DOB: 14 JUN 1991

Maimouna YADE is a 31-year-old Senegalese feminist activist and defender of gender equality. She is a lawyer by training and specializes in Gender, Development and Human Rights. Maimouna has led several organizations of young girls and young women leaders since 2010. She is currently the president of JGEN (Women Global Entrepreneurship), an organization of young women which promotes the elimination of violence against women and girls and young female entrepreneurship. Maimouna is also involved in the integration of young African women particularly in Francophone Africa. She co-founded the PLAJEFLF (the African platform of young Francophone women leaders).

SIERRA LEONE



● DOMINIC ANDREW BOIMA

Dominic has 11 years' experience in advocacy; youth related activism and programme management gained from working with both national and international organizations. Recently, Dominic served as Technical Adviser on Women's Empowerment and Advocacy with Trocaire –Sierra Leone, where he provided programmatic and technical support to women's empowerment partner organizations, capacity building on women's empowerment approaches, political participation, advocacy and generating training resources. He is specialized in designing and managing programs with focus on youth, women's social, political and economic empowerment, advocacy, gender based violence, children's rights and good governance. He also has a good expertise in working with young people, use of participatory and human-centered approaches and skills in women and youth empowerment, children's rights, civic leadership, democracy, research and new media.

● ARMAH GLADYS QUIST

Armah Quist is a member of the Youth Leaders for Health programme and founder of the Young Women Transformative Leadership Programme in Sierra Leone. As part of the youth leaders programme, she works with other emerging leaders across Africa to advocate for policy change to end malaria and achieve universal health coverage at key national, regional and international moments. She is passionate about women's' rights and improving access to education and political participation for women and girls in Sierra Leone. She has a Bachelors in Political Sciences presently pursuing a Law Degree and has previously worked for Partners in Health. In addition to running this voluntary organization for girls, She also seeks to find ways to strengthen her capacity as an advocate and champion for change in Sierra Leone.

CAPE VERDE



● ANTÓNIO DE BRITO MIRANDA

António Jacinto de Brito Furtado Miranda has a law degree from the Lusofona University of Humanities and Technology of Lisbon-Jurist at the General Labor Inspection. He is the vice-President of the EDUCAR CABO Verde Association - Cape Verdian Association For the Progress of Education, Science, Technology and Environmental Defense. He is also the President of the supervisory board of the Cape Verdean association for the fight against gender-based violence.

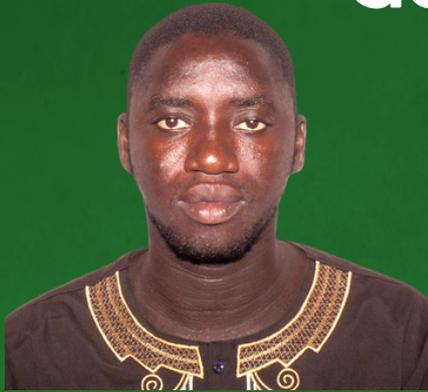
● JERUSA SANTOS

Jerusa de Jesus Mendes dos Santos is Cape Verdean, born 23 years ago, in Tarrafal, Santiago Island. In 2020, concluded the university course in Praia, with a government scholarship and now she has a degree in Communication Sciences, specialized in Journalism, from the University of Cape Verde.

While studying she added experiences in the field of communication, working as a journalist/trainee in the newspaper A Nação, as Social Media Manager in Communication and Image Office of the political party 'Movimento para a Democracia' and she is currently a communication collaborator at the Job Center and Professional Training of Tarrafal.

Her first associativism experience started as a member of the Student Association at University and Leader of a Book Club. She is a Founding Member of PALOP Youth Union and Communication Secretary. Ambitious and open minded, she is working to contribute to the growth of her country and continent.

GUINEA-BISSAU



● JANO FACE TÉ

Jano Face Té, Guinean social activist since 2010, trained in different areas such as: Graduating in Children's Education by the NGO FEC; Post-graduation in Culture and tradition in early childhood education in Guinea-Bissau; Professional Qualification in Production Planning and Control at the CPLP Training Institute ; Professional Qualification of Logistic Assistant at the CPLP Training Institute; Professional qualification Project Management Lisbon Educational Center; training of trainers in human rights matters with a focus on freedom of association, meeting and demonstration by the African Study Center for Democracy and Human Rights in Mozambique.

Currently, I am responsible for Programs, Projects for the National Network of Youth Associations in Guinea-Bissau (RENAJ-GB); Member of the PALOP trainer scholarship in human rights matters; Regional Assistant Regional Program Assistant Action Ianda Guinea! Djuntu in the Oio region at Instituto Marquês Vales Flor, full member of CNJ-GB

● CYNTHIA CASSAMA

Cynthia Djenaba Évora Cassama, fille d'Almame Cassamá et Maria da Conceição Évora, est née à Bissau en 1991 et est diplômée de l'Université Ibn Tofail de Kénitra, au Maroc en droit. Elle a été point focal du Secrétariat d'État à la jeunesse, à la culture et aux sports auprès de l'UNESCO et a participé à plusieurs séminaires et ateliers sur le patrimoine mondial africain dans différents pays tels que le Cap-Vert, le Mozambique, le Mali et l'Éthiopie et sur la protection du patrimoine culturel immatériel en Pays PALOP. De 2017 à 2019, elle a été conseillère juridique du secrétaire d'État à la Jeunesse et aux Sports. Elle fait actuellement partie de l'équipe de élaboration de la Carte de la Politique Culturelle Bissau-Guineen, avec l'appui de la CEDEAO et le Gouvernement.

GUINEA



● THIERNO ABDOUL BAH

Diplômé en droit international à Conakry, Thierno Abdoul Bah est le point focal Afrique pour le groupe de travail sur la migration du Grand Groupe des Nations Unies pour les Jeunes et les enfants (UNMGCY). Il contribue activement aux groupes de travail des Nations Unies: UNEP MGCY, G-STIC-MGCY, Youth4 disarmament, UN2020, OSI, Earth Day 2020, One Young World, UNFPA, UNCCD, CENUCED, Forum on Internet Governance (IGF) etc. Défenseur infatigable des causes juvéniles, il a contribué activement au processus de mise en place du Conseil National des Jeunes de Guinée (CNJ-GUINÉE) tel que prévu par la charte Africaine de la jeunesse dont son pays a ratifié en 2011. A travers des plaidoiries, il dénonce régulièrement les tueries et violences dont sont victimes les jeunes (femme) et fais la promotion de leur prise en compte dans les politiques publiques des Etats. Par son engagement pour les Objectifs de Développement Durable (ODD) il est membre du Mécanisme Régional d'Engagement de la Société Civile Africaine (ARCSEM) à travers lequel il participe à l'organisation des Sessions du Forum Régional Africain sur le Développement Durable et à l'agenda 2063 de l'Union Africaine organisé chaque année par la CEA (Commission Économiques des Nations Unies en Afrique) dans le cadre de la préparation du Forum Politique de Haut Niveau des Nations Unies (HLPF) organisé par le Conseil Économique et Sociale des Nations Unies (ECOSOC-ONU).

Il participe également aux Examens Volontaires National des Etats membres de l'ONU qui est cadre d'évaluation du niveau d'exécution de l'agenda 2030 de l'ONU. Depuis sa nomination comme Représentant Afrique des Jeunes et Enfants de l'ONU, il a dirigé les travaux de consultation africaine de la jeunesse sur la gouvernance migratoire à savoir le Pacte Mondial sur la Migration. Il est co organisateur du Forum de l'Union Africaine sur la Migration et le Développement (FMMD-UA) en préparation du Forum Mondial sur la Migration et le Développement (FMMD) qui se tient chaque année. Il pilote l'initiative jeunesse UN75 pour la Guinée et l'Afrique de l'Ouest sous l'appui du Bureau de coordination du système des Nations unies en Guinée et le Centre d'information des Nations unies à Dakar (Sénégal) où il a été convié à prendre part au travaux de l'assemblée plénière mondiale des jeunes de l'assemblée générale de l'ONU et du Forum des jeunes de ECOSOC-ONU au grand siège de l'ONU à New York (USA). Au 5 juin passé, sous mandat du Grand Groupe des Nations Unies pour les jeunes et les enfants du programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement (UNEP MGCY), il a dirigé l'assemblée virtuelle mondiale des jeunes francophones sur l'environnement. Il est également Directeur Exécutif du Bureau National du Parlement des Jeunes Leaders de la Société Civile Guinéenne (PAJELESCG).

● KOLY LUCIE HEBELAMOU

Holder of a Masters in Business Administration, Koly Lucie is an actress of the Guinean civil society, specializing in conflict prevention and management. She made her debut in as a research agent carrying out studies on the media in Guinea for the account of the Cabinet of Consultancy marketing of Abidjan, a second study socio-economic background on urban refugees on behalf of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), then another on the risks and vulnerabilities in Guinea to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) account. It commits to WANEP-GUINEE (West Africa Network for Peace Building) in order to contribute to the promotion of socio-economic and political stability in the sub-region and especially from the country through the mobilization of civil society organizations and stakeholders policies around the revival of political dialogue and national reconciliation. Since January 2017, Koly Lucie is responsible for the Early Warning Program and Rapid response to WANEP-Guinea from where it emerged second best manager of NEWS in the sub-region in 2018. Koly Lucie Hebelamou is also a field monitor for ECOWAS and the African Union in Guinea in the operationalization of the early warning systems "Ecowarn" and "UA Reporter". Convinced that the development of Africa necessarily involves young people, Koly Lucie Hebelamou supports youth initiatives in terms of capacity building

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COMOROS



● OMAR IBN ABDILLAH

Omar Ibn Abdillah is motivated by a passion to transform the world, economist specialist on sustainable development strategies, auditor, International trainer and SDGs advocate who has been committed for several years to demonstrating the place of youth in development in order to achieve SDGs in Africa by leaving no one behind.

He is committed and leader in many Africa initiatives and programs as country coordinator and ambassador, funder and CEO of OIA Group an initiative that aim's to support and unite all stakeholders to achieve SDGs, President of SDGs4Africa. Currently head of Monitoring-evaluation and resources mobilization for the Comoros Emerging Plan (PCE).

He published several articles related to sustainable development, role of youth in development policy, gender inequality, geopolitics. To date, he has trained, empowered and accompanied more than 5,000 young people, and 25 organizations and corporates across Africa, in project management, soft skills, and more particularly on SDGs Implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

● BENAZIR HILALI

Benazir specialises in risk management and international development. She is the co-founder and CEO of Axle International, an award-winning sociopolitical risk and strategy advisory firm. She has worked with African governments and Heads of states on peacebuilding, socio-economic, environmental and conservation initiatives. She was trained by international organisations, including the United Nations and the International Organisation of la Francophonie. She received the 1st prize for the 2020 African Union Youth Innovation Challenge on Democracy and Governance. As a subject expert, she has published several peer-reviewed papers on security, crisis management and African identities and has given lectures at leading institutions, including the University of Oxford. Benazir holds a master's degree in Risk Management from the French Public School of Administration (ENA), a master's degree in Emergency Interventions and Development Actions from Panthéon-Sorbonne University and a bachelor's degree in Public International Law from Panthéon-Assas University

DJIBOUTI



● **ABDOULFATAH MOHAMED AHMED**

Abdoufatah Mohamed Ahmed completed his higher education at the University of Djibouti in 2016. Passionate about volunteering, he is an active member of the ASEP association which aims to help young people with reading difficulties. He supported the opening of a mini library within its head office with the collaboration of the French institute Arthur Rimbaud. In 2017, he was spokesperson for the Continental Business Transit Seminar which aimed to provide information on new systems and operational processes for the new Doraleh Multi-Purpose port.

● **ROUKIYA MOHAMED ABDOULKADER**

Roukiya Mohamed Abdoukader was born in Djibouti. Her passion for ICT and her sense of philanthropy led her to volunteer and share her knowledge with her classmates through the Association Femmes TIC Djibouti, of which she is co-founder and president. She founded this Association to encourage, inspire and initiate women to become key players in the Djibouti Technology ecosystem. Passionate about digital, photography, and audiovisual, she directed a short film entitled "21H30" which won the 2nd prize of "Djibouti makes its Cinema". She is also an Alumni of the Mandela Washington Fellowship 2019 program for young African leaders (YALI), finalist of the Miss Geek Africa competition and also Winner of the program 54 of Women in Africa Entrepreneur. Roukiya is Ambassador AU / CIEFFA (The International Center for Education for Girls and Women in Africa of the African Union).

ETHIOPIA



● SOLOMON BIZUNEH

Solomon Bizuneh is from East Africa, Ethiopia. He is a Humanitarian Expert in Youth Protection, development, and advocacy. He is a strategic thinker, exhibiting a high degree of commitment, grasps and simplifies complex concepts, interacts well with peers and authorities, and calms even in the most stressful of situations. Has a reputation as a team player, a result-oriented professional with a sound and verifiable record of success in Child and Youth Protection Programming. He has worked with UN agencies and INGO for the past 10 years.

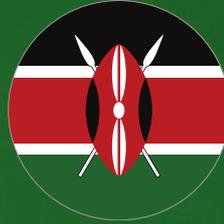
He aspires to create a platform where youth is part of the decision-making process in Africa and beyond. He believes Youth participation is a must, not a choice in Africa, where three-quarters of Africa's population is youth.

● ELUL DEREJE

Elul is a 25 years old woman who was born and raised in Addis Ababa. She finished her primary and secondary school in Addis Ababa. After that she went to Adama University to study Applied Psychology which was her dream since childhood and was able to accomplish her first degree with a very great distinction. After her successful accomplishment she continued her master's degree at Addis Ababa University college of health science in clinical psychology.

Her friends and family tell her that she is a great listener, excellent communicator and fun to be around. She is a patriot who is willing to dedicate herself for the development of her country as well as her continent as a young woman. She is energetic, motivated and a hard worker. she will be able to handle every responsibility given to her in an effective manner.

KENYA



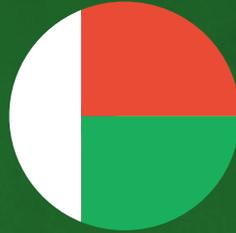
● KEVIN KIAMBE ASSA

Kevin is passionate, resilient and inquisitive computer scientist and with solid organizational and leadership skills that are aimed at raising profitability while leveraging strong deep learning artificial neural networks, information technology and energy statistics. This is driven by the fact that he strongly believes that Africa must unite to achieve African Union's Agenda 2063 and measure its success with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals with the African Youth accepting the spirit of volunteerism to advocate and implement these aspirations.

● ANNA MUTHEU MUTUNGI

Anne Mutheu is passionate about giving back and currently implements this passion by volunteering with Tuwakuze Africa as its programs coordinator. Being a EAC Youth ambassador, has enabled her to be engaged in high level policy advocacy and formulation and other forums and events geared towards youth empowerment from the continental to the grassroots level. Additionally, being a One champion ambassador has given her tremendous experience through the various roles she plays, more notably her recent engagement with the the German MPs during their lobby week in September 2020 where they discussed the impact of Covid 19 on African youth. Anne is optimistic that her experience and expertise will be impactful in driving the African youth charter Agenda

MADAGASCAR



JIMMY RANITRATSILO

Jimmy Ranitratsilo is a 30 years old young activist who advocates for promoting culture, grassroots, and freedom of expression in Madagascar. He aspires to instate Governance in the Malagasy education program. Graduated with a BA(Hons) in Sociology from University of Antananarivo and MAs in Anthropology and Sociolinguistics from FPMI Rennes 2 Paris, he pursued a PhD of Science in Patrimony and Agribusiness Management in 2020 to instill values and empower the

Primary Sector. Within Arche De la Nation (ADN) and his team, he leads the MAROY governance leadership program since 2017 for young people aged between 18-32 in Antananarivo. In 2019, he took part in the Youth Leadership Training Program by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and represented Madagascar at the Model African Union. In 2020, he was nominated for the Visionary Awards amongst 30 outstanding Africans by Youth African Architects

FANEVAMAMPIANDRA HERINIRINA

Fanevamampindra Herinirina est une étudiante en Physique des matériaux, titulaire d'un diplôme de master en énergies renouvelables. Consciente de l'importance de l'éducation, de l'engagement et de l'autonomisation de la jeunesse africaine, elle fait la promotion des savoir-faire et de la culture africaine à travers la plateforme ITIA : « I Trust in Africa ». Par ailleurs, elle est membre de l'association IKALA STEM Madagascar en partenariat avec l'UNESCO. Durant ses études en Tunisie, elle a eu à participer aux différents ateliers et simulations du modèle de l'Union Africaine.

À Madagascar, la majorité des jeunes ignorent l'importance de la mise en place de la charte de la jeunesse africaine. Ainsi, il est primordial pour elle de sensibiliser et d'encourager l'écosystème Malagasy à travers les lieux d'échange et de réseautage pour un meilleur développement de la jeunesse africaine selon l'agenda 2063.

MAURITIUS



● CHELVIN RAMSAMY

Chelvin Ramsamy holds a First-Class LLB (Hons), LLM (International Business Law) and MBA. A graduate of President Obama’s Young African Leaders Initiative, At 25, Chelvin has over 3 years of work experience at the Financial Services Commission, KPMG, the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd and the Public Service Commission. Chelvin’s book entitled “Contemporary African Issues: Demystifying Regional Integration and African Youth” was launched by the President of the Republic of Mauritius. Chelvin’s milestone achievement has been successfully making his village L’Escalier as the first-ever “International City of Peace” in Mauritius recognised by the United Nations.

● NANDINI TANYA LALLMON

As a lawyer by profession and activist by passion, Nandini Tanya Lallmon is engaged in advocacy at the YouthPower2: Learning and Evaluation Youth Advisory Group, Young African Leaders Initiative and Global Schools Program led by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network - Youth Initiative. In her role of legal lead of the #Reform53 campaign, she lobbies against discriminatory laws on behalf of the Commonwealth Youth Gender and Equality Network under the Royal Commonwealth Society. Based in Mauritius, she leads the local chapters of the Youth Advocacy Council, International Youth Council, International Youth Society, International Youth Development Society and African Network of Youth Policy Experts. She contributes her advisory expertise to the Steering for Greatness Foundation, Global Peace Chain, International Human Rights Advisory Council, Agents of Peace Kenya and CIVICUS. She has won numerous awards for her humanitarian prowess at national, regional, continental and international level.

RWANDA



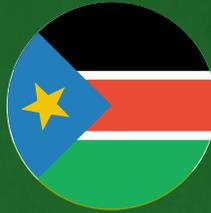
● PACIFIQUE NDAYISHIMIYE

Pacifique Ndayishimiye is the founder and the Executive Director at Youth Service Organization (YSO), a youth non governmental and development organisation based in Rwanda. Its role is to educate, involve and empower youth to become active citizens for sustainable development. Since primary school, Pacifique has been contributing to social harmony, resolving conflicts and leading his fellow students. In his community, he has been leading various youth groups focused on HIV prevention, raising awareness, maternal health advocacy and access to quality health care. At university, he transitioned to activism, trained and mentored more than 100 young people during 5 years. He organised campaigns and initiated projects that reached thousands of people in Southern and Northern Rwanda. He is dedicated and passionate about empowering young people, providing them with practical skills to effectively create sustainable solutions for local community needs. He has over 9 years experience working with disadvantaged people in the fields of community development, human rights and access to health care and intercultural understanding. His vision is to work with partners to advocate for the adoption and revision of youth policies on economy, education, ICT and empowerment in central and Eastern Africa.

● ANITAH KANSIIME

Anitah holds a bachelor's degree in Agriculture with Education and soon embarking on her master's degree in Agribusiness at the University of Rwanda. She is currently a member of the Commission for public relations and international affairs. She is a passionate entrepreneur and a founder of TANI, an enterprise that deals with milk value addition on the Rwandan Market. She is also an active member of Rwanda Village Community Promoters (RVCP), a non profit organization running in the University of Rwanda since 2018. She is an active member of Vision Event Group (VEG), a youth-led company.

SOUTH SUDAN



● JOK ABRAHAM THON

Jok Abraham Thon is the founder and director of Promised Land Secondary School and Youth for Piece. He started the 'Changing Minds from Bullets to Books' initiative. He has over ten years experience in community engagement and youth empowerment as well as 7 years teaching experience. Jok was one of the 700 outstanding young African leaders who participated in 2018 Mandela Washington Fellowship at University of Delaware, in the Civic Leadership Track. Upon his return to South Sudan, he initiated City Liquid Soap production and Little Light Farm to train students with basic lives skills that will help them support their families. Jok Studied Economics at University of Juba and Biblical Studies and Community out Reach at Nation to Nation Christian University Texas.

● JUAN RACHEAL

Juan Racheal is a South Sudanese national. She holds Bachelor Degree of Governance and International Relations with Honours from Uganda Christian University, Uganda. She is a young, disciplined and proactive professional with a blend of vibrant leadership. Juan has got a positive personality with adventurous and passionate traits. Her goal is to contribute to knowledge and gender inclusion through research, training, and community outreach and advocacy. She is engaged with contextualizing and implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in South Sudan and the Great Lakes Region of Africa. Juan is working with young women groups trained on transformational leadership, conflict management and peace building. In the area of academia, Juan is a Teaching Assistant at the University of Juba, School of Social and Economic Studies, Department of Political Science. Juan continues to strive to create change in her community as a young woman leader.

TANZANIA



FARHAN YUSUF

Farhan Yusuf is a global health professional and a young African leader. He is a Pharmacist by profession and has worked in the health sector in Tanzania developing expertise in health logistics & pharmaceutical supply chain management, public private partnership, capacity building, program management, monitoring and evaluation, communications and knowledge management. He is an advocate for change and strongly believes in mentorship and its ability to guide and inspire the younger generation.

RAHMA SELEMAN JUMANNE

Rahma Seleman is a young leader from Tanzania. Well experienced in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Art), Environment, Community, and Youths Programs through volunteering, engaging actively for 9 years. She is a youth advocate from Eastern and Southern Africa advocating for Beijing +25 platform for action, Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) on SRHR, HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence and equality and Information Communication and Technology for Development (ICT4D) and strengthening effective responses through youth-led accountability.

She is part of the generation of innovative leaders who are empowered to shape the future of Africa under YALI Regional Leadership Center East Africa. She is a strategic thinker with a vision to create a platform that brings together young people through community service, sports, and competitions to inspire them to act as agents of change in their localities. And create a space for donors, partners, stakeholders and young people to directly engage in current issues facing young people in order to seek for possible collaborations to deliver impactful solutions.

SEYCHELLES



● LAURENT VALENTIN

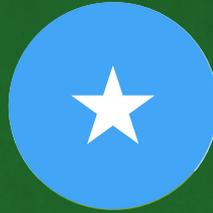
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Laurent Valentin is from Seychelles. He works in civil service as a Climate Scientist. Laurent aspires to specialise in Marine Science and mainstreaming a culture of science and research in Seychelles. He also belongs to the Blue Economy Youth Group of Seychelles - a team of 5 young people who are being trained for Blue Economy Governance and assisting in the implementation in Seychelles' Blue Economy roadmap.

● SETH VANESSA MERLYN HELENA LOURDE

Vanessa Seth is a teacher since 2010. She is the former lead of the History and Geography department upon receiving her Bachelor in Education in 2016 from the University of Botswana. She is currently the Registrar at the National Institute of Health and Social Sciences (Health and Social Work Post Secondary Institution). Vanessa has an immense passion for youth development and aims to inspire the youngsters especially young girls and women to be valuable citizens in society. Her love for the betterment of Africa led her to travelling, meet and network with other potential youth leaders with the agenda for a prosperous Africa.

SOMALIA



● MOHAMED SALAD ALI

Mohamed Slaad acquired over 4 years professional experience in state building, security sector reform and peace-building. He has a double masters in Leadership and Good Governance as well as a Master of International Peace and Security Studies. Presently, he is working as a Technical Advisor in the Security Sector Reform in Somalia. he has an extensive experience of over 10 years in youth mobilization, sensitization, advocacy and empowerment activism. Having served as a Coordinator of the Youth For change (Y4C) Project & Gender Based Violence (GBV) Program, he is highly passionate about Youth engagement and gender equality. He is part of Somalia's working group for the establishment of a National Youth Voters League (NYVL) which aims to enhance the role of Somaliland's youth in state- and peacebuilding processes.

● AMOUN ADEN ISMAIL

Amoun Aden Ismail has a Bachelor degree in public health from Ahfad University for women and a Masters degree in Art of development studies from Kampala University. Alongside with her local civic engagement, Amoun affiliated national, regional and international youth networks and movements and she has been taken led some of them. She is also an entrepreneur and social enterprise by Cofounded and managing of the UBAH INSPIRE AND FITNESS CENTER that aimed to empower Somali women and girls by the sides of sport, fitness, networking, personal and career development. And also is the owner an online- business call AFRICAN BEAUTY ONLINE SHOPPING.

SUDAN



● HOZAIFA ABDALLA ALFEEL

Hozaifa Abdalla Alfeel is from Sudan. He works as an activist in field of peace and development & youth empowerment. He is interested in helping empower youth and create job opportunities to increase awareness and influence the youth, for example, to earn a living other than engaging in military action, extremism and migration.

Hozaifa graduated from Omdurman Al-Ahlia University in 2015 with a major in Business Administration, and he has been working in Darfur - Sudan with humanitarian organizations and national initiatives from 2016 until now. He has experiences in leading national organizations and managing development programs and projects those related to youth empowerment and organizing events. He has participated in many national and regional "in Africa" conferences and received training with a number of international institutions.

He is a co-founder of many initiatives and a Co-founder of "Share Zone Startups" and he is working in as a Program Manager.

● HAGER EISSA ABDALLAH MOHAMMED

Hager Eissa is a Sudanese activist from Darfur. She is an Experienced English-Arabic Translator and has a Degree in English and Translation from Peace College. She invested several years founding her NGO in Sudan focusing on languages development, she implemented projects in conflict-affected areas, participated in peace-building summits and been facilitating international partnerships. Hager has a demonstrated commitment to peace and education. Her thinking of her hometown Darfur, led her to see the need to better engage more of herself as a peacebuilder to prevent and break cycles of violence in the world when possible.

UGANDA



● KISUBI DENIS

Kisubi Denis is Ugandan, graduate of Information Technology with over three years of experience in the community development sector. He is the Co-Founder and Executive Director at Give Hope Uganda and he is a Voting Member at CIVICUS a global alliance of civil society organizations and activists dedicated to strengthening citizen action and civil society throughout the world. Currently, Kisubi is an Alumni Cohort40 Public Management at YALI EAST AFRICA REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CENTER (YALIRLCEA), Change Maker at Project Pakati Africa under African Leadership Institute (AFLI), as youth Advisor at local Level, Youth Connekt Africa Summit Alumni 2018 and Young Leaders Forum Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA) Alumni 2018. Kisubi is ready to drive his commitment to advocate for action and implementation for the ratification of the African Youth Charter (AYC) actively.

● HARRIET KAMASHANYU

Harriet is a wife, mother and social entrepreneur. She is the founder and Executive Director – Rhythm of Life a social initiative that exists to break the vicious cycle of mother-to-daughter prostitution as well as empowering marginalized red-light communities with education and health care accessibility in Uganda. She is a World Pulser and was Uganda’s flag bearer at the One Young World Summit in 2019. Harriet also received a SHE DECIDES GENDER EQUALITY AWARD in the category of 'She Decides Gender Equality Stars that have promoted access to quality and comprehensive formal and non-formal education, health care and employment opportunities for women and girls in Uganda.'

ERITREA



● **ATAKLTI TSIGE KIDANE**

Ataklti Kidane received a BA degree in Accounting from the College of Business and Economics – the University of Asmara Eritrea in 2013 after completing national service. He is currently finishing a Master's Degree in governance and regional Integration as a scholarship holder at the Pan African University of governance humanity and social sciences –University of Yaoundé 2.

Furthermore, He also has nearly 6.5 years of working experience. He has had the privilege of working for the Ministry of Education in Eritrea as a Teacher and head of Department; in the Ministry of defense as an accountant and Computer technician and also as a part-time accountant in different firms, where he learned valuable professional skills. In addition to that, He had an opportunity in the African Development Bank to work as an intern for six months at the Cote d'Ivoire headquarter.

● **MERIEM IBRAHIM AHMADO**

Meriem is a BA degree holder in Political science and international relation and head of International Relations of the National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students.

