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Adjo Bokon
Togo

Adjo Bokon is the CEO of She Matters Initiative and Fashion Lab and, with other passionate young leaders, is a Co-founder of Afri Tech Hub. With her project She Matters Initiative, Adjo gives hope to ladies and women with the provision of reusable bio pads. She spends most of her time gathering young people and training them in entrepreneurship, leadership, and self employment via the project Fashion Lab. This project enables young professionals and non-professionals to learn to do a fruitful activity with their hands using traditional kente cloth, especially recycling old ones to renew them. Adjo holds a bachelor's degree in Linguistics with a focus on American and African Literature and has a professional background in marketing and communications. Adjo is a social entrepreneur and life coach who strongly believes social entrepreneurship and women's empowerment are the keys for Africa to reach sustainability.



Alvin Claude Bernard Athave
Mauritius

Alvin Athave has over ten years of experience in the information technology sector as well as in the basketball coaching industry. Currently, Alvin is a Shift Engineer at a leading commercial bank where he works on core banking systems, batch processing, and monitoring. Alvin is the founder of YUT Basketball, a private organization where he trains players from ages 6 and up. Alvin aims to develop the practice of the game as well as teaching life skills. Alvin holds several IT certifications as well as a Diploma in Advanced Sports Management from the International Olympic Committee. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Alvin plans to grow YUT Basketball nationwide.



Aubrey Chipapa
Zambia

Aubrey Chipapa has over 8 years of experience in the business and entrepreneurship development sector, focusing on youth and women's economic empowerment. Currently, Aubrey is Founder/ Project Coordinator for Mazabuka Youth Entrepreneur Initiative, where he focuses on empowering youths and women with life skills and farming inputs in

order to facilitate self-employment. Currently, Aubrey is pursuing a diploma in Business Administration and Management Studies at Evelyn Hone College in Lusaka Zambia where he focuses on management and entrepreneur skills. Aubrey is driven by his commitment to reducing the suffering of youths and women living in abject poverty and hopes to establish a youth empowerment scheme that will liberate youths and women from abject poverty. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Aubrey plans to expand his programs to other districts and provinces, advocating for empowerment among the marginalized members of society.



Beatrix Bianca Auala
Namibia

Beatrix Bianca Auala is an Admitted Legal Practitioner to the High Court of Namibia. Currently, she is the sole practitioner at BB Boois Attorneys, a busy law firm based in Northern Namibia. Bianca, as she is commonly known, is an ex-public prosecutor who is now a defense attorney. She is a strong advocate for those who find themselves in trouble with the criminal justice system. Bianca also provides free legal advice to communities who would otherwise not have access to a legal practitioner, targeting women in these communities as they run the households.



Belchior Simplicio Jose Mutaquiha
Mozambique

Belchior Mutaquiha has over four years of experience in the social development sector, as a Program Officer for Health System Strengthened. Belchior started work for the government in the Gaza Provincial Health Directorate, where he assumed the duties of Chief of the Monitoring and Evaluation area. Belchior holds a bachelor's degree in Statistic from the University Eduardo Mondlane in Mozambique, where he focused on the determinants of non-condom use among young people. He is currently doing a course in Business Management through distance learning. Belchior is committed to eliminating gender inequities in access to credit. Upon completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he wants to bring the teachings to his home country to set up a spirit of leadership that will help consolidate and increase the network that has been created in order to wisely promote microfinance and sustainably support business projects led by women and vulnerable groups.



Doris-Jema Akuchinyere Onyeador
Nigeria

Doris-Jema Onyeador has over 6 years of experience in the eye care sector, specifically focusing on delivering accessible, affordable and quality eye care services to various classes of Nigerians, production of quality optical lenses for the clinic and other target eye clinics within its environs.

Currently, Doris is the CEO of Maldor Eyecare Center & Optical Services Ltd., where she focuses on innovative eye care services, production and glazing of lenses, and a well-stocked eye wear gallery. Doris-Jema holds a Doctor of Optometry degree from Imo State University Owerri, Nigeria and is currently running a program in clinical optometry at Cardiff University, UK. Doris is driven by her passion and commitment to deliver world class eye care and optical services to all classes of Nigerians, and as part of the company's corporate social responsibility Doris-Jema as the CEO devotes resources and time to offer free eye care services, eyeglasses and medications to old people's homes and the less privilege both in urban and rural communities in Nigeria. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, she plans on expanding the optical laboratory into industrial lens production to service clinics across cities in Nigeria, and venture into eye wear manufacturing.



Florence Diatta
Senegal

Florence Diatta has over three years of experience managing the private company TechnoSen Sarl, focusing on developing innovative projects for the community. Currently Florence is introducing menstrual cups in Senegal through Bellawa, where she informs women and girls how they can use a menstrual cup for ten years instead of chemical pads during their periods to save money and to reduce waste into the environment. Florence holds a

master's degree in English, with a British specialization, from Cheikh Anta Diop University and a bachelor's in Marketing and Communication Skills from Institut de Formation en Marketing (IFCM) Training School. She speaks French, English, German, Wolof, and Serere in order to be able to network worldwide. Florence is driven by her commitment to women's and girls' issues about hygienic menstruation in her society. Florence is an advocate for women's rights, their education, and their empowerment and believes that menstruation cannot stop that. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Florence plans to continue her engagement around her community with a focus on communicating with women and girls in local languages to stop barriers to menstrual hygiene information.



Florence Tabitha Shikuku

Kenya

Tabitha Shikuku has over 10 years of experience within the private sector. Currently, Tabitha is an Assistant Manager in Resource Development and External Affairs for the Aga Khan Academy, a development institution based in Mombasa. She focuses on managing and developing a network of sustainable volunteers and individual fundraisers, strategic planning and tactical execution, and leadership development and corporate social responsibility implementations. Tabitha is a Certified Public Accountant, a member of East, Central and Southern African Federation of Accountants and International Federation of Accountants (ICPAK) and is studying for her Bachelor's degree in Business Management, majoring in Finance and Banking from Moi University, Mombasa. Tabitha promotes community development by visiting local schools and distributing clothes and other resources to students. She also assists in a talent identification program which aims to identify disadvantaged students with leadership potential to give them the opportunity for better education. Upon completion of Mandela Washington Fellowship, Tabitha plans to use her acquired skills to continue advocating for education and creating awareness about opportunities and socioeconomic activities with the vision of encouraging and enlightening marginalized and underprivileged communities.

Francisca Nyaradzo Nhongonhema

Zimbabwe



Grace Varaidzo C Chirumanzu

Zimbabwe

Grace Chirumanzu is an award-winning journalist, national women's full-contact karate champion and sports administrator with ten years' experience. She is one of the few experienced female sports journalists in a male dominated Zimbabwean sports media. Grace is the founding editor of The Sports Queen online magazine and Director of GVC Media (Pvt) Limited. Grace is an Alumni of the U.S Department of State and EspnW Global Sports mentorship program (GSMP). This program was ranked by the Public Diplomacy Council as one of the ten best diplomatic initiatives in the world. Grace has mentored 12 young female journalism students in sports media following the program theme to empower women and girls through sports. Grace plans to use her experience at the 2017 Mandela Washington Fellowship to propel her current businesses into an emerging continental media house that will give a fair share of the limelight to both male and female athletes.



Henok Wendirad Mengistu
Ethiopia

In late 2011, Henok Menistu began a journey pursuing an entrepreneurial endeavor. He co-founded a promotion and marketing company, and reports that despite failing six times in the past six years, he has gained an enormous amount of learning and experience in business and entrepreneurship. Currently he is working as a General Manager in a social enterprise that he co-founded named Mak-Addis Tutors P.L.C. The company mainly provides a tutor-student matchmaking service all over Addis Ababa for students ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade. The company also serves as an incubation center for the tutors by enabling them to innovate different educational materials, including instructional board games.



Herminio Nelson Barros Monteiro
Cabo Verde

Herminio is the creator and owner of a kitesurfing business on the island of Sal, Cabo Verde. Herminio taught himself to kitesurf, which led him to build his own business on the popular tourist island. He is deeply engaged with efforts to help the island's growing homeless population. He advocates for homeless youth in his community by providing mentoring and leadership training to help them develop marketable skills.



Joseph Oliver Wani Duku
South Sudan

Joseph Oliver Wani Duku holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration currently working with African Youth Action Network (AYAN) as a peace ambassador. Joseph grew up in a war-torn country, which caused him to have a passion for advocating for peace. In 2015, he started offering free mentorship and leadership training programs into primary and secondary school to promote peaceful coexistence among the South Sudanese. Joseph intends to establish an orphanage to provide care for children who lost parents in the wars. He is also inspired to become the president of the Republic of South Sudan in future.



Muhammad Ansumana Kromah
Liberia

Muhammad A. Kromah is a businessman and social entrepreneur. He has over seven years of experience in banking, business development, and social entrepreneurship. Currently, Muhammad is the General Manager of Mask Investment Limited, a company that works in the packaging and distribution of safe drinking water in response to the community water crisis. Muhammad is also involved with community leadership and trade unions. He serves as Youth Coordinator for the New Georgia Road Community, and Vice President for Administration of the Liberia Water Producers Association. Muhammad holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the African Methodist Episcopal University, and several certificates in business development, leadership and entrepreneurship. Muhammad is passionate about contributing to social development in communities through the development of social enterprises. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington fellowship, Muhammad plans to continue the development of youth social enterprises by coaching and mentoring small businesses and expanding his own water distribution to other needy communities around Monrovia.



Muzalema Mwanza
Zambia

Muzalema Mwanza has over five years' experience working directly with rural communities, focusing on education and gender empowerment. She is a professional civil engineer and is the Operations Director of Robucon Construction Company, where she is in charge of planning and controlling the allocation of resources to meet the needs of the market for built space and innovative infrastructure development. In addition, Muzalema is the Founder and Programs Director of Siavonga Kapenta Processing Center (SKPC) an agro-processing co-operative for women focusing on promoting sustainable aquaculture activities. Through this, she wishes to help women meet the challenges they face in the fishing industry by exposing them to the latest technologies and the best environmental practices to be able to thrive and compete in the market. Muzalema volunteers at the WECREATE Women's Center by mentoring other women and enhancing their entrepreneurial skills. She also volunteers at Reach2Teach, a social enterprise she co-founded that empowers young girls with life skills. Muzalema is a member of the Zambia Association of Women in Construction (ZAWIC), a national NGO where she champions the interests of Small and Medium Scale women contractors in the construction industry by building and improving their critical skills, knowledge base, and partnerships with other women-owned construction enterprises. Muzalema studied Diplomacy and International

Relations at the Zambia Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies, focusing on strategic analysis of foreign markets to assess foreign laws regulations, sociopolitical factors, and their potential impact. Additionally, she has completed various civil engineering training programs at the National Council of Construction (NCC). Muzalema is motivated by a strong desire and conviction to be financially independent reflected by her personality to be a leader, a decision maker, and her strong will to succeed. Women's participation in the development process has always been impeded; therefore, upon her return with the experience gained from the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Muzalema will lobby government to advocate for women and continue with her work to contribute to eradicating poverty through the economic emancipation of women in Africa.



Nicholas Kamanzi
Uganda

Nicholas Kamanzi has over four years of experience in building technology startups and software development communities. Currently, Kamanzi is a co-founder at PayNext, a financial technology marketplace for Small and Medium Enterprise businesses, and Yoza Tech, which connects single mothers to work. Kamanzi has a Bachelor degree in Computer Engineering from Busitema University where he focused on building software to connect communities. Kamanzi is driven by using technology to better people's lives whether it be providing access to financial services or connecting women in Urban cities to work. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Kamanzi is committed to reducing poverty by increasing access to financial services and providing work for the underserved in urban Uganda.



Philip Osei Bonsu
Ghana

Philip Osei Bonsu has over eight years of leadership and managerial experience in the media and power sector, specifically focusing on brand management and public relations. Currently, Philip is the Head of Public Relations for the Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG) in the Western Region, where he focuses on initiating and leading the implementation of public relations strategies that improve the ECGs corporate image in the region. Philip serves on the Board of Western Waste Limited, a subsidiary of Zoomlion Ghana Limited and hosts Sky Power FM's weekend news analysis program, "News Review". He is also the founder and CEO of OBPR Consult, a PR firm that specializes in media communications and public relations. Philip is a Tullow Scholar who holds an MSc in Corporate Communication and Public Affairs from the Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen. Philip is committed to promoting youth development and capacity building in entrepreneurship through

the sharing of knowledge and strategic networking. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Philip plans to build a world-class public relations firm. He also intends to continue facilitating the training of the youth through the annual Western Regional Youth Entrepreneurship Summit, the biggest gathering of existing and potential youth entrepreneurs in the region.



Sidwaya Sosthene Ouedraogo

Burkina Faso

Sosthene Ouedraogo has over 10 years of experience in business and law, focusing on promoting entrepreneurship and the quality of laws. Currently, Sosthene is the General Manager for Devoice & Partners Ltd, a business and law firm which offers technical and legal assistance to companies and young entrepreneurs. Sosthene is also the CEO of an NGO, the Center for Law Quality and Justice, which he launched in 2013 to promote economic and social justice and improve the quality of laws regarding their inclusiveness and accessibility. Sosthene is driven by his commitment to economic and social rights and hopes to see an Africa where fair regulations and laws promote entrepreneurship and innovation. After completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Sosthene plans to continue his work with a focus of advocating for women's entrepreneurship and minorities' rights.



Sivuyisiwe Ngcaba

South Africa

As the head of The Cortex Hub's stakeholder relations, Sivu Ngcaba has played an instrumental role in building The Cortex Hub's brand since its inception. She helped to found the incubator in the Eastern Cape, and is working to establish the brand in various regions of the United States, Europe and the Middle East. Sivu holds a Rhodes University Commerce Degree in Economic and Management Sciences has recently completed her Private Equity certification with the Business Institute and is currently studying towards obtaining her CFA qualification. As an art enthusiast, Sivu also works for the Family Office, finding innovative ways to merge the exciting world of art and investments with technology. She is passionate about pan-Africanism, gender equality and the uplifting of the African continent through education, innovation and entrepreneurship. When not completely submerged in these various projects, Sivu will often be found sharing her opinions on various economic issues affecting society, art, technology and her favourite books, on her personal blog, www.sivungcaba.com.



Stephen Ndung'u Njoki

Kenya

Stephen Ndung'u has over three years' experience in community development. Currently, he is the Team President/CEO of Enactus Moi University, where they focus on nurturing university students to become successful entrepreneurs able to employ the transformative power of business and improve livelihoods of their communities. He is also the co-founding director of Myruralfarm Investments Ltd, where they nurture entrepreneurs in agriculture through farm management services and agricultural consultation services. Stephen is a final year student seeking a bachelor's degree in Economics with a focus on Agricultural Economics. He is committed to promoting entrepreneurship in agriculture as a tool of economic development. Upon completion of Mandela Washington fellowship, Stephen Ndung'u plans on expanding Enactus to nurture more entrepreneurs and to grow his company, Myruralfarm, to further its impact and to unlock the hidden potentials in the rural areas of Kenya.

Stewart Wakilongo Lunanga

Democratic Republic of the Congo



Susan Folashade Ladipo

Nigeria

Shade Ladipo is a media entrepreneur and social activist. She currently serves as the Country Director for WEConnect International in Nigeria. Shade founded Avienti Limited, a destination management company. She has worked with United Nations Volunteers-Nigeria and advertising agencies where she specialized in event management, account management, and client services. Shade is one of the founding members of the Lagos Global Shapers. She represents Nigeria at World Economic Forum (WEF) events. She is also the co-founder of Enough Is Enough Nigeria, a vocal non-partisan organization advocating for youth empowerment. Shade has been nominated at the Future Awards Africa, chosen as 101 Young Achievers at the African Business Forum in Accra Ghana in 2008, and selected as a Goldman Sachs fellow. Shade is also a public speaker and regularly appears on radio, TV and live event platforms. Her talks include topics such as gender equality in the economic workforce, connecting women enterprises, and leading successful businesses in Nigeria.

Teezzarh T Seduke
Botswana



Ugonna Francisca Nwigwe
Nigeria

Ugonna Nwigwe has over eight years of experience in the healthcare sector. Currently, Ugonna is a Principal Manager at the National Health Insurance Scheme, where she focuses on development of frameworks, methodologies, and tools for quality assurance systems in healthcare facilities and health maintenance organizations. Ugonna is a Doctor of Optometry with a master's degree in Health Promotion and Public health from Brunel University, West London, United Kingdom. She is the founder of The Eye Place Limited, an eye clinic and optical boutique that offers comprehensive eye care services to people of all ages within Abuja and beyond. Ugonna is driven by her commitment to being part of the emerging revolution in the Nigerian healthcare system. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Ugonna plans to continue her work in the Nigerian healthcare sector, with a focus on equality and equity in health.