

Biography of Speakers

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Opening

Eddy Maloka, Chief Executive Officer, African Peer Review Mechanism



Prof. Maloka is the CEO of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), an organ of the African Union responsible for promoting good governance on our continent, and a Visiting Professor at the University of Witwatersrand's School of Governance, Public and Development Management in South Africa. He was the Chairperson of the African Governance Architecture (AGA), a platform for dialogue among AU institutions with the mandate to promote good governance and strengthen democracy in Africa, and formerly the President of the Convocation of the University of Cape Town. His other previous appointments include: Special Advisor to the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation in the Republic of South Africa; South Africa's Special Representative to the Great Lakes Region; Special Advisor to the Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa; and Advisor on Governance, Public Administration and Post-Conflict Reconstruction to the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). Prof Maloka holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Rhodes University (South Africa); a Master's degree in Development Studies from the Geneva-based Institute of Development Studies, in Switzerland; and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Cape Town. He was a Post-Doctoral Fellow at Princeton University, in New Jersey, the USA; and a Research Fellow at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), the University of London. He served as President of the Association of African Political Science (AAPS), and the President of the South African Association of Political Science. He is a widely published scholar with interest in African and international affairs.

Monique Nzanzabaganwa, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission



H.E. Dr. Nsanzabaganwa is the Deputy Chairperson (DCP) for the African Union Commission. She is in charge of Administration and Finance and assists the Chairperson in the execution of his functions to ensure the smooth running of the Commission and acts as the Chairperson in his absence. Dr. Nsanzabaganwa holds a Ph.D. in Economics, and Honorary Doctorate of Commerce, University of Stellenbosch. She has over twenty years' experience developing and leading programs that drive financial inclusion and economic prosperity. Prior to her election she held senior positions in the Government of the Republic of Rwanda including Minister of State in charge of Economic Planning, Minister of Trade and Industry and Deputy Governor of the Central Bank. Dr. Nsanzabaganwa has supported various Gender Empowerment initiatives through her memberships in the Alliance for Financial Inclusion Gender committee, Women's World Banking African Advisory Council, the Graça Machel Trust Expert Group on women's financial inclusion and the digital economy in Africa, New Faces New Voices Rwanda chapter, Unity Club amongst others. Dr. Nsanzabaganwa was elected by the 34th African Union Assembly for a four-year term renewable once. She is the first woman to hold the position of Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission.

Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN DESA



Mr. Hanif has more than 30 years of experience in national and international Civil Service, encompassing analytical work, policymaking, programme planning, capacity development, multilateral diplomacy and extensive knowledge of the United Nations system. Prior to the Assistant Secretary-General position, Mr. Hanif was the Director of the Financing for Sustainable Development Office in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. He was previously the Director of Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination and prior to that was the first Head of the Strategic Planning Unit in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General. He served in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General as a member of the team for the 2005 World Summit. He also held a number of positions in the United Nations bodies, including the Vice-Chair of the High-Level Committee on Programmes. Before joining the United Nations, Mr. Hanif served in his country's Diplomatic Service, including as a delegate at its Permanent Mission to the United Nations. He holds a master's degree in International Political Economy from Columbia University, New York and a second master's degree in English Literature from Government College, Lahore.

Colleen V. Kelapile, Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations, Permanent Mission of Botswana to the United Nations



H.E. Mr. Vixen Kelapile is the Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations. Before his latest appointment, Mr. Kelapile was Chief of Staff to the Executive Secretary of the Addis Ababa-based United Nations Economic Commission for Africa between 2014 and 2018. From 2013 to 2014, Mr. Kelapile was the Deputy Director in the Department of Africa and the Middle East at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Gaborone. As a member of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions beginning in 2004, he served as Vice-Chairman from 2008 to 2010 and as Chairman from 2011 until 2012. Before that, Mr. Kelapile was posted at Botswana's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York from 1998 to 2003, serving in a number of positions, including First Secretary and Counsellor. He joined the foreign service in 1995. Ambassador



Kelapile joined the Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation in 1995 as Desk Officer for the UN, soon after graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and Public Administration from the University of Botswana in the same year.

Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Chancellor of Nelson Mandela University and Chair of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration



Mrs. Fraser-Moleketi is the Chancellor of Nelson Mandela University prior to which she was Special Envoy on Gender at the African Development Bank. In this role, she led a strategy to mainstream gender in the Bank’s policies and operations, making the Bank a reference institution on gender equality in Africa. She has also served as Director of the Democratic Governance Group of UNDP with activities in more than 170 countries. Prior to joining the United Nations, Mrs. Fraser-Moleketi served in the South African Government as Minister of Public Service and Administration for two consecutive terms. She also served as Chair of the Pan African Ministers of Public Service for three consecutive terms and has worked on intergovernmental bodies globally and in Africa.

While Minister for Public Service and Administration, she served as a member of UN CEPA. As Minister for Welfare and Population Development in the first democratic Government of South Africa, she introduced the Government’s white papers on social welfare (1997) and on population policy (1998) in the Parliament. She served as Deputy Minister of Welfare and coordinated the country’s preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995. Mrs. Fraser-Moleketi serves on various boards across academia, government and development organizations on issues related to youth, the empowerment of women, capacity development and education, governance and poverty eradication. She is a fellow of the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Harvard University, and holds a Master’s degree in Administration. Mrs. Fraser-Moleketi was named 2016 New African Woman of the Year and was conferred a Doctorate of Philosophy (Honoris Causa) by the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Thembelani Thulas Nxesi, Acting Minister of Public Service and Administration, South Africa



Mr. Nxesi is currently serving as the Minister of Employment and Labour having previously served as the Minister of Public Works and Minister of Sport and Recreation. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Fort Hare obtained in 1983, a Bachelor of Education degree from Wits and a Higher Diploma in Education from UNISA. He taught at Ikusasa Senior Secondary School from 1985 to 1990. He has served as Assistant Secretary-General and Secretary-General of the South African Teacher’s Union (SADTU) from 1990 to 1994 and 1994 to 2010 respectively. He was expelled from school several times for involvement in political activities.

Session 1: Accelerating Implementation of the 2030 Agenda and 2063 Agenda in Africa: how far have we come?

Langton Ngorima, Director and National focal point for SDGs, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Zimbabwe



Mr. Ngorima has 25 years of service in the public service. He has served in the International Relations of the Department of the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, starting as an Officer and rising through the ranks to Deputy Director in charge of the Department. He covered all matters related to labour and employment within the bilateral and multilateral sphere. Since 2018 he has been the Director for Labour Administration in the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare. He was appointed the National Focal person for SDGs in Zimbabwe in 2018. Mr. Ngorima has in this capacity facilitated the production of the second VNR for Zimbabwe in 2021. He further facilitated the localisation process of SDGs leading the alignment of the National Development Plan to the SDGs. Under his leadership, Zimbabwe pioneered the process of VLRs and is in the process of cascading them to more local authorities. He was a member of the Bureau of the African Regional Forum on SDGs from 2020 -2021. Mr. Ngorima holds a Masters (Cum Laude) in Industrial and Employment Relations from University of Turin, Italy.

Ayodele Odusola, Resident Coordinator a.i., United Nations, South Africa



Mr. Odusola is the Resident Coordinator a.i for the United Nations in South Africa and Resident Representative for the UN Development Programme (UNDP). Previously, he was Chief Economist and Head of the Strategy and Analysis Team for UNDP’s Regional Bureau for Africa (RBA). He is the Chair of the UNDP Corporate Technical Team on the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs). As an economist, Mr. Odusola focuses on dynamics of macroeconomics and development economics pertaining to the African continent. Prior to Chief Economist, he served as the RBA MDGs Adviser for Sub-Saharan Africa, after his tenure as Economic Adviser in UNDP South Africa. Before his time in South Africa, he was a Senior Economist in UNDP Nigeria, supporting the preparation of fiscal responsibility legislation at national and state levels; coordinated fiscal policy project and expansion of tax database; local, regional and national MDGs; and human development reports as well as other knowledge products. Prior to joining the United Nations, Mr. Odusola worked with the Presidency of Nigeria (1993-2005); and from 1999 to 2005, he served as the Director of the Research and Macroeconomic Training Programme under the President’s Economic Management Think-Tank. Served as Senior Consultant on fiscal policy management to several organizations like the World Bank, the West African Institute of Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM), and the West African Monetary Institute (WAMI). Academically, Dr. Odusola has lectured several universities in Africa and has published over 50 articles in national and international journals, editing and authoring books as well as technical reports. In 2001, he was the African Visiting Scholar to the International Monetary Fund and has lectured in several universities.

Joel Saitoti Torome, Principal Secretary, State Department of Planning, Kenya



Mr. Torome is the current Principal Secretary in the State Department for Planning at The National Treasury and Planning where he is providing overall co-ordinational, leadership and technical guidance on national and sectoral development planning to across Ministries, Departments and Agencies. He earlier on served as Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Defence where he was a member of the National Security Advisory Committee and Secretary to the Defence Council. Previously, he served as Principal Secretary in the State Department of Planning and Statistics in the Ministry Devolution and Planning. Before becoming a Principal Secretary, He also served as Director in Kenya National Bureau of Statistics. He is a member of the Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya (CPS), a body of professional accounting officers. He did his undergraduate degree studies at the Kenyatta University and graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor’s degree in Education double-major in Economics and Geography. He then proceeded to the University of Nairobi and graduated in 2003 with an MBA in Strategic Management.

Amb. Amr Al Aljowaily, Strategic Advisor, Deputy chairperson office, African Union Commission



Ambassador Aljowaily is an international civil servant, diplomat, academic and writer with 32 years of professional experience. He currently holds the post of Strategic Advisor to the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission (Partnerships and Stakeholder Engagement) in Addis Ababa. As an academic, he is visiting faculty at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Multilateral Diplomacy Program since 2014, and Diplo Foundation since 2007, and previously Board Member of the Institute for Diplomatic Studies and at the American University in Cairo (AUC) including the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy. As an Egyptian diplomat, his postings included Belgrade, New York, Geneva and Washington, DC. At the Foreign Ministry, he served as Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for United Nations Affairs, member of the Cabinets of the Minister and First Undersecretary and the departments of multilateral political and economic issues. He was also Coordinator of International Relations at the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. As a writer, he published some of the earliest analytical works in Arabic on ICTs and International Relations and continues to publish in the field of multilateral diplomacy, especially in issues related to international peace and security. Aljowaily holds a BA in Political Science and an MA in Middle East Studies from AUC, a MSc in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a Post Graduate Diploma in Contemporary Diplomacy from the University of Malta.

Kefiloe Masiteng, Acting Secretary, National Planning Commission, South Africa



Dr Masiteng is the Acting Secretary of National Planning Commission, in the Presidency. She was the Deputy Director General for Statistics South Africa for 11 years responsible for censuses and household surveys. She was responsible for Population and social statistics including poverty, employment, population statistics, demography, health and vital statistics and M&E. She worked in the Presidency as Chief Director for Governance and Administration and Project Manager for Executive Information Management System (EIMS), where she conceptualized Government Wide Monitoring and Evaluation System and POA system in 2005. Dr. Masiteng has also worked in the Department of Health and Housing in the area M&E and



Information Management Systems. She holds a PhD from Wits University and wrote a book from her thesis titled: The determinants of Poverty and Inequality in South Africa since 1994. She holds a master’s in public health from UP specializing in M&E and information management systems.

Tonya Vaturi, Sustainable Development Officer, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs



Ms. Vaturi provides substantive support to the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and the General Assembly, focusing on a wide range of sustainable development issues. She has been engaged in multilateral negotiations on sustainable development for over 20 years, from the development of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation in 2002 to the negotiation and adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2015. She has led policy-oriented research and analysis on agriculture, food security and nutrition within UN DESA, has extensive experience facilitating inclusive multi-stakeholder participation in sustainable development governance and implementation, and provides evidence-based policy guidance on sustainable development to UN Member States and others, particularly in the Africa region. Ms. Vaturi holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Florida, and a Master’s degree in International Affairs from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in New York.

Session 2: Institutions and the Decade of Action and Delivery in Africa: Moving Beyond the COVID-19 pandemic

Alfred G. Nhema, Director and Professor, School of Government, University of the Western Cape



Professor Nhema is a Director and Professor in the School of Government, University of the Western Cape, Bellville, Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa. He has taught at university levels in Canada and the United States of America. He has served on several international advisory boards and has also worked at a senior level in the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) sector. He is the author of *Democracy in Zimbabwe: from liberation to liberalization*. Harare: University of Zimbabwe Publications, 2002; editor of *Governance in a changing landscape in Zimbabwe*, Harare, University of Zimbabwe Publications, 2022; *Zimbabwe: the search for development paradigms*, Harare: University of Zimbabwe Publications, 2017; *The quest for peace in Africa:*

Transformation, democracy and public policy. Utrecht: The Netherlands, International Books in association with OSSREA, 2004; co-editor with Gideon Zhou, *Evolving Issues in Public Administration and Governance in Zimbabwe*. Harare: University of Zimbabwe Publications, 2017; co-editor with Jan Aart Scholte & Lorenzo Fioramonti. *New Rules for Global Justice: Structural Redistribution in the Global Economy*. London: Rowman & Littlefield Publications International Ltd, 2016; co-editor with Paul Tiyambe Zeleza. *The Resolution of African Conflicts: the Management of Conflict Resolution and Post-Conflict Reconstruction*. Oxford: James Currey and Athens: Ohio University Press, 2008 and *The Roots of African Conflicts: the Causes and Costs*. Oxford: James Currey, and Athens: Ohio University Press, 2008. He has also published numerous articles and monographs on development issues.



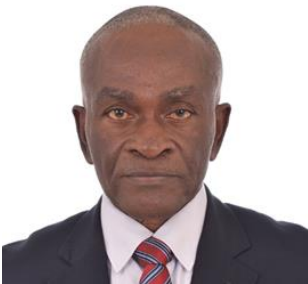
Yoliswa Makhasi, Director-General, Department of Public Service and Administration, South Africa



Ms. Makhasi is an activist bureaucrat who started her career in the public sector in 1996. She currently serves as Director General of the Department of Public Service and Administration since March 2020. Previously, she was Head of Department for Community Safety in Gauteng Provincial Government from Jan 2016 to February 2020. She is an activist, qualified Coach and public policy expert who has grown up in different ranks in the public sector. Ms. Makhasi has worked in different roles within the public sector from operations, management and political/strategic levels and has been exposed to different levels of decision-making, oversight, management and operations. She also volunteers in good cause initiatives aimed at developing young people, in particular young women.

Her key capabilities and competencies include policy development and analysis; strategic leadership, planning, monitoring and evaluation; project management, people management, stakeholder relations, partnerships and constituency building; risk management; corporate governance and communications. Her academic credentials include Master’s in Philosophy (MPhil) in Coaching Management from University of Stellenbosch (2019); Master’s Degree in Public Policy and Management from University of Manchester (UK) (2005); Bachelor of Arts Degree from Vista University (PE). She has continuously improved her skills and has obtained a number of certificates mainly from Wits University & Gordon Business School (GIBS) on project management, leadership, financial management, government communications etc. In 2021 she obtained a certificate on Innovation from INSEAD as well as Certificate on Public Policy Analysis from London School of Economics.

George K. Scott, Secretary General, African Association for Public Administration and Management



Dr. Scott is the Secretary General of the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) and an Associate Professor Extraordinary, School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Scott previously served in the Public Service of Ghana for many years rising steadily to the grade of Chief Director (Permanent Secretary). In AAPAM, Scott has led the Association in hosting several continental Annual Roundtable Conferences, and a number of capacity development programs including international executive courses, seminars and workshops. He represents AAPAM at the annual sessions of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) on an observer status. Dr. Scott has authored four books; co-edited five recently published AAPAM books and contributed widely to internationally accredited journals.

Scott has extensive experience in managing public organizations, organizing international conferences, public policy, capacity building/training programs, conducting academic reviews, and research. He holds PhD in Development Studies, Master’s Degree in Public Administration (MPA), and Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration.

Nyasha McBride Mpani, Project Officer for the CSO-AGP Project, African Governance Platform Coalition, Cape Town



Mr. Mpani is the Project Officer for the Data for Governance Alliance Project (D4GA) at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation in Cape Town. The D4GA project promotes Pan-African CSO public data advocacy and strengthening the implementation of the African Union’s Agenda 2063. He was an Advocacy Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVSR) and previously, a Parliamentary Program Assistant at the Democracy Development Program (Durban). He is a PhD candidate in Anthropology at the University of Cape Town. He holds a MPhil in Sociology and Development Studies from the University of Cape Town and a BSc Hons in Sociology from the Great Zimbabwe

Ibrahim Issoufou Ibrahim, Chief of Monitoring and Evaluation Division -SDGs strategies, Niger



Mr. Issoufou Ibrahim is currently the Head of the Monitoring and Evaluation Division of Strategic Development Frameworks. Holder of an Engineering degree in Operational Research at the USTHB of Algiers, Master’s in Project Management and expert in Planning and Monitoring and Evaluation, he has worked successively in NGOs then in the private sector and currently in the public service. For 9 years he has been working at the Ministry of Planning in Development Planning, particularly in the elaboration, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of public policies and development plans and in the capacity building of actors. As Head of Division, he is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the SDGs,

Agenda 2063 and National Development Plan

Evenilde Helena Tamele, Planning Officer- Focal Point for Sustainable Development Goals, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Mozambique



Mrs. Tamele works at the National Directorate of Planning and Budget, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Mozambique. She is Planning and Budget Officer, Senior Budget and Public Accounting Technician and National Focal Point for the United Nations 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the African Union Agenda 2063. Mrs. Tamele has more than 10 years of experience working in the public planning and budgeting process, at national and local levels. This includes monitoring and evaluation process, Social, economic and financial studies, formulation of public policies, integration of international commitments in the national planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation system, such as the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, of the United Nations and the African Union

Agenda 2063, at national level. She holds a degree in Management from Eduardo Mondlane University, in 2011.

Session 3: Application of Selected CEPA Principles to the SDGs Reviewed in Depth at the 2022 HLPF



Munira Hassan, Deputy Director, APRM and Governance, New Partnership for Africa's Development/African Peer Review Mechanism (NEPAD/APRM) Kenya Secretariat



Ms. Hassan is a Governance expert with 10 years of experience in the African Peer Review Mechanism at the NEPAD-APRM Kenya Secretariat. In executing her role at the Secretariat, Ms. Hassan has been highly credited for her contribution to Kenya's 2nd APRM Country Review process, Kenya's Targeted Review, and the conception and piloting of the County Peer Review (CPRM) in Kenya's Sub-National levels. Upon joining the Secretariat, Ms. Hassan played a key role in linking the APRM process to various stakeholders bringing them together for a common cause. She also continues to work extensively in Gender projects in Kenya specifically in relation to Governance and equality. She holds a Master of Arts in International Studies, Bachelor of Arts in

Accounting and Finance.

Patrick Sokhela, Chief Director: International Cooperation & APRM, Department of Public Service and Administration



Dr. Patrick Sokhela has worked for the national Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) as a Senior Manager since 1 July 2007 and is currently Chief Director: Research and Public Administration Discourse focusing on the policy for the Transformation and Modernization of the Public Administration. Prior to the current position, he was Chief Director: Change Management at the DPSA where he drafted two frameworks on managing change in the public service and complaints/compliments management in the public service. Prior to joining the DPSA he worked as a Senior Manager in local government in various transformational projects where he developed expertise in the areas of local government transformation, intergovernmental relations and co-operative governance, change management,

traditional leadership, communication, and stakeholder relations. He continues to lecture part-time on various programmes at the School of Public Management and Administration (SPMA) at the University of Pretoria. He also serves on the Advisory Boards of the Young African Leadership Initiative (YALI) at the University of South Africa (UNISA) and SPMA at the University of Pretoria. He is also convener and facilitator of the AAPAM/ DPSA/ SPMA annual seminar on Human Resources Strategies to achieve the Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Anatole Mulindwa, Applied Governance Research Analyst, African Centre of Excellence of Data Science, Rwanda Governance Board, Rwanda



Mr. Mulindwa has 12 years of working experience in public service including senior leadership in national affairs. Since December 2021, he was appointed by the Government of Rwanda on the position of Applied Governance Research Analyst in Rwanda Governance Board (RGB) leading a team of full-time research specialists and part-time 350 enumerators. In the same organization, he has served as acting on the positions of Innovation and Home Grown Solutions (HGS) Research Analyst and Principal Researcher, hence he was the HGS researcher in RGB from 2015 to 2019. He worked as research and statistics officer in the Rwanda Media High Council and statistics officer in the parliament of Rwanda, Chamber of Deputies. At RGB, he daily delivers on average 4 nationwide research projects per year with responsibilities of

research conceptualization, development of full research protocols, and development of policy briefs for strategic advisory meetings with policy makers, civil society and development partners. He is a board member of the Institute of Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR) in Rwanda. He is also a member of the national technical committee on reform processes of ombudsman office and a member of Rwanda Monitoring and Evaluation Organization (RMEO). Since 2010, he is an expert in planning and implementing project baseline studies, middle and end line evaluation of different projects and programs, designing and conceiving quantitative and qualitative data collection tools (online and offline), and data entry, data cleaning, data management, data process, tabulation and analysis using STATA, NVivo, CAPI (SurveyCTO, SurveyToGo, and KoboToolBox), Python and SPSS. He holds a master’s degree of Science in the Applied Statistics from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. Currently he pursues his PhD studies in Data Science, option of Data Mining in the African Centre of Excellence of Data Science.

Dineo Seabe, Associate, African Monitor



Dr. Seabe is a Development and Macro Economics Lecturer and an International Development Expert, with over decade of experience focusing on issues around economic development, governance, and stakeholder engagement. She has a passion for people-centred economic development. Dr. Seabe has served on high-level tasks teams on the SDGs and played various advisory roles, assisting organisations and public institutions at the local, national, regional, and international levels. Currently, she is working with the African Monitor to develop a Roadmap to form the South African National Development Stakeholder Forum for the acceleration of the SDGs in South Africa. Dr Seabe holds a joint PhD in Economics from Vrije Universiteit Brussels and Stellenbosch University. She takes a multidisciplinary and multi-method approach to her research, which has been presented at high-level international conferences and published in various mediums.

Rose Keffas, Special Assistant to the Special Adviser for the President on SDGs, Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on SDGs, Nigeria



Ms. Keffas is a development specialist, result-oriented and strategic leader with 15 years of extensive experience in accomplishing remarkable outcomes in economic, social and community development and presently serving as the Special Assistant Policy, Strategy and International Relations to the Special Adviser to the President of Nigeria on sustainable development goals (SDGs) from March 2016 till date. In this capacity she provides technical leadership and strategic guidance on the implementation and domestication at National and Sub-National Government of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. She is adept at coordinating with various political subdivisions and facilitating change

in a community to support sub-national and Local Government. Fostering partnership with Government, Ministries, Departments and Agencies, Sub National and Local Government, CSOs, Youth Organization, Women Organization, Development Partners and Private sector. Ms. Keffas is an award-winning SDG Advocate known for her commitment on youth development and the attainment of the sustainable development goals in Nigeria. In 2020 she was awarded most influential people of African Descent Government under 40, 100 women creating a better world and 100 Career Women in 2022. She holds a BSc. in International Studies from Ahmadu Bello University Nigeria and a master's degree from Cardiff Business School, United Kingdom.

Session 4: Session 4: SDG 16 monitoring and evaluation: an African perspective

Samuel Kasule, Senior Planner, Education and Skills Development, National Planning Commission, Uganda



Mr. Kasule is a Senior Planner – Education and Skills Development, National Planning Authority, Uganda. Prior to this, he was the Senior Planner, Economic Governance and Management, African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Secretariat Uganda in charge of monitoring and reporting on the progress made on implementation of Uganda's APRM National Programme of Action. He's a Chartered Risk Analyst and is currently pursuing a PhD in Economics at Makerere University, Uganda. He has 7 years of experience in development planning and policy research. He has supported the preparation of the Third National Development Plan for Uganda and the Human Capital Development Programme of the Plan; and other pertinent assignments in line with education sector planning. He has experience in education sector analysis particularly conducting education cost and finance analysis, education system performance system, and system capacity analysis. His areas of specialization include education economics, public sector economics and management, policy analysis, development economics and econometrics. Besides, he is a member of the African Economics Research Consortium (AERC) Network and the APRM Network on National Planning.

Pali Lehohla, former Statistician-General, South Africa



Dr. Lehohla is the former Statistician-General of South Africa, a position he held from 2000 up to 2017. He has served as co-chair of PARIS21 and the Chair of the United Nations Statistics Commission. He was the founding chair of the Statistics Commission of Africa (StatCom Africa) and chairs the African Symposium for Statistical Development (ASSD). He was the Vice President of the International Statistics Institute (ISI) and sponsors the Young African Statistician (YAS) movement. He served as one of on the twenty-five-member panel on Data Revolution appointed by the UN Secretary General and was a member of the Independent Accountability Panel for the health of women, children and adolescents. He is the deputy chair of the board of the International Network of Demography of Populations and their Health (INDEPTH). Dr Lehohla has been a forceful advocate for improving the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics systems in Africa. He consulted extensively in the in conflict, out of conflict and fragile states on matters statistics. And this saw him cover Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan and Cambodia to make some mention. He was recognized by his alma mater, the University of Ghana for his contribution to the development of statistics in 2015 and was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Stellenbosch in the same year and in 2018 the University of Kwa – Zulu Natal awarded him an Honorary Doctorate. In October 2018 the University of Johannesburg appointed Dr Lehohla as a Professor of Practice. He consults widely on matters statistics and since 2017 he became a Research Associate at Oxford University and a consultant to Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI). He is the Founder of the Pan African Institute for Evidence (PIE). He is a member of the Idlulamithi Steering Committee. For twenty years to date he has been weekly columnist in the Business Report.

Tanneh G. Brunson, Deputy Minister for Budget and Development Planning, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Liberia



Mrs. Brunson has 34 years of experience in public service including 20 years in Public Financial Management and 14 years in the Human Services Arena. Mrs. Brunson was appointed as the Deputy Minister for Budget and Development Planning, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Republic of Liberia since October 2013. She coordinates the preparation and implementation of the National Budget, as well as National Development Plans. She has oversight of the government’s overall development agenda which includes collaborating with development partners to ensure alignment and consistency with the objectives and strategies of the national development plan. During her professional journey outside of Liberia, she gained valuable experience in the human services arena where she managed welfare/subsidy programs, formulated policies and interpreted regulations and procedures for implementation at Federal, State and Local Governments levels in the United States. Mrs. Brunson has played a key role in the government’s Public Financial Management Reform Initiatives. She coordinated the development of Liberia’s first Medium Term Expenditure Framework to ensure that the budget is a key policy tool to implement Government’s economic and development priorities. Mrs. Brunson holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Management from the University of Liberia, Monrovia, Liberia, and a Master of Arts Degree in Economics from the Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Richard Osei Bofah, Chief Analyst, National Development Planning Commission, Ghana

Dr. Bofah is a Development Economist currently working as a Chief Analyst with the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) of Ghana where he coordinates the Voluntary National Review of the Sustainable



Development Goals in Ghana. He is the Technical Lead for Ghana’s Human Capital Development Strategy and Future of Work project. He is also instrumental in the preparation of some key national documents: Including UN 2030 Agenda and Voluntary National Review Reports, AU Agenda 2063 Report, Medium-Term National Development Policy Framework, Ghana@100, National Annual Progress Reports, Development Monitor, Covid-19 District Recovery Plans. Prior to working with NDPC, Richard worked as a Research Analyst at the New York University, Accra. Dr. Bofah also worked as a Principal Research Assistant at the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research of the University of Ghana where he played central role for the development of survey instruments, training and supervision of field workers,

budgeting of research projects, analysis of qualitative and quantitative data, writing of reports and dissemination of results. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Development Economics, a Master of Philosophy degree in Economics and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics with Mathematics, from the University of Ghana. He was a visiting Doctoral Fellow with the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), Helsinki, Finland.

Sharmarke Farah, Director-General, Somali National Bureau of Statistics, Somalia



Mr. Farah is the Director-General of the Somali National Bureau of Statistics (SNBS). He is responsible for leading and coordinating the comprehensive national statistics development strategy (NSDS). The SNBS is an autonomous government agency mandated to collect, analyze, and disseminate all official economic, social, environmental and demographic statistics as well as the formulation of policies and establishing the internal regulations, priorities, standards, and criteria for all censuses and surveys to be carried out in Somalia. Before his appointment as the DG of SNBS, Mr Farah served as the Principal Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Somalia and the Coordinator of the Economic Roadmap, working with 14 Federal Ministries

and the Central Bank, focusing on economic and financial reforms (PFM), debt relief, National Development Plan (NDP), human capital development, investment and trade facilitation (including WTO accession), private and infrastructure sector development. Mr Farah led the technical renegotiation of the Mogadishu Airport and Port concessions, ensuring significant investment, increased government revenues, greater accountability and transparency, and compliance with international agreements and conventions as well as international quality and safety standards. He is the founder and former Executive Director of a Somalia-based Think-Tank that specializes in research on institutional development, public sector governance and public service delivery. Partners include the UN, NGOs, governments, universities and the private sector. Whilst managing Hayaan Institute, Mr. Farah provided regular consultancy to government and international partners (UN, World Bank, AfDB, USAID, FCDO) on national development policy and strategy, public finance, economic growth strategies, sectoral planning and environmental management. He worked with UNICEF for over seven years in various capacities in Somalia, New York HQ and North Korea. He has an MSc in Public Policy and Management from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK.

Session 5: The regional dimension of the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of Agenda 2063; the role of regional economic communities (RECs) and AUC (Agenda 2063 framework)



Abubakar Metcho, Programmes Specialist, Officer of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on SDGs, Nigeria



Mr. Metcho is the country Programmes Specialist at the Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Sustainable Development Goals (OSSAP-SDGs) in Nigeria. He has about 10 years' experience in programme design, evaluation, and management of various cross-cutting development interventions at both National and Sub-national levels to achieve sustainable development in Nigeria - including scaling up of investments of \$1 billion USD in priority areas for Human Capital Development across all the 36 states and the 774 Local Governments Areas under the MDGs Debt Relief Funds. His has worked with a number of international organizations notably UNDP, UNRCO and IFAD. With UNDP he supported the mobilization of about USD\$7 million under the One-UN Basket fund for COVID-19 recovery in Nigeria and implemented a

\$3m USD intervention in 7 LGAs in Kaduna for the attainment of the MDGs. In 2018 he won a grant under the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to assess the adopters of Innovative Rice Processing Technique in Niger State, Nigeria. Mr. Metcho has a broad experience in managing interventions and supported the government Nigeria in stemming and countering the drivers of radicalization under the SAVE project. He holds a Masters in Sustainable Development Practice from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria and a bachelor's in architecture from Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi. He is a member of Society for Monitoring and Evaluation Association, Nigeria (SMAEN). In addition, he is the focal point for supporting the Sub-nationals in developing their SDGs based development plans as well as the Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) at OSSAP-SDGs.

Lineekela Josephat Mboti, Chief Executive Officer & Focal Point of the APRM National Secretariat in Namibia



Ambassador Mboti is the Chief Executive Officer and Focal Point (Deputy Minister level) of the African Peer Review Mechanism in Namibia since April 2019. Between January 2015 to March 2019, he served as Deputy Executive Director responsible for Multilateral Relations and Cooperation at the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation. He also served as Ambassador of Namibia to the Federative Republic of Brazil, and Non-Resident Ambassador to Argentina, Peru, Chile, Colombia, Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia and Suriname, and played a key role in deepen bilateral cooperation between South America and Namibia. Between February 2003 until August 2010, he served as Ambassador of Namibia to Angola and Non-Resident Ambassador to Cape Verde, São Tomé and Príncipe. He is widely accredited for strengthen Namibia - Angola Bilateral Relations and Cooperation. December 2002- August 1998 he served as Charge d' Affaires ai to Austria and Acting Resident Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, (UNODC) United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) as well as other International Organizations based in Vienna. In January 1997 Ambassador Mboti was appointed Minister Counsellor at the Embassy of Namibia to the Federal Republic of Germany. Ambassador Mboti served as Acting Chief of Protocol (1996- 1997), Director of Protocol, State House (1991-1996). He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Namibia as a Foreign Relations Officer in April 1990. He holds a Master's degree in Diplomatic and Strategic Studies from the International University in Vienna, (2003).

Jennifer M. Njelesani, Director, Special Duties of Finance and Economic Development, Office of the President, Zambia



Ms. Njelesani is currently serving as a Director in the Office of the President - Cabinet Office of the Government of the Republic of Zambia. She has over 30 years of experience in Finance with extensive experience in the Public Sector. She has worked in various strategic, executive and senior financial management roles. An organizational strategist, she specializes in strategic financial turnarounds, public sector finance optimization and international financial reporting legislation. Her vast experience has also seen her work as an auditor and a strategic consultant in her area of expertise. Ms. Njelesani is passionate about the empowerment of women and has been involved in various women empowerment programmes especially concerning women in the accountancy profession.

Ms. Njelesani is a Chartered Accountant and is a fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and a member of the Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants (ZICA). She also holds a Master's in Business Administration from Roehampton University, United Kingdom.

Israel G. Laizer, Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate, Southern African Development Community (SADC)



Mr. Laizer currently works with SADC Secretariat in Gaborone - Botswana as Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist having worked with Palladium Group International (Tanzania), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Fintrac Inc. under USAID Funded Project Feed the Future, Foundation for Civil Society Tanzania and Maarifa ni Ufunguo (Tanzania). For the past 15 years he has been working with National and International Non-Governmental Organizations, Government and Government Agencies, Development Partners such as USAID, COMIC RELIEF, ACTION AID, UNDP, DFID, SIDA, OXFAM (UK), different Embassies and Research Institutions supporting Development Agenda in different Countries. He has developed monitoring and evaluation tools for use in participatory

Monitoring and Evaluation of over 60 different programmes, setting up sound monitoring and evaluation systems, conducting, coordinating, leading and facilitating baseline surveys, end-line surveys and impact assessment evaluations. He has extensive experience in the use of both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies, including the use of OECD DAC criteria. In his current position at Southern African Development Community in Botswana, he has participated in production and coordination of the 1st Biennial Continental Report as well as the 2nd Report on the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and is currently coordinating the Agenda 2063 implementation at the SADC Secretariat level and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including its reporting from Southern Africa Development Community. Mr Laizer has a Master's degree in Development Studies from University of Dar es Salaam's Institute of Development Studies and currently pursuing a PhD Programme researching on Prospect of Development in Tanzania using Domestic Resource Mobilization.

Jean-Yves Adou, Monitoring and Evaluation Acting Director, African Peer Review Mechanism



Mr. Adou is the Acting Director of the Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate at the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Continental Secretariat based in Johannesburg, South Africa. He has more than 25 years of experience in Development and Cooperation. Prior to his position at the APRM Secretariat, Mr. Adou has occupied several positions at the African Union Commission, the Central Africa Economic and Monetary Community Commission, and the West Africa Economic and Monetary Union Commission. Several of his achievements include his contribution in the APRM Country Reviews and Governance Assessments, the integration of NEPAD into the AU Structure



and processes, the Capacity Building for National Statistics Institutes of the francophone countries of West Africa region, the successful coordination and implementation of the macro-economic and statistics programmes of the Central Africa Economic and Monetary Community among others. Mr. Adou has published several articles on Statistics' Harmonisation, Development Monitoring and Evaluation in the African Union Commission's Integration Review and the African Development Bank Group's Magazine eVALUation Matters. He holds a Master in Statistics Engineering, from the National Higher School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSEA) in Abidjan-Côte d'Ivoire and a Masters' Degree in International Economy and Globalisation with specialisation in International Economy and Politics, from Pierre Mendès France University, Grenoble II. Mr. Adou also holds certificates in economic coordination, regional integration, project management, macro-economic management, operational planning and project control, procurement and loan disbursement, Diplomacy and Multinational/Bilateral Negotiation.

Rita Bissoonauth, Director, UNESCO Addis Ababa Liaison Office to the African Union & United Nations Economic Commission for Africa,



Dr. Bissoonauth is the Director of the UNESCO Addis Ababa Liaison Office to the African Union & United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. She is a holder of a PhD in Education from the University of Quebec in Montreal, Canada, and a Master's degree in Biochemistry from the University of Lyon, France and has over 20 years a wealth of experience from national and international missions. She was a Head of Mission at African Union International Center for Girls and Women's Education in Africa (AU/CIEFFA) based in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso and previously worked with the African as a Senior Policy Officer at the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa. Before joining the AU, she worked as a Senior Lecturer at the Mauritius Institute of Education and at the University of Quebec in Montreal, Canada teaching Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Science Education

Session 6: Implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 at subnational level

Lusanda Batala, Senior Expert, National Planning Commission Secretariat, South Africa



Mr. Batala has vast experience in government dealing with African and International development issues. Currently working as a Senior Sector Expert for the South African Government, National Planning Commission Secretariat. He is the focal point for coordinating global, continental, and regional development agendas. Mr. Batala has been instrumental in coordinating inputs for South Africa's first Voluntary National Review (VNR) report in July 2019. He also coordinated the progress report on the implementation of the African Union Agenda 2063. He is an economist with Bachelor and Master's degree. Currently pursuing a PhD in Development Finance.

Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs



Mr. Sibanda is Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA). He leads and manages the activities undertaken by the Branch that support DESA’s operational work aimed at building capacities of developing countries to translate the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other internationally agreed policy frameworks and programmes at global, regional and country-levels. He also oversees the work of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs’ two project offices, the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD) in the Republic of Korea and the United Nations Center for Regional Development (UNCRD) in Japan. These project offices carry out several capacity development activities to support developing countries in planning and implementing sustainable development strategies and promoting sustainable regional development and awareness of environmental issues. Mr. Sibanda holds a Doctorate and an M.A. in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania, an MSc in Population Studies and B.A. in Geography (Honours) from the University of Zimbabwe.

Mohammed Mehdi Rais, Executive Director, Innovative Development Initiatives



Dr. Mehdi Rais is the founding president of Innovative Development Initiatives -IDI. He carried out several development projects relating to the implementation of the 2030 United Nations in Morocco, in the Arab world and internationally. Those projects also contribute to the realization of the Development Goals of the African Union (Agenda 2063) in several African countries. The impact of these projects has enabled the IDI institution and its president Dr. Mehdi Rais to obtain support from government institutions in Morocco and from eminent international personalities such as the Secretary general of United Nations, President of the European Commission, African Union, among others. He is also Chief Executive Officer of Diplomatic Bridge Institute

for training diplomats and as such he has had the honor of representing Morocco in several high-level political summits at the African level, Arab, European and international. Dr. Mehdi Rais has participated and contributed in several studies and academic training organized by several universities in Morocco, Great Britain, Italy, Switzerland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Lebanon on international relations, Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in migration matters, strategic challenges of golf countries and relations between Morocco and golf countries. He has published several works and articles on the theme of international relations, collective security, international strategies and Euro-Mediterranean cooperation and migration policies including the last work: “Community agreements of readmission: legal aspects and political dilemma”. Dr. Mehdi Rais holds a doctor in public law and political science, specializing in international relations, international law, sustainable development and migration policies in Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

Jamila Bio Ibrahim, Senior Special Assistant on SDGs to the Governor of Kwara State, Nigeria

Dr. Jamila Bio Ibrahim is a medical doctor, politician and a development practitioner for 10 years. As a public servant and a top advocate of the Global Sustainable Goals, she currently serves as the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor of Kwara State on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a mandate to accelerate achievement of the goals by 2030 in the State. She also serves both as the Kwara State coordinator and focal person for African Union Development Agency (AUDA-Nepad), and the State focal point for the National Human Capital Development Program in Nigeria. Dr. Bio Ibrahim is also currently the National Vice President Progressive Young Women Forum (APC-PYWF) of Nigeria’s ruling party the All Progressives Congress (APC). A forum which supports,



mentors and builds capacities of young women in Nigerian politics. She works closely with women cooperatives and smallholder farmers and is currently doing some work on energy efficient cooking alternatives which aims to mitigate climate change and improve adaptation in Nigeria. She has received honorary awards for her contributions in the development space, some of which include the Clean Nigeria Ambassador award by the Federal Government of Nigeria for her contributions in the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene sector in the State (2020), the UN Peace Ambassador award by the International Association of World Peace Advocates (2019) and the distinguished honorary award for her contributions to the development of Education and the SDGs supported by UNESCO Nigeria (2020).

Robert Papa, Chief of Staff and Head of Service Delivery, Busia County Government, Kenya



Mr. Papa is a programme management and data analyst specialist with over 15 years of experience of devolved governance working within the private sector, County and National Government, and the United Nations systems. He has experience in public financial management, Sustainable Development Goals, performance management, public participation/civic education, strategic planning and cooperative development, planning, monitoring and evaluation, corporate governance, and socio-economic development having coordinated activities with 5 UN Agencies (UNV, UNICEF, UNDP, UNCDF, and UNWOMEN) covering complex multi-country projects targeting Busia County. He has served as economic advisor, Chief of Staff and Head of service delivery, SDGs Champion and Monitoring and Evaluation Director at Busia County Government. He has also conducted SDGs voluntary local reviews for Busia County Government, capacity built Kenyan county Governments in SDGs and been a presenter and facilitator in local and international SDGs conferences, in Hurghada, Egypt, Gambia and Zimbabwe. He has partnered closely with over 10 government institutions in thematic areas such as mainstreaming of sustainable development goals, children, youth, women People Living with disabilities and disaster risk profiles in county development planning and budgeting, food security, and environmental sustainability, performance management, financing SDGs. Mr. Papa is pursuing a PhD degree in Project Monitoring and Evaluation and holds a Master of Arts Degree in Project Planning and Management, a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry.

Toussaint Todegnon, Director, SDG Policy Coordination, Directorate General for Coordination and Monitoring of SDGs, Ministry of Planning, Benin



Mr. Todegnon has been the Director of Policy Coordination for the Sustainable Development Goals at the Ministry of Planning of Benin since 2020. He has had held several positions in the past, namely teacher in secondary courses and research assistant in higher education from 1999-2006, acting Director of Prospective and Strategic Planning from 2013-2014 at the General Directorate of Development Policies and Director of Sector Policies and Programs from 2015 to 2017 at the Ministry of Planning and Development. He holds a master's degree in Regional Integration and Development, local development option from the University of Abomey Calavi and another Master's degree in Territorial Planning from the National University of Benin. He also holds a Diploma of Specialized Higher Studies in Population



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Session 7: Presentation of the APRM Toolkit – reflections from member states

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Mr. Addo-Yobo is the Deputy Director and Advisor at the SDGs Advisory Unit in the Office of the President, Ghana. Prior to his current role, he was the Director, Development Policy and Planning Division at the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC), having previously served as Deputy Director (Environmental Policy). While at NDPC, Mr. Addo-Yobo also served as the coordinator for Ghana’s SDGs Implementation Coordinating Committee (ICC) and played a lead role in setting-up Ghana’s SDGs implementation architecture. He also led the preparation of Ghana’s SDGs annual reports and coordinated the Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the SDGs. Mr. Addo-Yobo has over 20 years of progressive technical and management experience in the Development Policy and Planning, Environmental Engineering and Project Management. Between 2005 to 2013, he

worked as Civil Engineer with Jacobs Engineering U.K. limited where he led the design and implementation of major infrastructure projects across United Kingdom, Australia and the Republic of Ireland. Mr. Addo-Yobo holds a Master and PhD degrees in Water and Environmental Management from the Loughborough University, United Kingdom, having previously obtained a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, in Ghana. He is a member of both the Ghana Institution of Engineering and the Ghana Institute of Planners. He is also a member of the African Experts Group on SDGs and Agenda 2063.

Enock Nyorekwa Twinoburyo, Senior Economist, SDG Center for Africa



Dr. Nyorekwa, an Economic Consultant, joined SDG Center for Africa in 2018, most recently with a focus on Sustainable Development Goals providing policy and technical support to countries in areas of economic policymaking and implementation. He focuses on financing for SDGs and tax revenue mobilization and other new ways of funding as well as SDG monitoring and evaluation. He has served as a consultant to the World Bank and other agencies. Prior to joining SDGC/A, Dr. Nyorekwa served in various institutions, and his roles included informed policy dialogue with Government and other stakeholders. He was an economic advisor of the European Union Uganda, the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Uganda and the Royal Danish Embassy in Uganda. He also served as the Chair to the Donor Economist Group (DEG) in Uganda. He also has done part-time economics lecturing and supervising academic thesis. Enock has peer-reviewed journal papers in the International Journal of Sustainable Economy and Ghanaian Journal of Economics. He has published several journal articles in International Journal of Sustainable Economy; Journal of Applied Economic Sciences, Contemporary Economics, Journal of Central Banking Theory and Practice, Journal of Bank and Bank Systems, among others. Dr. Nyorekwa holds a PhD in Economics from University of South Africa (UNISA), a Master of Arts in Economics from University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Makerere University, Uganda.

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Prof. Aregbeshola is an inaugurated Professor at the University of South Africa. His research focusses on institutional environments of international investments and capital flows, poverty eradication, migration, and sustainability of growth and development in Africa and emerging economies. His academic and professional engagements have included appointments at the Management Development Institute (The Gambia), Babcock University (Nigeria), and University of Lagos, Nigeria. He has consulted widely for various corporate and multinational organizations, such as Standard Bank of South Africa, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, United Kingdom, the United Nations and the African Union. He holds a Bachelor's

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Hanan Rezk, Head, Training Network of Management Institutes in Africa, National Institute of Good Governance and Development



Dr. Rezk is the manager of African Development Centre and the head of Training Network of Management Institutes in Africa (TNMIA) hosted by the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development (NIGSD), the training arm of the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development. In 2019, she was appointed as the adviser to the Executive Director of the National Management Institute affiliated to Ministry of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform and during summer 2018, Dr. Rezk was a visiting scholar at University of Osnabrück, Germany. She also was an assistant professor of public administration at public administration department, faculty of Economics and Political Science for five years. Before joining the academic career, Dr. Rezk has been working as a senior researcher for more than 10 years in various international projects. She conducted workshops and training sessions in cooperation

with the Egyptian ministries of Education, Tourism, and Youth. In addition, she has designed and coordinated several European-Egyptian cultural exchange programs for women with non-governmental organizations. Dr. Rezk worked for the UNDP's national decentralisation project in cooperation with the Egyptian ministry of local development. Supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Dr. Rezk holds a Master's degree in public administration from the American University in Cairo (AUC), an advanced diploma of public policy from Cairo University and a PhD in advanced European Mediterranean studies from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science at Cairo University. Her research interests include multi-level governance, policy analysis as well as higher education and scientific research reforms in Egypt.

Mohamed Elkaramay, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Public Policy, American University in Cairo



Dr. Elkaramany is a public policy expert and food security advocate with over 17 years of professional and academic experience in public policy, international development, and international affairs. He is currently the Director of the Egyptian Food Bank's Growth Lab, where he leads the organization's transformation into an evidence-based and impact-driven nonprofit, as well as an Assistant Professor of public policy at the American University in Cairo (AUC). He also advises several multinational corporations on strategic policy issues, government engagement strategies, and business to government partnerships. To advance the causes of poverty, social inclusion and public policy reform, Dr. Elkaramany has been invited as a guest



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Prof. Pillay has enjoyed a versatile academic career for almost three decades and holds a Doctor of Administration from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. She has published widely in the field of Public Administration with particular emphasis on governance, ethics, leadership, women and corruption. She has co-edited three (3) books namely, A Multidimensional Perspective of Corruption in Africa, Fighting Corruption in African Contexts and Lessons from Political Leadership in Africa. She has a wealth of experience in lecturing at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, supervising diverse postgraduate students, presenting papers at national, regional and international conferences and examining postgraduate research for a plethora of institutions. She serves on the advisory board for the African Journal of Public Affairs and Journal of Governance and Public Policy. She is currently Co-Chair of the Working Group on Public Sector Ethics and Culture at the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration. She is a Member of the Advisory Committee of the Africa Centre for HIV/AIDS Management (Stellenbosch University) and Unit for Sustainable Urban Governance and Innovation (University of KwaZulu-Natal). She is a Professor in the School of Public Leadership, Director of the Anti-Corruption Centre for Education and Research and served as the first Vice Dean: Social Impact and Transformation (2016 – 2021) in the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences at Stellenbosch University in South Africa.

Evangelos A. Mantzaris, Extraordinary Professor, Stellenbosch University, South Africa



Prof. Mantzaris is a Retired Research Professor at the Mangosuthu University of Technology and an Extraordinary Professor at Stellenbosch University. Completed an Honours in Political Science, Economics and Sociology with distinction at Panteios University, Athens. In South Africa he completed a Master’s and a Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Cape Town. Since 2012, he was a Senior Researcher and Extraordinary Professor at the Anti – Corruption Centre for Education and Research of Stellenbosch University (ACCERUS). Before 2012, he was a Research Professor at Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT), a Director of the Social Policy Programme at the University of Durban – Westville (UDW) and then the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN), and a Researcher in the Sociology department at UDW. He has published 10 full scale books in English and Greek, 38 peer-reviewed chapters in books, 85 SAPSE peer-reviewed journal articles, 21 peer-reviewed International Conference Proceedings, and has presented papers in over 100 national and international conferences. Prof. Mantzaris has completed 18 fully funded National Research Foundation, Human Sciences Research Council, and university funded research reports (in South Africa), and over 30 technical reports for Provincial Government Departments, municipalities and non-governmental organizations. In the private sector he has done research and completed reports on stokvels (community-based savings schemes) and banking, asset



allocation in the stockbroker industry, interest rates and repercussion on the British pound, general and specialised funds, international fund allocation and unit trusts, liquidation, and estates.

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Closing