

Workshop on “Strengthening Institutional Capacities in Africa for Effective Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and AU Agenda 2063: Follow up to the 2024 HLPF and Summit of the Future”
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Biography of Speakers

Opening

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



Mr. Amson Sibanda is Chief at the National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals of the 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.

Li Junhua, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs



Mr. Li Junhua of China was appointed as the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs on 25 July 2022. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Li was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Italy and San Marino. As Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Li guides UN Secretariat support for the follow-up processes of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. He also oversees the substantive services to many intergovernmental processes, including the annual meetings of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly, the meetings of the Economic and Social Council, including its Development Cooperation Forum, and the work of the subsidiary bodies of ECOSOC. In addition to intergovernmental processes, Mr. Li oversees DESA’s policy analysis and capacity development work. He also serves as the Convenor of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs, and advises the United Nations Secretary-General on all development-related issues, including climate change, internet governance, and financing for development. Mr. Li began his career at the Foreign Affairs Ministry in 1985. Since then, he has served in various capacities, including as Director General of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs



of China (2013-2019), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Myanmar (2010-2012), Deputy Director General of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences (2008-2010), Minister Counselor (Political), Permanent Mission of the People’s Republic of China to the United Nations (2003-2008), Division Director and Counselor in charge of UN General Assembly and Security Council Affairs (2001-2003), Second and First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the People’s Republic of China to the United Nations (1997-2001). Third and Second Secretary, the Department of International Organizations and Conferences (1992-1997) and Assistant to the Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of China to the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok (1986-1992). Mr. Li holds a Master’s in International Public Policy, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University.

Marie-Antoinette Rose Quarte, Chief Executive Officer, African Peer Review Mechanism



Ambassador Marie-Antoinette Rose-Quatre currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the APRM Continental Secretariat following her appointment by the 33rd Summit of the African Peer Review Forum of Heads of State and Government and formal endorsement by the 37th Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly of Heads of State and Government. In this role, she leads the organization towards becoming a high-performing governance self-assessment mechanism. Ambassador Rose-Quatre has over two decades of experience in the fields of politics, diplomacy, public policy, management,

media and communications. Her career spans roles such as journalist; a politician, as a Member of Parliament and a diplomat as the accredited Seychelles Ambassador to several AU Member States Ambassador of Seychelles to Republic of South Africa. Indeed, Ambassador began her career as a journalist before becoming Editor-in-Chief of a Political newspaper. She then rose to becoming a proportionate Member to the Seychelles National Assembly and was later appointed Chief Executive Officer of the United Seychelles Party in 2009 where she led political reforms to change the political landscape and benefit future generations. Ambassador Rose-Quatre was appointed as an Ambassador of the Republic of Seychelles in 2016. In 2017, she represented the Republic of Seychelles as the accredited Ambassador to several AU Member States, at SADC and COMESA. Ambassador Rose-Quatre holds a BA (Double Major) in Communications studies & English & Comparative Literature, and MA (Distinction) in Global Diplomacy.

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



Mrs. Geraldine 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.

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



Ms. Yoliswa Makhasi is an activist bureaucrat whose career in the public sector spans over 25 years. She has worked in different roles within the development sector and public sector. Her key capabilities and competencies include amongst others policy development and analysis; strategic leadership, project management, partnerships etc. She currently serves as Director General of the Department of Public Service and Administration since March 2020 - her responsibilities include leading the Department; supporting the MPSA on oversight of GEMS as well as leading implementation of the Government Employee Housing Scheme. She is a public policy practitioner and Executive Coach. Her academic credentials include a

Master’s degree in Philosophy (MPhil) in Coaching Management from the University of Stellenbosch (2019); a Master’s Degree in Public Policy and Management from the University of Manchester (UK) (2005); a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Vista University (PE). She continuously improves her skills and has obtained several certificates from local and international universities.

Session 1: Taking stock of implementation of the 2030 Agenda and 2063 Agenda in Africa

Julius Mathieu Russel Joubert, Senior Economist, National Planning Department, Ministry of Finance, National Planning, and Trade, Seychelles



Mr. Julius Joubert earned his BSc in Economics and Finance from the University of London in 2017 and has since worked in the National Planning Department of the Ministry of Finance, National Planning, and Trade in the Republic of Seychelles. He has played a key role in strategic planning, international finance, regional integration, international cooperation, and social protection reform. Notably, Mr. Joubert contributed to the Seychelles National Development Strategy 2019-2023 and was instrumental in preparing the country’s first Voluntary National Review (VNR) of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as reporting on Seychelles’ progress in implementing Agenda 2063. A Fulbright Scholar, he completed his

Master's Degree in Economics at Vanderbilt University in 2024. Julius has since returned to the National Planning Department, where he focuses on climate finance, governance, and public service modernization. Currently, he is leading the development of Seychelles’ first Climate Finance Resource Mobilization Strategy and guiding the creation of 2050 Vision of Seychelles' long-term low-emission development strategy (LTLEDS).

Ibrahim Al-bakri Nyei, Deputy Minister for International Cooperation & Economic Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Liberia



Mr. Ibrahim Al-Bakri Nyei is a political scientist and policy analyst. He is currently the Deputy Minister for International Cooperation & Economic Integration at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Liberia. Previously, he was Director of the Ducor Institute for Social and Economic Research, a Liberian based think tank. His primary research areas include governance and democratization, decentralization, electoral systems and processes, peace and security, and political economy of development. He was an Adam Smith Fellow in Political Economy at the George Mason University (2018-20) and a researcher at the London Business School on the

project “The Political Economy of African Development: Ethnicity, Nation, and History” (2019-21). Mr. Nyei previously worked at the Governance Commission of Liberia as a Senior Policy Analyst on Political and Legal Reforms. He has consulted with, and advised, several international organizations working on democracy and governance in Africa and Liberia, including the African Union, ECOWAS, World Bank Group, USAID, and the International Growth Center (London School of Economic and Political Science). He holds a PhD in Politics and International Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

Elizabeth Naluso Banda, Principal Economist, Monitoring and Evaluation Division, Department of Economic Planning and Development, Malawi



Ms. Elizabeth Naluso is currently working as a Principal Economist in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs in Malawi responsible for monitoring and evaluation of government projects, programmes and policies. She is a member of the Technical Working Group which is leading the midterm review of the Sustainable Development Goals. She was also member of the team that coordinated the progress report on the implementation of the First Ten Year Plan of the African Union Agenda 2063 in 2022. Ms. Banda holds a Master of Arts in Policy Economics from Williams College, USA.

Game Molly Mooketsa, Chief Economist, National Planning Commission, Botswana



Ms. Game Molly Mooketsa is a Public Policy Analyst who works for Government of Botswana, National Planning Commission as Chief Economist in the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit. She is responsible for facilitating development of National Evaluation Agenda and Institutionalisation of evaluations across sectors to promote informed decision making. Ms. Mooketsa has previously worked for the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development in the Population and Development Coordination as a Chief Economist. In this position, she was responsible coordinating implementation of the Revised National Population Policy at National, Sector and Local authority levels. The position also facilitated coordination of implementation of the Government of Botswana/United Nations Programme Operational Plan. She holds a Master’s of Research and Public Policy from University of Botswana and a Bachelor’s degree in Demography and Economics from the same University.

Punki Modise, Chief Strategy and Sustainability Officer, Absa Group



Ms. Punki Modise was appointed as the Group Chief and Sustainability Officer with effect from 1 July 2022. She has previously held the roles of Interim Chief Executive: RBB and Interim Financial Director. She joined Absa Group in 2008 and has held various senior management positions, including that of Chief Financial Officer: Retail and Business Banking since June 2016. Previous roles include Head: Transactional Banking, Chief of Staff: Retail Banking and Chief Financial Officer: Distribution Channels. Prior to joining Absa Group, she held positions at Standard Bank and Fedsure, having completed her articles at PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc. Ms. Modise is a non-executive director of Absa Life Limited, Woolworths Financial Services (Pty) Limited and Ford Financial Services (Pty) Ltd.

Session 2: Accelerating implementation of the SDGs and Agenda 2063: leveraging the six transitions to scale up action at national and local levels

Christelle Stella Nya Tchounkeu, Statistician Engineer/Demographic Expert, General Directorate of Cooperation and Regional Integration, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Territorial Development, Cameroon



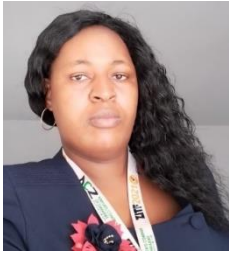
Mrs. Christelle Stella Nya Tchounkeu epse Ngangue is a Statistician Engineer, Demographic Expert and holds a Diplomatic and Protocol Internship diploma from the Institute of International Relations of Cameroon. Working at the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Territorial Development (MINEPAT), more specifically at the General Directorate of Cooperation and Regional Integration for 13 years, she is in charge of monitoring the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework with the United Nations System and the cooperation framework with the World Bank Group. She particularly monitors the implementation of the Country Program Documents of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNESCO and UN WOMEN. In addition, Ms. Nya Tchounkeu is the “Gender and Statistics” focal point of the Ministry of Economy of Cameroon. Since the adoption of the SDGs in September 2015, she has been the SDG focal point of the Ministry of Economy, which ensures national coordination of the implementation of Agendas 2030 and 2063 in Cameroon. She is also the reporter of the multi-sectoral working group that was set up to monitor the implementation of the SDG.

Toussaint Todegnon, Director-General of Coordination and Monitoring of SDGs, Ministry of Development and Coordination, Benin



Mr. Toussaint Todegnon, was Director of Policy Coordination (DCP-SDGs) of the Sustainable Development Goals. He has held several positions in the past such as college professor and research assistant at the higher education level from 1999 to 2006. Acting Director of Foresight and Strategic Planning (DPPS) from 2013-2014 at the Directorate General for Development Policy (DGPD); Director of Sectoral Policies and Programs (DPPS) from 2015 to 2017 at the Ministry of Planning and Development and then Director of SDG Policy Coordination since 2020. Mr. Todegnon holds a Master's degree in Regional Integration and Development, option local development at the University of Abomey Calavi. He also holds a Diploma of Specialized Graduate Studies (DESS) in Population and Urban Dynamics at the Center for Training and Research on Population Matters (CEFOP) of the National Institute of Economics (INE) and a Master's degree in Spatial Planning at the National University of Benin (UNB).

Sylocious Chaturuka, Deputy Director, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Zimbabwe



Ms. Chaturuka Sylocious is a Deputy Director in charge of Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 coordination in Zimbabwe, under the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare. Before joining her current Ministry, she was a principal economist and the SDGs focal person within the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development from 2019-2022. During her tenure at the Ministry of Finance, she was one of drafters of the National Development Strategy 1 (2021-2025), which is the current economic blueprint for Zimbabwe. She also has a wide experience with both the public and the private sector drawn from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education and Engineering, Iron and Steel Association of Zimbabwe. She was the lead coordinator and drafter of the 3rd VNR for Zimbabwe presented at the 2024 HLPF.

Youssef Ali Mmadi, Head, Economic Programmes, General Directorate of Strategic Planning and Population, Comoros



Mr. Youssef Ali Mmadi Comoros is currently Head of the planning department for economic programs (Macroeconomic Framework) and basic infrastructure on the implementation of the PCE (Emerging Comoros Plan) and National Focal Point for the RNV 2023 at the General Planning Commission. He was a young apprentice in economic and financial governance (Public Finance) on the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the SCA2D (Accelerated Growth and Sustainable Development Strategy) between 2018-2020 at the General Planning Commission. He holds two Masters' degrees, one in "Economics option" from the University of Fianarantsoa, Madagascar and another in Banking and Finance from the University of the Comoros. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Economics and Management in 2014.

Mamolibetsane Evelyn Mafethe, Economic Planner (M&E), Ministry of Development Planning, Lesotho



Mrs. Mamolibetsane Mafethe is currently an Economic Planner in the Department of Monitoring and Evaluation at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning and has been in the field of public sector Monitoring and Evaluation for 13 Years. Her role has been performance monitoring of national and international development Agendas such as the Lesotho National Strategic Development plan, United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, The AU Agenda 2063. She is responsible for reporting of governance and Gender issues across all Agendas. She holds a degree in Economics with a minor in Business Administration from National University of Lesotho.

Session 3: Monitoring and evaluation frameworks of both Agendas and interlinkages with CEPA principles

Peterson Muriithi Njenga, Principal Economist, Central Planning and Project Monitoring Department, State Department of Culture, The Arts and Heritage, Kenya



Mr. Peterson Muriithi Njenga is the Deputy Head of Planning and Principal Economist in the State Department of Culture, The Arts and Heritage where he is involved planning, budgeting and implementation of government development agenda, African Union Agenda 2063 and United Nations Agenda 2030. Previously, he has worked in different capacities as an economist in the Ministry of the National Treasury and Economic Planning and played critical roles in the preparation of Kenya Voluntary National Reviews of SDGs and Evaluation of Agenda 2063 in Kenya. His career in public service spans to almost 2 decades ranging from poverty eradication strategies, programmes and projects, public policy development and macroeconomic management. Mr. Njenga has also served as a director in the board of management of Kenya Investment Authority and Tourism Regulatory Authority. Mr. Peterson is currently leading and providing technical guidance in monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the government development agenda in Kenya.

Zahra Abakar Souleymane, Director General in charge of monitoring and evaluation of Agenda 2030/2063, Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Chad



Ms. Zahra Abakar Souleymane has a diversified background in the field of environmental economics, land use planning, urban planning; regional development, and monitoring and evaluation of development projects and programs. With more than 15 years of professional experience, she held several positions of responsibility from Director of Studies, Programming and Cooperation to Director General of Land Use Planning at the Ministry of Land Use Planning, Housing and Urban Planning, including Specialist responsible for monitoring and evaluation of a project at UNDP/Chad. Ms. Souleymane is currently Director General of Monitoring of Agendas for Development at the Ministry of Finance, Budget, Economy and Planning of Chad. Throughout her career, she has participated in the formulation, implementation and supervision of several projects, programmes and development plans aimed at strengthening community resilience, the fight against poverty, and regional and local development, sustainable development in general. She is responsible for ensuring the alignment and monitoring of the implementation of national policies of Agendas 2030 and 2063.

Habtamu Takele Yalew, Director for Development Planning, Ministry of Planning and Development, Ethiopia



Mr. Habtamu Takele Yalew is currently working as SDGs focal person and development planning and policy advisor at the Ministry of Planning and Development of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia since 2017. The Organization he is currently is responsible for coordinating the development policy, long term, medium term and short-term development plan of the country, monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the plan, and following and monitoring the trends in the macro economy to give policy advice to the Prime Minister. Mr. Yalew holds a BA degree in Economics from Bahir Dar University and Master's in Development Economics from Ethiopia civil service University.

Patience Ampomah, Senior Planning Analyst, National Development Planning Commission, Ghana



Ms. Patience Ampomah is a Senior Planning Analyst at the National Development Planning Commission. She has supported the national and sub-national levels on policy formulation, planning and monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects for the past 13 years. Her role also includes coordination and provision of technical support for the implementation and reporting of the Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Agenda. Patience doubles as Ghana's Agenda 2063 Focal Person and the Water Sanitation and Hygiene Focal Person for her Commission. She holds a degree in Geography and Rural Development and French and a Master's Degree in International Studies.

Dany-Sandra Sobela, Director, Technical Assistance Management and External Training, Ministry of Economy, Planning and International Cooperation, Central African Republic

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Tresford Musonda, Assistant Director, Development Planning Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Zambia



Mr. Tresford Musonda is currently the National Focal Point for the Agenda 2063 and an alternate Focal Point for the Least Developed Countries (LDC) for Zambia. Other responsibilities include the coordinating the implementation of the SADC, Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP, 2020-2030). Recently coordinated the participation of the Zambian youths, civil society organizations and Government at the 2024 Summit of the Future. He is currently heading the Economic Sectors Unit in the Department of Development Planning in the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Zambia. Mr. Musonda holds a Bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning.

Lamau Mpolo, Executive Secretary, APRM National Secretariat, Tanzania



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Session 4: Making SDG 16 by 2030 and Moonshot 3 by 2033 a reality

Sara Tawfiq Hamouda, SDGs & Agenda 2063 Unit, Officer-in-Charge, African Peer Review Mechanism Secretariat



Ms. Sara Hamouda has 13 years of professional experience in the international cooperation and development field. She currently works for the African Union Secretariat for Peer Review Mechanism as an officer in charge of the agenda 2063/SDGs continental governance program, as well as the South-South Cooperation Portfolio, based in Johannesburg, South Africa. Earlier, she worked for the Cabinet of the Minister of International Cooperation in Egypt as a senior economic researcher in charge of cooperation with the Arab and regional financial institutions, USAID, and China. She had a professional traineeship at the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg, too. Ms. Hamouda holds two master’s degrees: a Master of Arts in International Development from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul (South Korea), and a Master of Management (Governance) from the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa. She has a Diploma in Peace promotion from the University for Peace and Vienna Centre for Disarmament, as well as a bachelor’s in political sciences from Cairo University. Sara contributes to interdisciplinary research on African integration and the governance-development nexus. She serves as an expert on the Mo Ibrahim panel of the Governance Index and is awarded as one of Egypt's top 50 Influential Women for her leadership and community service.

Dauda Solomon Conteh, Assistant Director, Ministry of Administration and Political Affairs, Sierra Leone

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Gcino Mlabo, Director, APRM National Secretariat, Department of Public and Service Administration, South Africa



Ms. Gcino Queeneth Mlaba is Director of APRM National Secretariat at the South African Department of Public Service and Administration where she is responsible for managing, coordinating, and facilitating the work of the APRM National Focal Point and National Governing Council. Her career in the public service began with an internship opportunity at the South African Presidency where she was later absorbed as an Assistant Policy Analyst. She is an experienced policy analyst, coordinator, and manager; programme manager; and researcher with experience in the fields of youth development; poverty and inequality eradication; science and innovation; governance; state capacity building; African and international development. She is driven and passionate about youth empowerment, policy research, communication, and diplomacy. Ms. Mlaba currently serves as the AAPAM Young Professionals Network's Vice-President for Southern Africa and is co-author and contributor to various published works on the political economy of development and has had the privilege to present at various continental and international conferences. She holds a Master of Diplomatic Studies from the University of Pretoria, Honours in Public Policy, and a Bachelor of Social Science both from the University of KwaZulu Natal. Ms. Mlabo is a Chandler Institute of Governance “Strong Nations for Africa” Fellow (Singapore).

Hanan Rezk, Manager, Training Network of Management Institutions in Africa, National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, Egypt (remote)



Dr Hanan Rezk is a researcher for government agencies and international sponsors. She conducts workshops and training sessions in cooperation with the Egyptian ministries of Education and Youth and works as a part-time instructor at private universities in Cairo. She previously worked as a senior researcher with the UNDP’s national decentralization project in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Local Development. Supported by the United States Agency for International Development, Ms. Rezk has also worked as a researcher for the privatization project and the investment banking advisory project in Egypt, both in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Public Enterprises. She holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the American University in Cairo and a PhD in advanced European Mediterranean Studies from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science at Cairo University, Egypt.

Enock Nyorekwa Twinoburyo, Senior Economist, Sustainable Development Goals Centre for Africa



Dr. Enock Nyorekwa is an Economic advisor at the SDG Center for Africa since 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 political economy analysis and dialogue on macro-economic reforms, financing for SDGs and tax revenue mobilization and other new ways of funding as well as SDG monitoring and evaluation. He was also a consultant at the World Bank and other agencies. Recently, he has researched and published the 2022 World Bank’s Uganda Economic Update 19th Edition: Fiscal Sustainability through Deeper Reforms to Public Investment Management (2022), contributed as Team leader to the SDGCA Africa 2030 Social Inclusion report: SDGs with Social Boundaries: Leave no One Behind, the 2020 Africa SDGs Index and dashboard and produced research papers together with APRM including the baseline study on CEPA principles. Also, his recent work includes the Summit of the Future APRM policy brief titled "Forging ‘Leave No One Behind’ Principle in Africa: Perspectives of Female Executives on Social Equity”. Prior to joining SDGC/A, Dr. Nyorekwa served in various other 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 has peer-reviewed journal papers in the International Journal of Sustainable Economy and Ghanaian Journal of Economics and 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.

Nawa Muyangana Kutoma, Assistant Director, Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Zambia

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Gebeh Doteh, Executive Director, Governance Commission of Liberia



Ms. Gebeh M. Sampson Doteh is the Executive Director of the Governance Commission of Liberia, where she has played a pivotal role in shaping policies for good governance and decentralization. With a robust background in public sector management, Ms. Doteh holds a Master's in Public Sector Management from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), alongside several professional certifications in leadership, research methods, and governance from prestigious institutions across Africa and Asia.

Pali Lehohla, Co-director, Economic Modelling Academy, Pretoria, South Africa (remote)



Dr Pali Lehohla is the former Statistician-General of South Africa, a position he held from the year 2000 up to 2017. He was co-chair of PARIS21 and was the Chair of the United Nations Statistics Commission. He was the founding chair of the Statistics Commission of Africa (StatCom Africa) and chaired the African Symposium for Statistical Development (ASSD). He was the Vice President of the International Statistics Institute (ISI). He served as one of the twenty-five-member panel on Data Revolution appointed by the UN Secretary General. Dr Lehohla has been a forceful advocate for improving the Civil

Registration and Vital Statistics systems in Africa. He was a board member of the Foundation for Human Rights. He consulted extensively in the in conflict, out of conflict and fragile states on matters statistics. Since 2018 he became a Research Associate at Oxford University. For twenty years to date he has been a weekly columnist in the Business Report, since June 2022 he is a weekly columnist in the Sunday Times Daily Online. Dr Lehohla is the co-director of the Economic Modelling Academy (EMA) that aims to train society in economic policy formulation based on the principles and laws of motion of economics. He is a board member for the Institute of Economic Justice at Wits. He was awarded Honorary doctorates by the Universities of Stellenbosch, Kwa-Zulu Natal, and Zululand. Dr Pali Lehohla is a professor of practice at the University of Johannesburg.

Gareth Morgan, Executive Director Planning, City of Cape Town, South Africa



Mr. Gareth Morgan is the Executive Director of Future Planning and Resilience in the City of Cape Town. He leads a portfolio of functions that help the organization plan for the future and be prepared for shocks and stresses. Prior to his current role, he was the Director of Resilience. He led the development of the first Cape Town Resilience Strategy and held leadership positions in the portfolio responses of the City to both the recent regional drought and the current COVID-19 pandemic. He was a senior member of the team that won the 2020 Global Public Service Award in the COVID Rapid Responders category from the Apolitical organization. Early in his career, he was a Member of Parliament in the National

Assembly (NA) for nine years, serving predominantly on the Portfolio Committee of Environmental Affairs. Whilst in Parliament, he was the Parliamentary Counsellor to the Leader of the Opposition for one year, and for two years, he was a whip of the NA. His legislative interests included energy, water and the green economy. He is an Archbishop Tutu Fellow and was a recipient of the Rhodes Scholarship, which took him to Oxford University, where he read for an MA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics and an MSc in Environmental Change and Management. He is also a graduate of the University of Natal, where he read for B.Comm and Honours in Political Science. In 2020, he was a finalist in the Mail & Guardian's Greening the Future Awards.



Pregala Solosh Pillay, Director, Stellenbosch University



Professor Pregala Solosh Pillay has enjoyed a versatile academic career for three decades. She has published widely in the field of Public Administration with particular emphasis on governance, ethics, leadership, women, and corruption. She has co-edited several books on corruption and 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 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 Unit for Sustainable Urban Governance and Innovation (University of KwaZulu-Natal). She was a visiting Professor at KU Leuven University (Belgium) and is currently a Professor in the School of Public Leadership and Director of the Anti-Corruption Centre for Education and Research at Stellenbosch University. She served as the first Vice Dean: Social Impact and Transformation (2016 – 2021) in the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, Stellenbosch University. She holds a Doctor of Administration from the University of Durban-Westville (now known as University of KwaZulu-Natal) in South Africa.

Patrick S. Seitiso, Chief Economist (SDGs), National Planning Commission, Botswana



Mr. Patrick Seitiso Seitiso currently serves as Chief Economist (SDGs) at the National Planning Commission in Botswana, where he provides technical advice on population and sustainable development matters. His portfolio includes coordinating the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Africa Agenda 2063 and the National Population Policy, and ensuring integration of population dynamics into national planning. Mr. Seitiso has been instrumental in coordinating the development of Botswana's Voluntary National Review reports (VNRs) and Botswana's Agenda 2063

Biennial Reports. His expertise lies in data-driven policy development, stakeholder engagement, and fostering partnerships to advance sustainable development. He is a demographer and sustainable development practitioner with a Master of Arts in Population Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences, majoring in Demography and Environmental Science, both from the University of Botswana.

Session 5: Exploring plans of action and collaboration with UNRC system and APRM national structures on strengthening institutional capabilities in Africa

Pauline Magawi, United Nations Development Cooperation Office, Regional Office for Africa



Ms. Pauline Magawi is a Regional Cooperation Framework Partnership and Programme Officer at the UN Development Coordination Office –Regional Office for Africa. In this capacity, she provides policy and strategic guidance to Resident Coordinators and UN country teams in the design of, and integration of global, regional and sub-regional frameworks in UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks. Prior to this, she provided strategic and technical guidance to the Resident Coordinator and the United Nations country team in Kenya in ensuring UN accountability and mainstreaming gender equality in UN programming. Pauline previously worked at the UN Women Regional Office



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