



LSE AFRICA SUMMIT 2023

The Now and Next Generation

PROGRAMME



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Welcome from LSE Director

LSE Africa Summit 2023: The Now and Next Generation

I'd like to offer you my warmest welcome to this year's LSE Africa Summit. The Summit is hosted by the Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa and is one of LSE's flagship events. Now in its 10th year, this annual two-day Summit is one of the largest student-led conferences in Europe. It is a platform to explore new research, political and social affairs, and business trends from across Africa's rapidly changing socio-economic environment.

In the best traditions of LSE, the Summit organisers pride themselves on knowing the causes of things for the better of society; in this case applying social science ideas from a variety of African perspectives to find solutions to real-world problems and seize real-world opportunities. I am confident that, like many who have gone before you, you will be inspired and enthused by your Summit experience.

Minouche Shafik
LSE Director





Introduction from FLIA Director

The Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa is home to leading research and activities, the Programme for African Leadership, the Africa Engagement Programme, as well as hosts public events to strengthen LSE's long-term commitment to place Africa at the heart of debates on global issues. As a multi-disciplinary Institute, the FLIA works across social science disciplines to develop research on governance and public authority, health-seeking strategies, development, humanitarianism, conflict, security and transitional justice. We are honoured to host the 10th annual LSE Africa Summit, which will discuss a number of these pertinent topics.

In previous years, the LSE Africa Summit has been honoured to host leading figures on the continent such as H.E. Toyin Ojora Saraki (Founder-President of Wellbeing Foundation Africa), Amina J. Mohammed (Deputy Security-General of the United Nations), H.E. Wamkele Mene (AfCFTA Secretary-General), H.E. Nana Akufo-Addo (Current President of Ghana), Dr. Vera Songwe (Executive Secretary UNECA), H.E. Yemi Osibanjo (Vice President of the Republic of Nigeria), Aisha Yesufu (Nigerian Activist, #BringBackOurGirls), Jean Philbert Nsengimana (Chief Digital Advisor, Africa CDC), and other esteemed personalities. The line-up this year promises to be the most invigorating yet.

We look forward to having you onboard this year to push the boundaries of the Summit!

Tim Allen
Director, Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa



About The Summit

A Message from the Co-Directors

We are excited to present to you the 10th Annual LSE Africa Summit!

The Summit will highlight how African countries can harness the strengths of their growing youth population to drive regional and global development. With more than 60% of the continent aged 25 or under, the challenges Africa faces are complex, interconnected and multifaceted. From climate change and security, to poverty and governance; Africa's youth will be most affected by these issues if not addressed by our leaders. Emphasis must be placed on immediate and effective solutions so that future generations do not inherit a diminished continent.

Opportunities for youth engagement on these challenges at the highest levels of decision-making are absent, despite awareness that these issues will affect future generations the most. To protect our heritage, diversity, cultures and talents, Africa's youth must be at the forefront of development conversations and be sat at decision-making tables to shape discourse and take action now and in future. This Summit will capture the reality of a progressive African continent with its best minds at the centre of its future, hence our theme, "**The Now and Next Generation.**"

We encourage you to constructively engage with the sessions that we have planned as well as grow your professional network with like-minded individuals that are also working to transform the continent.

Yours Sincerely,

Chris Agape, Agatha Akora, Elmer Aluge and Jefferson Agbai
LSE Africa Summit 2023 Co-Directors





Saturday 25 March 2023

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKERS
9:00 - 10:00	Arrival & Registration	
10:00 - 10:10 SZT	Welcome & Introduction	Professor Tim Allen
10:10 - 10:30 SZT	Keynote Address	Chido Mpemba
10:35 - 12:00 SZT	<i>Panel: Conflict & Peacebuilding</i>	Naledi Maite, Dr. Roger Koranteng, Fatma Ahmed, Dr. Fola Aina, Dr. Olawale Ismail
12:00 - 12:30	Break	
12:30 - 13:10 SZT	Interactive Workshop - Grassroots Movement: From Inception to Delivery	Temilade Salami
13:10 - 13:30 SZT	Performance	LSE Students
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 - 15:20	<i>Breakout Sessions:</i>	
<i>Wolfson Theatre</i>	I. The Proliferation of Violence Against Youth	Professor Tim Allen, Jacky Atingo, Dr. Anna Macdonald
<i>Thai Theatre</i>	II. Feminist Movements in the Age of Social Media	Dr. Simidele Dosekun, Jite Phido, Minna Salami
15:30 - 16:30 SZT	<i>Panel: Should Africa be optimistic about COP27?</i>	Martin Brown Munene, Dr. Richard Munang, Chinelo Anohu, Dr. Tobi Elusakin
16:30 - 16:45 SZT	Closing Address	Benjamin Fernandes



Sunday 26 March 2023

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKERS
9:00 - 10:00	Arrival & Registration	
10:00 - 10:05 SZT	Welcome	Tosin Adebisi
10:05 - 10:25 SZT	Keynote Address	H.E. Sakaja Johnson
10:30 - 11:45 SZT	Panel: The Global Digital Revolution: Africa's Place Now and in the Future	Alexander Evans, Aida Ndiaye, Bosun Tijani, Anna-Noémie Ouattara Boni
11:45 - 12:00 SZT	Performance	LSE Students
12:00 - 12:30	Break	
12:30 - 13:30	Breakout Sessions:	
Wolfson Theatre	I. Interactive Workshop - Grassroots Movement: From Inception to Delivery	Edmilson Angelo, Dapo Oyewole
Thai Theatre	II. How is trade driving economic transformation in Africa today?	David Luke, Dr. Hanan Morsy, Maudo Jallow
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 - 16:00 SZT	Panel: The Future of Africa - Is the AU on the right path to deliver Agenda 2063?	Dr Gedion Onyango, Nancy Muigei, Ibraheem Sanusi, Nisan Abdulkader, Dapo Oyewole
16:00 - 16:15 SZT	Meet the 2023 Executive Team	LSE Africa Summit 2023 Executive Team
16:15 - 16:35 SZT	Closing Address	H.E. Dr. Ramatu Tijjani Aliyu

DAY 1: OPENING KEYNOTE

Chido Mpemba

African Union Chairperson's Youth Envoy



Chido Mpemba is the youngest diplomat in the African Union Chairperson's Cabinet. She leads on youth affairs with the responsibility to front the voices of over 870 million youth in the 55 Countries and Governments in Africa as the African Union Special Envoy on Youth, which was adopted at the African Union (AU) Heads of State Assembly.

Recognized on the list of 100 most Influential African Women and CNN New York as Top 100, Under 40 Most Influential People of African Descent, she is a pan-African youth advocate on a mission to use her strengths, influence and voice to lead work that changes the lives of young people in communities.

As a public policy expert, she has worked with various institutions to coordinate activities focused on social equity and policy advocacy including on education, climate change, public health whilst promoting the continental framework on Youth, Peace & Security in Africa and advocating for African Countries to ratify the AU Youth Charter.

DAY 1: SESSION BRIEFS AND SPEAKERS

I. CONFLICT & PEACEBUILDING: YOUTH AS AGENTS OF CHANGE

Panel Session 1, Sheikh Zayed Theatre

This panel discussion will analyse conflict prevention, peacekeeping, and peacebuilding across the continent. The panel will explore the possibility of preventing outbreaks of conflict in the future and how the youth are at the forefront of this conversation.

The panel will be centred around a critical analysis of Africa's best use of post-conflict reconstruction and development frameworks and how the youth should not be seen solely as victims, but also as agents of change.

Naledi Maite (Chair)

LSE Atlantic Fellow; Feminist Movement Builder and Civil Society Professional

Naledi is a feminist movement builder who curates and facilitates platforms for dialogue and learning for African women as a pathway to achieving social justice and systems change.



Her work has provided a way to influence policy and societal discourse on development matters. She has achieved this in part through managing and curating a feminist fellowship programme for young African women and co-facilitating one of the largest gatherings of African women, the African Women In Dialogue platform.

Naledi holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Finance from the University of the Witwatersrand and a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration from the Gordon Institute of Business Science. She is also a fellow on the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity programme by LSE.

**Dr. Roger Koranteng**

Head of Public Sector Governance, The Commonwealth Secretariat

Dr Koranteng has, over years, established and strengthened Governance and Anti-Corruption Institutions around the world. In 2018, Dr Roger Koranteng's work in the Commonwealth was recognised and was selected a winner of the Prestigious International Anti-Corruption Excellence Award (Innovations).

In June 2022, he was presented with another award in recognition for his commitment and work in Governance and Anti-Corruption across the Commonwealth, and, within the Commonwealth Caribbean by the Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies.

He holds a PhD in Public Policy from the University of Birmingham, UK.

Fatma Ahmed

Capacity Development Specialist, UNDP Regional Program for Africa

Fatma Ahmed is currently the Capacity Development Specialist at UNDP Regional Program for Africa, based in Addis Ababa where she implements flagship projects on conflict prevention, peacebuilding, political transitions, climate security and other emerging development challenges and priorities with the African Union and regional institutions.



Prior to joining UNDP, she worked across Africa, Middle East, and Southeast Asia, implementing regional projects for development partners. Most notably, she acted as the Deputy Chief of Party during the establishment and setting up of the IGAD Center of Excellence in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism in the Horn and East Africa region.

**Folahanmi Aina**

Associate Fellow, Royal United States Services Institute

Fola is an international security analyst and researcher. He completed a second Masters' degree in African Studies, at the University of Oxford, having earlier obtained a Masters' degree in International Development Policy from Seoul National University, South Korea.

His research interests include leadership in national security policy decision making, military strategy and operations, international security, grand strategy, and statecraft, with a regional focus on West Africa. He is also a non-residential fellow with RUSI, London, UK.

Dr. Olawale Ismail

Senior Lecturer, Leadership, Peace and Development Education, King's College London

Dr Olawale is a Senior Lecturer in Leadership, Peace and Development Education at the African Leadership Centre. Wale has over 13 years' experience of carrying out research on security and peace building issues and is the substantive Head of Research at International Alert. He holds a PhD in Peace Studies from the University of Bradford and an MPhil in International Relations from the University of Cambridge.



He has executed bespoke consultancies services to reputable development cooperation agencies and inter-governmental bodies including the Department for International Development, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union, African Union, Economic Community of West African States, and Southern African Development Community.

II. GRASSROOT MOVEMENTS: FROM INCEPTION TO DELIVERY

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It will demonstrate the importance of having impetus and drive that can be translated into a feasible project with a scope to impact policymaking. The workshop will share the challenges, outcomes, lessons learned, and the tools required for successful grassroots movements in Africa.



Temilade Salami

*Founder and Executive Director,
EcoChampions*

Temilade Salami is a climate education and communications professional. She is the founder and Executive Director of “EcoChampions”, one of Africa’s largest networks of young environmentalists and activists, leading

environmental change through climate education, leadership and advocacy. She has spent the past five years leading a group of over 200 young environmentalists across Africa.

She has designed and developed various Climate change programs and projects across 26 African countries. Her work supports the integration of Climate Education into Africa’s education system, and she has authored two environmental books to bridge the climate education gap in Africa.

She holds a master's degree in Environment, Development and Policy from the University of Sussex. She also launched the Climate Education Leaders Fellowship in Africa, a program combining knowledge, expertise, and mentorship to prepare and educate the current and next generation of climate leaders. She has spoken and featured multiple times on local and international platforms such as the UN, BBC, TVC, and SKY news. She is a member of the UNESCO SDG4Youth network and the climate education coalition.

III. THE PROLIFERATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST YOUTH: ICC CASE

Breakout Session 1, Wolfson Theatre

This breakout session will involve a critical assessment of the role of the International Criminal Court in international justice. It will examine the case of Dominic Ongwen, a commander of a brigade of the Ugandan guerrilla group Lord's Resistance Army who was convicted of war crimes and crimes against humanity in 2021 by the International Criminal Court.

With calls from youth groups for incumbent presidents and leaders to be tried for diverse crimes against their populations, this session uses the case study to discuss the importance of the ICC, the reach of its power, and how it can be used for youth populations seeking justice from oppressive leaders and groups. The session will explore the implications that international criminal justice has for African criminal justice systems, and citizens' confidence in their judicial systems to prosecute criminals.

Professor Tim Allen (Chair)

Director, Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa

Tim Allen is inaugural Director of the Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa and is Professor in Development Anthropology in the Department of International Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science.



His research has focused on international criminal justice, non-formal accountability mechanisms, forced migration, reintegration following displacements, war and conflict, aid programs, witchcraft and social healing, tropical diseases, HIV/AIDS and health programs.

He has carried out long-term field research in several African countries, mostly in East Africa. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. He is currently the Principal Investigator for the five-year ESRC-funded Centre for Public Authority and International Development, as well as several other grants funded by the UK research councils (ESRC, AHRC, GCRF).

**Jackline Atingo***Research Consultant*

Jacky Atingo is a PhD candidate at Ghent University, she holds an MSc in Development Studies with a major in Human Rights and social justice from Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands, a post-graduate diploma in Peace and Conflict

Management from Gulu University, Uganda, as well as a Bachelor's Degree from Makerere University, Uganda in Development Studies.

Her expertise is in the areas of sexual and gender-based violence, children born into rebel movements, conflict management, land issues, transitional justice and reintegration of ex-combatants. She is also interested in the accountability of the missing persons (re-burial of the missing person).

Dr. Anna Macdonald*Associate Professor, International Development, University of East Anglia*

Dr Anna Macdonald is an Associate Professor in International Development at the University of East Anglia (UEA) and a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa at the LSE.



Anna's research focuses on political violence, transitional justice, law and social order; displacement and migration; and the politics of humanitarian and state-building interventions, with a regional focus on east and central Africa. She is currently a co-investigator at the ESRC funded Centre for Public Authority and International Development, based in the Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa at LSE. Before joining UEA, Anna was a Research Fellow in the Department of International Development at LSE. She holds an MSc in International Relations from LSE and a PhD in War Studies from King's College London.

IV. Feminist Movements in the Age of Social Media

Breakout Session 2, Thai Theatre

Digital technologies enable young activists to reach large audiences, engage with decision-makers, and build networks and coalitions. This session will examine how young people are using social media tools to shape feminism and feminist activism for political mobilisation and advocacy. It will also identify the responsibility young activists have when using these tools. The session will consider the roles of states, regional institutions, and technology companies in establishing policies and standards that empower and protect women both online and offline.



Dr. Simidele Dosekun (Chair)

Assistant Professor, LSE Department of Media and Communications

Dr Dosekun's research centres African women to explore questions of gender, race, subjectivity, and power in a global context.

She is the author of *Fashioning Post-feminism: Spectacular Femininity and Transnational Culture*, and co-editor of *African Luxury: Aesthetics and Politics*. Her work has appeared in the journals *Feminist Media Studies*, *Feminism and Psychology*, *Qualitative Inquiry*, and *Feminist Africa*, among others.

Before joining the Department, Dr Dosekun was Lecturer in Media and Cultural Studies at the University of Sussex. She received her PhD in Gender and Cultural Studies from King's College London.

Jite Phido

Atlantic Fellow; Development Communications Professional

Jite Phido is a communication for development specialist with over 12 years experience developing media-based advocacy solutions with marginalised people across Nigeria, to ensure they have equal access to information, opportunity, and essential resources.



Her work has spanned themes of health, education, gender, modern-day slavery, combatting violent extremism, amongst others, with her media-based projects reaching more than 25 million Nigerians in six languages.

Jite is a Senior Atlantic Fellow for Social and Economic Equity with research interests in gender equity and media discourse around how women's movements challenge power for a more just world. She currently works as a Senior Programme Manager on the Scaling Innovations Team of Results for Development, analysing equitable and inclusive funding practices that can lead to systems transformation in the international donor space.



Minna Salami

Journalist and Feminist Author

Minna Salami is a Nigerian, Finnish, and Swedish feminist author and social critic currently at The New Institute. Her research focuses on Black feminist theory, contemporary African thought, and the politics of knowledge production.

She is the author of *Can Feminism Be African?* (forthcoming Harper Collins 2024) which explores key themes of African feminism.

She has written for the Guardian, Project Syndicate, Al Jazeera, and The Philosopher, among others, and is the founder of the multi-award-winning blog MsAfropolitan with over a million readers. Minna's academic background is in Political Science and Gender Studies with a specialization in feminist theory from SOAS, University of London.

V. SHOULD AFRICA BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT COP27?

Panel Session 2, Sheikh Zayed Theatre

At COP27, young people were highlighted and recognised as agents of change whose solutions need to be integrated into decision and policy making. For the first time at a COP, a pavilion was dedicated to children and youth, and the first youth-led climate forum was held.

This panel will bring together experts and stakeholders to review and assess the commitments made for and by Africa at COP27. In addition to setting out the complex issues surrounding climate change and its impact on Africa, the panel will address the challenges of implementing the Loss and Damage Fund and evaluate whether this is enough to ensure a viable future for Africa.

Martin Brown Munene (Chair)

PhD candidate in Environmental Policy and Development, LSE

Martin's research explores transboundary climate risks and how they could be addressed for enhanced climate and disaster resilience. He investigates how these risks are (or not) dealt with as well as the barriers and opportunities for innovative adaptation governance approaches.



Martin's experience mainly draws from studying, managing and implementing projects on a wide range of thematic areas including governance, gender and youth development, security and conflict management, climate and disaster risk, and natural resource management in Africa, Europe and Asia. Prior to starting his PhD research, he held research roles at the Stockholm Environment Institute's Asia Centre in Bangkok (Thailand) and Africa Centre in Nairobi (Kenya), where his research was focused on Transforming Development and Disaster Risk.

Martin was a Commonwealth Scholar at King's College London from where he attained his MSc (Distinction) in Disasters, Adaptation and Development from King's College London, and holds a BSc (First Class Honours) in Disaster Mitigation and Sustainable Development from Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology.



Dr. Richard Munang

Deputy Regional Director, UNEP Africa

Richard Munang is the Deputy Regional Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Africa Office. He has extensive programming and policy implementation experience, serving as Regional Coordinator for Africa, Climate Change Sub Programme.

Before joining the United Nations, Richard worked as a Research Fellow at Trinity College, University of Dublin, and a Lecturer at Nottingham University. He is the author of the book 'Making Africa work through the Power of Innovative Volunteerism'.

Richard holds a PhD in Environmental Change and Policy from the University of Nottingham and completed the first pioneering Executive Certificate in 'Climate Change and Energy: Policy Making for the Long Term' at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

Chinelo Anohu

Senior Director, Africa Investment Forum

Chinelo Anohu runs the Africa Investment Forum (AIF), the preeminent investment platform on the continent. A flagship initiative of the African Development Bank (AfDB), the AIF is charged with enhancing the quality of deals, raising capital, and accelerating financial closure of impactful transactions in critical sectors of Africa.



Prior to joining the AfDB, Chinelo served as Director-General of Nigeria's National Pension Commission where she had played a pivotal role in reforming the pension system and mobilising domestic resources with the introduction of the Contributory Pension Scheme.

Chinelo has obtained an LLB from the University of Nigeria, a Bachelor of Law from Nigerian Law School and an LLM in Telecommunications and Computer Law from the London School of Economics. She has undergone Executive Education at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Columbia Business School and the INSEAD Business School France.

***Dr. Tobi Elusakin****Sustainability Consultant, Mace Group*

Dr Tobi Elusakin is a Sustainability Manager and Researcher with 8+ years' experience in delivering energy, climate, and environmental management programmes in the public and private sectors. He works across different facets of sustainability - from energy transition and efficiency to climate justice, waste management, and environmental impact assessments.

Tobi currently works as a Sustainability Consultant for Mace Group, working with clients and the public and private sectors to identify and implement actions required to contribute meaningfully towards real-world sustainability. He was most recently the Research and Project Lead for Trilateral Research on the European Union-funded EERAdata project which worked to reduce emissions in European building stock by encouraging investment in energy efficiency.

His previous research and development focus has been on Renewable Energy Asset Management and Energy Efficiency. He completed his PhD in Energy and Sustainability in 2021 at Cranfield University during which, he successfully delivered several work packages within UKRI-funded Supergen-Wind Hub project. He has published articles in several high-quality journals, conferences, and blogs, and has presented his research at multiple industry-leading conferences.

DAY 1: CLOSING KEYNOTE

Benjamin Fernandes *Founder and CEO, NALA Money*



Benjamin Fernandes is an award-winning Tanzanian speaker and entrepreneur. Benjamin grew up in Tanzania, then earned scholarships that took him to America for the first time at the age of 17. At age 21, Benjamin was the youngest African in history to ever be accepted into Stanford Graduate School of Business.

He holds an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business and an Exec Ed from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, being the first Tanzanian to attend both institutions.

Fernandes was previously a national television personality in Tanzania. After that, he worked at The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in the United States.

In 2018, Fernandes founded NALA, a fintech startup that is on a mission to increase economic opportunity for Africans globally. NALA recently raised \$10m backed by leading US investors such as Y-Combinator, Accel, Amplo and Bessemer Partners. In 2020, Fernandes was listed as the 15th most influential Tanzanian. In 2022, Fernandes was listed in the inaugural ROW100 most influential technology leaders in the world.

DAY 2: OPENING KEYNOTE

H.E. Johnson Sakaja *Governor of Nairobi, Kenya*



H.E Sakaja Arthur Johnson is the Governor of Nairobi City County, the capital city of Kenya. He has served as the immediate former Senator of Nairobi, previously as a nominated member of the National Assembly and Chairperson of the ruling party (2013 –2017). He is one of the youngest Governors in Kenya and is passionate about African youth development in public service.

He was recently named by the World Economic Forum as one of the 100 Young Global Leaders of 2023. During his tenure in Parliament, he served as the Chairperson of the Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association (KYPA) and distinguished himself as a legislator addressing the most contentious issues of the Nation.

The Governor has been awarded Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear First Class by the President of the Republic of Kenya for his extensive legislative work in the 11th and 12th Parliament. He has been nominated among the top 100 Future Leaders: The World's Most Influential Young people in Government (2018) by Apolitica and awarded Change Maker of the year 2016 at the African Achievers Award, in recognition of his leadership skills and youth empowerment in Kenya.

DAY 2: SPEAKERS AND SESSION BRIEFS

I. THE GLOBAL DIGITAL REVOLUTION: AFRICA'S PLACE NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

Panel Session 1, Sheikh Zayed Theatre

This panel focuses on the current state of the “Digital revolution” in Africa; how much of this innovation is being driven in Africa and how we can ensure that Africa is at the forefront of the benefits that will accrue from the digital revolution.

The panel will discuss how innovations can be leveraged as a means of social and economic mobility for the large youth population.



Professor Alexander Evans (Chair)

Professor of Public Policy, LSE

Alexander Evans’ previous academic posts have included being the Henry Kissinger Chair at the Library of Congress, a Senior Fellow at Yale, and a Gwilym Gibbon Fellow at Nuffield College Oxford. He has a Ph.D. in politics from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

A career diplomat, he has worked as an advisor to the Prime Minister in 10 Downing Street, Strategy Director in the Cabinet Office, and Director Cyber in the Foreign Office. He has served as Deputy and Acting High Commissioner to India and (briefly) Pakistan, led the United Nations Security Council expert group on Daesh, Al Qaida and the Taliban, and been a senior advisor to Ambassador Richard Holbrooke in the U.S. Department of State. He was awarded an OBE for his work in Pakistan, where he led the UK's work on the Tribal Areas from 2007 to 2009.

Aïda Ndiaye

Head of Policy Programs, Meta

Aïda Ndiaye is an international business leader with expertise in building and leading large-scale tech projects and driving organisational strategy at the intersection of tech and policy. She leads Meta's policy campaign strategy on integrity issues in Europe.



She builds projects that support governments to mitigate risks related to innovation and maximize the benefits of tech for society.

Aïda pioneered Meta's public policy strategy across 22 countries in Francophone Africa. She created initiatives to help African businesses unlock the opportunities of digitalization. She advised African governments on public sector reforms to support the growth of the digital economy.

Aïda holds a Bachelor of Arts and Science from Quest University Canada and a Master of Public Policy (with Distinction) from the University of Oxford



Bosun Tijani

CEO, Co-Creation Hub

Bosun Tijani is the co-founder and CEO of Co-Creation Hub, one of Africa's foremost social innovation centre dedicated to accelerating the application of social capital and technology for economic prosperity.

He has over 16 years of experience across public and private corporations including Pera Innovation Network (UK), Hewlett Packard and International Trade Centre.

Bosun holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics, a Masters' degree in Information System and Management from Warwick Business School, UK and recently completed his Doctoral programme in Innovation Systems at the University of Leicester, UK. He is a fellow of the Centre on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law at Stanford University, a Desmond Tutu Fellow and a member of the Presidential Advisory Group on Technology and Creativity in Nigeria.

Anna-Noémie Ouattara Boni

*Insights Analyst, Digital Inclusion, GSMA
Mobile for Development*

Anna-Noémie is a Finance and Socio-Economic Development Professional with cross-functional experience across non-profit, financial and multilateral institutions in Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa.



She is the Founder of WinORG Non-Profit, an initiative empowering the un- and under-served communities through researched-based small- to medium-scale social, humanitarian and development interventions in Côte d'Ivoire since 2017.

Anna-Noémie works in the Digital Inclusion space at the GSMA Mobile for Development Foundation, leveraging digital technology to drive socio-economic impact, expand inclusion across underserved population groups in developing markets, and shape the agenda of an industry that has a profound impact on billions of lives.

Anna-Noémie holds a BSc. (Hons) in Accounting and Finance from Bayes Business School (formerly Cass), and an MSc. in Political Economy of Development from the School of Oriental & African Studies in London with specialisation in Socio-Economic and Human Development, Gender, and Inclusion (incl. Digital Inclusion) across the Sub-Saharan Africa region.

II. GRASSROOT MOVEMENTS: FROM INCEPTION TO DELIVERY

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Edmilson Angelo

Director, Change 1's Life

Edmilson Angelo is a PhD candidate at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, a diplomatic consultant at the Embassy of Angola in the UK, a political analyst, and a social entrepreneur from Angola.

He holds a bachelor degree in Politics and International Relations from the University of Westminster, a master's degree in African Studies from the University of Oxford, an Executive Certification in Smart Policy Design from Harvard University, while on his final doctoral degree year in International Development from the University of Sussex at the Institute of Development Studies.

Additionally, he is a political analyst on African Affairs with major focus on Lusophony Africa and Angola specifically, for news channel such as BBC, News, DW, VOA US, SIC, RTP, TPA and many more (watch/read videos and articles below). On top of that, he is the founder and director of Change 1's Life, a youth led charity development practical, applicable and sustainable to combat poverty in sub-Saharan Africa since 2014, becoming one of the most prominent youths in Africa today with recognition from institutions such as the UN and One Young World.

Dapo Oyewole

Special Adviser on Development Planning & International Affairs to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nigeria

Over the past two decades, Dapo has worked at the intersection of governance, public policy, international development, management consulting and global affairs.



In the public sector, he has served as Special Adviser on International & Interparliamentary Affairs to the Speaker of Nigeria's House of Representatives; and also, as a Special Adviser to two cabinet ministers, first at the Nigerian Presidency's National Planning Commission and secondly at the Ministry of Finance with donor coordination, international development cooperation and strategic planning as his primary portfolios.

He is a Senior Yale World Fellow, Senior Aspen New Voices Fellow, Chevening Scholar (LSE MSc, Global Politics) and co-editor of the books '*Development as Dignity: Frontline Stories from Development Practitioners in the Global South*' and author of '*Ten key Lessons African Leaders Should Learn from Tackling the Covid-19 Pandemic*'.

III. How is trade driving economic transformation in Africa today? *Breakout Session 2, Thai Theatre*

This session will discuss free trade from multiple perspectives. The primary questions to be addressed in the session is: “In what ways is trade driving economic transformation in Africa today, and how can young Africans get involved?” This will enable the speaker to draw from their work and experience to engage in a conversation on the multifaceted aspects of African trade today. The conversation will inevitably include the African Continental Free Trade Area agreement but will go deeper to discuss the current opportunities and challenges of intra-African trade, informal trade and bilateral trade, and the role of young Africans in the implementation.



David Luke (Chair)

Strategic Director, Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa

Specialising in African trade policy and trade negotiations, Professor Luke has decades of experience in policy advisory services, managing and catalysing research, building partnerships, training and capacity development for private sector and government.

This experience stems from an extensive career spanning a tenured appointment at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada, and assignments at the African Union, the UN Development Programme and the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) with postings in Harare, Pretoria, Geneva, and Addis Ababa. At ECA’s African Trade Policy Centre, Professor Luke and his team were instrumental in the preparation of the protocols that make up the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement. His PhD in African Political Economy is from the School of Oriental and African Studies and his MSc. and BSc. are from the London School of Economics and Political Science. His research and teaching interests are in the areas of trade in development; trade and inclusion; and trade and sustainability.

Dr. Hanan Morsy

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IV. THE FUTURE OF AFRICA: IS THE AU ON THE RIGHT PATH TO DELIVER AGENDA 2063?

Panel Session 2, Sheikh Zayed Theatre

The panel will address a very important question: Has the African Union failed? Many are critical of the AU as a continental body with many saying it has failed to deliver its aims, while others consider it essential for any kind of regional integration.

The panel will discuss whether the AU appropriately addresses youth development. It will probe the difficulties in achieving Pan-Africanism, how the institution can sustain its relevance in the face of current realities, achieve active youth representation, and improve African economic integration and shared prosperity through policies such as a Single African Visa.

As the last panel discussion of the Summit, it will capture views of what Africa's future should look like and how young people will be integrated as key stakeholders.

Dr. Gedion Onyango (Chair)

Public Policy Scholar and Researcher in African Governance, Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa

Gedion Onyango is a Lecturer of Public Policy and Administration at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Nairobi, Kenya. He is also a Research Fellow and Co-Investigator/National Investigator with The Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa's Center for Public Authority and International Development (CPAID), at the LSE.



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Nancy Muigei

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Nancy is a Governance Adviser and a changemaker in this generation who seeks to work with thought leaders, young people, governments, communities and countries to tackle humanity's structural and systemic development challenges using collaborative and participatory approaches. She has over 14 years of experience working between the public, civic and private sector.

She is the founder of Nawiri Foresight, a member of the Next Generation Foresight and Sensing Network of the School of the International Futures, Board Adviser with International Institute of Legislative Affairs and Strategic Adviser with Maendeleo Group.

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Ibraheem Sanusi

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Ibraheem Sanusi is an international development cooperation expert. His interests lie in the intersection of governance, new technologies, and the meaningful participation of citizens in the continent's transformation agenda.



Previously, he led the citizens' engagement work at the African Governance Architecture Secretariat of the African Union Commission. Currently, he leads the German cooperation programme on strengthening capacities for crisis and pandemic response in Africa, implemented by the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) Office to the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



Nisan Abdulkader

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Nisan Abdulkader brings unique insights having worked in senior public and private sector roles across the globe including in Tunisia, Kenya, South Africa, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Syria, Italy and Canada.

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He is a Senior Yale World Fellow, Senior Aspen New Voices Fellow, Chevening Scholar (LSE MSc, Global Politics) and co-editor of the books *'Development as Dignity: Frontline Stories from Development Practitioners in the Global South'* and author of *'Ten key Lessons African Leaders Should Learn from Tackling the Covid-19 Pandemic'*.

DAY 2: CLOSING KEYNOTE

Dr. Ramatu Tijjani Aliyu *Minister of State, Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria*



Dr. Ramatu Tijjani Aliyu is a Nigerian politician and the current Minister of State for the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). She began her political career as the Focal Person for Women's Affairs, Youth and Social Development at Gwagwalada Area Council, FCT, from 2004-2007. She then served as the Lead Liaison between the Federal Capital Territory and the implementation of Millennium Development Goal Projects from 2005-2007.

Ramatu Tijjani Aliyu is the President of the Council of African Political Parties and was previously the President of the Council of African Political Parties (Women Wing) from 2015-2017.

Ramatu is the founder of the RTA Foundation, an NGO focused on empowerment and social reconstruction in rural areas. Through this foundation, she has placed emphasis on poverty alleviation programs that aim to reduce poverty, empower youth, and restore the pride of women as the custodians of a stable family unit.

Ramatu attended Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning. Dr. Ramatu Tijjani Aliyu has a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Doctorate Degree in Peace and Security Studies (PhD) from the Nassarawa State University, Keffi.



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