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YOUNG LEADERS PORTRAITS

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**Name:** Arlette HIRWA

**Country:** Rwanda

**Current position(s):** Country Manager - Guinée Conakry at Ag Partners Publicis Group.

*Arlette is a 31 year old Rwandan and is currently the Country Manager for Guinea Conakry at AG Partners Publicis Africa, since 2019.*



## Bio

“Arlette’s leadership is especially expressed in her professional activity. When she joined the Veolia team in Guinea in 2015, as part of a contract for the management of the national electricity company financed by the World Bank, as the only young black woman integrated into an expatriate team of 9 people, she found herself at the head of a local team of 5 African men very reluctant to change. Despite an initial total culture shock on both sides, she succeeded with them in mobilizing more than 800,000 euros of budget, completely overhauling the company’s internal communication, creating new positions and executing mass communication and awareness campaigns. After this experience, she headed a local agency with which she created a TV show, accompanied the implementation of mining projects and organized large-scale conferences.

The new turn taken by France has allowed the emergence of a new France-Africa relationship free of obsolete practices. This vision has been accompanied by a creative and entrepreneurial craze across the continent. With her platform she would like to highlight local content and the need to accompany the establishment of a true African narrative. The future of the continent depends on the creation, support and development of national champions in all fields and all value chains.”



**Name:** Bamba LO

**Country:** Senegal / France

**Current position(s):** Founder and CEO of PAPS.

*Bamba is the founder and CEO of the Senegalese start-up Paps, the first geolocation delivery app in French-speaking Africa. The 36-year-old is also a member of Kamtar's advisory board.*



## Bio

"Bamba is the founder and CEO of the Senegalese start-up Paps, the first geolocation delivery application in French-speaking Africa. At 36, he is also a member of Kamtar's advisory board.

He decided to create his company in Senegal because he had his roots there and he really felt he could have an impact on the continent. Five years later, he is deeply convinced that he made the right choice. A subject that is close to his heart and that fascinates him is the training and employment of young people through the development of entrepreneurship and income generating activities. His company contributes in this area by employing more than 350 young people with various profiles and skills and by providing them with learning and continuous training opportunities.

He practices inclusive leadership, placing the «human» parameter at the heart of my decisions. Thus, although they are a private company, therefore for profit, they participate in activities and carry out initiatives to benefit the community."



**Name:** Barbara COPELOVICI

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Director of Entrepreneurship  
Anheuser-Busch InBev.

*Since 2017, Barbare, a 32-year-old Frenchwoman, has risen through the ranks at Anheuser-Busch InBev and in 2020 became the company's Chief Information and Entrepreneurship Officer.*



## Bio

“Barbara Copelovici is the Entrepreneurship Director for the South African Breweries (Part of Ab-Inbev Group) where she leads the portfolio to support small businesses and communities. Prior to joining SAB, Barbara was a management consultant, and then senior manager in the consulting arm of SizweNtsalubaGobodo-Grant Thornton. In this role, she led the delivery of strategic projects in Africa, around supply chain transformation, defining strategy and supporting the strategic planning process of large organisations across diverse sectors including energy, education, mining and the public sector. Prior to management consulting, Barbara was involved in social enterprises, first by founding and running one which empowered homeless individuals to start a business, then in supporting other social enterprises to deliver. Barbara was awarded Brightest Young Mind in 2014 and was part of the World Economic Forum Global Shaper - Soweto Hub from 2016 to 2019. She holds a Master Degree from Kedge Business School and is a qualified Green Belt Six Sigma.”



**Name:** Caroline FRONTIGNY

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Co-founder, president and chief business development officer of upOwa.

*Caroline left the World Bank and Washington to co-found upOwa in Cameroon. At 34, this Frenchwoman is the president and director of business development of her company, which has become a leader in the provision of energy access in Central Africa.*



## Bio

“Caroline Frontigny is the cofounder and Chief Business Development Officer of upOwa, a paygo solar home system distributor in Cameroon employing more than 400 people. In 2015, she launched upOwa’s first operations in Cameroon, recruited and managed the Cameroonian team and is now in charge of business development. Previously, she was a private sector development analyst at the World Bank in Washington DC where she specialized in improving access to electricity for businesses in Africa and Latin America. Before that Caroline worked on energy policy at the Embassy of France in the United States. She has received a M.Eng in Energy and Science from Supélec, France.”



**Name:** Corinne AMORI BRUNET

**Country:** Senegal / France

**Current position(s):** Director of Strategy and Development at Novethic, Groupe Caisse des Dépôts.

*Corinne, a 36-year-old French-Beninese leader, is the current Director of Strategy, Development and the Positive Investor Forum for Novethic.*



## Bio

“My natural curiosity and quest for impact led me to dance between CSR & ESG strategies, strategic operations, marketing/pr, digital and event production. I am of those people convinced that being a Jack of all trade is being master of more, especially when it comes to sustainability across the entire business. Today in the sustainable finance sector, I oversee the implementation of the Novethic’s strategie, a subsidiary of French Caisse des Dépôts Group, a major public financial institution.”



**Name:** Diana-Valérie RANAIVOSON

**Country:** Madagascar

**Current position(s):** CSR Manager Orange

*Diana Valérie has been working for the Orange Group for over 11 years. Recruited as head of the content and advertising department in 2009, she is now the Group's CSR and Social Business Director.*



## Bio

"For more than 11 years, Diana Valérie has been climbing the ladder within the Orange Group. Recruited as head of the content and advertising department in 2009, she is now the director of the CSR and Social Business department of the group.

As an «engagement maker», she creates projects and social initiatives. She identifies the teams and manages each action and the time allocated. She also identifies external partnerships and ensures that contracts are signed and that each actor is truly committed to their mission for a common goal: SuperCoders education program, digital approach for Smart Agri, Act Green environmental program, support for social entrepreneurs...

She is convinced that we can do more to help African countries develop. Initiatives should start with the youth in each country, because youth is the future. As a person committed to positive social impact, she can draw on her experiences to be part of this movement."



**Name:** Diane LE GOFF

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Global Leader for the Training & Entrepreneurship CSR program

*Diane, a 30 year old French woman, has been building her career at Schneider Electric for 7 years. She is currently in charge of the Global Leadership and Entrepreneurship programmes.*



## Bio

“Diane Le Goff is an 8-year experienced manager in sourcing, structuring, managing development projects with multiple international public and private stakeholders, and developing social businesses for the energy sector. She has graduated in 2013, after an exchange at the University of Salvador in Buenos Aires, with a Master degree in Entrepreneurship from EM Strasbourg Business School. Upon her return in 2013, she has first joined Schneider Electric as an Entrepreneurship Officer in the Sustainable Development department, and then became a Project Manager for Africa and Central America for the Access to Energy Training program of the company. Living in Senegal, Diane works as closely as possible with the field reality and often travels over the African continent. She is now the Global Manager of the Training & Entrepreneurship program for Schneider Electric, empowering people to acquire long-term competencies in the energy field and developing sustainable businesses.”



**Name:** Emilie WILSON

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Regional Project Director for Africa  
Oxford Business Group.

*At 35, Emilie is an expert in economic analysis and business development, which led her to become the current Regional Projects Director for Africa Oxford Business Group, a global publishing, research and consultancy company.*



## Bio

“Emilie Wilson is a Regional Project Director - Africa, Oxford Business Group - africa, Oxford Business Group (OBG). She has directed economic research in Africa since 2020, based in Mauritania, Congo (Brazzaville), Nigeria, Côte d’Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon and Djibouti, where she opened OBG’s office in 2015.

Since joining Oxford Business Group in 2012, she has held the position of Country Director, Regional Manager, and, since 2020, Regional Project director, in charge of pan-African sector-specific research.

Recent publications she directed include: Private Equity & Venture Capital in Africa, West Africa textiles & Garments, Egypt Recovery Roadmap Egypt Financial Services, Telehealth in MENA.

She has been selected as one of the 100 Young Leaders 2021 by the French-African Foundation.

Emilie holds a master’s degree in international management from EDC Paris Business School, and is fluent in English, French and Spanish.”



**Name:** Franck KIE

**Country:** Côte d'Ivoire

**Current position(s):** President & Founder of CiberObs & CGI (cybersecurity consultant).

***Franck, a 30-year-old giant, is the president of the CiberObs association, which promotes cybersecurity in Africa by organising the Cyber Africa Forum and conducting panels and training sessions on cybersecurity. He is also a cybersecurity consultant.***



## Bio

"A cybersecurity consultant on governance, risk management and compliance issues in a world-renowned firm, Franck Kié founded Ciberobs - Make Africa Safe, an observatory and platform on cyber trends in Africa, to fill a gap in data and analysis on cybersecurity in Africa. With more than a thousand unique monthly visitors, more than 250 publications issued as of June 14 and a study on the 20 personalities who make up cybersecurity in Africa, Ciberobs - Make Africa Safe has established itself as the leading media for cyber news on the continent.

Franck Kié is also the General Commissioner and organiser of the Cyber Africa Forum (CAF), the leading event for cybersecurity in Sub-Saharan Africa. The first edition of the CAF was held on June 7 in Abidjan, in the presence of more than 700 participants and speakers, including the representative of the President of the ECOWAS Commission, the Ministers of the Digital Economy of Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea and several sector leaders such as Huawei Northern Africa, Deloitte, MTN, Ecobank and Bloomfield Corporation.

Franck Kié holds a Master of Science (MS) in Cybersecurity, Risk & Strategy from New York University (NYU), a Master of Business Administration from the Ecole de Guerre Économique (EGE) and a Master of Arts in International Relations and Affairs from the University of Warwick."



**Name:** Frédéric MOREL-BARBIER

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Director of Tilder's cabinet & Director of Trucy's cabinet.

*Frédéric started his career at MEDEF International in 2013, as Africa and Latin America Project Manager. Today, at 35, he is the current Africa Director of the group.*



## Bio

“Frederic Morel-Barbier joined in 2021 as Director a Communication Agency specialized in advising today and tomorrow's leaders.

Previously, he was Director for Africa at MEDEF International, the leading French private international business confederation, whose activities are focused on the African continent. He also led an initiative dedicated to medium-sized companies (ETI) on the international scene.

Before having worked in the Economic Departments of French Embassies in Latin America and in Europe, he began his career as an Analyst at the US Embassy in Paris, France.

Frédéric Morel-Barbier holds a M.Phil in International Relations from Sorbonne University, France and a B.A. in Literature from the University of Birmingham, UK.”



**Name:** Hafou TOURE SAMB

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Founder and CEO of HTS Partners.

*Hafou is a young 29 year old Ivorian woman who has been the founder of HTS Partners since 2019, the founder and president of Global Sharing Program and the SME development and financing specialist for the African Development Bank Group.*



## Bio

“Hafou Toure Samb is a finance professional with a lot of experience advising and providing financing to African companies and working with multilateral development banks, specifically with the African Development Bank and other DFIs. Hafou is the founder and CEO of HTS Partners, a financial advisory firm for SMEs based in Abidjan. At HTS, Hafou works on multi million dollars fundraising transactions for clients across the African continent. She focuses particularly on women owned enterprises in efforts to reduce the financing gap for women. She is also a technical advisor and a member of the cabinet of the ministry in charge of SME development, and transforming the informal sector. She was recently selected as a Millennium Fellow at the Atlantic Council. In addition, she presents a column on national television called “Parlons Business” where she shares financial and managerial strategies for running a successful business. Hafou has an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Public Administration from the Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government.”



**Name:** Héléne DIOUF

**Country:** Sénégal

**Current position(s):** Founder and CEO of Sisters of Afrika.

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## Bio

“Héléne created her own clothing brand by living in Senegal and hiring women and youth in different areas of the manufacturing and sales process. Today she has several outlets both in Africa and in France and has even dressed the international star Beyoncé. She wants to incite and encourage young people to stay in Africa and create their own destiny. She wants to show them that with determination and perseverance they can achieve their dreams.

She works with a dozen people and her leadership is reflected by the fact that she does not consider them as mere employees but as collaborators because every task that each of them performs is important for the brand. I consult with them every time a collection comes out and their opinions are indispensable to me. She has grouped women around an association to train them in the dyeing trade (the basis of our raw materials), to enable them to have a regular income and thus help their respective families.”



**Name:** Iban OLCOMENDY

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** CEO of Fletti

*At 29, Iban is the founder of Mobility SN set up in 2018 and the CEO of Fletti, a fleet management platform for African companies, specialising in fuel tracking, which he founded in 2020.*



## Bio

“Iban graduated from EDHEC Business School and began his career at Jumia - the leading pan-African online shopping platform.

He then started his entrepreneurial journey by creating Mobility, a on-site car maintenance solution in Dakar. In 2020, faced with the frustrations linked to fleet management in Africa, he developed Fletti, an all-in-one solution that helps companies reduce their fuel consumptions and improve performance of their vehicle fleets. Fletti is active in 4 countries in Africa and just raised 1M€ to reinforce their technology and expand their activities in the continent.”



**Name:** Irene KAMANZI

**Country:** Rwanda

**Current position(s):** CEO of Agrismart

*Irene, 39, is the founder of Agrismart, a company that partners with Rwandan farmers and sources beans directly from them to produce Ibanze coffee.*



## Bio

“Irenée Kamanzi is CEO of Agrismart, an agribusiness company. He works closely with coffee producers in the Western and Eastern provinces. Its goal is to produce good quality coffee and to involve youth and women. His company also adds value to coffee production by roasting, packaging and selling it on the local and international market.

Prior to that, Irenée Kamanzi has acquired more than 8 years in Operations management and marketing and 8 years experience in Financial Reporting, Budgeting, Costing and Analysis, in different organizations especially in NGOs such as Pearl USAID.”



**Name:** Isseu DIOP-SAKHO

**Country:** Sénégal

**Current position(s):** CEO of Patria, MBURU network

*Isseu is the 36-year-old CEO of MBURU Network, an African bakery and pastry brand specialising in the marketing of breads, pastries and beverages made with local Senegalese products and run by women.*



## Bio

“After a Bachelor degree in Finance (University of Sherbrooke) and Master degree in International Finance (HEC Montreal), Isseu Diop SAKHO holds a PhD. in finance (Université Paris Saclay). With nearly 15 years of experience in banks and insurance companies, Dre SAKHO has held the positions of Deputy Director of the Credit Risk Assessment Service at Export Development Canada (EDC), Administrative and Financial Director for the Canadian NGO ENABLIS, before being appointed Director of the School of Management at ISM Dakar. Passionate about entrepreneurship in informal sectors, Dre Sakho is currently the promoter of the MBURU Network, a bakery brand created in 2019 in Ngaparou, in the region of Thiès. MBURU produces and sells breads and pastries made from local cereals (millet, corn, sorghum, etc.). Furthermore, MBURU works with self-employed women who distribute the products through a network of kiosks. The brand is therefore structuring a value chain which provides offtake for the products of local farmers and sustainable income for the female retailers.”



**Name:** Kolawole OSINOWO

**Country:** Nigéria

**Current position(s):** - Head of Key Account Management for Jumia Group

*Having worked for Nokia, Microsoft and HMD Global, Kolawole is, at 40, the head of key account management for the Jumia Group.*



## Bio

“Kolawole Osinowo is Chief Commercial Officer of Jumia. Prior to that, in 2008 and 2010, Kolawole was named Professional of the Year at the Future Africa Awards. In 2011, he was honored by the Crans Montana Forum as an emerging leader for the future. In 2013, he was recognized as one of the top 100 young people in Nigeria. He led the faculty of the JCI Africa and Middle East Leadership Academy, which brings together aspiring leaders from across Africa.

In 2018, had the opportunity to travel to several countries in Africa as JCI Vice President for Africa and the Middle East. He was inspired by several young people to create Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) projects in different communities. As a Business Leader, he worked with Nokia and Microsoft to accompany several small businesses to expand their operations across West Africa.”



**Name:** Lancine KOULIBALY

**Country:** Guinée / France

**Current position(s):** Co-founder and CEO of Umoja Shoes

*After starting his career in the insurance sector, Lancine, a 33-year-old French-Guinean, co-founded Umòja Shoes, the 100% plant-based, zero plastic and synthetic sneakers in 2018, of which he is the current CEO.*



## Bio

“With his brand Umoja Shoes, Lancine Koulibaly designs sneakers that respect the environment and value the richness of Burkina Faso’s artisanal know-how.

Umoja shoes also has a societal dimension as for the last 4 years, the brand has been collaborating with the Adaja Center in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. A traditional weaving and dyeing center, the Adaja center has been transmitting its expertise and exceptional know-how for over 50 years. Founded by Elizabeth Delma with the aim of enabling vulnerable women to reintegrate into society through handicraft weaving, Adaja has ensured the social reintegration of more than 3,000 women throughout Burkina Faso.

Innovation, social and environmental responsibility are therefore at the heart of all the center’s actions, allowing Lancine Koulibaly to be at the head of an eco-responsible brand.”



**Name:** Mohamed NADAH

**Country:** France / Maroc

**Current position(s):** Director of Business Development and Strategy for SUEZ

*After having been the Vice President Business Development at ENGIE, Mohamed is at 35 years old the Director of Business Development and Strategy for the SUEZ group.*



## Bio

“Mohamed Nadah is Director of Development and Strategy for decentralized solutions in Africa & Near East at SUEZ. Mohamed is an engineer from both the University of Technology of Compiègne and the University of Pennsylvania and has graduated from the Executive Master of Business Administration program of the Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées. After having occupied several positions in the energy and climate change advisory sector, Mohamed has been committed to power and water infrastructure development in Africa during the past 10 years.”



**Name:** Nchekwube WADIKE

**Country:** Nigéria / France

**Current position(s):** Cofounder and partner of Inseed.vc  
and Director of Operations at Victory Farms

*Nchekwube has worked for Bolloré Transport & Logistique for more than 5 years. Until May 2021, he is Operations Manager - Tincan Container Terminal of the group. At 33, he is also the Partner of Inseed.vc which he co-founded in 2019.*



## Bio

“Since 2021, Nche Wadike is Director of operations of Victory Farms, a rapidly growing tilapia fish farm that has become the largest in East Africa in two years.

He is also Founder and Partner of Seed VC, a company making early stage investments in high-tech startups.

Before that, he worked in Bolloré Transport et Logistics group for 7 years, first as Financial and Operations controller and then as Deputy Operations Manager in Lagos.

He holds an MBA from the prestigious INSEAD institution.”



**Name:** Nelly BERTHELOT

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Consulting manager, specialist in partnerships with international donors, for Deloitte (Francophone Africa)

*After three years as head of the Communication and Outreach Unit of the Special Criminal Court for the United Nations Development Programme, Nelly is now a manager specialising in partnerships with international donors for Deloitte.*



## Bio

“Since the end of July 2021, Nelly has completed her mission for Deloitte. She is currently working as a Consultant specialized in International Relations and Institutional Communication.

She was selected in the talent pool of the WHO Africa office as an External Relations Officer.”



**Name:** Nicolas Simel NDIAYE

**Country:** Senegal / France

**Current position(s):** Senior Manager, Private Sector  
Development Specialist

*Nicolas Simel is the co-founder of the think tank L’Afrique des Idées. A graduate of Sciences Po Paris and HEC Paris, this young Franco-Senegalese man of 32 has experience in consulting firms in France and Africa.*



## Bio

“Nicolas Simel NDIAYE is a Director at Deloitte Afrique specialized in economic growth and private sector development. He provides African governments and international donors organizations with support in the design and implementation of strategic initiatives to foster inclusive growth through private sector development, notably Small and Medium Enterprises expansion, entrepreneurship promotion and value chains structuring. He is passionate about how to empower African entrepreneurs and business leaders and allow them to have a better access to the funding, markets and technology they need to grow, create more jobs and improve living standards. Nicolas Simel is also the co-founder of L’Afrique des Idées, an independent youth-led think tank based on the concept of Afro-responsibility and dedicated to economic and social challenges related to the continent. Nicolas Simel holds a master’s degree in business management from HEC Paris and a master’s degree in Public Policy from Sciences Po Paris.”



**Name:** Samir ABDELKRIM

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** - Founder and CEO at StartupBRICS, Founder of the Africa-Europe Innovation Summit EMERGING Valley, Tech columnist and author of the book «StartupLions, at the Heart of the African Tech»

*At 40, Samir is founder and CEO of StartupBRICS.com, founder of Emerging Valley, Innovation columnist for Le Point Afrique and author of the book «Startup Lions, Au Cœur de l'African Tech» (2017).*



## Bio

“As an entrepreneur, author, a columnist for Le Point (ex-Tech reporter in Africa for Le Monde) and a consultant, Samir ABDELKRIM is the French-speaking expert on African innovation. He published one book - Startup Lions, au Coeur de l’African Tech - and several hundreds publications (articles, analysis, interviews).

For 5 years, Samir traveled across innovative Africa and met with entrepreneurs. Upon returning from this field exploration, two ambitions emerged: to gather these exciting experiences in the heart of the first book ever written on African startups, «Startup Lions, Au Coeur de l’African Tech», which was published in 2017; and to give back to my city, Marseille, its natural and historical DNA as a crossroads at the intersection of the African and European continents. EMERGING Valley was therefore born in 2016 to support his vision.”



**Name:** Sophie Buisset

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Sales Manager S&D solution for Riaktr

*Sophie is a 31-year-old French woman who has worked her way up at Riaktr since 2015 and is now the company's S&D Solution Sales Manager.*



## Bio

"Sophie is a 31-year-old French executive who has been building her career at Riaktr, an analytics scale-up, where she is currently the company's CCO.

She is also the vice-president of Work In The City, the professional network association for French speakers in Johannesburg."



**Name:** Tadhim UWIZEYE

**Country:** Rwanda

**Current position(s):** Founder and CEO of Olado Business Group Ltd

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## Bio

“She is an e-commerce business development professional with a background in computer science and information systems management. Her ten years of experience in the information technology and services industry focused on entrepreneurship, e-commerce, and advocacy in women and STEM empowerment areas. She is a self-starter, enjoying and experienced in youth leadership.

As such she is a mentor young technology entrepreneurs through an incubation program to help them develop their business and become market-ready. Her goal is to have a positive impact on the entire Rwandan technology ecosystem.”



**Name:** Taslim

**Country:** Senegal

**Current position(s):** Principal Advisor of Eleis & CEO of SERTEM Group

*38 years old, Taslim took over the family business, Sertem Groupe in 2014, he now manages a portfolio of construction projects worth 300 billion CFA.*



## Bio

“Taslim spent the first half of his career in the US where, as a consultant at Deloitte then a financial analyst at Google, he advised and led projects for global industry leaders and organizations in the financial and technology sector, delivering millions of dollars in value through data analytics enabled operational and financial performance optimization. Since returning to Africa in 2014, Taslim has led his construction and development family business through a 10x growth trajectory, initiating and managing a few hundred billion CFA worth of urban development projects in Francophone Africa. In addition to his contributions as a speaker in various real estate conferences on the continent, he’s also started an advisory and investment firm supporting public and private institutional and entrepreneurs on matters spanning policy, urban planning, financing, market intelligence, and digital ventures. Taslim is an alumnus of Georgia State University (BBA 2005, Computer Information Systems), Duke University (MBA 2009, Strategy and Decision Sciences) and Harvard University (AMDP 2017, Real Estate). Former college athlete, he still engages in Basketball and Football activities recreationally and as a board member at a local youth club.”



**Name:** Thierry LACROIX

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Africa Director of Onepoint

*After 8 years as the Business Development Manager for Africa at Deloitte, Thierry, a 39 year old leader, is currently the Africa Director of onepoint, a company specialising in the digital transformation of companies and organisations.*



## Bio

“With nearly 15 years of engagement with the African continent, Thierry is now the newly appointed Managing Director for Africa at one point. This international advisory firm is the transformation architect for corporations and public administrations, supporting our clients from strategy to technological implementation, always focusing on thinking beyond the obvious to create new ways of working, new economic models and new spaces. Before joining onepoint in early 2020, Thierry was the Africa business developer for Deloitte, supporting strategic, commercial and brand development on the continent. Thierry started his career with Performances Group, based in Dakar, where he accompanied for 3 years major public entities from West and Central Africa in the definition and implementation of their development strategy. Thierry also teaches the course «Doing Business in Africa» at Sciences Po Paris since 2016. He graduated with a Master of Law from Panthéon-Assas University and a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University.”



**Name:** Victor BOYLE-KOMOLAFE

**Country:** Nigéria

**Current position(s):** Founder & CEO of GIVO

*Victor, 31, is the co-founder of GIVO Solutions, Managing Director of Capture Solutions and Director of Ojoro Kitchen.*



## Bio

“Since 2019, Victor is the cofounder of GIVO - Garbage In, Value out -, a company that leverages technology to collect recyclable material directly from individuals, families, and businesses and to process these materials into consumer and industrial goods.

Through GIVO, Victor is providing a tech driven end to end PET & UBC management solution for African communities with a goal of collecting 150 million containers in the next 5 years directly from individuals, households and businesses.

Since its inception, the start-up has received numerous awards. In 2020, GIVO was awarded the Digital Innovation Challenge 2020 prize by the French Development Agency (AFD), a key factor in the success of GIVO, which also benefited from OceanHub Africa’s second acceleration program last May.”



**Name:** Zeinebou ABDELJELIL

**Country:** Mauritanie

**Current position(s):** President of Hadina RIMTIC

*Zeinebou, a 35 year old Mauritanian leader, is currently the CEO of Hadina RIMTIC Incubator. She is also the CEO of IKLAAA Consulting, a company she co-founded in 2015.*



## Bio

“Zeinebou co-created with a group of young people the first startup incubator in Mauritania HADINA RIMTIC. They share the same ambition to develop a dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country. Their main mission is to support young entrepreneurs with innovative ideas and startups with high economic and social impact. Since the creation of HADINA RIMTIC, the group has supported seventy startups and SMEs and formed strong long-term partnerships with: Government, private sector companies and development agencies and we belong to a large network of regional and international incubators.

She is also a senior development consultant with ten years of experience in income generation, resilience, microfinance and private sector consulting. She has accompanied an international consulting firm to conduct impact studies in Mauritania on behalf of a private sector client and an international development agency. Today, she has built a strong relationship with a wide network of stakeholders.”



**Name:** Clarence KOPOGO

**Country:** Centrafrique / France

**Current position(s):** Independent cheffe

***Clarence, an independent chef, promotes African gastronomy in all her culinary projects. Today, at the age of 40, this Franco-Central African is keen to share her knowledge and passion by becoming the Director of Programmes for the Pan-African Gastronomic Institute.***



## Bio

“Clarence, an independent chef, promotes African gastronomy in all her culinary projects. Today, at the age of 40, this French-Central African woman is eager to share her knowledge and passion by becoming the Director of Programs for the Pan-African Gastronomic Institute.

When she became a chef, it was obvious to her that she needed to create new dialectics for African cuisine. She therefore created Table Nali with her sister, an itinerant caterer to promote Central African cuisine but also other African culinary cultures. Indeed, gastronomy and culinary cultures allow people to tell their story. I would like to present a plea in favor of African gastronomy to civil societies and demonstrate how it can be a powerful tool for economic and cultural development.

In 2020, with Ndoyé Ti Bêafrika and a collective of Central African women, they launched a campaign to raise awareness of barrier gestures to fight against Covid-19 and had masks made and distributed in various clinics in Bangui. She has always been involved in different actions with her different communities and this is why she thinks she is a potential leader.”



**Name:** Diane Audrey NGAKO

**Country:** Cameroun / France

**Current position(s):** CEO of Omenkart, CEO Douala Art Fair and "Visiter l'Afrique"

*At 29, Diane Audrey is the Managing Director of OMENKART communication agency and the Douala Art Fair, both founded in 2017. She is also the founder of «Visiter l'Afrique», a digital, interactive and collaborative platform, and general manager of the Douala Digital Show.*



## Bio

"Diane Audrey Ngako, 30, is what we call a creative entrepreneur divided between her job as Managing Director of her communication agency Omenkart, her passion for contemporary art, her publishing house: Baköu and her podcast "Si Maman M'avait dit".

In May 2016, Forbes magazine ranked him among the 30 most influential young people under 30 on the African continent.

After 5 years in the media in France, Diane Audrey Ngako decides to return to Cameroon. In 2017, she launched her communication agency which supports major companies such as: Oracle, WorldRemit, Cimencam, Chivas, Ecobank, Société Générale. In 2021, she opened an office in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Also a culture-advocate, Diane Audrey Ngako created Baköu, a publishing house in Cameroon which has published two books: They Call It Africa, We call It Home and Letters to Cameroon. She also launched the first time-ever art event in Douala in 2018: the Douala Art Fair. Its objective is to create a generation of African buyers so that the artistic creation of the continent is also consumed locally.

Diane Audrey Ngako holds a Master 2 in strategic communication (ISEFAC Paris). After having long supported associations / initiatives that raised awareness about albinism. She is now interested in the preservation of the environment of the pygmies, the reintegration of women in prison and mental illness."



**Name:** Samantha BIFFOT

**Country:** Gabon

**Current position(s):** Producer for Princesse M Productions and On est ensemble Productions

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## Bio

“Samantha Biffot is a French-gabonese producer, director and screenwriter. After studying cinema in Paris, she moved to Gabon in 2010 where she started her production company Princesse M Productions. She’s produced documentaries, Tv series and won awards in Fespaco, premiered in multiple film festival and was nominated in trophées francophone and African movie awards for her work. In 2015 she started On est ensemble production based in Ivory Coast with Jean François Boyer and Sébastien Borivent, president and CEO of Tetra Media Studio, 3rd biggest audiovisual company in France. She’s expanded her slate ever since to Tv shows and premium TV series for canal+ and TVS.”



**Name:** Samantha MBONABUCA INARUKUNDO

**Country:** Burundi

**Current position(s):** Founder and Director of TwoFiveSeven Art

*At 32 years old, Samantha is the executive director and founder of the very first private and permanent art gallery in her country, Burundi. TwoFiveSeven Art is a platform dedicated to providing artists working in Burundi with quality professional representation.*



## Bio

“Samantha Mbonabuca Inarukundo is Executive Director and Founder at TwoFiveSeven Arts; the first-ever private permanent art gallery in Burundi. It is also a platform dedicated to the promotion of visual arts with the mission to represent artists evolving in Burundi by assisting them in the production, showcasing and commercialization of their artistic works and careers while also providing community outreach through various art programs, events and activities.

Before jumping into the entrepreneurial journey, Samantha worked for almost 4 years in Le Panoramique Hotel by Celexon.

She has a bachelor’s degree from University of International Business and Economics.”



**Name:** Cynthia OGOUMA AWORET

**Country:** Gabon

**Current position(s):** Secretary General at Junior Achievement

*After spending 5 years at the Gabonese Strategic Investment Fund, Cynthia, 39, became the Secretary General of Junior Achievement Gabon in 2019, a position she currently holds.*



## Bio

“Cynthia OGOUMA AWORET is the Secretary General of Junior Achievement Gabon (JA Gabon), a non-profit organization specializing in the implementation of educational programs for young people; in particular financial education, employability, entrepreneurship and professional integration ; in order to facilitate their integration in the globalized economy.

Before joining JA Gabon, Cynthia was Head of Direct Investment and prior Business Manager of the Sovereign Wealth Fund of the Gabonese Republic ; where she worked closely with government entities, institutional investors and private sector champions on issues related to economic development, industrial growth and transformation.

Cynthia had her first experience in Gabon as Corporate relationship manager of BGFIBank Gabon, the first Gabonese bank, belonging to the BGF Group, the leading financial group in the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa.

Prior coming back in Gabon to fulfill her passion to contribute to the country’s development, Cynthia began her career in Canada as Analyst of operational risk management at Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec, the first institutional investor of Quebec province.

Cynthia is passionate about development policies, History, cooking and travels.”



**Name:** Djénéba GORY

**Country:** Mali / France

**Current position(s):** “Gender and Human Development” Consultant at World Bank and co-founder and COO of Suadela

*Gender and Human Development consultant for the World Bank, co-founder and COO of Suadela, an association that strengthens girls’ negotiation skills, Djénéba is a 35-year-old French-Malian who works to create impact in education in Africa.*



## Bio

“Djénéba Gory is a social entrepreneur. She co-founded Suadela, a non-profit organization that aims to increase young African women and adolescent girls’ agency by building their negotiation skills.

A graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and ESCP Europe, Djénéba is also a consultant to the World Bank on education and women’s empowerment. She is also a Human Rights Fellow at the Harvard CARR Center for Human Rights. Djénéba previously worked for several years as a financial auditor, especially on humanitarian and development projects in more than 15 African countries and in Europe. She is co-author of a book called Implementing Deeper Learning and 21st Century Education Reforms.”



**Name:** Dorine LEBRETON

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Director of l'Alliance française Amsterdam

*Since 2020, Dorine is the 40 year old Director of the Alliance Française in Amsterdam after having been the International Development Manager for Réseau Entreprendre for 2 years.*



## Bio

"Since 2020, Dorine is at 40 years old the director of the Alliance Française of Amsterdam after having been 2 years the International Development Manager for Réseau Entreprendre.

Currently at the head of the Alliance Française d'Amsterdam, health constraints have forced her to reinvent her model in order to survive: today, students take courses online, but they come from all over the world. Thus, transnational education is not only a lever of economic development for the structure I lead, but above all offers its students opportunities to learn together, beyond borders. Passionate about education, she dreams of creating a campus of excellence where Africans and Europeans would study together, in the form of structuring projects.

Her strength of conviction has allowed her to focus on a country that is struggling to emerge from the doldrums - Madagascar. In a complex context, she brings a mixture of realism and passion. She is the one who, by carrying the torch, opens the way to possibilities. A rather convincing example: her determination allowed her to obtain from a Head of State the signature of major infrastructure contracts, having a lasting impact on the country and its people."



**Name:** Judith OLOO

**Country:** Kenya

**Current position(s):** (Ph.D), Senior Lecturer and Head of Department of Public Law at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, CEO of the East African Centre for Human Rights (EACHRights).

*At 38, Judith has a proven track record in the higher education sector as Chairperson of the Department of Public Law at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.*



## Bio

“Judith Oloo is a Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Public Law at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.

At the same time, she leads a team of 15 people on three projects at the East African Centre for Human Rights (EACHRights). She has developed a strategic plan (2019-2023) and has been advocating for Parliament to allocate more funds for the provision of free education for all. She also represented EACHRights at the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and at the United Nations Forum. Judith worked to have EACHRights recognized by the former Prime Minister of Kenya as the most successful organization in advocating against female genital mutilation. Her work has raised the profile of the organization by participating in various panel discussions on issues related to children’s rights, among others.”



**Name:** Pierrick CHABI

**Country:** Bénin / France

**Current position(s):** CEO of Wakatoon

*A software engineer by training, specialising in artificial vision and 3D image synthesis, Pierrick, a 38-year-old Franco-Beninese, is the CEO of Wakatoon, a start-up that develops the first technology that instantly transforms a colouring book (on paper) into a personalised cartoon (on screen).*



## Bio

“In 2014, he co-created Start-up Africa Paris, the first platform in Paris to highlight French start-ups focused on Africa. They had then organized the first Parisian Start-up Pitch Contest that brought together both 10 French Africa-oriented start-ups and 5 of the best Parisian venture capital funds. In 2016, he left the association and focused on his own start-up while continuing to share his experience from time to time. Transmission is at the heart of his concerns. In March 2021, during the annual professional forum of the ALFM (Alumni of French Schools Abroad), he gives advice to young entrepreneurs of the alumni association. In October 2020, as part of Option innovation, I presented to seventy students aged 13 to 15 the functioning of a company. The following month, during the Medialab 93 x La Ruche «Marathon»: «48h pour Entreprenre», he gave advice to 25 entrepreneurs who had just launched or were about to launch a business in the creative and media industry.”



**Name:** Samatar ABDI OSMAN

**Country:** Djibouti

**Current position(s):** Founder and CEO of Centre de Technologie et de l'Innovation pour le Développement (CTID)

*At 39, Samatar is Head of the Natural Hazards Analysis and Modelling Laboratory for the Djibouti Study and Research Centre, Country Representative for the 2030 Africa Club and CEO of the Centre for Technology and Innovation for Development which he founded in 2017.*



## Bio

“Social entrepreneur and founder of the first incubator created in Djibouti, the Center for Technology and Innovation for Development, better known under the acronym CTID. As such, he initiated and designed several programs to promote and popularize STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) among adolescents and youth, women and girls, people with special needs or other people in situations of social insecurity in order to stimulate their creativity, strengthen their inclusion, boost their skills, better prepare them for the jobs of the future and ultimately strengthen their employability. Furthermore, through the CTID or «the talent factory», it promotes innovative entrepreneurship with a strong social impact, by training and accompanying startups and VSEs through dedicated programs but also by sponsoring several communities of young technology enthusiasts who have the common goal of actively participating in the socio-economic development of their country. He is a founding and active member of several organizations working in the innovation, technology and entrepreneurship sectors in Djibouti and throughout the African continent. He is certified in Leadership and Management by Science Po Paris in partnership with the Graduate School of Development Policy-UCT, ISM and CEFEB and also certified in Innovation Catalysis by Stanford Center for Professional Development.”



**Name:** Abderrahman EL ANDALOUSSI

**Country:** Maroc

**Current position(s):** - Deputy Director of Strategy for the Bank Of Africa Group

*Abderrahman is 35 years old and currently manages three business units within Bank Of Africa: PMO & Strategic Development, Digital and Remittance.*



## Bio

“Abderrahman is a 35 years old Moroccan executive, passionate about history, geopolitics and Africa’s development. He has been regularly visiting more than 10 countries across the continent for the past 10 years, he loves meeting new people who share common interests about Africa and learning from their experience. After being strategy consultant for several years he is currently Deputy Director in Group Bank Of Africa, in charge of strategy, PMO and digital business development.”



**Name:** Albéric PATINVOH

**Country:** Benin

**Current position(s):** - Managing director Willis Towers Watson (Abidjan)

*Albéric started his career at Willis Towers Watson in 2013 in Togo as Managing Director, after 7 years working for the Gras Savoye Togo group. Today, at 39, he is the current Managing Director of Willis Towers Watson Ivory Coast.*



## Bio

“Albéric PATINVOH has a degree in Actuarial Studies from Institut National Polytechnique Félix Houphouët Boigny in Yamoussoukro, Côte d’Ivoire.

After 3 years in an Ivorian insurance company, he joined the French Group GRAS SAVOYE, first in Côte d’Ivoire, then in Togo where he spent 11 years with the last 4 as General Manager.

In 2017, he returned to Côte d’Ivoire as Deputy Managing Director of Willis Towers Watson Côte d’Ivoire, the leading insurance broker in the CIMA zone, which includes 14 African countries.

Since May 15, 2020, he has been appointed General Manager.

Passionate about history and culture, he has a particular interest in the development issues of the African continent.

As for his personal investment, he is involved in several initiatives relating to the education and professional integration of young people in Côte d’Ivoire and Togo.”



**Name:** Alexis BONAL

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Investment Director at Meridiam

*After having been Vice-President of LiquidAfrica, Alexis is, at 33, the Investment Director of Meridiam, a position he has held since 2020.*



## Bio

“Alexis is a 33-year old French executive. Having previously worked as Vice President of a Johannesburg-based M&A boutique, Alexis is currently Investment Director at Meridiam, a position he has been holding since 2020.

He works specifically on the Firm’s African fund (€550M) and the successor’s raise (€750M). His activities lead him to also operate on the raising of Meridiam’s Urban Resilience fund, a €500M hybrid financing vehicle to deliver sustainable and resilient urban infrastructure in cities in Africa and the OECD. This activity allows me to help bridge the gap between international institutional investors and the African infrastructure market.”



**Name:** Angela OCHUMBA

**Country:** Kenya

**Current position(s):** Senior Counsel, Global and Commercial Banking, for Standard Chartered Bank Africa and Middle East

*Angela is a 37 year old Kenyan who is currently Senior Legal Advisor for Standard Chartered Bank Group in Nairobi and has been with the bank for over 6 years.*



## Bio

"Angela is a 37 year old Kenyan who is currently a Senior Legal Advisor for Standard Chartered Bank Group in Nairobi where she has worked for over 6 years.

Her expertise as a financial lawyer has enabled her to appreciate the resilience of businesses in a market affected by the COVID 19 pandemic by being directly involved in structuring extensions for businesses in distress as a result of the pandemic.

In addition, her skills as a competitive swimmer and qualified lifeguard have allowed her to see firsthand the contribution that athletic activity can make to socio-economic development.

These specific experiences and attributes will allow her to not only contribute directly, but also to have a positive impact on the strategic issues of the French Young African Leaders program, thus contributing to the socio-economic development of France and Africa."



**Name:** Anne-Catherine TCHOKONTE

**Country:** France / Cameroun

**Current position(s):** Head of Diversification of Mobile Financial Services for Orange Middle-East & Africa

*In February 2021, Anne Catherine, a young Franco-Cameroonian, will take up the position of Head of Diversification of Mobile Financial Services at Orange Africa & Middle East.*



## Bio

“Anne Catherine Tchokonté is the Head of Diversification of Mobile Financial Services for Orange Middle East and Africa. She engages with 17 countries on international remittances, payments, digital microcredit, savings and micro-j insurance. She is an experienced professional with backgrounds in telecoms, financial services, agriculture, energy and a predilection for Business Development in Africa. Anne Catherine graduated from French Ivy-League engineering schools (Polytechnique, Ponts et Chaussées). She is a Certified Expert in Microfinance from the Frankfurt School of Finance.”



**Name:** Gerald CHIRINDA

**Country:** Zimbabwe

**Current position(s):** - Founder & CEO Future Africa Forum et de Youth Combating NTDs

*Gerald is founder and CEO of Future Africa Forum and Youth Combating NTDs. The 35-year-old Zimbabwean is co-founder and board member of Educate Loans and Member Responsible Leaders Network of the BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt.*



## Bio

"Gerald is founder and CEO of Future Africa Forum and Youth Combating NTDs. The 35-year-old Zimbabwean is a co-founder and board member of Educate Loans and a Member Responsible Leaders Network of the BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt.

He takes a pragmatic, action-oriented approach to leadership by focusing on challenges that require solutions that can take the form of ideas or the implementation of ideas. He has led initiatives such as developing a business plan and business case for Zimbabwe's first-ever oncology center and conducting policy development programs on behalf of Commonwealth youth to be presented to heads of state at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. He also supervised a team of 17 youth experts from the Future Africa Forum in the development of a post COVID-19 policy paper for African leaders. He has established ventures such as Educate in Zimbabwe, which has impacted thousands of students by providing funding for their education in the form of loans and scholarships. He also created the Future Africa Forum, a community of young African thought leaders who are building the continent's future in eight thematic areas, and he has begun to engage in programmatic work by creating a global movement of young people fighting neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), a group of diseases that affect 1.7 billion people."



**Name:** Hubert Evariste VIEYRA

**Country:** Benin

**Current position(s):** Senior Portfolio Manager of the French Development Agency

*With more than 13 years of experience in investment and development banking and an MBA from HEC Paris, Hubert Evariste is, at 38, AFD's regional portfolio manager.*



## Bio

“With over 14 years work experience in finance (commercial banking, development banking and advisory...), Hubert Evariste is a trusted management advisor, highly skilled in debt and equity investments with impacts from sourcing to closing, private equity advisory transactions (buy side), financial risk management and portfolio management.

Currently working as regional portfolio manager for West African countries at AFD, the French development bank, Hubert Evariste is managing over €6bn sovereign and non-sovereign multi class assets (grants, loans and equities).

Prior to AFD, he spent 12 years from senior to executive roles in commercial banking industry working as chief risk officer and leading the overhaul credit and market risks activities under international standards (Basel II & III guidelines, IFRS9...) in some top panafrikan banks like UBA (United Capital for Africa), BGFIBank or in local bank like BIIC.

Hubert Evariste dedicates his spare time to table tennis practice (he was a professional player) and youth students and entrepreneurs empowering through mentoring programs (The Enable Youth Program of AfDB, HEC Paris Pulse and Lead by mentoring).

Hubert Evariste holds an MBA from HEC Paris, a Master in banking and financial markets and a Master in business management.”



**Name:** Mimi DIABY

**Country:** Guinée / France

**Current position(s):** Corporate Relationship Manager for la Société Générale

*After starting her career with the Deloitte Group, France and then Senegal, Mimi joined Société Générale Senegal as Head of Payments Back-office in 2016. Today, at 32 years old and since 2020, she is the Corporate Banker (Head of Oil, Gas, Mining & Energy Desk) of the group.*



## Bio

“Mimi Diaby is a French-Guinean who has been living in Senegal since 2013. A seasoned banker she is currently in charge of the oil, gas and mining desk of Société Générale Senegal where she has been working for 5 years. She previously worked for Deloitte in France and Senegal, as a financial auditor specialized in the banking industry and holds a Master degree in financial audit from Université Paris Dauphine.”



**Name:** Nasreen ALI MOHAMED

**Country:** Kenya

**Current position(s):** Founder & CEO of Afrikapu Limited

*Nasreen Ali, a 34 year old Kenyan, is the co-founder and CFO of Cherehani Africa, founder and managing director of Market Africa and founder of Afrikapu.*



## Bio

“Nasreen is a Social-Techpreneur passionate about financial inclusion of low-income households especially women and girls. She co-founded two social enterprises – Cherehani Africa ([www.cherehani.org](http://www.cherehani.org)) and Afrikapu ([www.afrikapu.com](http://www.afrikapu.com)), both focused on facilitating the sustainable growth of vulnerable women micro-entrepreneurs in East Africa through technology, capacity building programs, and giving them access to vital business tools and market information. Through her leadership in laying a solid social-impact strategy for Cherehani Africa and Afrikapu, they have managed to progressively move from transforming the life of one woman in 2014, to now serving over 18,000 women micro-entrepreneurs in rural Kenya. Nasreen’s work has been recognized globally, earning her multiple awards including the Diversity and Inclusion Youth in Leadership Winner, Africa Women Innovation & Entrepreneurship Finalist (AWIEF), and 100 Meaningful Business Awards alongside leaders from reputable organizations like Google, Microsoft, Duolingo etc. Nasreen is a 2018 Mandela Washington Fellow (Dartmouth College), UK Go-Global Africa Champion, Alibaba and UN eFounder Fellow, Harambe Associate and Tech by Her Fellow.”



**Name:** Pierre FAUVET

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** CEO of Creadev Africa

*28 years old, Pierre is in charge of developing Creadev Africa's investment activities as well as supporting the portfolio in Sub-Saharan Africa.*



## Bio

"Pierre is the Managing Director for Africa at Creadev, the evergreen investment structure of the Mulliez Family.

Creadev is an evergreen investment company operating worldwide Paris, Nairobi, Shanghai & New York supporting companies able to scale up and become global best players in their sector.

Over the past 15 years, Pierre has been supporting, advising & investing in innovative companies in Europe, West & East Africa. He launched Creadev Africa in Nairobi in 2016 and is now focused on expanding its investment reach across the continent (Twiga Foods, Spark Schools, ...)

Born and raised in Paris among a family of 7, Pierre graduated from HEC Paris. He now lives in Nairobi."



**Name:** Quentin SAUZAY

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Director of SouthBridge

*Quentin, a 34-year-old French leader, is the current director of Southbridge as well as the founder of several citizen associations, such as Echo Citoyen and Démocratie Ouverte.*



## Bio

“Quentin Sauzay is a Director at SouthBridge, a panafrikan investment bank. He is heading the sustainable practice, covering in particular carbon finance, renewable energy, infrastructure and agriculture. Previously, he was a special adviser to the Prime Minister of Benin Lionel Zinsou and he also worked as a consultant for the World Bank in Sub Saharan Africa. As Co-Chair of the French NGO Démocratie Ouverte, he was also involved in the French Citizen Convention on Climate Change. Quentin graduated from HEC and Paris Sorbonne University, he is a former business lawyer at the Paris bar.”



**Name:** Younes MOLATO

**Country:** Maroc

**Current position(s):** CEO of Mediterranean Corporate Finance

*After a 14-year career with BNP Paribas, Younes is, at 38, Partner and Managing Director (Morocco) of the Mediterranean Corporate Finance group.*



## Bio

“Younes has over 15 years of extensive investment banking experience covering European and African markets. He advised a large number of private groups and institutions in their acquisitions, divestments, debt and equity raisings. Younes has spent over 10 years at BNP Paribas Corporate Finance in Paris and Madrid. More recently, based in Casablanca, he was heading the Corporate team of BNP Paribas Investment Banking Africa. Collaborating with Top Management and board members, he was advising the bank’s key corporate clients in the region. In 2021, Younes joined Mediterranean Corporate Finance as a Managing Director to develop the advisory and investment activities in Morocco and West Africa. Younes graduated from ESSEC Business School in Paris and ISCAE Business School in Casablanca. He speaks French, Arabic, English and Spanish.”



**Name:** Arnaud POURREDON

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Co-founder & CEO of Meditech

*After studying pharmacy, medicine and public health, Arnaud is at 28 years old the co-founder of Meditech, a startup that fights against the traffic of fake medicines.*



## Bio

“During the summer of 2015, he was part of a Red Cross team sent to Nepal, devastated by an earthquake. There, he discovered the scourge of counterfeit medicines, which are responsible for the death of a million people each year. He then put his medical studies on hold to launch his start-up.

In 2018, Arnaud created Meditect, a solution to ensure authenticity and traceability of medicines circulating in sub-Saharan Africa.

Today, Meditect’s mission is to digitize actors of the medicine supply chain. More than 1 200 pharmacies and more than 50 000 patients are using the service in Côte d’Ivoire, Senegal, Cameroon.”



**Name:** Iman WANIS

**Country:** Egypte

**Current position(s):** Program Manager at Institut Pasteur

*Iman is a 39 year old programme manager at the Carnot Institute Paster Microbes and Health, after having been in charge of public affairs at Sanofi and a consultant in strategic information and monitoring of HIV and hepatitis programmes for the WHO.*



## Bio

“I am an Egyptian national currently working at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. My passion for the field of public health led me to study health economics in France. I also worked at the French pharmaceutical company Sanofi as a public affairs officer for the African region. At Sanofi, my leadership was demonstrated when my director asked me to lead the regional public affairs team. At the end of my assignment, I was praised for my ability to influence, my performance and my positive behavior.

Also, in 2007, in order to contribute to the fight against female genital mutilation (FGM) in Egypt, I participated in the sensitization of a group of young girls and mothers. With Caritas-Egypt, I organized and led a camp with a group of team leaders for disadvantaged children from Sudan, Iraq and Egypt. I also organized trainings for drug workers and participated as a trainer on commonly used substances. I developed a program for community health workers to provide basic health education and promote healthy lifestyles among the villagers.

At the World Health Organization’s Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office, I assisted national HIV program managers in monitoring the progress of their HIV response and participated in the mid-term review of Egypt’s national hepatitis action plan.”



**Name:** Laure BEYALA

**Country:** Cameroon

**Current position(s):** E-health expert at HAS (Haute Autorité de Santé) & founder of E-santé Expertise Platform

*Laure is a 35 year old Cameroonian woman who runs the «E-health Expertise Platform» which she founded in 2019, using her expertise in the health sector.*



## Bio

“Originally from Cameroon, Laure has been living in France for about ten years where she obtained her higher education degrees mainly: an engineering degree and a professional thesis obtained after a specialized master’s degree at Centrale Paris.

In 2019, she founded a platform, Plateforme E-santé Expertise, one of whose objectives is to promote and support digital health projects in Africa.

Committed to the subject, in 2017 she published a book in English on e-health to popularize knowledge in this field across Africa and the world in general. In 2018, this book was published in French version to benefit the French-speaking communities. That same year, she participated in a conference in Cameroon to raise awareness among youth about the importance of digitizing the healthcare pathway. The following year, she led a program on e-health in five sub-Saharan African countries (including Mali, Chad, Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso). This program was supported by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs. Finally, in 2020, via her platform, Laure Beyala supported the creation of a chair in e-health training open to international students, including those from Africa.”



**Name:** Aïssa NDIAYE

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Notary at Alliance Notaires Elysée François 1er

*Aïssa, 37, has been a notary for Selas Alliance Notaire Elysée François 1er since 2017.*



## Bio

“Born in France of Senegalese parents and having had the great fortune to have lived several years in Senegal, she has evolved personally and professionally thanks to these two cultures. Indeed, she had the opportunity to work on personal projects, such as the creation of an association, but also on professional projects, for example on draft regulations for an African State. Her capacity as delegate to the Conseil Supérieur du Notariat (CSN) for the Sub-Saharan Africa, Francophonie and OHADA zone, allowed her to build links on the African continent while contributing, at her level, to the development of constructive relations between France and African countries on projects aiming at strengthening the links between France and Africa.

She has also had the opportunity to exchange regularly in recent years during her travels in Africa with high quality public figures, which allows her to better understand today the social and economic challenges that France and Africa must face together.

Her experience as a notary and as a delegate of the Africa pole at the CSN, will allow her to put her knowledge and know-how to the benefit of the program, in order to carry out the missions that may be entrusted to her. As a Young Leader, she will be able to bring important issues to the attention of the authorities and elected officials in the countries concerned, and contribute to the implementation of concrete actions.”



**Name:** Mahdi MOSBAH

**Country:** Tunisie / France

**Current position(s):** MENA Legal Manager for Lactalis

*Mahdi started his career as a lecturer and lawyer for MM Avocats and BMP & Associés. Today, at 38, he is the legal manager of Lactalis for the Middle East and North Africa.*



## Bio

"I graduated in International Business Law from Major French and Tunisian Universities and I am currently in charge of the legal affairs for the Middle East & North Africa for Lactalis Group, a global leader within the dairy industry.

As a former Lawyer, training and practicing for more than ten years in Europe and Africa, I gained a strong experience in advising international companies and public authorities while doing business in the EMEA region.

As a French and Tunisian citizen who has lived and worked in various cultural, social and religious environments, equipped with a practical knowledge of Arabic, French and English, I have always believed that loyalty, authenticity, open mindedness and hard work are keys to success."



**Name:** Sonia MAVOUNA

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Partner at Mavouna Avocat & founder of Africanlegalfactory

*Sonia is currently a partner in Mavouna Avocat, a business law firm advising French and African startups, and founder of the first collective legal training platform for entrepreneurs.*



## Bio

“After passing the Paris Bar exam, Sonia Mavouna began her career with the international law firm Clifford Chance, as an expatriate in Casablanca for 5 years. She had the opportunity to work for the largest investment funds in Morocco, Tunisia, Senegal and Cameroon.

She created in May 2020, in the middle of the covid crisis, the African Legal Factory platform in order to provide legal training to entrepreneurs in French-speaking Africa. To date, she has trained more than 500 entrepreneurs, including about 50 women, on issues related to intellectual property, fundraising, commercial law and personal data protection.

Sonia now works for the best startups in the French-speaking African ecosystem as a lawyer and as a trainer. Her life’s mission is to help African entrepreneurs develop in France and to help French entrepreneurs develop in Africa.”



**Name:** Aime ABIZERA

**Country:** Rwanda

**Current position(s):** Sales Director at Canal Internationa

*Aimé is a 33-year-old Franco-Rwandan who started his career at Canal+ in 2013 as the Rwanda/Burundi Business Development Manager. Today, he is the group's commercial director for Rwanda.*



## Bio

“Aimé has been working on the African continent for more than 8 years. Within CANAL + International he has worked on various commercial and marketing projects in more than 10 countries before joining Rwanda as Commercial Director of CANAL + Rwanda. His mission is to bring the best of entertainment in Africa and spread stories that will shape the next generation's attitude. He is a graduate from Neoma Business School and Korea University Business School.”



**Name:** Aïssatou KONATE

**Country:** . France

**Current position(s):** TV host and founder of Heaventrip and iReservos

*Aïssatou, 38, is the presenter of the weekly programme «Heroes and Heroines of Africa» on EDAN TV.*



## Bio

“Zeinebou co-created with a group of young people the first startup incubator in Mauritania HADINA RIMTIC. They share the same ambition to develop a dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country. Their main mission is to support young entrepreneurs with innovative ideas and startups with high economic and social impact. Since the creation of HADINA RIMTIC, the group has supported seventy startups and SMEs and formed strong long-term partnerships with: Government, private sector companies and development agencies and we belong to a large network of regional and international incubators.

She is also a senior development consultant with ten years of experience in income generation, resilience, microfinance and private sector consulting. She has accompanied an international consulting firm to conduct impact studies in Mauritania on behalf of a private sector client and an international development agency. Today, she has built a strong relationship with a wide network of stakeholders.”



**Name:** Bridget UGWE

**Country:** France / Nigeria

**Current position(s):** Chief Editor for Euronews

*Bridget, 38, is the founder of the Nigeria's Insights website which she set up in 2015, a journalist for Africanews and, since August 2020, the chief editor for Euronews.*



## Bio

“Bridget Ugwe is a Duty Editor for Africanews, sister channel of Euronews, based in Lyon, France. She manages a team of 16 bilingual journalists and correspondents from across Africa, which means, deciding what content should be broadcast, and assigning reporters.

Prior to that, Bridget has been working as an anchor for Africanews’ morning show The Morning Call, and as the host of the This is Culture weekly segment, where she focused on Diaspora’s involvement on the African continent’s outreach and influence.

As a reporter, she has interviewed the likes of President Emmanuel Macron, Paul Kagame of Rwanda, Julius Maada Bio of Sierra Leone and president of the AFDB Akinwumi Adesina.

In addition to her daily tasks, Bridget also moderates events and conferences (Vivatech, Forum Afrique...).”



**Name:** Brice-Albin YAMEDZEU

**Country:** Cameroon

**Current position(s):** Founder and General manager of Y Prod

***33 years old, Brice Albin is a radio host and producer committed to the emergence of the Cameroonian urban scene through his programme Génération 2.0.***



## Bio

“Brice Albin Yamedzeu is a Cameroonian radio and television host, producer and entrepreneur.

He became the emblematic voice of Nostalgie Cameroon (Top 1 musical radio in the country between 2008 and 2016) where he started his career in 2009. He is one of the most popular media personalities in the Cameroonian audiovisual landscape, and he has contributed to the blossoming of many talents.

In 2015 he founded Y PROD, an audiovisual and event production agency which has distinguished itself by the creation of qualitative and innovative content, notably with the television show “Tchin!”, The Damso concert in Douala in June 2019, and the execution of numerous campaigns for well-known brands.

He is the current director of the station and programs of Sweet FM radio in Douala. Since 2013 he has also been the Cameroon correspondent for the program Couleurs Tropicales hosted by Claudy Siar on RFI, and since 2019 for the program Légendes Urbaines of RFI and France 24 hosted by Juliette Fievet.”



**Name:** Chidi NWAOGU

**Country:** . Nigeria

**Current position(s):** Co-founder & CEO of Publiseer

***At 31, Chidi is the co-founder and CEO of Publiseer as well as the co-founder of Savvy Fellowship, which helps young professionals around the world make the transition to entrepreneurship.***



## Bio

“Chidi runs a startup called Publiseer, which helps independent and underserved writers, musicians, filmmakers, and video game developers from low-income and disadvantaged African communities earn more than minimum wage and live above the poverty line through the sale of their creative works. They do this by distributing, protecting, promoting and monetizing their creative works worldwide. To do this, they have partnered with French music streaming services such as Deezer, Dogmastic and Qobuz. They are working to establish partnerships with other French platforms to achieve their goals of empowering the African continent by promoting the beautiful culture and heritage of the African people to the rest of the world, including France. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many have lost their jobs and now live in an uncertain world. He led 132 entrepreneurs from 36 countries to launch Savvy, a global scholarship program that enables these recently unemployed individuals to gain the knowledge and skills to start their own impact-based businesses and succeed as entrepreneurs. To date, they have trained more than 3,400 people from 123 countries on how to start their impact business, gain traction, tailor the product to the market, enter new markets, and create jobs and wealth for their country.”



**Name:** Gloria FATAKI

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** CEO of Trace Congo and board member of UN Women France

*Gloria has worked on the digital transformation of large international industrial groups in France and the United States. Today, at the age of 32, she is Managing Director of Trace Congo, founder and president of Inclusive Society and a member of the Board of Directors of UN Women.*



## Bio

“Born in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and raised in France, Gloria Fataki is based in the DRC.

Gloria is the General Manager of the Congolese subsidiary of TRACE TV, the first international channel dedicated to urban music and present in 60 countries.

Gloria is also fully committed to issues of inclusion, education and gender equality. As a member of the Board of Directors of UN Women France and Founder of the Inclusive Society, a non-governmental organization, she is able to work on the ground and advocate with decision makers for the empowerment of women and youth through education.

Through her activities, Gloria Fataki nurtures the vision of an Africa, at the forefront of innovation and dealing on an equal footing with the rest of the world.”



**Name:** Grace LOUBASSOU

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Head of Institutional Relations and Social Projects for CANAL + International

*At 30, Grace is in charge of defending CANAL+'s interests in AFRICA and promoting the brand's image on the continent.*



## Bio

"Grace Loubassou, 30 years old and is a French-Congolese woman who has a degree in Media and Political Communication from Sciences Po Paris and an Executive Education from HEC. She started working in 2014 at Sephora USA as an assistant in the HR-Diversity division. She joined CANAL + in 2015. First, with an experience in Congo-Brazzaville and then as Communication Manager for 11 countries including Rwanda, Chad, and Togo. She joined the Canal+International teams, in the corporate department in 2017, as Institutional Relations Manager. In addition to managing exchanges with various stakeholders in the 25 countries where the group is established, she establishes numerous partnerships between CANAL + and various events related to the audiovisual or media business in Africa. Passionate about the media, she is the group's spokesperson, speaking to present and defend CANAL +'s strategy on the African continent. Since 2019, she has added to her portfolio the management of societal projects (CSR) such as CANAL +UNIVERSITY, 1MOIS 1CAUSE (project to highlight African causes on television) and the ORPHEE project to support the most fragile. With a good knowledge of French-speaking African countries, Grace Loubassou leads CANAL +'s institutional and CSR activities in Africa. She works as a local councillor in Normandy. She oversees participatory democracy for her municipality. She is also part of the network of ambassadors of New Humanitarians such as ALIMA, the first African NGO for emergency situations."



**Name:** Haby NIAKATE

**Country:** Mali / France

**Current position(s):** Journalist, Chief editor of Brut Africa

*Haby Niakaté is a journalist based between Abidjan and Paris. In 2020, she was the editor-in-chief of Le Chœur des femmes, the first female talk show in French-speaking Africa, broadcast on Canal+ Elles. Haby is also a producer of audiovisual content and moderator of events, such as the CEO TALKS, organised by HEC Paris in Abidjan..*



## Bio

“Haby Niakaté is a journalist based between Abidjan and Paris. In 2020, she was the editor-in-chief of Le Chœur des femmes, the first female talk show in French-speaking Africa, broadcast on Canal+ Elles. Haby is also a producer of audiovisual content and moderator of events, such as the CEO TALKS, organized by HEC Paris in Abidjan.

She has worked for Jeune Afrique, Le Monde and Canal+. She had the chance to travel to most of the French-speaking countries of the continent. And she made an obvious observation: in these countries, independent media are the exception.

When she was at Canal+ Elles, in Abidjan, as editor-in-chief of a women’s talk show, she imposed sensitive themes such as feminism, homosexuality, or abortion. The show was broadcast in all French-speaking African countries, including countries where religion is a major part of the public sphere.”



**Name:** Isabelle LALLEMAND

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Marketing Director Asia & Africa for Canal + International

*At 36, Isabelle has many years of experience at Canal+. She has climbed the ranks within the group, starting in 2010 as HR Manager and becoming Marketing Director of Canal+ International in 2018.*



## Bio

“For more than 7 years, Isabelle Lallemand has been working for the continent and manages a team of more than 20 people with almost as many African nationalities. Her functions allowed her to carry out about forty missions in Africa in more than 15 countries.

As Marketing Director at Canal+, she manages activities to meet the demands of millions of subscribers.

Prior to that, Isabelle held positions in the Human Resources department of the Canal+ group.

One of her main concerns is to bring out the talents of the African continent.

Isabelle is a graduate of Sciences Po Paris.”



**Name:** Peter BWIRE

**Country:** Kenya

**Current position(s):** Founder & CEO of Dots Village Limited

*At 30, Peter is the founder and CEO of Dots Village Entertainment, which he founded in 2016. He is also a residency programme coordinator for the National Museums of Kenya.*



## Bio

“Peter Pages Bwire is a creative entrepreneur, filmmaker, writer and scholar based in Kenya. He is currently the CEO of The Dots Village Company, a multimedia startup he formed in 2016, manager of The Chorus Box, an initiative that aims to develop young leaders to implement solutions for the challenges in their own communities, and program manager for the Binti Care Foundation, which empowers young women and girls through various initiatives and projects. Peter also lectures on film business at the United States International University, Nairobi. He is a graduate from the MA International Film Business program at the University of Exeter and the London Film School, UK. He also holds a first-class B.A degree in theatre arts and film technology from Kenyatta University and is an awardee of both the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders and the Chevening Scholarship. Peter’s website is <https://peterpages.cc/> and he is happy to be reached for collaborations and partnerships.”



**Name:** Prudence OGATCHA

**Country:** Benin

**Current position(s):** CEO of Globbr Co.Foundry

*Having been the Chief Operating Officer of Globber.co, a sportswear and sports marketing company focused on ethical innovation that he co-founded, Prudence is now, at 33, the CEO.*



## Bio

“Prudence has a long track record in tech and entrepreneurship which has allowed him, since 2017, to be at the head of Globbr co, a SportsTech startup building active experience around sports and physical education in school in Africa.

As a bi-national and a strong advocate for tech and the solutions it can provide, Prudence constantly asks, how can we build an inclusive bridge at scale, through entrepreneurship, technology, and access to a common market of open capital between Africa and the rest of the world.

In 2021, Prudence Ogatcha was nominated Young Leader of the French-African Foundation.”



**Name:** Raky TOURE

**Country:** Mauritania / Senegal / France

**Current position(s):** Marketing manager Africa for TV5 Monde

*At 30, Raky is the Head of Marketing Africa at TV5Monde as well as the Director of Kiyé Prod, the audiovisual production agency based between Paris and Dakar that she founded in 2017.*



## Bio

“Raky is the Africa Marketing Manager for TV5Monde as well as the Director of Kiyé Prod, the audiovisual production agency based between Paris (in 2020) and Dakar (in 2018) that she founded in 2017.

Through this company, she produced a web series, to highlight local African entrepreneurs with a great impact on Africa. She also offers TV shows to TV channels in France and Africa, to bring African-centric audiovisual content made by local talent.”



**Name:** Uche PEDRO

**Country:** Nigeria

**Current position(s):** Founder & CEO of BellaNaija

*Uche, 36, is the CEO of BellaNaija, Africa's first media technology company, which she founded in 2006. She is also a board member of LEAP Africa.*



## Bio

“Uche Pedro has spent the last decade in digital entrepreneurship as the Founder of BellaNaija, Africa’s leading lifestyle and advocacy digital media company with a community of over 5 million Africans on the continent and in the diaspora. BellaNaija is the home of digital superbrands - BellaNaija Online, BellaNaija Style and BellaNaija Weddings, which have influenced and transformed several creative industries in Africa by generating global awareness leading to job creation and other positive impact points. She co-founded PVCitizen to encourage millennials and Generation Z Nigerians to register, vote, and become active citizens. PVCitizen’s first impact campaign leading up to the 2019 elections in Nigeria achieved a reach of 200 million impressions across social media. Uche was honoured by Forbes Africa as one of the 50 most powerful women in Africa. The Young Leaders program will bring together for the first time 100 people active in various sectors (political, economic, associative, cultural, sports) and committed to thinking and formulating solutions, «100 answers», common to France and Africa. She holds a Bachelor’s degree - Honours Business Administration (HBA) from the Ivey Business School at Western University in and Innovation. Canada, where she graduated with distinction. Uche recently completed the Mid-Career Master of Public Administration degree program as a Mason fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School supported by a fellowship from the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation.”



**Name:** Benjamin BOUTIN

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** President of Francophonie Sans Frontières

*At 31, Benjamin is not only President of Francophonie Sans Frontières, but also Parliamentary Attaché, Executive Director of France-Canada, teacher and research associate.*



## Bio

“Benjamin’s connection with Africa goes back to his youth, during which he had the chance to travel to Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and Mauritius. He then developed relationships with sub-Saharan Africa through his associative and parliamentary activities focused on the Francophonie. He distinguishes three types of personal achievements. The first are editorial. Having worked in the media (La Croix, Le Devoir, Radio Canada, L’Express...), he is proud to have published numerous information and opinion articles, but also a report entitled L’élán de la francophonie (2018, Fondapol) which contributed to the renewal of the Francophone policy of our country and of multilateral institutions. This report has indeed had an influence that some have considered decisive. The second type of achievement concerns the foundation ex nihilo of an NGO such as Francophonie sans frontières and, above all, the mobilization of some fifty volunteers throughout the world. The president being at the center of governance issues, but also of events, communication, human and financial resources, his involvement over the last few years has allowed him to make this young organization a player recognized by its peers. Finally, the third type of achievement concerns the support it provides to the Parliament, the Parliamentary Assembly of La Francophonie and its Parliamentary Secretary General, in terms of advice on sustainable development, the political situation of French-speaking countries, issues related to the rule of law, democracy and human rights, but also development issues.”



**Name:** Catherine LE ROY - DUBREUIL

**Country:** France / USA

**Current position(s):** Director of Development SOS SAHEL

*Catherine is 38 years old and is the Director of Development of SOS Sahel International France.*



## Bio

“Catherine LE ROY DUBREUIL, born in 1983 in Austria, is a former banker. She is currently based in Dakar, Senegal as Development Director for the NGO SOS SAHEL International France, active promoter of the Great Green Wall and expert in food security operating throughout the entire Sahel region from Senegal to Djibouti.

Among others, she has been the first Chairwoman of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry France Mauritius and has set up a capital advisory company in Mauritius, the financial gateway for Africa, as well as a digital marketplace for investors and entrepreneurs.”



**Name:** Chidi KOLDSWEAT

**Country:** Nigeria

**Current position(s):** Founder & CEO of Donors for Africa Foundation

*Since 2018, Chidi, 37, is the founder and CEO of the Donors for Africa Foundation.*



## Bio

“Chidi Koldsweat is the founder, Lead Consultant, Donors for Africa Foundation. A global consulting firm where she works actively with Governments, Funding Institutions, the Private Sector, Philanthropy Organizations, and NGOs to break cycles of poverty in Africa. She bridges the gap between international funding agencies and nonprofit clusters by providing technical strategies for reaching more communities with life-changing programs and campaigns. She has raised over \$30M in direct and indirect funding and trained over 1000+ social impact organizations. She reaches over 51,000 individual accounts weekly on her learning platform, preparing impact-driven organizations to be investment-ready and positioned to build sustainable organizations working to achieve the SDGs in Africa. She has received numerous awards and recognition for her contribution to the development sector following her extensive experience in leadership, gender, health, and economic advancement. She is now prepared to work with key stakeholders to design policies that will influence sustainable development globally.”



**Name:** Christian NIBASUMBA

**Country:** Burundi

**Current position(s):** Country representative for Trade Mark East Africa

*Christian worked for Christian Aid Group for 4 years before becoming the Burundi country representative at Trade Mark East Africa. This 34 year old Burundian has overall responsibility for the management and monitoring of the Burundi Programme.*



## Bio

“A rising leader committed to international development and socio-economic empowerment, Christian Nibasumba has for the past eleven years been working in the international development world. Since 2019, Christian has been the Burundi Country Representative of TradeMark East Africa (TMEA), the aid-for-trade organisation funded by development agencies and aimed at supporting regional integration and trade-related initiatives in the entire East Africa region.

Christian was previously, the Africa Advisor of UK’s Christian AID, on areas of Market systems development, Senior Program Officer at Christian Aid Burundi, Grants Manager within the Public Diplomacy of the US Embassy in Bujumbura, Deputy Director & Training Manager of the Burundi Business Incubator. Christian is also a registered mentor in the «Mentoring Generation Africa’ established for the next generation of male leaders. In 2018, he took part in the Leading Economic Growth program offered by the Harvard Kennedy School in Boston, USA. Christian also holds an MBA Finance from United States International University-Nairobi & a bachelor’s degree in Business administration from Uganda Martyrs University.”



**Name:** Djoari OUOBA

**Country:** Burkina Faso / France

**Current position(s):** Co-founder and president of BurkinAction

*Djoari is a 33 year old Franco-Burkinabé, co-founder and current president of BurkinAction, the first international network of Burkinabé professionals focused on strengthening human capital.*



## Bio

“Djoari. O OUOBA is an entrepreneur and business developer with a strong financial background. Over the past 10 years, he has worked across Europe, USA and Africa at managerial and strategic positions in Investment Banks, Microfinance and FinTech companies. He is one of the cofounders of BurkinAction, a non-profit organization focused on Youth and Diaspora empowerment registered in France and Burkina Faso. Djoari gave a TEDx talk at the national event in Burkina Faso and has been involved in many conferences and entrepreneurs’ programs in West Africa. He is passionate about travelling and scuba diving.”



**Name:** Michael SUNBOLA

**Country:** . Nigeria

**Current position(s):** Founder and president at Lagos Food Bank Initiative and managing partner at Pundit Barristers and Solicitors

*In addition to chairing the Lagos Food Bank Initiative, Michael, 37, is responsible for managing a comprehensive portfolio of commercial and corporate debt recovery.*



## Bio

“Michael is Nigerian. Between 2018 and 2019, he spent months traveling, training, and conducting seminars in Francophone Africa; Togo, Benin, and Ivory Coast, discussing the concept/model of Food Banking as a viable way to reduce hunger and food waste. Through the Lagos Food Bank initiative, Michael has established 5 active programs: Family Farming Program (FFP), Education Improvement Intervention (EDUFOOD), Nutritious Meals Program (NUMEPLAN) and Covid-19 Emergency Food Intervention Plan (CEFIP). To go further, the Lagos Food Bank has initiated partnerships with key agencies and research organizations such as the Agence Française de Développement, the Centre de Recherche Agricole pour le Développement International (CIRAD) to enhance food assistance actions for vulnerable populations and improve their resilience. He believes deeply in unity in diversity and above all, he believes that as a single generation with shared responsibilities in a common world, it is necessary to work together to bring the best solutions to people in France and Africa.”



**Name:** Moussa CAMARA

**Country:** France / Mali

**Current position(s):** Founder and president of the «Déterminés»

*Moussa, 35, is the President and Founder of the association «Les Déterminés», which reveals the potential of talents from QPVs in all French territories. He is also the President of Agir Pour Réussir since 2007.*



## Bio

“Moussa Camara is an entrepreneur who places the human being at the heart of his actions. His mission with Les Déterminés, the organization he founded in 2015 with the objective of democratizing youth entrepreneurship, particularly in working-class neighborhoods and rural areas, is to give a place of choice to young people from working-class neighborhoods or those who are far from the economic world so that they can become major players in the economic life of their region and so that their success can shine beyond their borders.

Moussa is also President of the Agir pour réussir.”



**Name:** Thomas SBERNA

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Regional Coordinator - Coastal and Ocean Resilience - Eastern and Southern Africa and Western Indian Ocean Region of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

*After having been Director of the Mozambique and IOA Programmes for IUCN, Thomas, a young Franco-Argentinean, is currently Regional Technical Coordinator (coastal and ocean resilience - Eastern and Southern Africa and Western Indian Ocean Region) for the organisation.*



## Bio

“Thomas is a seasoned conservationist that has been working in the Nature-People-Climate nexus for almost 15 years. He started on his journey in Argentina where he has supported the creation of a private nature reserve in the Andes Mountains. From there, and after a year in India as a research fellow for La Sorbonne University, he had the opportunity to support the establishment of one of the first community-based co-management mechanism for a Marine Protected Area in Vietnam. This field experience led him to explore more institutional settings by integrating the AFD, first as environmental and social expert in Paris and then as Regional Investment Officer for Proparco, based out of Sao Paulo in Brazil. He first moved to Africa in 2014 to manage the French Embassy’s Social Fund for Development in Burundi. He then moved to Mozambique to lead IUCN’s country office where he eventually also took the lead in developing what is today one of the biggest coastal and marine conservation program in the Western Indian Ocean region. After a brief window in Europe, he came back in 2019 to Africa as IUCN regional head of the coastal and marine program that he had originally founded. Thomas is now based in Nairobi from where he covers Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and the Western Indian Ocean region. Today, he leads the development of the Great Blue Wall, a first-of-its-kind panafrican initiative that aims at playing an instrumental role in supporting the region in securing a blue future that benefits both nature and the people.



**Name:** Virginie LAURET

**Country:** Mauritius / France

**Current position(s):** Program Director for Cap Business Indian Ocean (Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Indian Ocean)

*Virginie trained at the Indian Ocean Commission as an assistant project manager and monitoring and evaluation expert. This young Mauritian of 30 years old is now programme director at Cap Business Indian Ocean.*



## Bio

“Virginie Lauret is currently Executive Director at Cap Business Océan Indien also known as the Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Indian Ocean, where she is implementing a program on entrepreneurship and trade funded by the French Agency for Development. She supports companies of Comoros, Reunion, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mayotte and Seychelles towards a low carbon economy focusing on the blue and circular economies while working together to improve the business climate in the region.

She had served as monitoring and evaluation expert for the EU-IOC Energies and Renewable Efficiency Programme and assisted the officer in charge of Economy, Infrastructure and Maritime Security at the Indian Ocean Commission. At IOC, Virginie participated to the elaboration of the Regional Cooperation Strategy for the Energy Transition and the elaboration of coordinated missions at sea to fight against maritime crimes in the South-West of the Indian Ocean.”



**Name:** Aminata SISSOKO

**Country:** France / Mali

**Current position(s):** Chief of staff of a French MP and parliamentary assistant at the French National Assembly

*After having been the Geopolitical Director of the Africa Programme of the Open Diplomacy Institute for two years, Aminata, a young Franco-Malian woman of 28, has been the chief of staff of a Member of Parliament and a parliamentary assistant at the French National Assembly for the past four years.*



## Bio

“Aminata Sissoko is a 28-year-old Franco-Malian. She is currently in charge of transversal missions on educational policies and urban cohesion within a local government. Previously, she was Chief of Staff for a French Member of Parliament and Associate in the General Directorate for International Relations of the Paris City Hall. A graduate in law, international relations and political science, her career is marked by Franco-African relations and civic engagement (Parisian Youth Advisor, Director of the Open Diplomacy Africa program). In addition, she is the author of a historical novel published in 2016.”



**Name:** Caren OTIENO

**Country:** Kenya

**Current position(s):** Director of Communications for the County Government of Kisumu

*Caren, 40, is the Director of Communications for the Kisumu County Government. Throughout her career, this committed Kenyan has not hesitated to use the audiovisual media to communicate on the issues facing her country.*



## Bio

“At 40, Caren is the Director of Communications for the Kisumu County Government. Throughout her career, this committed Kenyan has not hesitated to use the media to communicate about her country’s issues.

Armed with a desire for change, she has had the opportunity to serve in a leadership position in government, albeit with a myriad of challenges. She is a strong supporter of the economic potential of the arts. Unfortunately, the art industry has been hit hard and many artists have fallen into alcoholism, hooliganism or petty trading. She wishes to promote cultural ties between the two regions by creating a dynamic cultural center where African and French artists will mingle and share their ideas, knowledge and traditions to make the world a connected place for all. This center will also serve as a safe space for artistic expression in the form of music and dance, poetry, film, storytelling, visual arts, theater, etc.

She has produced a children’s show, Angels Café, for Citizen TV. In addition, she prepared a special one-hour live program for the International Children’s Day of Broadcasting, which focused on post-election violence. This program won the UNICEF Global Award for Excellence in Children’s Programming.”



**Name:** Claude-Henry DINAND

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Advisor on Migration and Humanitarian Affairs to the Permanent Representation of France Geneva

***At 30, Claude-Henry is currently Migration and Humanitarian Affairs Advisor at the French Permanent Representation in Geneva and Editor in the Cabinet of the Chief of Staff of the Air Force.***



## Bio

“As a young advisor to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the work of Claude-Henry consists of following the evolution of migration and humanitarian crises on the African continent as well as representing France in the sessions of the governing bodies of humanitarian agencies (UNHCR, IOM). On the other hand, his link with Africa is through his work and his contacts with colleagues from countries on the continent in the framework of meetings and working sessions, both institutional and informal.

He tries to exercise his leadership on a daily basis by highlighting my country’s commitment to humanitarian action. In the same way, he supported the commitment of the French delegation to the first World Forum for Refugees in Geneva. His involvement in the organization, support and coordination of the activities of a delegation bringing together actors from government agencies and ministries, civil society (NGOs, refugees) and the private sector (companies, foundations) allowed all members of this delegation to exchange with the actors of the international community. Thus, these sessions allowed their colleagues to affirm their actions and commitments in favor of protection and durable solutions for refugees and vulnerable people, particularly on the African continent”



**Name:** Dina KHALIL

**Country:** Egypt

**Current position(s):** Senior Program Officer for AFD and Gender Specialist

*Dina is a young Egyptian woman of 34 years old who has been working for the French Development Agency for 4 years. Initially a project officer, she is now a senior programme officer for AFD.*



## Bio

“In 2016, Dina joined the Presidential Leadership Program (PLP) an initiative implemented by the Egyptian president and she was chosen as a leader in the development sector for several achievements that were highly appreciated by the French Embassy in Cairo. She was also chosen by the PLP as the person in charge of any coordination/cooperation with the French counterpart because of the great links with the French Embassy in Egypt.”



**Name:** Djédou Claude Michel KOUA

**Country:** Côte d'Ivoire

**Current position(s):** Economist at the French Embassy

*Claude is a 34 year old young Ivorian leader, currently in charge of studies at the Regional Economic Service for West Africa.*



## Bio

“Claude Koua is Senior economist at the French Embassy in Côte d’Ivoire, in charge of economic and financial issues of West African countries. He began his career as Research officer at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Côte d’Ivoire and worked for 2 years on topics related to private sector development, international trade and regional integration. He then worked as Principal Economist in a pan-African financial rating agency for 5 years where his duties included sovereign rating and country risk, sector and stock market analyses. He holds an engineering statistician economist degree from the National School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSEA) and a Bachelor’s degree in economics from Université de l’Atlantique in Abidjan.”



**Name:** Eva BERNARD

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Senior Advisor, Gender, Green Economy and Climate Action for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

*Eva, a 35 year old French woman, was a consultant in economic and human development for the World Bank and then an education specialist for UNICEF, before becoming in 2019 the Senior Advisor in Gender, Green Economy and Climate Action for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development..*



## Bio

“Eva Bernard is currently Principal Gender Advisor at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), which works with both private sector and governments to promote sustainable and inclusive investments and policies. Eva leads the agenda on gender equality, economic inclusion and climate action. She leads a portfolio of 30+ projects and policies across EBRD’s countries of operations, including EBRD’s flagship programs such as the promotion of gender equality and inclusion in Green Cities, equal access to climate finance for men and women, and girls’ education and employment in the renewable energy sector.

Eva has 10+ years of experience in policies and international development, with a focus on gender equality, human capital, education and skills. She also worked at the World Bank Group, at UNICEF and for the French Treasury’s Washington DC office.

Eva is an alumna of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and Sciences Po Paris, of l’Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan, and also studied at the London School of Economics.”



**Name:** Jean CONSTANTINESCO

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Founder of AU-EU Youth Hub  
(EU Delegation to the African Union)

*Jean has been working at the European External Action Service for 9 years. Today, at 38 years old, he is the policy advisor of the delegation and founder of the AU-EU Youth Hub.*



## Bio

“Jean Constantinesco is a creative and pragmatic international relations professional, convinced that large international institutions can bring about tangible social innovations. He brings 13 years of experience with national, European and international institutions. For the EU in particular, Jean worked on the response to fragile and crisis contexts in Africa & the Middle-East, through numerous field deployments. Later posted at the EU Delegation to the African Union, he founded and led the AU-EU Youth Hub ([www.aueuyouthhub.org](http://www.aueuyouthhub.org)), a platform where youth from Africa & Europe co-create and pilot innovative solutions. He also created MAISHA - an Afro-European Music Experiment, paving the way for a cultural programme between both continents. Jean just joined the United Nations in Dakar where he will handle partnerships within the Sahel Alliance, seeking to bring change on dedicated areas of the region within an Integrated Territorial Approach.”



**Name:** Jules PORTE

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** - Macroeconomist, Country risk economist AFD

*Jules is 31 years old and has been working in AFD's Economic Diagnostics and Public Policy Department as a macroeconomist and country risk economist since 2019.*



## Bio

"Jules Porte has been a macroeconomist for the French Development Agency (AFD) since 2019 and a consultant at the World Bank, 2016-2019, and has worked for the French Ministry of Economy and Finances. His main professional interests are country risk assessment and the links between macroeconomics, public policy and development issues. He holds a Master's degree in International Economics and Development from Paris-Dauphine-PSL University."



**Name:** Kanio GBALA

**Country:** Liberia

**Current position(s):** Vice Chairman of the Liberia Anticorruption Commission (LACC)

*After serving as Vice Chairman of the Liberia Anticorruption Commission (LACC), Kanio is the 39-year-old acting Executive Chairman of the Commission.*



## Bio

“Kanio Bai GBALA is a Liberian public intellectual who serves as Vice Chairperson of the Liberia Anticorruption Commission (LACC). Prior to his appointment to this post by the President of Liberia, Kanio served as Country Coordinator for the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Program within the United Nations System in Liberia. Before that, Kanio was Program Specialist at TrustAfrica, a pro-democracy, African-led Foundation based in Dakar, Senegal. Before international development work, Kanio led many Liberian civil society coalitions, including the Transitional Justice Working Group (TJWG) which at one point comprised over 25 civil society organizations working on issues of public accountability in response to Liberia’s civil conflict. A noted public speaker and youth leader, Kanio serves part-time as Adjunct Professor of Law at Liberia’s sole law school where he teaches Legal Writing and International Law. Kanio holds an LLB (University of Liberia) and an LL.M with specialization in Democratic Governance and Rule of Law (Claude Pettit School of Law, Ohio Northern University, USA). He is called to the Bar of the Honorable Supreme Court of the Republic of Liberia. For leisure, Kanio enjoys deep philosophical conversations that question the origins and purpose of humankind and spending quality time with his two kids, Dorisann and Kanio, Jr.”



**Name:** Maryse LOKOSSOU

**Country:** France / Benin

**Current position(s):** Chief of staff of the President of the West African Bank of Development

*At 40, Maryse was Technical Advisor in charge of International Finance to the Minister of Economy and Finance of Benin and is now Chief of Staff of the cabinet of the President of the African Development Bank (BOAD).*



## Bio

“Maryse LOKOSSOU is a 40-year-old young woman from Benin, with a rich professional career spanning more than 15 years in the fields of Banking and Finance, within groups such as BNP PARIBAS and SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE in France. She came back to her native country Benin in 2017, where she served for 3 years as Technical Advisor to the Minister of Economy and Finance in charge of International financing and the sovereign rating. Since November 2020, she has been serving at the West African Development Bank (BOAD) as the Chief of Staff to the President.”



**Name:** Selma BENNIS

**Country:** France / Maroc

**Current position(s):** Director of Economic Impulsion and Territorial Offer of the Regional Investment Center Casablanca Settata (Ministry of the Interior)

*Selma is a 37 year old French-Moroccan woman, Director of Economic Impulsion and Territorial Offer of the Regional Investment Centre of the Casablanca Settata region, in addition to being the co-founder of MATYN, a fair trade and solidarity platform for sales, awareness and training.*



## Bio

“An expert in building Entrepreneurship Ecosystems from the ground up, with 14 years track record of investment, mentorship, and training of startups and SMEs, Selma Bennis is a fervent serial entrepreneurship catalyser and economic and social activist, who is always eager to grow and share her knowledge and experience.

Selma is currently holding the position of Economic Impulsion and Territorial Offer Director for the Regional Investment Center of the Casablanca-Settat region. She is also the co-founder of MATYN, a fair and inclusive platform for sales, professional training and awareness.”



**Name:** Tolu OGUNLESI

**Country:** Nigeria

**Current position(s):** Special Assistant to the President, for Digital and New Media for the Government of the Federal Public Republic of Nigeria Interim Executive Chairman of the Liberia Anticorruption Commission (LACC)

*At 39, Tolu is the Special Assistant for Digital and New Media to the President of Nigeria. He oversees the Presidency Office of Digital Engagement (PODE) which he established as an internal digital agency serving the Federal Government of Nigeria.*



## Bio

“Tolu Ogunlesi currently works as Special Assistant to President Muhammadu Buhari of Nigeria on Digital and New Media, and Head of the Presidency Office of Digital Engagement (PODE). Prior to this he worked as Strategic Communications Adviser to Nigeria’s Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment.

Between 2009 and 2015 he worked as a journalist, columnist and contributor to Nigerian and international newspapers, including the Financial Times, New York Times, Financial Mail (South Africa), Forbes Africa, the London Guardian, CNN.com and several others.

He’s a two-time winner of the CNN Multichoice African Journalism Award; a Nordic Africa Institute Guest Writer (2008); a Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Fellow (2013); a 2015 New Media Fellow of the U.S. State Department’s International Visitor Leadership Programme (IVLP); a 2016 Winner of Nigeria’s DAME Prize for Informed Commentary; and a 2021 Laureate of the French-African Foundation Young Leaders Program.

He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Pharmacy from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, and a Masters in Creative Writing from the University of East Anglia, UK.

In 2016 he set up the Presidency Office of Digital Engagement (PODE), to serve as an in-house Digital Agency for the Nigerian Presidency and the Government of Nigeria.

He’s a regular speaker at conferences and seminars, on public policy, communications, digital technology, and Nigerian and African affairs.”



**Name:** Ahmed TAOFIK

**Country:** Benin

**Current position(s):** CEO / Founder of ONE ST (sustainable clothing brand) and Founder of Enfants du Benin Debout (Non profit focus in Sport, Education, and Culture)

*Ahmed is 34 years old and heads the first social enterprise in the textile and sports industry. In 2012, he founded the association Enfants du Bénin Debout which structures projects around the inclusiveness of sport.*



## Bio

“Ahmed was born in Benin and grew up between Libreville and Cotonou. Africa gave him the background and culture, while France gave him the tools to become the person I am today.

As the founder of the association Enfants du Bénin Debout, he believes that education is what makes people better human beings and improves their lives. Enfants du Bénin Debout provides education to young people in Africa using sports. Their idea is to use sport to enable the education of children. They now reach over 5000 children in Africa with activities in Benin, Gabon, Central African Republic and France, and have partners in Togo, Ghana, Nigeria and Burkina Faso. The children from their program are now the next generation of leaders in Africa.

Their inclusive international tournament United Basketball Africa (UBA) brings Africans together and has a social and economic impact. UBA’s success is the result of ten years of leadership, commitment and community impact. It strives to help every member of its team reach their full potential.”



**Name:** Boris RENDAMBO

**Country:** France / Gabon

**Current position(s):** CEO of Ozamba Sports

*Boris, a 34 year old French-Gabonese leader, is President of the sports agency Ozamba Sports, which he founded in 2017.*



## Bio

“Boris Rendambo is the Founder and CEO of Ozamba Sports. The French-Gabonese entrepreneur started Ozamba in 2017 with the ambition to create new opportunities for athletes and sport organizations while having a positive and significant impact on the societies in which he operates. Today, Ozamba is strengthening its position as a global sports agency, already operating on 4 continents and representing athletes from 15 different nationalities.”



**Name:** Fatou Niane DIOUCK

**Country:** Senegal

**Current position(s):** Professional Volleyball Player, Venelles Pays D'Aix Volleyball

*Fatou Niane is a 37-year-old Senegalese volleyball player and former captain of the Senegalese team.*



## Bio

"Fatou Niane is a 37 year old Senegalese Volleyball player and former captain of the Senegalese team.

As a former captain of the Senegalese volleyball team and several volleyball clubs, her leadership is unquestionable. She has also won several titles, such as Champion of France and Sportswoman of the Year in Senegal.

She is also president of the association Demoiselles de Keur, Sénégalaises de Demain and I organizes a volleyball tournament with a theme that varies: health, environment, education. During a weekend, more than 300 young people from all over Senegal are gathered, fed and housed."



**Name:** Jean-Luc AGBOYIBO

**Country:** Togo

**Current position(s):** New Business Development for Basketball Africa League (BAL) / NBA

*Aged 35, Jean-Luc is responsible for securing BAL's marketing partners, co-creating projects with its strategic partners as well as managing all BAL partner programmes.*



## Bio

“Jean-Luc Agboyibo was born in Togo and left my country at the age of 13 for France where I did all my studies. He returned to the African continent in 2013. He first worked for French groups before joining the NBA to work on the BAL. The French authorities have accompanied him for almost 10 years in his mission: to use sport as a tool to contribute to the education and development of young people in Togo and Côte d’Ivoire. Since 2013, Jean-Luc has accompanied hundreds of young people in Togo and Ivory Coast in their personal development through the program «Milédou» which means «we are together» in Mina, a Togolese dialect. Milédou is a network of educators who mentor girls and boys between the ages of 8 and 20 using basketball as a gateway. This program allows him to be in touch with the youth and populations in 10 localities. He can both pass on and learn from them. Milédou has been recognized by the Obama Foundation, the MEAE and the AFD.”



**Name:** Junior MUTUMENE

**Country:** Democratic Republic of Congo

**Current position(s):** Founder of Ndembo Sarlu League

*After 9 years working for Shell France, Junior became the director and coach of the Grove Football Academy (South Africa). In 2019, he founded the Ndembo Sarlu League in the DRC, of which he is still the owner, sports director and coach at the age of 39.*



## Bio

“Mutumene Sawala Junior is the founder of LIGUE NDEMBO Sarlu, a sport management company that promotes grassroots football through education and also the Technical Director of GROVE SOCCER ACADEMY an United States based football academy with a branch in South Africa, trains and offers young players the opportunity to join prestigious American universities through scholarship.

He played as professional soccer player couples of African clubs. Due to health conditions, Junior is forced to end his career on the field.

He then continued his studies and graduated in Sport Management at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT), while working as a Supply Chain Liaison Officer; Key Account Analyst, Sales support pricing at Cape Town SHELL OIL BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER for which he worked for almost 10 years. He was particularly linked to Shell France, Shell Canada, and Shell Belux. Before fully dedicating himself to football, Mutumene continues his training in coaching and obtains a license D CAF/ SAFA.

During his career, Junior has been awarded many times, Project Manager for Congolese FA to lead the project Fecofa community; Shell Vice-president award; Laureate to participate to sustainable development, and better world project with Earth watch institute in Oxford, England, Laureate from Tony Elumelu foundation in 2019, and now 2021 Young Leader from French-African Foundation.”



**Name:** Maureen Rosita OJONG EBOB-BESONG

**Country:** Cameroon

**Current position(s):** Program Director for Sports  
For Education & Economic Development (SEED)

*Maureen Rosita, 31, is currently the Programme Director for the SEED Project, a Mentor for the SIGA Global Programme for Aspiring Women Sport Leaders and founder of The Apothecary by Né-ri.*



## Bio

“Born in Limbe Cameroon Maureen has lived and worked in Gabon and Senegal. Maureen Rosita is a sport and development entrepreneur and executive who currently serves as Director of Programs for the SEED (Sport for Education and Economic Development) Project based in Senegal.

Maureen Rosita has several areas of interest and expertise built through her work and volunteering with organizations such as The United Nations in Gabon (Office of the Resident Coordinator), UNESCO International Bureau of Education in Geneva, SEED Project, NBA Academy, Gabon’s Oil Company, the Senegalese Taekwondo Federation, The Apothecary by Ne-ri and The International School of Gabon, just to name a few. As part of her entrepreneurial activities, she created and runs a startup/consultancy known as Né-ri.

She holds a BSc in Public Administrative Law from the University of Yaoundé II Cameroon, an MSc in International Business / Certificate of completion in sport psychology course from the University of Derby (United Kingdom), she recently completed an MBA in Sports Management (ESG Paris / ISM Dakar) and is a studying an International Safeguarding Officer in Sport diploma offered by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Maureen Rosita is a beneficiary of the SIGA (Sports Integrity Global Alliance) Young Female leaders in sport mentoring program.”



**Name:** Mirado RAKOTOHARIMALALA

**Country:** Madagascar

**Current position(s):** Secretary General CFEM (Orange Pro League)

*Mirado, 33, is appointed General Secretary of the National Football League in Madagascar in 2019. He is directly involved in the strategic and operational activities of the Orange Pro League competition.*



## Bio

“Mirado Rakotoharimalala is the General Secretary of the Orange Pro League, the national football league in Madagascar. He earned a Master’s degree in Sport Management and the Business of Football from Birkbeck, University of London. In addition, Mirado is also a Trainer in Event Management within the business development department of INSCAE (National Institute of Accounting and Business Administration Sciences). Before these current positions, he worked as the Communication and Marketing Manager of the Soccer Federation in Madagascar (FMF).

Besides, Mirado has been part of the Young African Activists Network Steering Committee since 2019 and acts as the Vice-Chair of the Feminism workgroup. Under the initiative of UNFPA Madagascar, Mirado founded and led the national network Tanora Iray which mainly focuses on adolescent reproductive health. He was also selected as the first Country Coordinator of the International Youth Alliance for Family Planning in Madagascar. Finally, in 2015, he was part of the Malagasy delegation that attended the 48th Commission on Population and Development at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York as the youth representative of Madagascar.

To end with a bright note, Mirado values diversity and inclusion, promoting the contribution of young people and women in any decision process.”



**Name:** Nganguyousuf MULUMBU

**Country:** . France / DRC

**Current position(s):** Professional soccer player Kilmarnock Football Club (Scottish Premier League)

*Youssef is a 34 year old professional football player with Kilmarnock FC and former captain of the DRC national team. He created his foundation in 2014 and is also an ambassador for the Denise Nyakeru Tshisekedi Foundation..*



## Bio

“Born in Kinshasa, he grew up in Paris. A dual national, he continued to work in his native country in Africa with the national soccer team. Trained in one of the biggest French clubs, the PSG, he chose from a young age to defend the colors of his country of birth, the Democratic Republic of Congo. Since then, he has never stopped being attracted to the role of unofficial spokesman. In 2018, he will officially take on the role of ambassador for the Denise Nyakeru Tshisekedi Foundation. In addition, he is involved in movements fighting against armed conflicts in his country.

For him, sport is a powerful lever for the inclusion of populations, particularly for the benefit of African youth, in general, and that of the DRC, in particular. It is naturally a subject on which he is very committed through certain projects and programs such as Sport en Commun.

He is also involved in the field of Culture and defends other causes such as Education, Health, Women’s Empowerment or Gender Violence through some local partnerships.”



**Name:** Yanis IDRISSE

**Country:** France

**Current position(s):** Project Manager for International and Public Affairs of the French Football Federation Soccer

*Yanis is a 30 year old French-Moroccan and the current head of institutional and international relations for the French Football Federation.*



## Bio

"I'm a 30 year old french Moroccan working in the sport industry. After completing the Bar exam, I joined the French Football Federation in 2017 and I'm currently International and Public affairs project manager.

I'm also keen on gaming and esport industry, and I'm developing a consulting activity in this field."



**Name:** Yolam ANDERSON-GOLHOR

**Country:** Chad

**Current position(s):** Assistant to the President of the Basketball Africa League

*Yolam is a 31 year old Chadian, sportswoman and assistant to the President of the Basketball Africa League since 2020. She also founded Sahel Basketball in 2018.*



## Bio

“Founder of Sahel Basketball based in Chad. Member of the 2019 Toronto Raptors NBA Championship Team. Executive Assistant to the President of the Basketball Africa League (BAL). Supporting the BAL 2022 Season Project Management Team, New Business Development, and assisting NBA/WNBA Talent with developing their basketball initiatives in Africa.

Master of Social Work, Social Service Administration, from the University of Toronto in Canada. Former NCAA Student-Athlete at James Madison University in the United States.”

