



Economic Empowerment

We ensure that our target beneficiaries enjoy a better future, we provide skill acquisition and business management trainings. Following our trainings, a seed support is provided to encourage startup of small and medium scale business.



Education

We believe education is the greatest investment for a great future. We provide opportunities for the most vulnerable and marginalized groups / individuals within our communities to attend quality education to create a better future.

EJR-Aid provides scholarship opportunities to orphans, children of widows, physically challenged persons etc. The scholarship covers the cost of secondary and tertiary education, according to each individuals needs



Feeding

EJR-aid believes that a man that is hungry cannot benefit from any other intervention. Hence, we attend to the immediate needs of our beneficiaries by providing food items, household items and toiletries. Recently, EJRAID distributed 5000 packs of food and gift items to the marginalized in Rivers State



The Elizabeth Jack-Rich Aid Foundation (EJR-AID) is a Non-Governmental, Philanthropic Organization, committed to improving the quality of lives of disadvantaged Nigerians through educational support, economic empowerment and skill acquisition, access to food and water as well as creating enabling environment for young people to lead productive lives.

EJR-AID is committed to the transformation of our communities by changing a life at a time. We work through existing community structures – community groups and youth groups to ensure transparency and fairness.

www.ejraid.org

Thursday, 31 October 2019

London Marriott Hotel Regents Park
128 King Henry's Road, London NW3 3ST,
United Kingdom



**AFRICA
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...Improving Africa's Economic Prosperity

EVENT AGENDA

Building a prosperous Africa
on the pillars of peace, security,
entrepreneurship and human
capital development.

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Africa Advancement Forum



Africa Advancement Forum

We are made up of dedicated and highly committed professionals from across the African continent but spread across the globe, who wants to make a difference by influencing positive growth and development in emerging Africa economies and struggling regions of the continent, while recognizing the efforts of leaders that have made a lasting impact in the African continent.

The #AAF2019 Experience

- ▶ **CHALLENGE** YOUR CURRENT BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP PRACTICES
- ▶ **DEVELOP** PRACTICAL IDEAS TO GROW YOUR ORGANIZATION
- ▶ **LEARN** FROM AN UNPARALLELED ROSTER OF WORLD CLASS BUSINESS THOUGHT LEADERS
- ▶ **NETWORK** WITH OTHER SENIOR EXECUTIVES FROM ACROSS ALL INDUSTRIES

Supporting Partners



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AFRICAN ENTREPRENEURS FOUNDATION

Africa Advancement Forum Agenda

October 31st

11:00 AM Registration Open

Welcome & Networking

Main Hall Lobby

3:00 PM Welcome and Introductions from AAF Board

Opening Ceremony

Main Hall

The AAF comes to LONDON to bring thought leaders and executives to reflect on new economic and financial trends in key areas of financial, economic and social development, as well as win-win partnerships

Keynote 1

Advancing international partnership trust and investments between African countries & other continents - Recent and future developments under the spotlight

Exploring sustainable Policies, mitigating Business stumbling over politics

03:30 PM First Panel Discussion

Innovation and productivity – Drivers of sustainable economic and social development in Africa

"African countries should strengthen their economic resilience and dynamism to lift their economies to a new growth equilibrium driven by innovation and productivity rather than by natural resources" – State of Play

04:45 PM Networking Coffee and Refreshments

05:15 PM Peace and Security Roundtable

Troubleshooting terrorism and other social vices militating against the economic prosperity of Africa

Technology Roundtable

Home grown Technology in Africa: Developing Functional Framework for Thriving and Viable Tech Ecosystem

Agribusiness Roundtable – Break out

DFIs - New products and approaches to boost investments into agribusiness
Create the necessary conditions for investment into the agribusiness sector, particularly key subsectors that have a strong potential for impact.

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05:45 PM Entrepreneurship & Human Capital Development – **Breakout**
It's a fintech frenzy – why the current venture capital party won't end soon
Traditional and newly established providers respond with new and improved apps, new technologies that enable new ways to bank, increased personalisation and strengthened digital communication with customers.

AfCFTA:
Building the Foundation for a new Prosperity under the new African Single Market.

Diplomatic session I Country Profiling – **Break out**
Presentation of business and investment climate & opportunities
Interactive session where countries will be invited to pitch their business and investment climate and investment opportunities to 10 investors.
Rwanda / Botswana / Angola /Nigeria / Zambia / Gambia / Tunisia / Ghana

06:20 PM Panel Discussion
UK-Africa Business relations – How would Brexit impact on the Partnership
The panel will look at trade and partnership after Brexit, analyse its impact and effectiveness in the UK-Africa Partnership and make recommendations.

06:50 PM CEO'S Fire Chat Session
SPECIAL SESSION for CEOs and FOUNDERS
Success stories: Drivers of success from successful businesses
CEOs will tell their own business story and identify key drivers of success, as well as threats on the way to success and how to overcome them.
Unveiling the Africa Advancement Hub: The Merits;

- Policy Research Support & innovation advisory
- Our intervention strategy

07:30 PM Award Dinner
AAF Awards will celebrate enterprise builders & global business influencers in 15 categories

08:30 PM Closing Remarks



DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY

SPECIAL GUESTS OF HONOR



**H.E. DR. JEWEL
HOWARD TAYLOR**
Vice President,
Republic of Liberia



**BOSS
GIDAHYELDA
MUSTAPHA**
Secretary to the Government
of the Federation
Federal Republic of Nigeria



**H.E. FRANCIS
BLAIN**
Gambia High Commissioner,
London



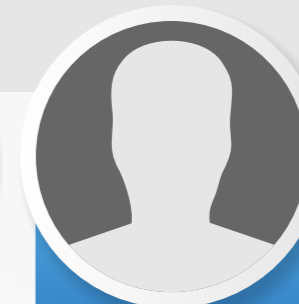
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Kenyan High Commissioner,
London



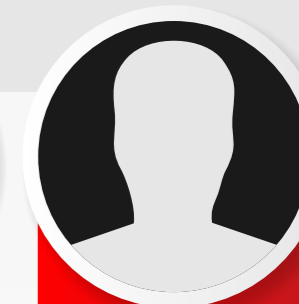
**REV. DR
JOHN NDEBELE
G SEAKGOSING**
Botswana High Commissioner
to the United Kingdom



**H.E RUI
MANGUEIRA**
Ambassador of
the Republic of Angola



**MR KOMLAVI
AGBENOZAN DEDJI**
Charge d'affairs Embassy
of the Republic of Togo



**WASHIM
HAJERI**
Counselor in charge of the
Economic portfolio at the
Tunisia Embassy in London





CO-HOST

Benson Uwheru

Partner at EY

Benson Uwheru, MBA, ACIB, CRCMP, MCP, FAAFM is a consummate consultant with extensive experience in strategy crafting and execution, financial management, project management, risk management, spanning over 10 years. Benson is a distinguished member of the faculty of West African Institute of Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM) and the Institute of Directors (IoD)

He has led and co-led several successful strategy, human resource and risk management projects for leading financial institutions including Oil and Gas firms, Banks, Discount houses, Insurance and Pension firms both in Nigeria, West Africa, Europe and Asia.

He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Financial Management and a DDI certified Facilitator. He has managed major projects across the financial and non-financial sector

Also proven record of leadership with outstanding management and team building abilities; skilled in team motivation, development, coaching and mentoring; strong interpersonal, networking and negotiation skills; sound communication skills: written, verbal & presentations; trustworthy with very strong ethics.

Benson is also a public speaker and speaks regularly at conferences and industry events



CO-HOST

Savahna Nightingale

Award-winning Journalist

Savahna is an International multimedia Presenter, Producer and award-winning Journalist.

Former producer / presenter for BBC World TV News 'Focus on Africa', and daily BBC World Service programmes 'World Have Your Say' and 'Newsday', Savahna has hosted countless international live events and fronted Bloomberg TV's weekly series - 'Africa Trending'.

With Sashkeys Media, PR and Production, Savahna has produced documentaries in Ghana and Zimbabwe and hosted TV series 'The Ambassadors' and 'The Platform', interviewing world leaders and filming with the Clinton Global Initiative in New York, as well as producing content for Channel 4, Five and Sky One.

With a background in Maritime Law, she has presented at numerous maritime conferences worldwide, including the Africa Diplomatic Briefing in London, delivering papers on maritime security in the Middle East and Gulf of Guinea.

She is an ongoing media and PR consultant and has been engaged at business and government level, particularly in West Africa, and is currently head of PR & Communications at SPI Marine.



H.E Mohamed Ennaceur

President of Tunisia

Mohamed Ennaceur, (born 21 March 1934) is a Tunisian politician who became interim President of Tunisia on 25 July 2019, upon the death of President Beji Caid Essebsi. Since 2014, he has been the President of the Assembly of the Representatives of the People and leader of the governing Nidaa Tounes party. Previously, he served as Minister of Social Affairs in the 1970s and 1980s under President Habib Bourguiba and again in 2011 in the transitional Ghannouchi and Essebsi governments.

Ennaceur was the founding director of the Tunisian Association of Social Law (Revue tunisienne de droit social) and the Festival international de musique symphonique d'El Jem.

On 4 December 2014, he was elected as President of the Assembly of the Representatives of the People, with 176 yes votes out of 214 present MPs. Upon President Beji Caid Essebsi's death, Ennaceur ascended as interim president according to the Constitutional provision for presidential succession.



Habeeb Okunola

Managing Director of Tilt Group

Mr. Habeeb Olalekan Okunola fondly referred to as 'Habtab' is the founder of Habeeb Okunola Foundation and Managing Director of Tilt Group; a multinational conglomerate with operations in Nigeria and across Africa.

Mr. Habeeb is a shrewd serial entrepreneur and global philanthropist; whose work and charitable activities across Africa have distinguished him as one of the leading entrepreneurs under 40 in the continent. He sits atop a major conglomerate and financial empire with stakes in real estate, construction, oil and gas, energy, engineering, agriculture, and technology, for close to two decades. At Tilt Group of Companies, he is charged with the responsibility of boosting revenue and performance while mitigating possible risk by overseeing policy and procedure enforcement, employee teams, and financial metrics.

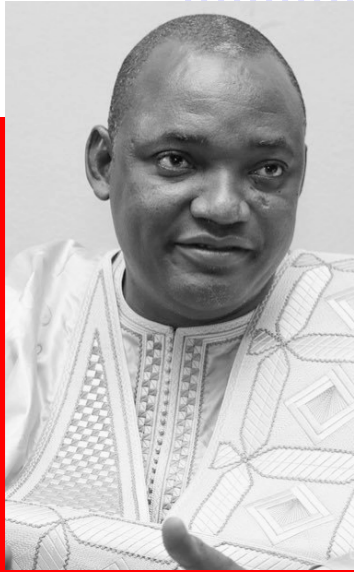
Under Mr. Okunola's leadership, Tilt Group has witnessed rapid growth and diversification, which has made the conglomerate become a renowned public/private sector contractor with several ongoing projects for the Nigerian Airforce, Army, Immigration, Defence

Intelligence Agency, amongst others.

He is a certified businessman of international reputation, whose experience in conceiving business transactions have given him access to Presidents, Prime Ministers, and leaders of International organisations. Over the last decade, his philanthropic gestures have impacted millions of undeserving people all over Africa most especially in the area of Education, Health, Financial Inclusion, State Security & Prison Reforms. This is a testimony to his favourite saying, **"empowerment is proof of wealth"**.

Having graduated with a degree in Philosophy from the University of Lagos, Mr Habeeb has since attended several executive leadership and management programs at Harvard Business School and numerous institutions home and abroad; which has given him the opportunity to learn, unlearn and relearn fast evolving best practices; and build his network of friends and business partners, which he leverages on.

Mr Habeeb Olalekan Okunola prides himself as a firm advocate of sustainable development at the grassroots.



H.E Adama Barrow

President of the Republic of the Gambia

Adama Barrow (born 16 February 1965) is a Gambian politician and real estate developer who is the third and current President of the Gambia, in office since 2017.

Born in Mankamang Kunda, a village near Basse Santa Su, he attended Crab Island Secondary School and the Muslim High School, the latter on a scholarship. He then worked for Alhagie Musa & Sons, a Gambian energy company, where he became a sales manager. Moving to London in the early 2000s, Barrow studied for qualifications in real estate and concurrently worked as a security guard. After returning to the Gambia in 2006, he founded Majum Real Estate, and was its CEO until 2016. He became the treasurer of the United Democratic Party, an opposition party, and then became its leader in September 2016 after the previous leader was jailed. Barrow was then chosen as the UDP candidate in the 2016 presidential election. It was later announced that he would stand as an independent with the backing of the opposition group Coalition 2016 (a coalition supported by the UDP and six other parties).



Hon. Dr. Mrs. Fatoumata Jahumpa-Ceesay

Former National Speaker, the Gambia National Assembly

Born on 25 October 1957, she attended Method Primary School and Crab Island Junior Secondary School before proceeding to Armitage High School and later Gambia High School where she completed her secondary education in 1977. She obtained a Higher Diploma Certificate in Print Journalism at the Centre for Foreign Journalists in Reaton Virginia, USA in 1996. In 2010 attended the Kofi Annan Institute in Ghana. Also attended local and international training and courses leading to Certificates in Journalism, Public Relations, Peace & Conflict Resolution, Election Observations and Diplomacy Mrs Jahumpa Ceesay's career began with her employment as an Announcer at Radio Gambia. She later joined The Gambia Airways Limited where she rose to the position of Cargo Supervisor and Corporate Relations Manager.

In April 1993, Mrs. Jahumpa Ceesay joined the Daily Observer and the Point newspapers as a freelance journalist. She was a columnist for the Family Focus, Women, Children and Political issues. She thereafter had a stint with Citizen FM radio as News Anchor/Producer, responsible for the presentation of Women programs in 1995. In recognition of her commitment to women and youth development, she was appointed by the former President of the republic of the Gambia Alhaji Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara a Lady Councilor at the Banjul City Council in 1985 and became the first woman Deputy Mayor of the city, Banjul in 1989.

In 1997, she was appointed Director of Press and Public Relations at the Office of the President of the Gambia. She held this post until H.E. President Sheikh Prof. Dr. AlhYahya A J J Jammeh nominated her as a Member of the National Assembly in 2002. 2003-2005 she was elected to the West African Community Parliament (ECOWAS Parliament) and became the first woman in West Africa to become a Deputy Speaker in the ECOWAS Parliament. Hon Fatoumata Jahumpa Ceesay was also founder member and Coordinator of the Economic Community of Female Parliamentarians Association (ECOFEPA).



H.E Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenco

President of Angola

João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, GColIH (born 5 March 1954) is an Angolan politician who has served as the President of Angola since 26 September 2017. Previously, he was Minister of Defence from 2014 to 2017. In September 2018 he became the Chairman of the People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), the ruling party. He was the party's Secretary-General from 1998 to 2003.

João Lourenço was designated in December 2016 to occupy the party's number 1 position in the August 2017 legislative election. In terms of the 2010 constitution, "the individual heading the national list of the political party or coalition of political parties which receives the most votes in general elections... shall be elected President of the Republic and Head of the Executive". As the MPLA won a majority of 150 seats, Lourenço automatically became President of Angola, succeeding José Eduardo dos Santos, in power for 38 years. Lourenço was officially sworn into office on 26 September 2017.



Dr. Mrs. Elizabeth Jack-Rich Tein jr

Founder and CEO, ELIN Group Limited

A philanthropist, an entrepreneur, and business woman, Dr. Elizabeth was born on the 18th day of May 1993 into a humble family of Mr. W.J Isaac, Jewish National from Israel and mother from Ondo State of Nigeria.

Through hard work, perseverance, focus in her dream for a brighter society, faith in God and belief in attaining excellence through hard work, she became the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of ELIN Group Limited, a conglomeration of vision-based firms launched to serve as wealth creation to positively empower the downtrodden.

Dr. Elizabeth endeavour to add value to humanity remains rekindled by her husband's unending desire to improve the lives of striving youths whose vision is to be a better member of the society and to be of positive impact to the society. That lead her to the creation of Elizabeth Jack-Rich Aid Foundation. Through this Foundation, several lives have been touched and changed for the better. All of these are anchored on her belief often expressed in her husband's words: "God has blessed me to impact in my generation".

As it is with every child that grew from challenging home with limited resources to attain the zenith of life, growing up was not a bed of roses for young Elizabeth, but despite all the challenges and vicissitudes of life, Dr. Elizabeth relied on her creator and persevered while believing in herself to be who she is today.

Dr. ELIZABETH also believes that for society to align with needed moral values, rural women will need material and immaterial enablers such as grants, skills, economic empowerment and education in order to help instill needed values in our children upbringing, hence the birth of special interest foundation called "Opportunity for Rural Women Development Initiatives" (ORWOD) to support our women in need with basic necessities to help build economic and social values within our communities.

Dr. Elizabeth has been working towards improving access to basic education which is an effective means of combating child labour and eradicating poverty, she is actively involves in women empowerment program to enable them participate fully in economic life which is essential to building robust economies and improving the quality of life, tackling myriad of health issues within our communities and provides opportunities for determined young people to escape poverty.

Dr. Elizabeth Jack-Rich a product of USAM University Port-Novo, the University of Cambridge UK and an Entrepreneurship Essentials in Harvard University USA.

Dr. Mrs. Elizabeth Jack-Rich is happily married to her amiable husband Tein Teinbo Saturday Seleyefubara Jack-Rich and their marriage is blessed with children.



Mohammed Ibrahim Jega

Chief Business Development Executive, VoguePay

Mohammed Ibrahim Jega, Chief Business Development Executive VoguePay; A serial entrepreneur and Tech savvy marketer and Chief Business Development Officer at VOGUE PAY an Online payment processing company.

Mohammed co-founded several successful startups, such as Domineum a blockchain enabled registry and real estate solutions and Founder , a platform designed to build a Sustainable Northern Tech Ecosystem and unlocking the potentials of the Region.

Mohammed is also a Founding Director at the Young CEOs Business Forum ,a platform instituted to inspire, empower, motivate and support African and World Venture Young Leaders.

He is the Chief Marketing Officer at mAcademy an e-learning platform with the vision to get quality and affordable learning at fingers tips of every Nigerian.

A Board Member at Kickcity, Young Innovators Nigeria, Cyber Security Challenge Nigeria and Africa Digital Voices.

DAILY POST

Daily Post

A premium leading newspaper

Daily Post is a premium leading newspaper that is developed and written exclusively for Nigerians. It is packed with up-to-the-minute local and national news, politics, metro, business, entertainment, sports, and opinions.

Daily Post is featured in Google news and is one of the top news sites in Nigeria. It commands monthly visits of 7 million and monthly impressions of 50 million. Similarly, the newspaper's social media pages have continued to grow speedily, with Twitter now standing at 716k, Facebook boasts of 950k while its new Instagram page commands 13k followers in just a few weeks of its setup.

Established in 2011, Daily Post has since set a standard in the rating of the new media as it has professionally upheld journalism ethics through fair and balanced rapportage.

Within eight years, the company has solidly found its space across different parts of the country, and now has reporters scattered across States, National Assembly, the judiciary and other relevant institutions of government.

Daily Post has won several awards, some of which are the 'Custodian of the Nigerian Dreams' Award, Best Newspaper in Boko Haram coverage (North East) and has been nominated to different awards including Nigerian Broadcasters Merit Award.

As a top online newspaper, Daily Post works with multinational/Public organisations such as First Bank, Zenith Bank, GTBank, Diamond Bank, Wema Bank, UBA, Airtel, Dangote, Jumia, MTN, Konga, Shell, and many others, as well as States and the Federal Government, while ensuring that its comprehensive digital campaign strategies gives its clients maximum returns.

Daily Post has a tech-savvy Chief Executive Officer and Publisher in the person of James Bamisaye.



Fatoumata Diallo

Duke Corporate Education

Fatoumata works in Business Development at Duke Corporate Education, one of the world's leading providers of custom executive education and leadership development. Duke CE, part of Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, has a clear purpose focusing on preparing leaders for what's next –the opportunities and challenges of the future, and Fatoumata Diallo is based in the firm's London office. She previously served as a Programme Development Manager at the Justina Mutale Foundation, leading on the JMF advocacy priorities with focus on Women's Leadership.

Fatoumata has appeared regularly on the Justina Mutale TV Leadership Series debating Women's Leadership, Young Voices and Gender Equality. She is both a delegate and panellist at International Forums, Conferences and Summits held around the world including the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW), the African Union Heads of States and Governments Summit, the Women's Economic Forum (India), and the UK Houses of Parliament.

Fatoumata also sits on the Board of the National Alliance of Women's Organisation and the Samuel Lithgow Youth Centre (SLYC) London helping to oversee strategic direction and diversity.

Fatoumata is Bilingual (French/English) and holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations and a Masters in Public Administration with High Distinction from London Metropolitan University.



Tokunbo Alaga Olorundami

Lecturer and Researcher at Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK.

Tokunbo Alaga Olorundami is a Lecturer and Researcher at Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK.

He is a hybrid international development consult and impact assessment expert. His has been involved in process improvement trainings and consulting for different organisations and groups across Africa. He is a Lean-Agile practitioners with passion for the growth and development of enterprise and innovation in Africa.

He is the Director of research and strategy for the African Advancement forum.



H.E Mokgweetsi Masisi

President of Botswana

Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi (born 21 July 1961) is the fifth and current President of Botswana, serving since 2018. He has also served as Minister of Education since 2014, and previously he was Minister of Presidential Affairs and Public Administration from 2011 to 2014.

He was first elected to Parliament in 2009. Mokgweetsi Masisi is the son of Edison Masisi (1923–2003), the long-time MP for Moshupa and many-time cabinet member. The younger Masisi grew up in Gaborone, attending Thornhill Primary School and Maru A Pula School. In school he competed in soccer and tennis, but ultimately found acting to be his calling.

In 1984 he won acclaim for his portrayal of the lead role in a Gaborone production of Cry the Beloved Country, and was praised by the visiting Alan Paton for his performance. During the 1980s he starred in numerous theatrical productions, and also had roles in South African B-Movies.



Henry Bolton OBE

Leader of our National Party of Great Britain

Henry is British politician, former British Army Infantry and Intelligence Officer, Police Officer and International Diplomat.

Links to Africa

Henry has a deep emotional commitment to Africa. His grandfather is buried in Malindi, Kenya. His father was born there, as were both Henry his brother, Richard.

As founder of the Boudicca Centre for Policy, Henry has established a programme to design and advance bespoke solutions aimed at supporting African efforts to strengthen democracy, good governance, economies, healthcare, education, transport, communications, manufacturing, security, the rule of law, sports and culture. As a British politician, Henry uses his influence to remind other politicians in the UK of the importance of Africa and the role it has to play in international affairs and the global economy.

International Diplomacy

Henry has led international efforts to assist fourteen countries to overcome various forms of conflict and crises. He has helped to bring transparency to political,

government and democratic processes and has drafted a number of strategies and roadmaps that have guided the countries he has helped.

Furthermore, Henry has served as a United Nations District Administrator; Head of International Ceasefire Monitoring Operations in the Balkans and as adviser to a number of government ministers and to the Secretary General of the 57 member state Organisation for Security & Cooperation in Europe.

Politics

Having been involved in UK politics since 2005 Henry founded The Our Nation Party in March 2018. The objectives of the Party are to unite the country after a divisive Brexit debate; to deliver the most effective solutions to the day-to-day challenge of individuals, communities and businesses throughout the UK; to ensure that the UK leaves the EU on a trajectory that builds the confidence, optimism, prosperity and security of the British people.

Honours & Awards

Henry passed out from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst as best overall cadet. He was commended for outstanding bravery by the police and was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire by the Queen for services to international security.



H.E Dr. Jewel Howard Taylor

Vice President of Liberia

Vice President Chief Dr. Taylor is a daughter of Bong County, born to the Royal Household of Kerkula Giddings of Sanoyea District. King Giddings in his tenure wrote the script to the Kpelle language. The Vice President was raised as a child on the Phebe Hospital Compound under the watch of her loving parents, Mr. Moses Y. Howard and Mrs. Nora Giddings-Howard., both of whom were enviable professional Health Workers who died in service to the people of Bong County and are buried at the Phebe Compound.

Vice President Chief Dr. Taylor is a visible and very involved stateswoman; with a vision for affordable but quality education; transparent justice system; improve and accessible health system; women's economic and political participation; and an accountable public service system. She is one of Liberia's foremost advocate for increased and improved opportunities for

women of Liberia; thus becoming a critical voice on cross-cutting issues at many frontlines in the battle to reposition Liberia for vibrancy, productivity and democratic good governance. On account of her national disposition, the Vice President is fondly called the Vice President without boundaries. While she represents Bong County in particular, her voice and views are national in scope.

Dr. Taylor currently serves in many capacities; Vice President of the Republic of Liberia and also served as senior, Ranking Member of the Liberian Senate serving on several strategic committees.



Engr. Dr. Emmanuel Audu-Ohwavborua (FNSE, PMP)

Chairman of Emmpepek Farms Ltd

Engr. Emmanuel Audu-Ohwavborua is a public administrator, a civil servant, a certified Project Manager, an entrepreneur, and a Fellow of the Nigeria Society of Engineers (FNSE). He is currently the Director of Bayelsa State office, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), a public sector organization established to address the developmental deficits of the impoverished oil-bearing Niger Delta region of Nigeria.

With degrees in electrical engineering and business administration, as well as professional certifications in Project Management, he has had over 30 years' experience working in diverse sectors ranging from engineering designs, industrial and production management, through power plant engineering to project management. He also in March 2019 bagged a Doctor of Business Administration (Project Management) award from the Commonwealth University at a ceremony that took place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. About one third of his service years, he invested in the private sector having worked in Dresser Kellogg Energy Services Ltd, Granherne Ltd and in Bonny Allied Industries Ltd. He also worked at the now defunct National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) and the National Engineering & Technical Company (NETCO).

A fast-growing entrepreneur, he is the Chairman of Emmpepek Farms Ltd, a privately owned commercial agricultural enterprise (with specialty in both animal and crop production), located in the South-South of Nigeria.



H.E Justina Mutale

Founder Justina Mutale Foundation

Acclaimed as one of the most influential and inspirational women of African origin, Dr Justina Mutale is the “African Woman of the Year” 2012, an honour bestowed upon Justina on the same platform as Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa as well as the former President of Malawi, The Rt. Hon. Joyce Banda and the former female Deputy Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, The Hon. Thokozani Khupe. Justina has twice been honoured on the same platform as the first President of the Republic of Zambia Dr Kenneth Kaunda in the Voice Achievers Awards in the Netherlands and the Global Officials of Dignity (G.O.D.) Awards held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Justina is the Founder & President of the Justina Mutale Foundation and its Scholarship Programme for underprivileged African Young Women. She is also Founder of POSITIVE RUNWAY: The Global Catwalk to Stop the Spread of HIV/AIDS. Named as one of Africa’s most respected names, well-known faces, and influential voices, Justina is listed in various Who’s Who Lists, Power Lists and Influential Lists, including the 100 Most Influential Creatives; Black Women in Europe Power List; Global Women Leaders Hall of Fame; and the Black 100+ Hall of Fame, an Exhibition & Legacy of the top 100 Black Achievers in modern Britain. She is also a Distinguished Member of the Royal Biographical Institute and the Global Institute of Human Excellency.



Justice Diamond P. Oti

Founder of RHINO Capital Limited

Mr. Justice Diamond P. Oti is an international business developer, investment strategist, financial engineer, resource person, guest speaker and panelist at various business summits around the world.

He is the founder of RHINO CAPITAL LIMITED- a company offering tailored investment banking services in Nigeria, engaged in providing premium return on investment, monetary solution to entrepreneurs and those left unreached by the list of financial institutions in Nigeria. RHINOCEROS TRADE INVESTMENT GATE LLC DALLAS TEXAS, USA- conducting transcontinental trade & investment activities between Africa and the world.

RHINOCEROS GATE ACCRA, GHANA, JAPICU NIG ENT LTD AND co-founder of DIA-KADELO EV LIMITED- funding research on green energy development in conjunction with Japanese renowned scientist Prof. Takashi Yabe, of Tokyo Institute of Technology.

The Trade Mark “RHINOCEROS & JAPICU” currently enjoys visible presence in three (3) continents; North America, Asia and Africa, while working earnestly to establish same presence in Europe, Middle East & South America. With over 26 years business experience (Local & International), Mr. Justice Diamond P. Oti is one of the young leading entrepreneurial forces from West Africa.

His wealth of knowledge and proven commitment to creating premium brand investment and his passion for the welfare and development of Africa continues to be his driving force for success.

Mr. Oti is known for his extensive global business travels. He enjoys outstanding business relationships within the Americas, Europe, Middle-East, Asia and Africa. With such international network, his expansion goal is centered on creating compelling investment opportunities that cuts across a wider range of countries in Africa.

He is known for his remarkable mantra “MY EXPERIENCE IS GLOBAL, MY FOCUS IS AFRICA!” His operational tenets; TRANSPARENCY, EXCELLENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY are deployed as tools for successful / sustainable business practice within a global scope. A creed routed from his personal understanding and relationship with God. He has earned several accolades (both local and international) for various outstanding performances in investment strategy and business development.

Most importantly, Justice Diamond has knowledge, relevant skills, competence and expertise to give a discourse, guidance or first-hand information in a given business matter or areas of investment interest/business development. He serves as a vital instrument and a ‘Safe Bridge’ for investors and foreign companies migrating into the African market in record time.



Prof. Nabhit Kapur

Founder, Peacefulmind Foundation & Global Youth Mental Health Forum

Prof Nabhit Kapur, Psy.D, is a PsychoPreneur, mental health advocate, author, 3-time TEDx speaker and globally decorated ambassador of mental health and peace with over 200 recognitions from 30 countries around the world.

Acclaimed as World most influential Psychologists by the FAAVM-Canada, Dr Nabhit who is the Founder President of PeacefulMind Foundation, PeacefulMind Foundation Fellowship program and Global chamber of business leaders who has also been recognized for establishing one of the most successful Mental Health forums in the world called the global Youth Mental Health Forum, a platform for youths to train in psychological first aid. His passion to bring peace and mental well-being across continents through his network or business collaborations, got him connected to some of the world most powerful leaders who currently do hold an advisory role in Dr Kapur’s organization.

Beyond working to grow his organization, Dr Kapur sits on the Advisory Board as Executive Director for numerous companies including the Meenus Procapitus Limited (Macao), Farooq Cooperation (UAE), PALEDEC (Nigeria), Jordanian Institution for combating Morden day slavery (Jordan), Alex Pay (Ghana) and is also the vice chairman for Power life energy (Zimbabwe)

Recently Prof Nabhit Kapur was appointed as the Director General and First Vice President for the Global Diplomatic council, a global think and do tank which is accredited to EU, NATO, Commonwealth etc. and is headquartered in the Netherlands.

His knowledge, skill, commitment, loyalty and precision with perseverance to get things done is one feature hard to find in people. Business houses like Farooq cooperation UAE, Relam investments UAE, Power life energy etc. rely on his wisdom for decision making.

His idea to make Global chamber of business leaders is one such example which is built on vision of business for peace and wellness. Prof. Nabhit has also been featured in some of the world leading publications.



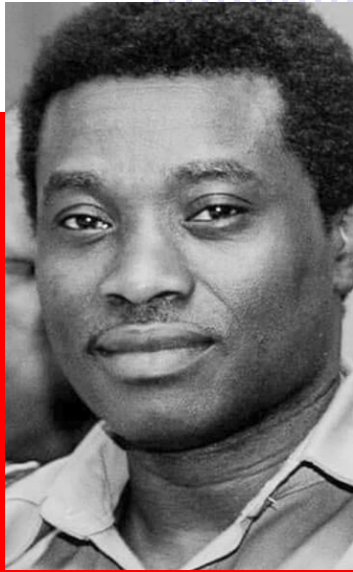
Ayan Mahamoud, MBE

Head of Somaliland mission to the UK

Ayan Mahamoud, MBE was appointed December 2016 by Somaliland president as the head of Somaliland mission to the UK".

Before she was appointed Ayan was the founder and the managing director of Kayd Somali Arts and Culture, which organizes the annual Somali Week festival in London since 2009, SWF draws some of the most prominent Somali artists from across the Somali territories and the Diaspora. In 2015, Ayan was listed by FT as one of the 25 Africans to watch for.

In the same year, Ayan was awarded a MBE “For services to promoting friendship and cultural understanding between the UK and Somali Region”



Alistair Soyode (FCPA)

Founder, Bright Entertainment Network (BEN) television

Alistair Soyode (FCPA) founded Bright Entertainment Network (BEN) television, the first African and Caribbean-focused television channel in Europe operating from the United Kingdom. BEN TV's mix of entertainment, news, current affairs and sports programs has been a source to millions in the Diaspora.

He is also a former member and Chairman of Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation (NIDOE) in Europe, set up by the Nigerian government in 2000 to unite and bring together Nigerians living abroad with interest in contributing to the development of the country.

Alistair Soyode is currently the Chief Mentoring Cmdt to millions of youths in Diaspora through Mentoring Corp.

As an initiator of the African Business Roundtable in Europe, was instrumental to the publishing of Invest Africa, in association with Alhaji Bamanga Tukur's NEPAD Business Group. He is also a board member of the Dynamic Agrosol organisation. A private sector led organisation dealing with farmers, agricultural mechanisation and ensuring fair policies in Nigeria. He has negotiated contracts

for several sporting personalities and is well known in entertainment & sports management circles.

A much-sought-after speaker, where he takes delight in mobilising youths to rise up as leaders of tomorrow and explore entrepreneurship. His media platform has been a focal point to the emergence of African and Nigerian brand, entertainment, nollywood and musical icons in the Diaspora as well as a platform for good governance.

Cmdt Soyode is a pivotal member of the UK's black community, bridging the gap between the mainstream and grass-roots. He is an Entrepreneur, Business Mentor, Motivational Speaker, Broadcaster, Africa's Patriot and Sport Enthusiast.

A self-motivated and taught person, well-organised with practical experience in Management, Broadcasting and Media; Business Development & Consultancy, Governance and Leadership, Sales, PR Project Management, Research and Sport Management Executive.

He is a Fellow Of Institute For Local Government and Public Administration in Nigeria & OSHA among others. He is a former Presidential candidate.

Mr Soyode was described by CNN as an Icon of Nigeria in 2010 (Nigeria at 50 Years of Independence).



Dr. Tukur Bello Ingawa

Honorable Chairman, Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)

Dr Tukur is a contemporary civil servant combining the best skills and abilities required to drive a modern public service.

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Dr. Dube Smelly

A Gweru based business mogul

DOWN to earth, humble, simple and kind-hearted, this is one simplest description of Dr Smelly Dube, a Gweru based business mogul who have defied all odds to become one of the leading businesswoman in Zimbabwe.

Dr Dube, has risen from the humblest of all beginnings to a business tycoon of repute. Despite all the hostilities that she has encountered, she has continued to shine and lift the profile of her company, River Valley Properties high. The company has become a house hold name.

Always pulling a natural smile, careful and unfazed by boulders thrown her way, the woman, who is now affectionately known by the sobriquet, "The Iron Lady of Midlands", has continued to shine scooping award after award both at national and international arena.

Recently, Dr Dube added to her trophy cabinet a Beacon Award for Philanthropy in recognition of her outstanding corporate social responsibility programmes in the Midlands province.

Dr Dube is an enigma an inspiration to many, women and men. She is made of sterner stuff. She has seen it all, pocketing a multifarious array of deserved awards in national and regional business awards. To her, the sky is the limit. Her biggest strength has been balancing the delicate act of being a businesswoman.



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