

REGIONAL CONFERENCE WEST AFRICA

Promoting Youth Employment in West Africa

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AGENDA

8:00-9:00	Registration
9:00-10:00	Official Opening Ceremony Macky Sall , President of the Republic, Senegal* Yves Leterme , Deputy Secretary General, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, OECD African Development Bank Olusegun Obasanjo , Former President, Nigeria
10:00-11:00	Session 1 – Ministerial Roundtable on: “Education, Training and Skills for Youth and Development in West Africa” <i>Facilitator: Didier Acouetey</i> , Chief Executive Officer, AfricSearch Which Education Models suit the needs of development of the West Africa Region? Ginette Nzau Muteta , Représentante résidente, Banque africaine de développement, Burkina Faso Koumba Boly Barry , Minister of National Education and Alphabetization, Burkina Faso Ahlin Byll-Cataria , Executive Secretary, Association for the Development of Education in Africa. Paul Ginies , Managing Director, Foundation 2iE, Burkina Faso Dédia Mahamane Kattrra Diallo , Minister of Employment and Professional Training, Mali N'Gade Nana Hadiza Noma Kaka , Minister of Employment and Professional Training, Niger Questions & Answers (20 minutes)
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:30	Parallel Session 1.1 – Reforming Education Systems and Curricula in West Africa <i>Chair: Koumba Boly Barry</i> , Minister of National Education and Alphabetization, Burkina Faso Ginette Nzau Muteta , Représentante résidente, Banque africaine de développement, Burkina Faso Ahlin Byll-Cataria , Executive Secretary, Association for the Development of Education in Africa. Said Hanchane , Director General, Instance Nationale de l'Evaluation (INE), Higher Education Council of Morocco Pape Momar Sow , Director, Education Department, Usaid Senegal Questions & Answers (20 minutes)

11:30-12:30 [Parallel Session 1.2 – Promoting Vocational and Technical Training to Meet Job Market Needs](#)

Chair: **Couty Fall**, Coordinator, Regional Programme for Social Cohesion and Youth Employment in sub-Saharan Africa, UNDP Regional Centre for Africa

Paul Ginies, Managing Director, Foundation 2iE, Burkina Faso
Sijibomi O. Olusanya, Provost, Federal College of Education (Technical), Nigeria
Calogero Sciandra, French Development Agency, France
Régis Facia, Chief Executive Officer, Top Chrono, Benin

Questions & Answers (20 minutes)

11:30-12:30 [Parallel Session 1.3 – Investing in Skills Development for Greater Productivity and Sustainable Growth in Africa](#)

Chair: **Federico Bonaglia**, Head of Division, Policy Dialogue, Development Centre, OECD

Dédia Mahamane Kattrra Diallo, Minister of Employment and Professional Training, Mali
Jean-Pierre Favennec, Professor, French Petroleum Institute, France, President, Association for Energy Development, France
Hassan Mahamat-Idriss, Teacher-Researcher, Lyon University, Tchad
Med Kamel Essid, Director General, Centre National d’Innovation Pédagogique et de Recherche en Éducation CNIPRE, Tunisia

Questions & Answers (20 minutes)

11:30-12:30 [Parallel Session 1.4 – Using ICTs for the Development of the Education System](#)

Chair: **Moustapha Guirassy**, President, African management Institute (IAM), Senegal

Talla Kebe, Senior Regional Adviser, Knowledge Management and Strategic Planning, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Ethiopia
Victor Agbegenou, Coordinator, Network Energy and ICTs for Education (RETICE)
Rebecca Sweetman, Chief Executive Officer, Tutudesk, United Kingdom
Léger Djiba, Responsible for West Africa, Coders4Africa, Senegal

Questions & Answers (20 minutes)

12:30-13:00 [Session 1 – Plenary Conclusions](#)

Facilitator: **Didier Acouetey**, Chief Executive Officer, AfricSearch
3 reporters from Parallel sessions (5 minutes each)

Questions & Answers

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00

[Session 2 - Ministerial Roundtable on Job-creating Growth Strategies and Economic Policies for Job Creation in West Africa.](#)

Facilitator: **Richard Attias**, Executive Chairman, Richard Attias & Associates

Which sectors drive Africa's Growth: Which Business Models for West Africa?

Amadou Kane, Minister of Economy and Finance, Senegal

Abdelwaheb Maâtâr, Minister of Employment and Professional Training, Tunisia

Evelyn Oputu, Managing Director, Bank of Industry, Nigeria

Goolam Aboobaker, Deputy Director-General, Treasury, South Africa

Abdoulaye Bio Tchané, Former President, West African Development Bank

Joseph Siaw Agyepong, CEO, Jospong Group of Companies, Ghana

Aboubacar Demba Dahaba, Minister of Finance, Guinea-Bissau

Questions & Answers

15:00-16:00

[Parallel Session 2.1 – Growth strategies and Economic Policy for Job creation](#)

Chair: **Adebayo Olukoshi**, Director, United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP)

Moubarack Lo, Deputy Director of Cabinet of the President, Senegal

Antonin Dossou, Director of Cabinet of the Prime Minister, Benin

Savas Alpay, Director General, Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Turkey

Frank Douamba, Head of Strategy for Sub-Saharan Africa, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Questions & Answers

15:00-16:00

[Parallel Session 2.2 – Infrastructure Development, ICTs and regional Integration](#)

Chair: **Abdoulaye Bio Tchané**, Former President, West African Development Bank

Ralph Olaye, Manager, Regional Infrastructure and NEPAD, African Development Bank

Aly Kane, Chargé de Mission, Chairman of the Committee charged with studying Growth and Employment, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development (MAED), Mauritania

Bouaké Fofana, General Director, Agence de gestion des routes (Ageroute), Côte d'Ivoire

Joseph Siaw Agyepong, CEO, Jospong Group of Companies, Ghana

Questions & Answers

15:00-16:00	<p>Parallel Session 2.3 –Agriculture, Growth and job creation for youth</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Ali Gamatie, Former Prime Minister, Niger</p> <p>Ahmed Bachir Diop, Managing Director, SODEFITEX, Senegal Shavit Daham, Director, West Africa, Netafim, Israel Ousmane Badiane, Director for Africa, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), USA Edmond Comlan Amoussou, Director General of National Agency for Employment, Togo</p> <p>Questions & Answers</p>
15:00-16:00	<p>Parallel Session 2.4 –Industrial Development, SMEs and ServicesPromotion</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Paulo Gomes, Former Executive Director, World Bank, President & Managing Partner, Constelor Investments Holdings</p> <p>Evelyn Oputu, Managing Director, Bank of Industry, Nigeria Ibrahima Wade, Permanent Secretary, Steering Committee, Accelerated Growth Strategy, Senegal Cheikh Oumar Tidiane Tall, Expert Advisor, Consortium d’Etudes et de Promotion Industrielle et Commerciale (CEPIC), Senegal Keith Nurse, World Trade Organization Chair at the University of the West Indies, Barbados</p> <p>Questions & Answers</p>
16:00-16:30	<p><u>Session 2 – Plenary Conclusions</u></p> <p><i>Chair :</i> Richard Attias, Executive Chairman, Richard Attias & Associates</p> <p>4 Speakers from Parallel sessions (5 minutes each)</p>
16:30-17:00	Coffee Break
17:00-18:30	<p>Final Roundtable: What role for Youth in Africa’s Development?</p> <p><i>Co-chairs:</i> Richard Attias, Executive Chairman, Richard Attias & Associates Didier Acouetey, Chief Executive Officer, AfricSearch</p> <p>Olusegun Obasanjo, Former President, Nigeria</p> <p>Magatte Wade, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Tiossan, United States Vérone Mankou, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, VKM, Congo Céline Fotso, Founder and Director of Publication, Je Wanda, Cameroun Amadou Gallo Fall, Vice President, Development in Africa, NBA, South Africa Didier Awadi, Artist-composer, Senegal</p>

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Goolam Mohammed ABOOBAKER

TREASURY, SOUTH AFRICA

Deputy Director-General



Goolam Aboobaker was born on 22nd July 1949 and grew up in Durban.

He holds a Bachelor of Science (Mathematics and Physics) degree and Honours, (Physics, Cum Laude) from the University of KwaZulu-Natal and a M.Sc. in Economics from School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London in 1992.

Between 1977 and 1982 he was employed as a medical physicist by King Edward and Groote Schuur Hospitals. He was employed in 1988 as special assistant to Professor Jakes Gerwel, the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of University of Western. His main responsibility was to initiate projects that would help to transform that university into an intellectually

relevant institution.

In 1995, Aboobaker was appointed to the position of Director of Cabinet Research in President Mandela's Office and in 1997 appointed to the position of Chief Director of Economic Development in the Policy Unit in the Office of the then Deputy President (Mbeki). Between May 2002 – January 2007 he held the position of Deputy Director-General (and Deputy Head) of President Mbeki's Policy Unit. In March 2007 he took up an appointment at the IMF as senior advisor to the Executive Director representing Africa Constituency 1 (largely Anglo-phone African countries). At the end of his tenure at the IMF, Aboobaker took up an appointment as Deputy Director-General in the Office of the Director-General in the National Treasury (Ministry of Finance), South Africa. His principal responsibility is to manage the relationship between National Treasury and National Economic Development and Labour Council (NEDLAC). He also represents Treasury on NEDLAC.

Aboobaker was actively involved in the ANC from the early 1970's.

He was a founding member of the Human Rights Committee (HRC) in Durban and was involved in the organisation between 1974 and 1976. In the 1970s he was involved in a number of mass based community organisations in KwaZulu Natal.

Aboobaker was involved in the regional and national launch of the United Democratic Front, a broad front formed to fight apartheid in 1983 and served on the executive of the Western Cape Region of the UDF between 1985 until 1987.

Aboobaker also served on the Board of Directors of South, an alternative Western Cape based weekly newspaper between 1990 and 1991 and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Cape Workers College from 1991 to 1994.

Since 1987, he had been involved to the Kagiso Trust, a Non-Governmental Organisation which funds community based projects, and currently serves on the board of Kagiso Trust.



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Didier ACOUETÉY

AFRICSEARCH GROUP

President and Founder



Didier Acouetey founded the AfricSearch Group in 1996, thereby actively contributing to reversing the African “brain drain”. Since then he has been the Group’s President. AfricSearch is the first human resources consulting firm based in France and specialising in Africa, with branches in Johannesburg, Dakar, Douala, Abidjan, Lome and other African capitals.

Before founding the AfricSearch Group, Didier Acouetey worked in the advertising industry as Strategic, Sales and Marketing Director. From 1994 to 1997 he was President of “Renaissance Africaine”, an international association involved in promoting a new development strategy for the African continent.

In 2008, he was considered one of the 50 most active Africans in the world over the last 50 years by the magazine “Africa International”. He is also the Vice-President of “Africa Agenda & Action Forum”, which gathers the new generation of African decision makers, with the goal of making Africa a world economic power.

He co-founded in 2010 the first Africa and South East Asia Chamber of Commerce in Singapore whose objective is to promote business partnerships and best practices between African and South East Asian private sectors.

Mr. Acouetey is a graduate from the Arts et Métiers school in Paris, and holds a Bachelor degree and a MBA from ESCP Europe, one of the top French business schools.

Victor Agbebenou

RETICE PROGRAMME

Coordinator



TRAINING OCCUPATION

Double training : Sciences and Management

President of PAGRD (Pan-African Group of Research for Sustainable Development)

Creator of KA-Technologies company.

Former speaker in Specialized Masters programme in Technological Innovation and Management of the Project of ESIEE.

SOME SCIENTIFIC WORK

Invention of Polyvalent Wireless Communication System (PWCS) (PCT WO 03/034668 A1)

Invention of decentralized roaming ((PCT WO 03/034668 A1)

Invention of the technology of arteriovenous permutation (OAPI, n° PV 02/TG/93)

Invention of the technology of the transport of nervous impulses through a conductor (OAPI, n° PV 03/TG/93)

Theoretician of the “RID” concept as a new paradigm of development

Conception of the virtual interpreter terminal

Conception of the Energy and ICT network for Education Programme (RETICE)

Conception of a platform for nomadic calls.



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Savas ALPAY

STATISTICAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES, TURKEY

General Director



Savas Alpay received his Ph.D. in economics from Johns Hopkins University in 1997. He has taught at different universities in Turkey and also worked as a consultant for an international consultancy firm.

After serving on the Board of a Public Regulation Authority in Turkey, he was appointed as the Director General of Statistical Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRTCIC) in 2006.

His research areas include interactions among economic growth, international trade and the environment with an emphasis on the design and implementation of policies towards sustainable growth in general. More recently, his research focuses on policies towards improving the socio-economic development of communities, as well as the knowledge economics, science and technology policies and the vocational education and training programmes in the Member Countries of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC).

His book titled “Trade and the Environment” has been published by Kluwer, and he has many articles published in different journals and conference proceedings. He also serves as a referee for many leading journals in the environmental economics field. He is the editor of the Economic Cooperation and Development Review and the Journal of Economic Cooperation and Development, which publish scholarly articles on socio-economic development in the OIC Member Countries as well as in other developing countries.

Richard ATTIAS

RICHARD ATTIAS & ASSOCIATES

Executive Chairman



Richard Attias has developed some of the most influential gatherings of global leaders in the last 20 years including the World Economic Forum in Davos; the Clinton Global Initiative; the Middle East Peace Summit in Jordan; the Dalian Economic Summit in China; and the signature of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in Marrakech, and most recently the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Hawaii in November, 2011.

He is also the founder and chairman of The New York Forum, an annual forum for global CEOs, economists and business leaders to share ideas and provide recommendations for new business models in a post-crisis world. He is also the Chairman of Columbia University's Center on Capitalism and Society. Prior to establishing his base in New York, Richard Attias served as a special advisor in 2008 to the Emirate of Dubai.

This role followed nearly a decade at Publicis Group, where he created the events network Publicis Events Worldwide in 2004, before ultimately being named Chairman of PublicisLive in 2007.

Richard Attias holds a degree in civil engineering and a Masters in mathematics and physics.



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Ousmane BADIANE

INTERNATIONAL FOOD POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (IFPRI)

Director for Africa



Dr. Ousmane Badiane is the Africa Director for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). In this role, he coordinates IFPRI's work program in the areas of food policy research, capacity strengthening, and policy communications in Africa. He is also in charge of IFPRI's partnerships with African institutions dealing with the above areas.

Dr. Badiane, a national of Senegal, was Lead Specialist for Food and Agricultural Policy for the Africa Region at the World Bank from January 1998 to August 2008. He previously worked at IFPRI as Senior Research Fellow from 1989 to 1997, when he led the institute's work on market reforms and development. While at IFPRI, he taught, as adjunct professor, at Johns Hopkins' School of Advance International Studies from 1993 to 2003. Dr. Badiane received a Masters Degree and PhD in agricultural economics from the University of Kiel in Germany.

Koumba BOLY BARRY

BURKINA FASO

Minister of National Education and Literacy



Madame Koumba Boly BARRY was appointed Minister of National Education and Literacy in the Burkinabe government formed on April 21 2011. She is a teacher herself and has taught at the University of Ouagadougou. She holds a doctorate in history. After time spent at the PanAfrican Institute for Development- West Africa she worked as a consultant at UNESCO, at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Canadian Embassy and the World Bank. In 1999 she was appointed co-ordinator of the Swiss Co-operation Agency literacy programme in Burkina Faso.



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Abdoulaye BIO TCHANE

ALINDAOU CONSULTING INTERNATIONAL

President



Abdoulaye BIO TCHANE built a thirty year career in finance and development across Africa. He has held high level positions at the WAEMU Central Bank and was the former Director of the Africa Department at the International Monetary Fund as well as the President of the West African Development Bank (BOAD). Moreover, he is also widely acknowledged as the finance minister of Benin who spearheaded clear and transparent reforms and actively fought against corruption.

Mr. BIO TCHANE ran for the presidential elections in Benin in 2011 where he ended in third position. His campaign focused on inclusive and sustainable growth and youth employment.

He is now the founder and CEO of a consulting firm, Alindaou Consulting International that assists governments, institutions and firms across Africa to reach optimal levels of performance in the following areas: economic reforms and governance, financial restructuring, fundraising, information technology, innovative environmental solutions, energy and infrastructure.

Mr. BIO TCHANE chaired numerous boards and committees of international institutions and has participated in many high level councils, including the board of governors of the IMF, the African Development Bank and ECOWAS. He currently participates in boards of several financial institutions.

Abdoulaye BIO TCHANE is the author of various articles and op-ed on economic and financial issues. He is the author of a book entitled Combating corruption – A requirement for developing Benin within the context of the world economy (with the contribution of Philippe Montigny).

Federico BONAGLIA

HEAD OF DIVISION, POLICY DIALOGUE

OECD Development Centre



Federico Bonaglia (25/08/1972), Italian, joined the OECD Development Centre in 1999 as an economist. He holds a master's degree in Economics and Social Sciences and a master's degree in Economics from Bocconi University (Milan, Italy).

At the Development Centre he has been working on the economic and institutional consequences of globalization for developing countries. His research projects focussed on structural reforms in Africa, private sector development in Asia and corruption. He has also contributed to preparing several country notes for the African Economic Outlook and collaborated with other OECD Directorates on aid for trade, SME development and Territorial Development in Central America.

He is currently working on issues related to private sector development and aid for trade, with special emphasis on agriculture in Africa. He is also the coordinator of the OECD Black Sea and Central Asia Economic Outlook.



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Ahlin Byll-Cataria

ASSOCIATION POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT DE L'ÉDUCATION EN AFRIQUE

Executive Secretary



Mr. Ahlin-Byll Cataria has worked for 29 years at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, where he held the following positions:

Technical assistant in a literacy program for adults in Niger (1979 -1986).

Deputy Representative for the Swiss Agency in Niger (1987 -1990).

Country Manager for Mali and Niger at the headquarters of the Swiss Agency for Development in Bern.

Senior Advisor in charge of education sector for 8 years.

He represented the Swiss Agency for Development on the Steering Committee of ADEA (1993 -2006).

He chaired the Steering Committee from 2001 to 2006.

He has a background in philosophy, literature, education, journalism and development studies.

Dédia Mahamane KATTRA DIALLO

MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, MALI



Dr Diallo Dédia Mahamane Kattrra, the new Minister of Employment and Professional Training, is a pharmacist by profession. She was born in 1957 in Timbuktu and studied there until passing a baccalaureat in the exact sciences in 1974. She was awarded a doctorate in pharmacy at the Ecole nationale de médecine et de pharmacie, and pursued her studies at the Centre d'énergie atomique at Saclay and Blaise Pascal University at Clermont-Ferrand in France. Dr Diallo Dédia Mahamane Kattrra then served at the Pharmacie populaire du Mali (PPM) and the Point G hospital before striking out on her own. In 1990 she opened her own pharmacy Les Hirondelles.

For several years she has taken an active part in community life. From 1998 she presided over the Foundation of the Inter ordre pharmaciens africain Association for four years. She also spent a high profile period with the national council of the Order of Pharmacists of Mali and the Association for the Promotion of Health (Apsan).

Dr Diallo Dédia Mahamane Kattrra is president of the Lions Club of Zone 152, the Lions Club Sigui, the Association of Women of North Mali and takes part in the solidarity actions organised by the Alliance for the Arab Community Alkarama. Since the invasion of the north of Mali she has involved herself in the activities of the Collective of Residents of the North (Coren).

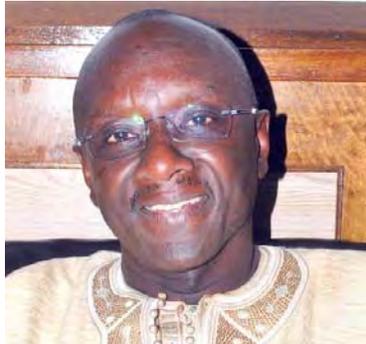


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Ahmed Bachir DIOP

SODEFITEX

Managing Director



Mr Ahmed Bachir Diop is an agro-economist with a long and deep experience over almost 25 years in rural development. Between 1983 and 1997 he was at various times a field-based agronomist responsible for teams of communicators and agricultural advisers, responsible for review and evaluation, co-ordinator of the rural development project for eastern Senegal, director of agronomic techniques, director of rural development of the Société de Développement et des Fibres Textiles (SODEFITEX www.sodefitex.sn). In 1997 he was chosen as Director of a pilot project of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the promotion of rural micro-enterprises (PROMER www.promer.sn). In 2000 he was appointed director-general of SODEFITEX, a post he occupies today. Mr Bachir Diop successfully carried out the process of privatising SODEFITEX and was a driving

force behind major socio-economic and commercial innovations : ISO 9001 certification of the enterprise for the past eight years, a close partnership with professional agricultural organisations in an inter-professional context, professional training in national languages and promotion of new countryside professional activities with a view to modernising tens of thousands of family farms in a contractual relationship with SODEFITEX to supply its fair trade and organic cotton division factories. In addition he is a leading figure among the founders and organisers of the African Cotton Association (Association Cotonnière Africaine: ACA) of which he was vice-president from 2002-2007 and president from 2009-2012. He is also Chairman of the board of the think tank "Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale" IPAR (www.ipar.sn).

Léger DJIBA

CODERS4AFRICA

Responsible for West Africa



Polyglot (English, French, wolof, Diola), he currently lives in Dakar, Senegal.

Léger holds a BTS and a DIT in Software Engineering. He is a Software Engineer with 6+ years of experience in Software engineering and enterprise applications development. He is currently General Manager of the Arobase International a Senegalese Software company.

He has extensive experience in various sectors: Biometrics, e-commerce and develop in technologies such as: Microsoft, NET, JAVA, N-tier architecture, UML, open source technologies. He started developing in ANDROID 2009.

He is the current Program Manager Coder4Africa Senegal.



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Antonin S. DOSSOU

CABINET FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, BENIN

Director of



Antonin S. Dossou, Statistician Economist graduated from the National Institute of Economics of Cotonou in 1987, is currently Director of the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Benin. He was previously Director of the Office of the Minister of State responsible for Forward Planning, Development, Evaluation of Public Policy and Coordination of Government Action, June 2007-June 2011, and Director of the Office of the Minister for Development, Economy and Finance, July 2006 to July 2007.

In this capacity, Mr. Dossou was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis of Benin, from June 2006 to June 2011.

Previously, until April 2006, Mr. Dossou was Director of Research and Statistics at the headquarters of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) in Dakar.

In addition, from July 2000 to February 2003, Mr. Dossou was Deputy Director of Training of the BCEAO. He has acted for several years as a senior lecturer in graduate courses, including the Graduate Diploma of Banking and Finance of the West African Training Centre for Banking Studies (COFEB) of the BCEAO, the Advanced Studies Diploma of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP), the Master of statistical and econometric methods and the Master project Analysis at the University Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD).

Frank A. DOUAMBA

HEAD OF STRATEGY FOR SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

International Finance Corporation



A national of Cote d'Ivoire, Frank is Head of Strategy for Sub-Saharan Africa, International Finance Corporation (IFC).

Before assuming his current position, he was Senior Advisor to the Executive Director for Sub-Saharan Africa at The World Bank Group. In that capacity, he was responsible for: reviewing and assessing the institution's lending and non-lending financial policies, loans and credit application processing and development policies; identifying major constraints and recommending reforms pertaining to the growth of the private sector in developing nations.



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Amadou GALLO FALL

DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

NBA VICE PRESIDENT



Amadou Gallo Fall was named Vice President of Development for the NBA in Africa in January,

2010 and is based in the NBA's Africa office in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Fall who hails from Senegal, is responsible for leading the NBA's efforts to grow the game in Africa, working with the local federations and basketball entities. He oversees the NBA's grassroots events and its partnerships with marketing, media and consumer products companies. Fall started in the NBA's New York office and then relocated to Johannesburg, South Africa to open up the new NBA Africa office in May 2010.

Under Fall's leadership, NBA Africa has made significant strides to help develop basketball on the continent. In addition to basketball and business development work in South Africa, Angola, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal and South Sudan, amongst others, he recently negotiated and signed a landmark deal with SABC 1 to broadcast NBA games and promote basketball through all of SABC's assets. He oversaw the structuring of the Royal Bafokeng Jr. NBA Youth Development Program in the North West Province of South Africa. This program builds basketball courts, trains local coaches, basketball referees, officials and administrators, institutes a school based mass participation program, and a Jr. NBA/WNBA school based league. Fall has been instrumental in developing the NBA's presence and relationship with the new country of South Sudan and was on-hand for the announcement of the independence referendum and independence day. He has also led delegations including NBA Legends to conduct coaching clinics and camps for the youth in South Sudan.

Fall previously worked for the Dallas Mavericks as Director of Player Personnel and Vice President

of International Affairs. Fall served as the team's goodwill ambassador internationally and oversaw all scouting assignments. He was instrumental in building the current Dallas Mavericks Team that won the 2010 NBA Championship. For the past five years he has traveled to Africa as an integral part of NBA's Basketball without Borders program, the NBA and FIBA's global elite basketball development program that also uses the sport to create positive social change in the areas of education, health and wellness.

Couty FALL

REGIONAL PROGRAM ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL COHESION

Coordinator



Couty Fall joined the Regional Program for Youth Employment and Social Cohesion (YERP) in June 2009 as *Programme Coordinator*. She provides governments with support in drafting public policies for youth employment, including policies to address post-crisis situation. As part of the poverty reduction strategies, she leads the team providing technical support to the establishment of a network for experience sharing and social dialogue among national and regional institutions on issues related to vocational training, employment and social cohesion.

Couty Fall brings with her more than 25 years of professional experience in Sub Saharan African countries, first as adviser in the *Ministry of Civil Service, Employment and Labor of Senegal*, National Director of *Labor and Social Security*, Chief Executive Officer of the



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National Social Security Fund, then as international consultant on various reforms supported by international development institutions such as *World Bank*, *UNDP*, *ILO*, as well as OHADA. She used also to collaborate with training institutions as the ILO International Training Centre and make surveys on employment migration, labor legislations, social protection in Poverty Reduction Strategies, and gender equality at work.

She holds a M.A. in Economics and a Certificate of the National Administration School as Inspector of Labor and Social Security.

Jean-Pierre FAVENNEC

ASSOCIATION FOR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

President



Jean-Pierre Favennec graduated from the Ecole des Industries Chimiques de Nancy and the IFP School where he earned a degree in energy economics.

He began his career as a consultant in the energy industries. He worked for many private and public companies, for governments, for development agencies. He has conducted numerous studies of industrial projects, industrial policy, energy policy and provided recommendations. He has worked in over 50 countries in Europe, America, Asia and Africa.

Since 1990 Jean-Pierre Favennec is a professor at the IFP School. In this capacity he was involved with the biggest companies in France and in the world

Favennec Jean-Pierre was director of the Centre for Economics and Management of the IFP School. He was also director expert at the IFP and Special Adviser to the Director of the IFP School..

Jean-Pierre Favennec is a specialist in energy and especially in oil. He has published several books and numerous articles on subjects relating to the economics and the geopolitics of energy.

Jean-Pierre Favennec is particularly known for his work on Africa. It organizes each year, through the ADEA - Association for Energy Development in Africa - a Summit on Energy and Sustainable Development in Africa (in Dakar, Cape Town, Paris). He oversees academic work on the use of energy in Africa (eg possibility of using natural gas in Congo Brazzaville). He has conducted studies of several companies of strategic oil and gas sector and has recently coordinated a comprehensive study on the energy outlook of the continent (Africa - Energy - 2050 ADB and AFD). He works on the establishment of training institutes in the energy sector in Africa.



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Céline Victoria Fotso

JE WANDA

Founder and Director



Businesswoman, designer, community manager or event architect, these are the many hats Céline Victoria Fotso, founder of Je Wanda Magazine, an interactive media about entertainment and cultural events dedicated to African youth.

With its multiple experiments, this graduate in marketing from the College of Enterprise Management of Nice and the Academy of Arts and Design in Montreal, has devoted three years to build a center of creative shot to Africa.

Thus, after having worked in the marketing and sales of leading brands such as Yves Saint Laurent, Michael Kors, Smalto, or Reminiscence, this passionate of culture, of Africa with eclectic tastes eventually create Je Wanda & Co, a new concept midway between the web, events, fashion and communication.

Real fruit of her brilliant inventiveness and her insatiable fascination for people and mix of cultures.

Her dream: Embody a young Africa, modern and moving away from multiple recurring negative stereotypes. In other words, to show a decidedly positive Africa that dares.

Ali GAMATIÉ

NIGER

Former prime minister



Mr Gamatié is a former prime minister of Niger and was also for eight years the vice-governor of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO). In his capacity at the Bank he was responsible for departments concerned with monetary policy and was also special adviser for mining negotiations.

He was Minister of the Economy and Finances in Niger from 2000 to 2003 and carried through the reform of the public finances and the resumption of international co-operation.

Previously Mr Gamatié had exercised responsibilities with Eurostat, with the European centre for Statistical Co-operation in Luxembourg from 1990-1994, with the Regional Office for Statistical Co-operation for West and Central Africa at Abidjan and Ouagadougou from 1995-1999.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE WEST AFRICA

Paul GINIES
FOUNDATION 2iE
Managing Director



Paul Ginies has a degree in Rural engineering, water and forestry and a post-graduate degree from The Political Science Institute of Paris (IEP).

He started his career as a civil servant in the French Ministry of Agriculture in charge of crop protection management.

From 1988 to 1992, he was Adviser at the Permanent Inter-States Committee for Drought Control in Sahel (CILSS) based in Ouagadougou (Burkina-Faso) in charge of food security policy. From 1994 to 2000, he was the Adviser of the Mauritanian Minister of Rural Development and Environment. He then occupied several key posts within the European Commission in Malawi and in Brussels.

From his appointment as Executive Director of 2iE by the Foundation's Board in September 2004, major reforms were voted and are being implemented. These include the opening of 2iE towards the private sector and to Anglophone countries, and the setting up of innovative governing rules both on the financial and the academic sides. The number of students at 2iE has been multiplied by 10 and the budget doubled in 5 years.

In addition, Mr. Ginies is a foreign trade advisor for the French government. He has widespread knowledge of international organisations and is one of the main actors in the African Initiative for Science and Technology, launched by the Nelson Mandela Institute. He is also the President of "Institut d'Afrique".

Paulo GOMES
CONSTELOR INVESTMENTS HOLDINGS
President and Managing PartnerS



After eight years as Executive Director on the board of the World Bank Group representing 25 African nations, Paulo Gomes launched the Constelor Group in 2006.

Career highlights include:

Paulo Gomes joined the World Bank as an Alternate Director in 1998.

In 2002, he was promoted to the Executive Directorship and became one of 24 members of the World Bank board tasked with leading the Bank's strategic and oversight activities.

Paulo started his career in Africa in 1988 when he joined the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Trade in his native Guinea-Bissau. As Director of Strategic Planning and Principal Advisor to the Minister, he led the effort to introduce the country into the West African Monetary Union ("UEMOA").

In 1997, Paulo Gomes obtained a Masters' degree with Honours' in Economic Policy and Management from the Kennedy School of Government (USA).

He is a member of the board of Ecobank Transnational Incorporated ("ETI"), a leader in the banking sector in Africa and of Askya Airlines. He is chairman of AFIG, an African Private Equity Fund, and he belongs to a number of networks, including the 3A Forum.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE WEST AFRICA

Moustapha Mamba GUIRASSY

AFRICAN MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

President



Founder & President of the IAM group African Institute of Management, settled in Dakar, Ouagadougou and Bamako. Former Minister of ICT of Senegal, from 2009, to 2012, he is Mayor of Kedougou city, Senegal since 2009.

Electrical engineering- Master Degree (Quebec University in Chicoutimi – Canada); MBA in International Business Management (Laval University)

Field Engineer and job superintendent assistant of Flakt Canada on the Alcan L'atterrière Project (Conception and erection of dry scrubbers for potroom – Canada), lecturer at the UQAC University (electric and electronic), adviser in engineering project, Manager co founder, in charge of the SOLIC development specialized in computer science equipments selling.

Adviser in charge of International Relations in Tambacounda Regional Council since 2001, Administrator and vice president in charge of International affairs for MDES (Senegalese Enterprises Movement); Member of Senegalese National Confederation of Enterprises Charter, member of the research unity on local development.

Member of the strategic reflexion comity on african studies in management, president of the GMA (milenary African Generation) Participation in Africa Master (trade show for recruitment and valorisation of african expertise), co-founder of ETICA (ecole des techniques internationales de commerce et des affaires) de IGS Group, IDRAC, ISCPA, 3A Group in France.

Said HANCHANE

NATIONAL EVALUATION INSTANCE, HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL, MOROCCO

Director General



Said Hanchane is Director General of the Instance Nationale de l'Evaluation (INE) within the Higher Education Council of Morocco since October 2009. He is visiting fellow at the Institute of Education University of London, Centre for Learning and Life Changes in Knowledge Economies and Societies (LLAKES).

Prior to joining INE he was research engineer at the Centre d'Etudes et de recherché sur les Qualifications in France (1993-2001), responsible for the Education, Employment and Growth Department and member of the Comité de Direction de l'institut d'Economie Publique at the École des hautes études en sciences sociales (1999-2005).

He worked also as researcher at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) in France (2001-2009). Between October 2008 and September 2009 he was Central Director for the economic research at the Banque Centrale du Maroc (Bank Al Maghrib).

Mr. Hanchane is member of the editorial board for the Critique économique review and of the Conseil d'Administration de l'Association Marocaine de Science Économiques (AMSE). He obtained his Doctorat in Economics, Mathematics and Econometrics from the University of the Mediterranean, Gréqam-EHESS. His research topics include: Micro-econometrics, Macro-econometrics, and Econometrics of inequalities, Public economic, Education, and labour and development economics.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE WEST AFRICA

Hassan MAHAM AT-IDRISS

UNIVERSITY LYON 3, JEAN MOULIN

Lecturer-researcher



Mr Hassan MAHAMAT-IDRISS holds a doctorate in management sciences and has been a lecturer-researcher at Lyon University 3, Jean Moulin since 2004. He teaches at the Ecole Supérieure de Chimie Physique Electronique (Physical Chemistry Electronics) at Lyon and spent several years developing training at the EM Lyon business school and at the Lyon business school IDRAC. He is founder of the consultancy HMI CONSULTING, which specialises in the creation and takeover of enterprises and investor support aimed at promising markets in North and sub-Saharan Africa.

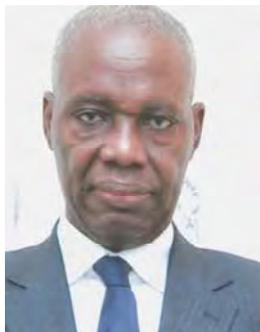
Before his doctorate Hassan MAHAMAT-IDRISS undertook higher education in Public Finances and graduated Principal Inspector of Finances. He carried out research on the creation and development of businesses in Africa and was awarded his doctorate at Lyon University 3, Jean Moulin.

Since 2003, he has been president and a leading figure of the Association of African Consultants and Managers for Development (Association des Consultants et Cadres africains pour le Développement : ACCAD).

Aly KANE

COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH STUDYING GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT

Chairman



Mr Kane Aly was born in 1954 in Mauritania where he completed his primary and secondary education. He is an engineer specialised in statistics whose higher education took place in Morocco and at the Institute of Banking Techniques (Institut des Techniques Bancaires) in Paris. Most of his career has been spent in research activities at the Mauritanian Central Bank, in particular relating to the balance of payments, external operations and foreign exchange. At present he is on detachment to the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development as head of mission where he has been responsible for the co-ordination of a number of strategic issues, and in particular the Brussels Round Table for Mauritania held in June 2010 with donors, and the Investment Code. At present he is chairman of the Committee charged with studying Growth and Employment in Mauritania under the joint supervision of the African Development Bank.

He also worked at the Technical Department of the World Bank in Washington after a period as Director of Statistics and Information in Niger in 1986.

With an educational background in economics, statistics and national accountancy Mr Gamatié is a Grand Officier of the Legion of Honour, Grand Officier of the Order of Merit in Niger, Commander of the Order of Higher Education of Côte d'Ivoire, Robert Schuman Medallist and holder of the Grand Cross of Niger

He was born on November 28 1957 at Niamey in Niger.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE WEST AFRICA

Amadou KANE

SENEGAL

Minister of Economy and finance



Amadou Kane, formerly Chairman and CEO of the International Bank for Trade and Industry of Senegal (BICIS) and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Regional Stock Exchange (BRVM) succeeds Mr. Abdoulaye Diop as head of the Ministry of Economy and Finance.

It is in the city of Rail that Mr. Kane obtains the bachelor series C allowing him to knock on the door of French universities and schools. And he, in turn, obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in Economics and International Finance at the University Paris 1 - Sorbonne, a Master of Applied Economics with monetary economics and development economics option from the University Paris IX-Dauphine before becoming student "diplômé" of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes in the social sciences.

Professionally, Union of Arab Banks and French based in Neuilly in Paris has benefited from the expertise of Mr. Amadou Kane where he was successively Credit Analyst, responsible for Africa and Latin America area for the Country Risk assessment and manager in charge of the design and the commercial policy and marketing of the bank in Africa.

In 1990, he filed his bundles in the West African Development Bank (BOAD), based in Lomé, where he was appointed Advisor to the President in charge of financial matters and policy development for resource mobilization for the bank .

In 1994, he was head of the Department of Financial Operations and Accounting in charge of resource mobilization policy of the bank. In this capacity, he is responsible for the first bond issue in regional West Africa, managing the budget, financial forecasting and accounting. In 1995, he was Head of Financial Institutions and Industry in charge of operations of the bank.

Within the BNP Paribas Group, Mr. Amadou Kane joined the Inspector General before assuming the position of Managing Director of the International Bank for Trade and Industry of Senegal (BICIS) from July 1996 to September 2006, year in which he presides over the Africa and Indian Ocean BNP Paribas Group.

Mr. Kane was at the head of the Professional Association of Banks and Financial Institutions in Senegal from March 1998 to February 2004, the Federation of associations of banks and financial institutions in the WAEMU. In 2002, he was appointed Vice-President of National Council of Employers of Senegal since 2004 and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Regional Investment Bank of ECOWAS.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE WEST AFRICA

Talla KEBE

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Senior Regional Adviser, Knowledge Management, Strategic Planning and Programme Management



Talla Kebe has served as Senior Business Development Manager at Microsoft Corporation for a decade. He served in different roles, with worldwide responsibilities of P&L and strategic initiatives, ranging from Managing Business Consulting in Europe, to Senior Corporate Business Development Manager for South Asia and USA, in different market segments (consumer retail & services, small medium businesses, government, media & entertainment and high-tech communications sector). His responsibilities included establishing/updating business models to increase sales revenue and adoption of technology/platform and line of business solutions in the Private and Public Sector.

In 2004, Talla Kebe founded AverSolve, a consulting firm based in Seattle Washington, with the mission to help enterprises and governments to design and implement their knowledge management and learning strategy. Among other undertakings, AverSolve was part of the consortium of advisers of the African Union to undertake its Institutional Transformation that led to the current operational structure and governance of the pan African institution.

Talla Kebe was appointed Senior Regional Adviser of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in 2006 to assist the Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to reposition and strengthen the regional commission, in line with the UN Coherence and Management Reforms. In his current capacity, he is leading the implementation of the UNECA knowledge management strategy, and he provides support to African Member States and Regional Economic Communities in knowledge management and eLearning.

Talla graduated from ESSEC Business School and from the Institute Mines-Telecom in France. He is also graduated from the Wharton School Executive Education. Talla is an active speaker and panelist at Wharton Business School for the Wharton Global Business Forum in Entrepreneurship and Leadership.

Yves LETERME

OECD

Deputy Secretary-General



Yves Leterme was appointed Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD on 8 December 2011. He is in charge of Social Affairs, Education, Governance and Entrepreneurship.

Before joining the OECD, Yves Leterme held a variety of political posts in Belgium at all levels and in all areas of government. After starting his career as an alderman in his home town of Ypres, he became a Deputy in the Chamber of Representatives, Group Chairman, National Secretary and Chairman of the CD&V party, Minister-President of the Flemish Government, Federal Senator, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Budget and Mobility, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Prime Minister. Yves Leterme is currently Minister of State and a municipal councillor in Ypres.

At a professional level, Yves Leterme has worked, inter alia, as a deputy auditor at the Belgian Court of Audit and an administrator at the European Parliament.

Yves Leterme, who was born on 6 October 1960, has a degree in Law and Political Science from the University of Ghent.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE WEST AFRICA

Moubarack LO

SENEGAL

Former Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister



Statistical engineer and economist, former student ESDC-ENSAE (Paris), Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Public Service Division), ENA of Paris, and Harvard University (KSG, SMG), Moubarack Lô is Director General of the firm Emergence, specialized in management consulting and economic studies. Mr. Lô previously served as economic advisor to the Prime Minister of Senegal. He regularly publishes in the Senegalese press.

Abdelwaheb Maâtâr

TUNISIA

Minister of Employment and Professional Training



Abdelwahab Maâtâr was born March 23, 1952 in Sfax. He graduated from the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Tunis in 1975, obtained a law degree from the Faculty of Law and political and economic sciences of Tunis in 1977, and an MA in Political Science at the same university in 1983. Before practicing as a lawyer in 1984 and teaching at the Faculty of Human and Economic Sciences of Tunis, Mr. Maatar worked at the Tunisian Insurance and Reinsurance Company (1977-1978) and served as Chief of the litigation department at the national society of exploitation and distribution of water (1979-1980) and Deputy Director at the Tunisian Agency for technical

Cooperation (1980-1984).

Mr. Maâtâr is a member of the National Council for Liberties in Tunisia (CNLT) and the Tunisian League for the Defence of Human Rights (LTDH), founding member of the Tunis Centre for the Independence of Justice and Deputy President of the International Association to Support Political Prisoners.

He has also been also a founding member of the Congress Party for the Republic since 2001 and currently a member of the Political Bureau of CPR.

Vérone MANKOU

VMK

Chief Executive Officer



Founder and CEO of VMK, a Congolese startup that chose to build its strategy on mobile technology. In 2011 he presented his first product: a tablet computer, the Way-C. Way-C is notably the first tablet designed by an African. On sale since January 2012 in Congo and France and soon in the rest of Africa, the tablet has opened a new era to VMK who is preparing to launch a Smartphone, the Elikia, before the end of the year. In order to allow more people to have access to technology, VMK currently works on a less than \$100 computer and a digital textbook: a tablet dedicated to education.



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Keith NURSE

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION CHAIR

University of the West Indies, Barbados



Dr. Keith Nurse, who is a dual British/Trinidad and Tobago national, is the World Trade Organization Chair at the University of the West Indies.

He is the former Director of the Shridath Ramphal Centre for International Trade Law, Policy and Services, University Of the West Indies, Barbados and member of staff at the Institute of International Relations.

Dr. Nurse has also taught at the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business (Trinidad and Tobago), the Department of Government, UWI (Trinidad and Tobago) and the Institute for International Development and Co-operation, University of Ottawa, Canada.

He is also the founder and former academic coordinator of the post-graduate diploma in Arts and Cultural Enterprise Management programme, UWI, Trinidad and Tobago.

Dr. Nurse has worked as a consultant to several governments, NGOs and international, regional and national agencies.

Dr. Nurse is a former President of the Association of Caribbean Economists and one of the founding members of the recently established World Economics Association.

He is on the advisory board of the WTO Chairs programme, and the MA in Technology Governance at the University of Tallinn, Estonia.

He is on the steering group for the OECD Knowledge Networks and Markets research project as well as the Annual Conference for Development and Change, Carnegie Council for International Affairs and Ethics.

He is on the scientific committee for the Diploma for Advanced Studies in Trade Negotiations and Governance, University of Geneva and the Heritage 2010 International Conference.

Dr. Nurse is the co-director of the IDRC funded research project entitled "Strategic Opportunities in Caribbean Migration: Brain Circulation and Diasporic Tourism and Investment".

He also coordinates the research project "Towards a Caribbean Knowledge Economy: Innovation, Sustainability and Social Inclusion" which is also funded by IDRC.

He has a BA in Economics (1986) from University of Western Ontario, London, Canada, and a PhD in International Relations (1992) from the Institute of International Relations, University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago.



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Olusegun OBASANJO

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Former President



Olusegun Mathew Okikiola Aremu Obasanjo served as President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from 1999 until 2007. Upon leaving office, he oversaw the first civilian handover of power in Nigeria from one democratically elected leader to another.

Mr. Obasanjo has played a pivotal role in the regeneration and repositioning of the African Union with the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). He has consistently supported the deepening and widening of regional co-operation through the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Co-prosperity Alliance Zone.

He has at different times served as Chairman of the Group of 77, Chairman of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, Chairman of the African Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee on NEPAD, and today serves on the African Progress Panel to monitor and promote Africa's development.

He was also involved in international mediation efforts in Namibia, Angola, South Africa, Mozambique and Burundi. In 2008, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Obasanjo as his Special Envoy on the Great Lakes.

Outside the political arena Obasanjo has been a catalyst in driving Africa's economic transformation. The region is now amongst the fastest growing in the world, rapidly becoming the destination of choice for international investors looking to emerging and frontier markets. Using his experience as a successful farmer and businessman in Nigeria he is actively engaging this community to facilitate more investment into the continent. He is presently an advisor to New World Capital, an investment advisory firm providing market access to Africa and co-investment opportunities across the continent.

President Obasanjo is also Founder of the Olusegun Obasanjo Foundation, a UK based charity that has a mission of advancing Human Security for All. The Foundation has wide ranging initiatives such as Feeding Africa, Youth Empowerment, Education for Girls and a health initiative focused on non-communicable and water borne diseases.

He is also a role model for the youth of Africa. He established the African Leadership Forum, which organises workshops advocating African solutions to African problems through better leadership, state capacity building and the encouragement of private enterprise. The Presidential Library complex he is building in his home town of Abeokuta will be the first of its kind in Africa - an enduring testament to his leadership, and a model for the rest of the continent.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE WEST AFRICA

Adebayo OLUKOSHI

UNITED NATIONS AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING (IDEP)

Director



Professor Adebayo Olukoshi is currently Director of the UN African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP). He is a Professor of International Economic Relations. Until March 2009, he was Executive Secretary of the Council for Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA). He has also previously served as Director of Research at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA) in Lagos; Senior Research Fellow/Research Programme Coordinator of the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) in Uppsala, and Senior Programme Staff at the South Centre in Geneva. His research interests centre on the politics of economic relations, an area on which he has published extensively. Adebayo Olukoshi graduated from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, and Leeds University, England.

Ralph OLAYE

REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND NEPAD, AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Manager



Ralph Olayé coordinates regional infrastructure programs at the African Development Bank, the continent's premier financial institution investing in key public and private initiatives. In particular he led the finalization of the African Union's Program for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), endorsed by African leaders in January 2012, which is now moving into its implementation phase.

He currently heads the NEPAD Division with the challenge of leading the Bank's engagement in the delivery of PIDA in terms of preparation, structuration and financial engineering.

He holds diplomas in Economics of Engineering, Civil Engineering and Business Administration.

Prior to his 12 years with the Mavericks, the Senegal native worked for the Senegalese Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Senegalese Basketball Federation. The national team he assembled won the 1997 African Championship and participated in the 1998 World Championships in Greece.

Fall is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of the District of Columbia where he played center on the basketball team.

In Senegal, he also launched the SEEDS-Sports for Education and Economic Development non-profit organization committed to providing educational opportunities for youth, creating social awareness and encouraging economic development through the vehicle of sports.

SEEDS is comprised of two components: the SEEDS Foundation and the SEEDS Academy. The Foundation is the community outreach wing of the organization, which focuses its efforts on serving the Senegalese communities as well as disadvantaged communities in the US through various social initiatives, service projects, and donations.

The Academy is an academic program offered to promising students through the National Center for Vocational and Sports Education (CNEPS) located in Thies, Senegal. The Academy's Mission is to provide an environment that will spearhead the growth and development of students through education and sports.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE WEST AFRICA

Sijibomi OLUSANYA

FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), NIGERIA

Provost



Dr. Sijibomi Olusanya is a College Professor and current Provost of the Prestigious Federal College of Education (Technical) Akoka, Lagos (Nigeria). The College itself pioneer training in technical education as it is the first technical teacher training institution in Nigeria.

He Hails from Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State in Nigeria and holds PhD Degree in Educational Management from the University of Lagos, Nigeria.

Dr. Olusanya is specialised in Building Education Technology.

He was Deputy Provost for 4years-2007-2011 and, during his career. has published widely both in National and International Journals and has number of Publications to his credit.

Evelyn OPUTU

BANK OF INDUSTRY, NIGERIA

Managing Director



In 1991 to 1992, Evelyn Oputu became an Executive Director, First Bank of Nigeria Plc in which her main assignment spanned all technical aspects of the Bank's operations.

Between 1997 and 2005, she was chairman and CEO of KES Products Limited which is a medium-sized manufacturing company engaged in polyethylene blown films and polypropylene lines of packaging for industrial and domestic uses.

She was also a lead consultant of NDALI consultants which is a financial concern engaged in raising of funds for both debt and equity for private and quoted companies. Her clients included FAAN, NCAA, NAMA, Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Zaria (NCAT). She also served as financial consulting for two merchant banks.

Executive Director in 1990 and Chairman of the committee on the financial management of Aviation Parastatals (2000 - 2001), Ms. Evelyn Oputu, has also been a board member of several buoyant companies which are engaged in a wide range of financial build-up. They include insurance, mining, oil and gas, medical and manufacturing.

Evelyn Oputu holds a B.Sc. in Business administration from the University of Lagos. She was also at the Harvard Business school, Boston, where she obtained a Diploma in Mass General Management.



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Rebecca SWEETMAN

TUTUDESK UK

Executive Director of



Having studied Economics & Management at Oxford Becca started her career working as a management consultant for McKinsey. In addition, for the last two years, through her interest in youth education, she has been an advisor to a South African charity, enke: Make your Mark. enke is a youth entrepreneurship and peer networking initiative, that aims to connect, equip and inspire young people so that they can create the future that they want to see. She is also a member of Sandbox, a network for global young achievers under 30.

Mrs. Sweetman has a deep passion for Africa, both in terms of work and travel. Her experiences have included working at a horse back safari in South Africa, teaching maths in Uganda, driving from South Africa to Tanzania and climbing Kilimanjaro.

She has now taken on the challenge of establishing the UK office for the Tutudesk Campaign.

Cheick Oumar Tidiane TALL

CONSORTIUM OF STUDIES OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROMOTION (CEPIC)

Expert-Adviser to the Cabinet



Cheick Oumar Tidiane Tall is an expert-adviser to the Consortium of Studies of Industrial and Commercial Promotion (Consortium d'Etudes de Promotion Industrielle et commerciale: CEPIC) which he managed from 1992 to 2010.

Before joining CEPIC he was responsible for teaching at the African Centre for Higher Studies in Management (Centre Africain d'Etudes Supérieures en Gestion: CESAG) from 1980 to 1986 and Adviser in the creation of small and medium-sized enterprises.

From 1986 to 1991, Mr Tall was Chief Executive Officer at African Associated Business and Engineering Consultants.

He is also a member of the Committee of Experts of the National Confederation of Employers in Senegal (Confédération Nationale des Employeurs du Sénégal: CNES).

He holds a Master's Degree in Management from the University of Paris I, Pantheon Sorbonne.



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Ibrahima WADE

ORIENTATION AND REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE ACCELERATED GROWTH STRATEGY IN SENEGAL

Permanent Secretary



Ibrahima Wade has been Permanent Secretary of the Orientation and Review Committee of the Accelerated Growth Strategy in Senegal (Comité d'Orientation et de Suivi de la Stratégie de Croissance Accélérée du Sénégal) since 2008.

From 2005 to 2008 he was executive secretary of the Steering Committee of the Accelerated Growth Strategy in Senegal.

Before joining that Committee Mr Wade was Secretary General of the Government of the Republic of Senegal.

He has worked at Senegal's Ministry of Economy and Finances as Head of the Europe Office of the Financial Cooperation Division and Head of the Office of Multilateral and Mixed Financing in the Investments Divisions.

M. Wade was also a member of a team of international consultants with the OECD (Sahel Club) for a study on controlling flows of Public Development Aid.

He holds a diploma in banking from the Centre of Financial, Economic and Banking Studies in Paris and a diploma in Advanced Studies in Public Law from the University of Dakar.

Magatte WADE

TIOSSAN

Chief Executive Officer



Magatte Wade was born in Senegal, educated in France, and launched her entrepreneurial career in San Francisco. She is fluent in, and conducts business in, Wolof, French, and English.

She started her first company, Adina World Beverages, after visiting Senegal and discovering that Bissap, her country's drink of hospitality, was being replaced by Coke and Fanta. Adina raised over \$30 million in capital and, at its peak, was carried nationwide by Whole Foods Market, United Natural Foods, Inc., and other major retail chains. In order to supply Adina with organic hibiscus from Senegal, Magatte partnered with ASNAPP (Agribusiness in Sustainable African Natural Plant Products) and the first lady of Senegal. The result was a major revival of the Senegalese hibiscus industry resulting in thousands of jobs for women hibiscus growers.

She recently launched TioSSAN, a high-end skin care products line based on indigenous Senegalese recipes, modernized for the U.S. consumer market by leading California green chemists and scented by French artisanal perfumers. TioSSAN products are distributed via e-commerce at www.tioSSAN.com, as well as through select boutiques in the US and our flagship store in Hudson, New York. Fifty percent of TioSSAN profits are dedicated to the creation of innovative schools in Senegal designed to developing the next generation of Senegalese genius.

Magatte writes for The Guardian, The Huffington Post, and Barron's. She is a frequent speaker at business conferences and college campuses, including Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Brown, Dartmouth, MIT, Wharton,



GROUPE DE LA BANQUE
AFRICAIN DE DÉVELOPPEMENT



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Babson, etc. She was named a Young Global Leader by the Davos Global Economic Forum as well as one of the “20 Youngest Power Women in Africa” by Forbes in 2011. She serves on the board of ASNAPP and the SEED Academy (Sports for Education and Economic Development), a private school in Senegal that prepares young people academically and athletically so that they can win NCAA basketball scholarships in the U.S. She is a mentor for the MIT Legatum Center for Entrepreneurship and Development.



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