



Building Wellbeing Economies in Africa

WE-Africa Lab

November 2016 to November 2017



*“Our aspirations reflect our desire for shared prosperity
and well-being, for unity and integration, for a
continent of free citizens and expanded horizons.”*

Agenda 2063; The Africa We Want

PROMOTING CHANGE: FROM THE INDIVIDUAL TO SOCIETY

The WE-Africa Lab is an opportunity to stimulate collective change for a wellbeing-centred development model in Africa. A new economic and social approach that should not only improve the lives of African people and the quality of our ecosystems, but that can also become a source of inspiration for the rest of the world, especially at a time in which conventional approaches have glaringly failed humanity and the planet.

The Lab has been designed as a form of deep dialogue capable of triggering personal transformation, which becomes a powerful driver of change through the connection with collective leadership and strategic action. These three levels – personal, collective and strategic – are essential to developing transformative actions that are sustainable over time and achieve significant outreach and impact. Too often good ideas are not implemented, because people struggle to organise effectively or fail to alter the structural constraints hindering social change.

Through dedicated sessions focusing on personal transformation, collective action and strategic thinking, and through a forward-looking orientation based on the skills, experiences and initiatives already developed by the participants, the Lab aims to inspire leaders across the African continent to lead sustainable change and generate ripple effects throughout society.

We often think that in the face of the challenges before us, a few individuals cannot make a difference. To the contrary, we believe that we can. Most changes in history have been initiated by small groups of dedicated people. What we need is a shared vision and a clear strategy to transform the coordinated actions of a few into a narrative for change for the many.

BUILDING WELLBEING ECONOMIES IN AFRICA – WE-AFRICA LAB

Launched by the action-research network WE-Africa, the Global Leadership Academy and the African Centre for a Green Economy, the WE-Africa Lab brings together thought leaders and change agents from all sectors of society to co-create ideas and transformative actions for a wellbeing economy. Over the course of one year, this Leadership and Innovation Lab stimulates critical thinking and innovative practices for the achievement of social, political and economic transformation in Africa..

It provides a space for enquiry and experimentation around the following core objectives:

Fostering individual and collective leadership. Dynamic and complex realities call for collective leadership focusing on enabling collaboration, rather than heroic leadership pushing for unilateral decisions.

Encouraging cross-sectoral collaboration. The Lab provides an opportunity to develop and consolidate links between a diverse group of people, committed to a profound social, political and economic transition in Africa.

Developing transformative action. The Lab provides an experimental space that merges research and practice with a view to generating innovations for a wellbeing economy. Transformative actions may be small-scale or span across countries and partners.

Supporting a continental network of change agents. Through its research-action orientation, the Lab contributes to the development of a continent-wide network of change agents. The Lab will strengthen the WE-Africa network, an alliance spanning the continent and involving more than 50 change leaders, which will guarantee the sustainability and long-term efficacy of the Lab.

Impacting public discourses on development. Ideas, findings, recommendations and transformative actions that emerge during the Lab process will be fed into relevant networks to impact global debates on development in the 21st century.

OUR APPROACH

The WE-Africa Lab uses a unique combination of deep dialogue on content challenges, leadership development and change facilitation. The process makes space for new perspectives, enabling profound reflection, experiential learning, and tangible action to empower participants to advance their work and that of their home organisations significantly.

The Lab combines three meetings in different African cities, local enquiries or dialogues, and online exchanges in a one-year process. During the Lab meetings, participants

- explore alternative development paradigms,
- reflect collectively on how the untapped potential of knowledge diversity and intellectual capital can be a source of innovation and
- design transformative actions.

Between the three meetings, participants organise dialogues, sensing journeys and other creative exchanges in their home contexts to share the ideas developed in the Lab with local and national stakeholders, bring their voices into the conversation and develop new perspectives on familiar systems.

Moderated peer online conversations and facilitated reflection sessions enable participants to review lessons learnt and share experiences with the regional Lab group. Throughout the Lab, inputs by leading alternative thinkers and practitioners will inspire new thinking. During the final meeting in November 2017, the outcomes of the Lab will be presented to African policy makers, leaders from business and civil society, the general public and the media during a Wellbeing Economies Festival.

THE DIALOGUE PROCESS

PREPARATION &
INTERVIEWS

COACHING &
MENTORING

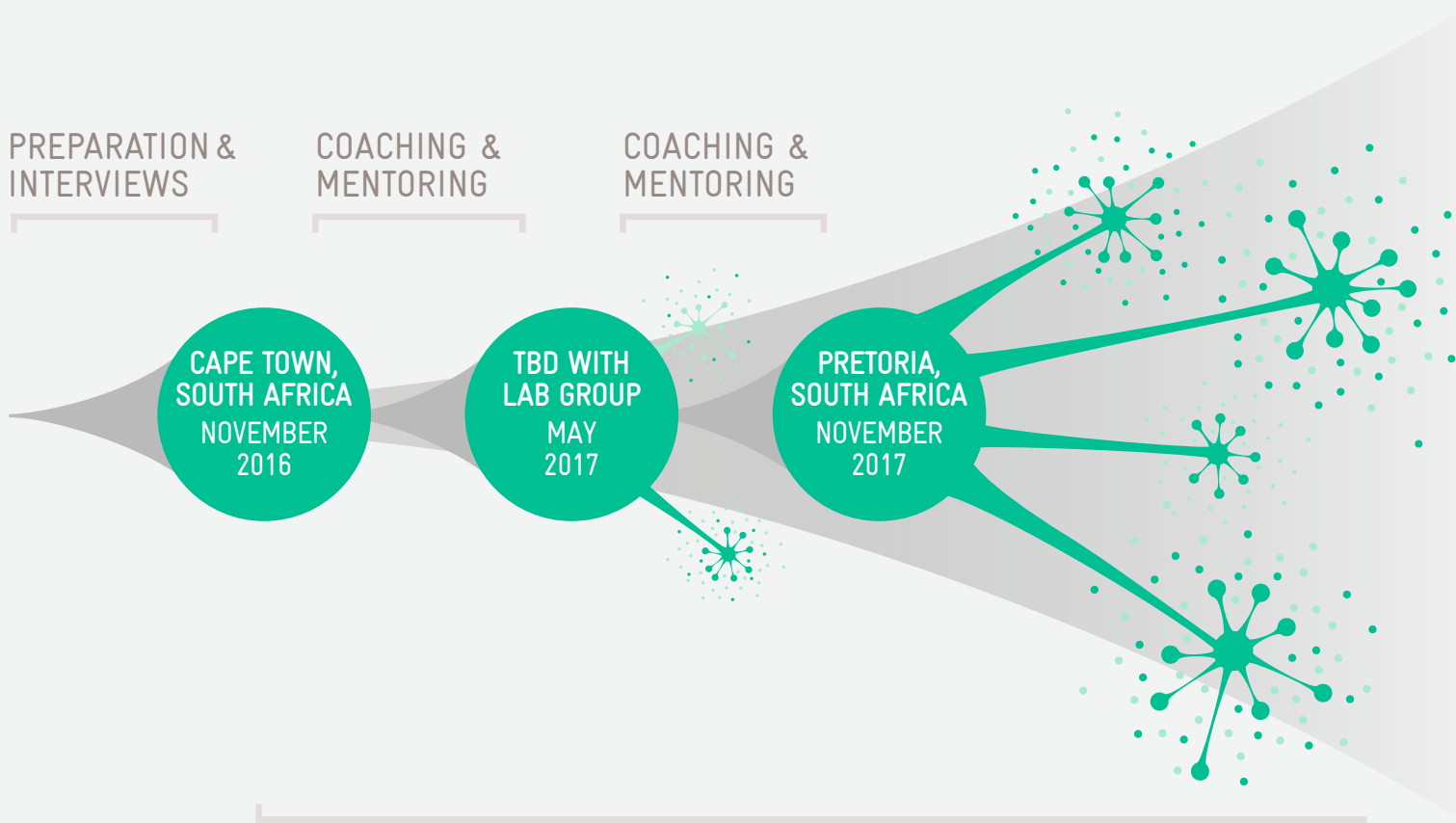
COACHING &
MENTORING

CAPE TOWN,
SOUTH AFRICA
NOVEMBER
2016

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LAB GROUP
MAY
2017

PRETORIA,
SOUTH AFRICA
NOVEMBER
2017

TRANSFER INTO WORK CONTEXT





PARTICIPANTS

The participants of the WE-Africa Lab come from diverse backgrounds and sectors. They are academics, business leaders, social innovators, policy makers, civil society activists and others. All of them are united by their passion for and commitment to the economic and societal transformation of the continent. In this Lab, they share their knowledge and perspectives of a wellbeing economy, discovering new angles and approaches to change and put ideas to action.

PARTICIPANTS

28



PARTICIPANTS

8



COUNTRIES



NELSON ALUSALA
KENYA

Institute for Security Studies
Research Fellow

Dr. Nelson Alusala originates from Kenya and is currently a Research Fellow at the Institute for Security Studies in South Africa. His research interests revolve around Africa's leadership. He holds the view that higher GDP should translate into net national economic dividends for the (poor) masses that are trapped in the labyrinth of endless poverty, disease, and illiteracy. How can the GDP of a country of a handful billionaires and millions of impoverished citizens be regarded as a true reflection of a country's economic wellbeing? He continues to undertake policy-impacting research on the interplay between factors influencing war, economies, informal economies, and governance in Africa. He has published widely on disarmament, demobilisation, and economic reintegration (DDR) of former combatants in security sector reform (SSR) contexts. He has worked for the UN sanctions committees as an expert on the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) as well as on Liberia.



ARTHUR BAINOMUGISHA
UGANDA

Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE)
Executive Director

Dr. Arthur Bainomugisha is an expert on peace and conflict studies with over 15 years' of experience in research, analysis and advocacy. He is an Executive Director at Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) – an independent public policy research and advocacy think tank based in Uganda and working in East and Southern Africa. It has been consistently ranked as the best think tank in Uganda and one of the top think tanks in the world. Dr. Bainomugisha holds a PhD (Peace and Conflict Studies) as well as an MA (Peace Studies) from the University of Bradford. He is also a Lecturer of Conflict and Peace Studies at Makerere University College of Humanities and Social Sciences (MakCHUSS) and has wide experience in peace and conflict resolution processes. As a technical advisor to the Uganda peace team, he has participated in regional roundtable dialogues and peace negotiation processes in South Sudan. He has authored 2 books, 20 policy research papers, several scholarly articles and consultancy reports. His experience in leading ACODE, which has influenced legislation and public policy in areas of local governance, budget transparency and accountability have helped him to trigger systemic changes in the legal and policy frameworks in Uganda. Being part of the WE-Africa Lab will enable him to join a network of like-minded people to influence change in Africa and create opportunities for further learning.



SAMUEL BANKOLE AROKOYU
NIGERIA

University of Port Harcourt
Professor & Associate Dean,
School of Graduate Studies

Dr. Samuel Bankole Arokoyu studied at the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, and obtained a PhD (2002) in Geography and Environmental Management. He is currently a Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the same university. A former Director of the Centre for Disaster Risk Management & Development Studies (CDRMDS), he is currently the Associate Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. He is a member and fellow of numerous professional bodies. Arokoyu was a researcher in the IIED/GREET Research on Negotiating Access to Land in West Africa, the university coordinator and a mentor in the Climate Impact Research Capacity Enhancement Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa (CIRCLE) and a Coordinator in the 2012 Nigeria Flood Post-Disaster Needs Assessment. He is an accomplished scholar with broad research interests in development, especially spatial patterns, rural and urban development, demographic issues, resource management, and environmental and disaster impacts on development. His interest in building wellbeing economies in Africa falls into two broad strands. Firstly, he seeks a deeper understanding of the resource base and drivers of a wellbeing economy, with emphasis on resource availability and its sustainable and efficient use. Secondly, he's interested in looking at the challenges of creating a sustainable wellbeing economy for Africa, with emphasis on resource ownership and access, rapid demographic change, resource depletion, globalisation issues, armed conflict, climate change, and human vulnerability and security.



MANDY BARNETT
SOUTH AFRICA

**South African National
Biodiversity Institute**
Director of Climate Change Adaptation

I am SANBI's Director of Climate Change Adaptation and have been the Director of South Africa's National Implementing Entity (NIE) to the Adaptation Fund since SANBI was accredited to play this role in 2011. I am also leading the process for SANBI's accreditation with the Green Climate Fund. I have been employed at SANBI since 2003, leading several strategic national initiatives and several large fundraising programmes. Having worked in the public service for over a decade, I have a good understanding of the institutional arrangements, challenges and opportunities associated with this environment. I am passionate about turning ideas into action and strongly believe that this is best achieved at the systemic level through multi-sectoral and institutional partnerships. Several objectives of the Lab – such as transformational development and cross-sectoral integration – are issues we are grappling with at SANBI and in South Africa, especially in the context of our work with the Adaptation Fund and anticipated work with the Green Climate Fund. I think I would be able to offer good in-country experience from South Africa, especially on the challenges of designing adaptation responses in the context of the socio-economic and political realities of developing countries, and would value an interaction with colleagues from other countries and different disciplines on these issues.



JUSTINE BRABY
NAMIBIA

Progress Namibia Director

Dr. Justine Braby lives in Namibia and studied education, law and zoology, all at the University of Cape Town. When she graduated with her PhD, she started her career working on sustainability in Africa, and has been active for many years within the nexus of development, poverty reduction, climate change and ecosystems management – all over the world. Through her work, she supported African (and other) governments in developing sustainable development, climate change, sustainable land management and other plans, implement them, and evaluate them. She also spent a lot of time developing and implementing communication strategies for sustainability and conservation. Thanks to her exposure to this work environment, she came to the realisation, as have many others, that the mantra of economic growth is not synonymous with progress. The value system of humanity has been shaped by economic growth, without ever questioning its narrative. Issues like inequality, resource scarcity, climate change, and others are symptoms of this dominant value system and development paradigm. Since then, she has been working on how we, as Africans, can develop Africa with a focus on wellbeing, happiness and health. Justine is a member of the Balaton Group, a global network for collaborations on systems and sustainability, and is the Climate Change Focal Point of the IUCN's Commission on Education and Communication. Justine is the Director of Progress Namibia, a company that focuses on sustainable development in Africa. Since 2012, Justine and a few colleagues have been conducting research under a project called "For Progress Namibia", which focuses on finding entry-points to new indicators for the holistic measuring of progress in Namibia.



ANTENEH BELAYNEH DESTA
ETHIOPIA

Haramaya University and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Asst. Professor of Biodiversity Conservation Studies & Member of the National Consortium in Green Economy Transition Project

I am currently working in Haramaya University as Assistant Professor in biodiversity conservation and management. At the national level I am involved in the Green Economy Transition Project led by Ethiopia's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and implemented by UNEP and GIZ. I provide technical support at the sub-national level (*woreda*) in the Oromia region on Integrated Green Economy Implementation Planning – a holistic step-by-step process requiring the translation of national policy and strategies into local contexts. This includes aspects such as assessing potential green economy options for priority sectors, feasibility assessments, innovations, technologies, green jobs etc. I am also part of a national consortium of technical institutions, priority sectors and development partners, created to address the gaps in know-how arising from green economy transitions. Together with a team, we develop materials and provide trainings in areas such as green economy planning, project development, innovation, scaling up etc. I coordinate the biodiversity and ecosystem services case team at Haramaya University, which won a competitive World Bank project, becoming a centre of excellence in "Climate Smart Agriculture and Biodiversity Conservation" for the southern and eastern African region. As my involvement at the national level and current institutional activities are allied, I feel that I'll make a contribution from local to national levels in our endeavour to shape wellbeing economies in Africa.



NDUBUISI EKEKWE
NIGERIA

African Institution of Technology
Founder

Ndubuisi Ekekwe holds a PhD in electrical & computer engineering from the Johns Hopkins University, USA, an MBA from the University of Calabar, Nigeria, and a BEng from Federal University of Technology, Owerri (Nigeria) where he graduated top of his class. At Diamond Bank, Lagos, he authored a pioneering work on the impact of technology on the competitiveness of new banks in Nigeria. At Analog Devices Corp, he worked in the team that designed the inertial sensors used in the iPhone. He previously served for four years in the United States National Science Foundation's Engineering Research Center committee. A non-executive director of the Lagos-based investment banking firm Temple & AegeanDas, he co-founded JPL Financial, a California-based financial advisory firm. He is an inventor and author, holding professorships at Babcock University, and Carnegie Mellon University. He is the recipient of IGI Global 2010 "Book of the Year" Award. A TED Fellow, IBM Global Entrepreneur and World Economic Forum "Young Global Leader", Prof Ekekwe recently joined the Advisory Board of International Business Center, Katz Business School of University of Pittsburgh, USA. While still a doctoral student, Dr. Ekekwe founded the African Institution of Technology to facilitate the diffusion of emerging technologies and innovations into African economies. He has visited more than 86 African universities and worked in special national committees. In 2009, he authored a critically acclaimed work, which the African Union published as "Towards single African Currency: A Necessity of Prior Convergence of African Regional Economies". Dr Ekekwe blogs regularly in the Harvard Business Review.



MAMADOU FALL
SENEGAL

Innovations Environnement
Développement (IED) Afrique
Program Officer

Mamadou Fall holds an engineering degree, specialising in economic planning and organisational management. In 2006, he launched together with two senior economists, a small company to support job creation for young people from rural regions. In 2009, Mamadou became a fellow of LEAD (Leadership for Environment and Development), where his particular focus is on environmental issues. This provided a context to provide relevant and inspiring responses to environmental, leadership and other challenges and gave him the opportunity to develop his leadership skills for sustainable development, build relationships and strong networks. In 2008, he joined IED Afrique as a program officer and is responsible for projects in political governance, natural resources management and others. He is particularly interested in incorporating green economy issues in his work at IED.



HOPE KASEDDE
UGANDA

Kampala Open Spaces Initiative (KOSI)
Founder & Executive Director

Hope Kasedde is a founding partner and Executive Director of Kampala Open Spaces Initiative (KOSI). She is also a research intern at ACODE (Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment) – Uganda’s number one public policy think tank. Hope is dealing with topics including environmental protection, women empowerment, girl child education, human rights law and child-related issues. A Human Resource Manager by training, Hope has been a change maker promoting a green agenda at her places of work and was the intern of the year at the country’s National Social Security Fund before she was fully employed and elected Change Champion in the Environment, Health and Safety department. She worked as a Human Resource Associate and continued to build her career in the fields of HR, public policy research and environmental protection. As an aspiring environmental protection advocate, Hope continues to engage business and political leaders to create opportunities for women and disadvantaged communities to benefit from sustainable economic development in Uganda and Africa as a whole. To reach many young people, Hope has used social media to promote her Green Agenda and has provided volunteer opportunities to marginalised youth, honing their entrepreneurial skills. Hope’s areas of expertise include but are not limited to environmental and land rights, environmental democracy, employee relations (addressing gender inequalities), empirical and normative theories of gender construction, gender economics and project management.



NNAEMEKA IKEGWUONU
NIGERIA

Smallholders Foundation & ColdHubs Limited
Executive Director & Founder/CEO

Nnaemeka is a farmer and a social entrepreneur. He founded Smallholders Foundation in 2003 to inform, educate and improve the livelihood of rural small farmers in the south of Nigeria, using educational radio programs and practical field demonstrations. The Smallholder Farmers Rural Radio Network has trained 4,500 young Nigerians in agriculture, establishing 14 youth-owned farms, given out microloans to 373 women farmers and distributed planting materials to more than 7,000 farmers. His for-profit company, ColdHubs Ltd., assembles and installs solar powered walk-in cold rooms that provide 24/7 off-grid storage and preservation for perishable foods in rural markets and farms. Nnaemeka is Nigeria’s most prominent young agriculturist and a multi-award winning social entrepreneur. He is an Ashoka Fellow 2008, Laureate of the Rolex Awards for Enterprise 2010, Laureate WISE Awards 2010, Future Awards Nigeria’s Young Person of the Year 2011, Fast Company USA 100 Most Creative in Business 2012, Laureate of the Niigata International Food Prize, Japan 2012 and 2013 Laureate of the prestigious Yara Prize for Green Revolution in Africa. His work has been supported, among others by The World Bank, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, UN and government agencies. He sits on the board of many organisations and is a member of 13 international associations, including IUCN CEC, Society for Conservation Biology and Chatham House. He is interested in the Lab because of its focus on developing transformative action to address the complex and interrelated challenges facing Africa. For him, this Lab is unique because it seeks to create an experimental space to merge research and practice with a view to generate innovations for a wellbeing economy in Africa.



MISGANA ELIAS KALLORE
ETHIOPIA

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Project Coordinator

Misgana Elias Kallore is a Project Coordinator for the project “Operationalizing Green Economy Transition in Africa”, implemented by GIZ for the German Federal Ministry for the Environment. She provides technical and advisory support to district level planners and to Ethiopia’s Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in translating the country’s Green Economy agenda into concrete action. Misgana has more than eight years of experience in sustainable development, policy analysis, youth empowerment, research, project management and capacity building. She has written and co-authored several research works and knowledge products for policy with the International Institute for Environment and Development IIED. These include “The role of ideas and knowledge in supporting Ethiopia’s policy response for a climate resilient green economy” (2014); “Public Policy Responses for a Climate Resilient Green Economy in Ethiopia” (2013); “What can the Green Climate Fund learn from SREP’s role in engaging the private sector?” (2014) and “Bringing together the low-carbon and resilience agendas”. She graduated from the University of Kent, Durrell Institute for Conservation and Ecology, UK with a Master’s degree in Conservation Biology in 2009. With the knowledge she has acquired through previous experience and her current involvement with local level planning units in implementing Ethiopia’s Green Development Plan, she hopes to make a significant contribution to the WE-Africa Lab.



RACINE KANE
SENEGAL

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
Country Director

I have held the position of IUCN Country Director for Senegal since March 2007. Before joining IUCN, I worked as Programme Specialist in the UNDP Capacity 2015 Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa, based in Dakar (Senegal). This included providing support to national programmes funded by Capacity 2015, capacity building, monitoring and evaluating ongoing and completed projects, learning from various sustainable development experiences and developing sustainable development networks in sub-Saharan Africa. During the preparatory process for the WSSD, I was principally responsible for the elaboration of the national assessments of Agenda 21 in more than 25 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, which have significantly contributed to strengthening the position of countries and UNDP negotiators at the summit. As the focal point for the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) in the Capacity Development Group, I have also been involved with a similar initiative for the ten-year review of the Barbados Plan of Action held in Mauritius during 2005. Before joining UNDP Capacity 21, I was with the Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE), in Senegal for a total of ten years, and developed many activities and programmes related to studying and combating desertification and environmental degradation, policy formulation and programme development.



ALICE AKINYI KAUDIA
KENYA

**Ministry of Environment and
Natural Resources**
Environment Secretary

Currently serving as the Environment Secretary in the Government of Kenya, Dr. Alice Kaudia provides policy and practice leadership. An Associate Lecturer at the Institute of Climate Change and Adaptation, University of Nairobi, she lectures on topics covering climate change adaptation and ecosystems restoration, gender and sustainable livelihoods. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Forestry Extension and Development from the University of East Anglia, United Kingdom; MBA in Global Business Sustainability: Social Entrepreneurship from Università Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore, Italy & Tangaza University College (Kenya). She has over 30 years of experience in the field of natural resources management and more recently, environment policy, climate change related impact on ecosystems and remedial policy measures with a focus on business approaches to sustainability of livelihoods, waste management and restoration of degraded ecosystems through green growth investments. In her work, she focusses in particular on gender and youth concerns.



MAMADOU LAMINE BA
SENEGAL

**Investment Promotion and
Major Projects Agency (APIX)**
Business Environment Director

A graduate in environmental economics from Dakar University, I started my career doing research on sustainable development. I am currently completing my doctorate in Economic Studies after 10 years of professional life. I hold several certificates in Leadership and Management (HEC Paris), Driving Government Performance (Harvard Kennedy School) and Innovation Policy (World Bank Institute). I have primarily worked in private sector development in Senegal and Africa – both for private and public organisations. Prior to joining APIX, I have held various expert positions, including program/project officer to UNIDO, UNESCO, UNDP, Satina Group and OASIS Group. I have more than 8 years of experience in managing Public Private Dialogues, contributing to several public-private partnership projects in Senegal, in areas such as infrastructure, agriculture, and health. In 2009, as a UN joint project coordinator for sustainable development projects, I was involved in preparing the management plans of Delta Saloum and Pays Bassari for their entries into the Unesco World Heritage list. I currently coordinate Senegal's Presidential Investment Board – a panel that organises high-level meetings with the Head of State to share constraints and adopt reform agendas to improve business climate and attract more private investment to Senegal. In my free time, I am active in the networks Living with Water and Meet Africa. I work both in French and English and speak three African languages (Fulani, Wolof, Manding).



VERENGAI MABIKA
ZIMBABWE

Development Reality Institute
Founder & Director

Verengai is an award winning serial entrepreneur. He is a young leader working on climate change and social innovation, with a keen interest in youth actions for a better world. He is an Ashoka Global Fellow, Echoing Green Climate Fellow and a member of the BMW Foundation's Young Leaders Forum. Verengai is the founder and director of the Development Reality Institute (DRI) which is behind the catalytic Green Innovations HUB and first Climate Change Virtual School in Africa. Verengai holds an Honors degree in Regional and Urban Planning and a Postgraduate degree in Water and Sanitation. Prior to DRI, he served as vice president of the Zimbabwe Institute of Regional and Urban Planners and is the founding President of Internet Society's Zimbabwe Chapter. He is an Advisor to the National Manpower Advisory Council under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology. In 2015, Verengai was named on the Quartz list of Top 30 African Innovators. He received seven international accolades for innovation and creativity, including the UN-supported World Summit Award, Japanese award for the Most Innovative Development Project, Young ICT Innovator of the year Award, George Abraham Award, and ABC Continuity Forum Award. Verengai is also a Blockchain technology enthusiast.



MASECHABA MABILU
SOUTH AFRICA

Acciona Energia
Economic Development Manager

I am a Sustainable Development Strategist with a particular interest in intersectoral approaches and the role of business in addressing Africa's socio-economic challenges. Having grown up in a small mining town in South Africa, I am acutely aware of the missed opportunity to respond effectively to the needs of local communities in spite of significant infrastructure and social investments made in these places. I believe that there are opportunities across the value chains of infrastructure and development projects by both government and the private sector where partnerships with local communities could maximise the socio-economic development impact, e.g. through the use of local resources, promoting local employment and small business development. I focus on this in my role as Economic Development Manager for Acciona, as chair of the Wind for Communities Working Group for the South African Wind Energy Association (of which I'm also a board member), and as chair of the Joint Solar and Wind Industry Associations Socioeconomic Development Working Group. My role in these working groups involves engaging with multiple stakeholders to co-create an enabling environment and strategies for driving impactful and sustainable economic development performance in the renewable energy industry. Prior to joining Acciona I worked in KPMG's Climate Change and Sustainability Services, specialising in Strategic Social Investment Advisory and Carbon & Energy Modelling. I hold a BSc in Actuarial Science & Statistics and a BScHons in Mathematical Statistics from University of the Witwatersrand. I am currently pursuing an MPhil in Development Finance at the University of Stellenbosch Business School.



IFY MALO
NIGERIA

**Clean Tech Hub/
Energy Innovation Center**
Co-Founder/CEO

Ify Malo is the co-founder and campaign director of Clean Tech Hub and co-founder of the Energy Innovation Center, Abuja. She has held senior policy advisory positions on energy policies, regulations and partnerships at the Ministry of Power in Nigeria, where she led a number of initiatives for the Nigerian power sector including cultivating and managing relationships with the World Economic Forum and World Energy Council, the Europe Energy African Partnership, The West African Power Industry Convention and the African Utilities Week (AUW). She was also responsible for building, cultivating and driving public private partnerships for project delivery and implementation in the power sector. She was a senior advisor to the Chairman/CEO of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC). Her prior work experience includes special assistant to the Minister of Finance in Nigeria; a counsel at Ashoka, West Africa Office; deputy head intellectual property at the firm of George Ikoli and Okagbue; senior manager at the Negotiation and Conflict Management Group (NCMG); adjunct professor at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. As a consultant at the Boston based Global Biotechnology firm Genzyme Corporation, she successfully developed strategic documents for expanding the firm's global market access and at the Boston Public Health Commission, she initiated creative communication materials and modalities to drive citywide public health care reforms including the statewide health care insurance mandate. Ify's focus in the renewable energy space is in driving innovation, public advocacy and championing DRE as the fastest way to increase and enhance Nigeria's electrification rate, address energy poverty and promote a green economy for its future.



NAJMA MOHAMED
SOUTH AFRICA

International Labour Organization
National Coordinator: Partnership for
Action on Green Economy

While my childhood in a coastal community in South Africa contributed to my deep appreciation and love for nature, I grew up in the apartheid era when barricades divided humans, the land and the sea. Post-1991, when enrolled for an environmental and geographical science degree, I developed an interest in critical ecology, and have focused my work at the interface of environment, climate and development both as a researcher and practitioner. I have been actively involved and interested in developing and profiling transformative and inclusive approaches to environmental governance, finance, education and management systems at multiple levels, and worked in wide ranging areas and economic sectors. Currently, I coordinate the development and delivery of an inter-agency UN programme to support policy coordination, enhance sector reform and build capacities and capabilities of government and social partners active in South Africa's green economy transformation. Emerging development paradigms, which address the environmental and social dimensions of sustainability transitions are building on the historical momentum of the SDGs and Paris Climate Agreement to catalyse policy visions and plans which speak to climate and environmental resilience and socially just and inclusive development models. Being part of the WE-Africa Lab provides an opportunity to imagine, develop and act on development visions which are green and just – and to champion solutions which are unequivocally committed to addressing the environmental and social dimensions of sustainable development.



RUTH MORAA NYAMASEGE
KENYA

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Project Coordinator

Ruth Moraa is a climate change and green economy specialist with over 3 years' progressive experience working in development projects in this field. She is Project Coordinator of a programme being implemented jointly by UNEP and GIZ called 'Operationalizing Green Economy Transition in Africa', a regional project being piloted in 5 African countries with financial support from the Federal Government of Germany. The main goal of the project is to ensure that the participating African countries are enabled to translate national Green Economy and climate resilience strategies to concrete development plans on the local level by means of a toolbox that has been tested in sub-national regions. She is responsible for the coordination of project activities in Kenya, including the conducting of national and sub-national trainings on mainstreaming Green Economy strategies into development plans and developing case studies for a knowledge management platform which can be used by other sub-national regions during replication. Ruth was born in Kisii, Kenya in 1988. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Tourism Management from Moi University, Kenya in 2011. She is currently pursuing a Master's of Science degree in Environment and Natural Resources Management from Africa Nazarene University, Kenya. She also dedicates her free time to a mentorship programme called 'Akili dada', where young women in primary and high schools are being supported in recognizing the value of education.



VALENTINE NAMAKULA
UGANDA

Strengthening Uganda's Anti-Corruption Response (SUGAR)
Deputy Director

I am a lawyer with over 20 years of local, regional and global leadership experience in legal sector reform. I have post graduate training in policy formulation and analysis, design and management of sector-wide (multiple stakeholder) programs specifically in access to justice, rule of law and democratic governance reforms. I have facilitated the development of legal reform programs in Uganda, Malawi and South Sudan and have worked with UNDP to assess multi-institutional capacity to deliver a legal reform program in Malawi. Presently, I am a Deputy Director in the country's largest anti-corruption measure – leading a transition from a solely punitive to an integrated response – combining norms, behavioural change and integrated sanctions. I facilitate and champion innovations in tackling endemic corruption in Uganda, understanding the drivers of corruption, the sources of pockets of success to date and how other leaders in the public sector can learn from the quintessential institutions. My goal in joining the Lab is to gain the courage to utilise my vantage position to collectively and proactively steer collective action towards the change that we want to see. I will bring to the Lab extensive experience of leading change working with community groups fighting to keep their girl children safe from sexual violence, civil society efforts to reform laws and addressing local government challenges of operating in a highly centralised political environment. Most of all I will bring to the lab my experience of personal constructive failures in promoting alternative thinking about the problems facing our communities from endemic petty corruption to hollow public institutions.



OBADIAH H. NGIGI
KENYA

F3 Life/Farmer's Life East Africa
Co-founder/CEO

I am a co-founder of F3 Life, an award-winning company which helps financial institutions incorporate climate risk into their agricultural lending decisions. The aim of the company is to help financial institutions and farmers to overcome challenges associated with climate change. I ran the successful pilots of our service in Kenya, where I am the CEO of Farmer's Life East Africa Limited. I hold an MSc degree in Agricultural and Applied Economics, having specialised in Environment and Natural Resource Economics, and a BSc degree in Agricultural Economics from Egerton University, Kenya. I am currently pursuing a PhD degree in Agricultural Economics. I am a research fellow with World Agro Forestry Centre (ICRAF), Nairobi and the United Nations University – Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA), Ghana in the "Unleashing the Potential of African Rural Economies through Green Growth project" investigating the feasibility of a green credit facility as incentive for natural resource management in Kenya. I have been working on Ecosystem Services-related projects since 2008. I negotiated Africa's first ever watershed Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) in the Lake Naivasha basin in Kenya (the only fresh water lake in the Rift Valley) working with CARE and WWF. I have 9 years' experience working with smallholder farmers mobilizing them to embrace soil and water conservation initiatives. I am passionate about nature and people and strategically positioned between the private sector, academia, NGO and research organizations, aiming to trigger systemic change through and among these institutions.



BERNARD OSAWA
KENYA

Frontier Investment Management Africa
Project Director

Bernard Osawa is the Project Director of Frontier Investment Management, a renewable energy and carbon credit generating assets investment fund with a focus on Sub-Saharan Africa. He is responsible for liaison, licensing, regulation, compliance, and interconnection. Bernard is the Vice Chair – Energy Sector Board of the Kenyan Private Sector Alliance, the private sector apex and umbrella body that brings together the business community in a single voice to engage and influence public policy for an enabling business environment. Prior to joining Frontier, he was the Director Renewable Energy at the Energy Regulatory Commission Kenya, where his responsibilities included among others: the development of national strategic plans, regulations and compliance enforcement for energy efficiency and renewable energy. Bernard also worked for Lafarge as an Environment and Resources Recovery Manager in East Africa for 7 years. He has more than 20 years of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and climate change consulting experience in Africa. He holds an MSc. in Renewable Energy from Oldenburg University, Germany. Mr Osawa has been a judge for the Kenyan Energy Management Awards for the last 7 years and was the Chief Judge in 2015.



PATMANATHAN (PAT) PILLAI
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LifeCo UnLtd South Africa
CEO

Pat Pillai is Founder/CEO of LifeCo UnLtd SA. He has been a teacher and social/impact entrepreneur (Ashoka Globalizer Fellow) & TV news anchor for the last 15 years. LifeCo, established in 1997, has benefited over 80 000 people in South Africa (4000 are young entrepreneurs; 124 are established social impact entrepreneurs). LifeCo UnLtd is a founder member of GSEN (50+ member nations, www.gsen.global). It has an asset base of £6.5m and is wholly owned by a public benefit trust, which invests in individuals for enhanced enterprise and life performance. It has interests in renewable projects, green architecture, and social venture capital. It tackles inequality through social enterprise principles, and believes in growing social capital, with more assets owned by the poorest and marginalised. Pat believes that if we do not shift established systems to achieve greater agency for the poor and shared ownership, we risk social and economic failure on a global scale. LifeCo was voted among the top 10 most trusted Social Enterprises in South Africa.
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Social Intel
Founder

Juanique is a development communications strategist encouraging inter-disciplinary collaboration among thought-leaders driving social, environmental and governance (ESG) related agendas. Her consultancy, Social Intel, is at the vanguard of incorporating complexity science and principles of self-organisation as a blueprint for solutions to equitable growth. Research milestones include conducting an Institutional Capacity Assessment for the IDRC and DFID to inform their joint Climate Change Adaptation in Africa program. Having mapped the key contributors to the SADC development sector, Juanique engaged an extensive analysis of the National Development Plan for a client working in carbon and energy management. Inspired by linkages between the NDP and King Codes of Governance, she initiated a project to advise the JSE/ FTSE Responsible Investment Index on developing transparent ESG indicators. As a result of her background in journalism, a pivotal component of her research incorporates the role of the media, in the wake of its enormous responsibility to the wellbeing of society and has recently hosted a 6-episode CTV talk-show The Innovation Files, featuring the grassroots work of the South African Institute for Entrepreneurship. Juanique is currently leading an organised collaboration of several civil society organisation, selected to strengthen the mandate of the community voice at high levels of decision making. The aim is to showcase SA's pockets of excellence in context to the National Development Plan's 'Vision 2030' and corporate governance guidelines.



SUWADU SAKHO-JIMBIRA
SENEGAL

Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale (IPAR)
Senior Researcher

Dr. Maam Suwadu Sakho-Jimbira holds a PhD in Economic Sciences from the University of Montpellier and a Master's in Economic Sciences from the University Gaston Berger of Saint-Louis, with a specialisation in agricultural and development economics. She has worked for several national and international organisations, including the Senegalese Agricultural Research Institute (ISRA) in Dakar, and the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) in Yaoundé, Ouagadougou and Indonesia. She is currently a researcher at the Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale (IPAR), a think tank based in Dakar where she is working on issues related to the Sustainable Development Goals, Agriculture & Climate Change Adaptation, and Value Chain Analysis among others. She also teaches Development Economics at the National School of Statistics and Economic Analysis (ENSAE) in Dakar.



GAMELIHLE SIBANDA
ZIMBABWE

**United Nations (ILO)/
Biomimicry South Africa**
Chief Technical Adviser/
Biomimicry Practitioner

Gamelihle has over 24 years of international professional experience mainly in infrastructure investment and development in 13 countries. He spent over 18 years working with the United Nations in Africa and 6 years in government, consulting and applied research. He has worked in various capacities: liaising with governments, infrastructure authorities, employers' organisations, unions, donors, United Nations agencies, universities, consulting firms, contractors and communities on the policy, financing, feasibility, research, design, training, employment creation, green jobs, greening economies and implementation of infrastructure and environmental projects in both rural and urban environments. He also brings experience in documentary production, TV/radio acting and facilitation. He has worked in adaptation to and mitigation of negative effects of climate change and has once assisted in setting up governmental structures in a country where they were virtually non-existent. Gamelihle Sibanda is a systems thinker who fuses his multidisciplinary training to function across multiple disciplines. As a civil engineer (BSc Civil Eng. Honours), business trainer (MBA), Biomimicry practitioner (Masters in Biomimicry and one of the only 4 Certified Biomimicry Professionals in Africa) and rapid ideator, he abstracts strategies that nature has tested and refined over 3.8 billion years to create sustainable solutions to human challenges, whilst benchmarking against ecological performance standards exemplified by the closed resource loop (circular economy) of natural ecosystems. He co-developed the Biominga Innovation Model – based on how innovation happens in nature.



IRENE SSEKYANA
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Greenwatch
National Coordinator

Irene is an environmentalist, natural resources management and governance practitioner and alumnus of the Natural Resources Governance Institute (NRGI) working as the National Coordinator for Greenwatch, an environmental rights advocacy organisation based in Kampala, Uganda. She is also the chairperson of the Civil Society Coalition for Oil and Gas in Uganda (CSCCO), a loose network of over 55 organisations founded to provide a platform for strategic interventions on petroleum development issues in Uganda. In June 2016, Irene participated in the 2016 National Technovation Challenge as a judge, a programme run by Makerere University, School of Public Health towards the advancement of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) for young Ugandan women. This platform provided an opportunity for her to mentor young women leaders to pursue a career in Science. She listened to their aspirations, creative ideas, and encouraged the nurturing of such "small" ideas into actions that could spring forth transformative action in society. She has developed many programmes that aim to help communities overcome environmental and social injustices. She believes that all of us in our individual capacities can do something, however little, to bring about positive change in the societies in which we live. This is the passion that drives her to participate in the WE-Africa Lab, where issues such as those mentioned above are discussed more broadly and appropriate innovative solutions are crafted. For "If we all did little, we would do much."



MAPULA TSHANGELA
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**National Department of
Environmental Affairs**
Senior Policy Advisor

I am a Senior Policy Advisor with the National Department of Environmental Affairs in South Africa, where my current responsibilities include steering the policy and research interface in sustainable development, green economy and sustainable consumption and production. I am also responsible for promoting evidence-informed policy and decision making. Evidence such as from action research and stakeholder engagement plays a key role in the development and implementation of sustainability policies. Among key milestones, I contributed greatly to the coordination of the 2010 national green economy summit and its nine priority areas; the conceptualisation of the national green fund; the green economy modelling report; environments sector research, development and evidence framework and the national strategy for sustainable development and their subsequent promotion. My previous responsibilities include the environment sector Outcome 10 delivery agreement, Cabinet and Cluster policy coordination. Prior to joining the Department of Environmental Affairs in 2007, I worked for ten years at Eskom electricity generation, distribution and head office positions including waste, air quality, sustainability performance, impact assessment, environmental, quality and pollution management systems, water cycle chemistry and laboratory chemical analysis. My study interests include sustainability transitions, green economy, technology & innovation, policy management and evidence informed policy making. My participation in the Lab will enable me to exchange practical lessons and approaches with leaders and change agents for improved wellbeing in Africa.

CONVENING ORGANISATIONS



THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Global Leadership Academy addresses global issues and works with international partners to provide reflective dialogue spaces ('Leadership and Innovation Labs'). Based on new perspectives and insights, leaders and change agents from the fields of policy-making, business, academia and civil society develop innovative approaches and solutions to problems in their areas of influence. Funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Global Leadership Academy is a central component in GLZ's range of services for international human capacity development.



AFRICAN CENTRE FOR A GREEN ECONOMY

The African Centre for a Green Economy (AfriCGE) is a think tank and innovation hub supporting the transition to a new economy. Through engaging with policymakers, business leaders and academia, AfriCGE seeks to inspire a generation of change makers to help Africa transition to a new and just economy that promotes human wellbeing and environmental sustainability.



WE-AFRICA NETWORK

WE-Africa is an alliance of likeminded scholars and practitioners who share a common concern about the current socio-economic conditions in which we live and are willing to work together to promote a transition to a wellbeing-based economy for Africa. It is an action-research network, which aims to consolidate evidence for change while focusing on building a new economy and promoting alternative development policies. The nexus between research and action is a crucial component of WE-Africa's work.

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FES supports its partners in developing appropriate policies for an economy which is sustainable, social and creates decent work through training, research and public debate.

THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF GOVERNANCE INNOVATION (GOVINN)



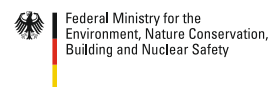
The Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation is the first research institution in Africa dedicated entirely to governance innovation. It is the result of a partnership between the University of Pretoria and CIRAD. New economic governance is one focal area of research.

THE NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (NRF)



The National Research Foundation (NRF) promotes and supports research in order to facilitate the creation of knowledge, innovation and development in all fields of science and technology. It co-funds the WE-Africa Festival in Pretoria in November 2017 – the final public event of the Lab.

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HOSTING TEAM



LORENZO FIORAMONTI
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Professor of Political Economy &
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Role in the WE-Africa Lab:

CONVENER

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KATHARINA LOBECK
GERMANY

Global Leadership Academy, GIZ
Organisational Development Advisor

Role in the WE-Africa Lab:

CONVENER

Dr. Katharina Lobeck is an organisational development advisor, facilitator and project manager, responsible for conceiving, co-creating and convening labs on complex global issues at the Global Leadership Academy. She is particularly interested in the use of dialogue to shift perceptions, broaden perspectives and enable change. As an Associate of the Stiftung Neue Verantwortung, she has explored the role of networks in driving innovation and shaping organisations. Her systemic perspective on change, conflict, ritual and leadership was first shaped during her PhD studies at SOAS, where she researched issues of power, status and role of musicians in Guinea. Prior to joining GIZ in 2010, she worked in Senegal and the UK as a musician, radio and print journalist and creative industry consultant. Katharina brings her creative background to the programs and projects she initiates and leads. These include a pan-African leadership development project, creative business incubator and intercultural dialogues she has coordinated for the British Council, as well as a project on sustainable cocoa production she co-designed and managed for GIZ International Services. She currently pursues further professional training in organisational and community development at IPOS, Germany.



MAO AMIS
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African Centre for a Green Economy
Founder & Executive Director

Role in the WE-Africa Lab:

CONVENER

Dr. Mao Amis is the Founder and Executive Director of the African Centre for a Green Economy (AfriCGE), and is an Adjunct Associate Professor, Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town (UCT). He is also convener of the New Economy Accelerator (NEA), which is an investment readiness programme for social and green entrepreneurs. Prior to founding AfriCGE he worked as a programme manager for WWF-South Africa, where he co-convened the first UN CEO Water Mandate in South Africa. Dr. Amis researches and consults on various sustainability issues globally such as climate finance, climate smart agriculture, water strategy and planning, green entrepreneurship, inclusive business models, corporate sustainability strategies etc. Recently he has started to dedicate most of his efforts to building leaders for the green economy, and establishing platforms for dialogue. He is extremely passionate about the opportunities presented by the green economy, and how green entrepreneurship can be used to alleviate poverty, and lead the transition to low carbon, resource efficient economies in Africa. Dr. Amis trained as a conservation biologist at the University of Cape Town (UCT), graduating with an MSc and PhD in Conservation Biology. He also holds a BSc (Hons) in Education, from Moi University (Kenya). Dr. Amis has published his work in peer-reviewed journals and presented at numerous global conferences on sustainability and the green economy. While completing his PhD in 2007, he became the first African student to be awarded an international prize by the Society for Conservation Biology, for his paper entitled "Do freshwater and terrestrial biodiversity priorities overlap in conservation assessments?" Mao is a serial entrepreneur and an eternal optimist about Africa Rising!



MEGAN SENEQUE
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Centre of Organisational Research
Research Fellow & Social Process Advisor

Role in the WE-Africa Lab:

FACILITATOR

Megan Senéque's career as an academic and as a social process and development professional began in South Africa at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal. As an applied linguist and educationist she worked in long-term curriculum transformation in the transition to post-Apartheid South Africa. Megan was lead designer and founding director of the university's Leadership Centre, with a focus on building new and appropriate forms of leadership in the African context. All programs were framed in the context of application in order to address the complex problems facing South Africa and to enable alternative forms of development. Megan has published academic papers with a colleague from Roehampton University on her experience of establishing the Centre and the challenge of working with transformational change in a society in transition. Working with competing ideologies for transformational change – a South African case won Best Paper Award at the British Academy of Management Conference (BAM 2010) and was published in European Business Review. Exploring Organizational Identity in the Context of Transformational Change: A South African Case Study was published in the Journal of Change Management. She has worked as Research Fellow with the Centre for Systemic Development at University of Western Sydney in Australia. She is currently involved in a number of global projects which link research/theory and practice through well designed social processes that enable collaboration and innovation across traditional boundaries. She is currently Honorary Research Fellow both with the Centre for Organisational Research and with the Susanna Wesley Foundation at the University of Roehampton in London.



MARTIN KALUNGU BANDA
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Consultant & Facilitator

Role in the WE-Africa Lab:

FACILITATOR

Martin is a consultant in organisation and leadership development; a designer and facilitator of innovation and organisation change processes; a trainer, coach and author. He serves as Core-Faculty Member of the Presencing Institute and the HRH Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conference for Leaders. Martin has been visiting faculty for the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership, the Copenhagen Business School and the Blekinge Institute of Technology. He trains and coaches business, government and civil society leaders in different parts of the world. Since September 2010, Martin serves as an adviser to the Africa Governance Initiative – playing the role of Thinking Partner with Secretaries to Cabinet and Chiefs of Staff to a number of Heads of State in Africa. Between March 2005 and May 2008, Martin served as Special Consultant to the President of Zambia. He is the author of the bestseller "Leading like Madia: Leadership Lessons from Nelson Mandela" (2006) which has been translated into six languages; It's How We End That Matters: Leadership Lessons from an African President (2009) and On the Wings of Others: How to Access Life's Greatest Opportunities (2015). Martin is an entrepreneur who has helped to set up businesses in Europe and Africa. He holds professional qualifications in Organisation Development and Coaching; and academic qualifications in Public Affairs, Philosophy, Development Studies and Anthropology.



ROBIN BOURGEOIS
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Centre for the Study of
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Role in the WE-Africa Lab:

CO-FACILITATOR

I am an agricultural economist and foresight practitioner from the French research organisation "Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement" (CIRAD). I recently joined the Centre for the Study of Governance innovation (GovInn) at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, as Senior Research Fellow. I worked at ISNAR in the Netherlands supporting the reform of national agricultural research systems; at IICA, in Costa Rica developing participatory commodity-chain analysis and dialogue for action; at UNESCAP CAPSA, in Indonesia on poverty alleviation in rural areas; at CIRAD in France and Mayotte on foresight and institutional change and occasionally teaching at MSc level; at the Executive Secretariat of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) based in Rome, Italy as Foresight and Development Policies Advisor. I believe in applied research and my domains of work link foresight, institutional change, governance, inequality and poverty in rural development, and collective decision-making in the elaboration of public policies. I am convinced that the future of Africa is yet to be built by people with visions, and understanding of long-term challenges, making ethics and social values drivers of economic interests. I hope I can contribute to the emergence and success of alternative models that will be truly responsive to the needs of all Africans. Let's use the future to change the present to change the future, together.



NNIMMO BASSEY
NIGERIA

**Health of Mother Earth Foundation/
Oil Watch International**
Director/Coordinator

Role in the WE-Africa Lab:

RESOURCE PERSON

Nnimmo Bassey is director of the ecological think-tank, Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) and Coordinator of Oilwatch International. He was chair of Friends of the Earth International (2008-2012) and Executive Director of Nigeria's Environmental Rights Action (1993-2013). He was a co-recipient of the 2010 Right Livelihood Award also known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize." In 2012 he received the Rafto Human Rights Award. In 2014 he received Nigeria's national honour as Member of the Federal Republic (MFR) in recognition of his environmental activism. Bassey is a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Architects and has authored books on environment, architecture and poetry. His books include *To Cook a Continent – Destructive Extraction and the Climate Crisis in Africa* (Pambazuka Press, 2012) and *Oil Politics – Echoes of Ecological War* (Daraja Press, 2016).



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ETHIOPIA/SOUTH AFRICA

**Center for Complex Systems in
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Associate Professor

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RESOURCE PERSON

Dr. Desta Mebratu is a chemical engineer by background and holds a PhD of engineering in Industrial Environmental Economics from Lund University, Sweden and an MBA in International Business from American University of London. Dr. Mebratu has more than 27 years of experience working for industry, government agencies, universities and international organizations. He worked for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for 13 years serving as Regional Industry Officer for Africa (2003-2008), Head of the Global Business and Industry Unit (2008-11) and Deputy Regional Director for Africa (2011-2016). His main areas of expertise are: resource efficient and cleaner production, environmental management systems, sustainable industrial development policies and Green Economy. He has published more than 40 articles in peer-reviewed journals, books and conference reports.



LOUISE VAN RHYN
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Partners for Possibility/Symphonia
Founder & CEO

Role in the WE-Africa Lab:

RESOURCE PERSON

Louise van Rhyn is a social entrepreneur. She believes the worlds' huge intractable problems can be solved through cross-sector collaboration and a solid understanding of complex social change. Her approach to change is shaped by 20 years of working as an Organisational Change practitioner. She holds a Doctorate in Complex Social Change and has founded a few entrepreneurial organisations. In 2010 she started the School at the Centre of Community social change process and the Partners for Possibility leadership development process: an innovative process to change education in South Africa through collaborative partnerships between business leaders and school principals.



REHANA MOOSAJEE
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Rehana Moosajee Consulting
Owner & Founder

Role in the WE-Africa Lab:

RESOURCE PERSON

Rehana Moosajee is passionate about people, places, planet and potential. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of the Witwatersrand. She is the founder and owner of Rehana Moosajee Consulting. Her career and life experiences to date have been epitomized by a willingness to learn and a variety of experiences. Rehana's style is characterized by bringing the richness of her life experiences to bear on the work she does. These include being a participant in: the Gross National Happiness in Business Summit in Bhutan, Interfaith / Intercultural tour to Turkey, Call of the Time Dialogues in Port Edward South Africa and Peace of Mind Retreat in Rajasthan, India amongst others. Rehana was a Councillor in the City of Johannesburg between 2000 and 2013. She served on the Mayoral Committee in the City of Johannesburg during the period 2006-2013. Under her stewardship, Johannesburg introduced Africa's first Bus Rapid Transit System – Rea Vaya. Rehana has been requested to speak at a range of international events including amongst many others: the Bonn Symposium, the Eschborn Dialogues, the Mobilize Summit – Yichang, the International Transport Forum (ITF) in Leipzig, Soot-Free Transport Workshop in Nairobi and the American Public Transport Association (APTA).



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