

8TH AFRICAN LEADERSHIP FORUM



REALISING SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN AFRICA:
PROGRESS AND WAY FORWARD

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GUEST OF HONOUR

H.E. Gen Yoweri Kaguta Museveni

President of the Republic of Uganda

Welcome to the eighth African Leadership Forum (ALF), convened by H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, ALF Patron and fourth President of the United Republic of Tanzania; and H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, former Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

The theme is “*Realising sustainable development goals in Africa: Progress and way forward.*”

H.E. Gen Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, will attend as a guest of honour.

The delegates include former heads of state and government, as well as other distinguished leaders from all parts of the continent – and from a range of professions in government, business, academia and civil society.

The forum features an opening plenary session and four thematic sessions on: (i) Poverty eradication and economic growth, (ii) Health and well-being, (iii) Education and skills development, and (iv) Environmental sustainability and climate action.

It is organised as a key event preceding the UNECA’s Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, which will be held in the same venue from 9 – 11 April 2025. The organisation of the forum is managed by UONGOZI Institute.

OBJECTIVE

The forum seeks to provide a space to reflect on progress, identify gaps, and reaffirm commitments to advancing the SDGs in Africa.

The key objectives are to:

- 1 Discuss the current status of SDG implementation in African countries.
- 2 Identify key challenges and bottlenecks hindering progress.
- 3 Formulate actionable strategies to overcome barriers to SDG achievement.
- 4 Foster regional collaboration and knowledge-sharing among African nations.
- 5 Develop innovative solutions and partnerships to drive sustainable development.

"Africa does not need that sustainable underdevelopment; Africa needs socio-economic transformation. You cannot have quantitative growth and you think you are doing anything... quantitative growth must be transformed into qualitative change."

H.E. Gen Yoweri Kaguta Museveni

President of the Republic of Uganda

PROGRAMME

Day 1 | Monday 7 April, 2025

Plenary Session | Venue: Marquee at the Flag Mast Area

8:00 – 10:00	ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION AND TEA All
9:00 – 10:00	PRIVATE MEETING Former Heads of State and Government
10:00 – 10:30	REMARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, ALF Patron and Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania • H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn Boshe, Former Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia • Dr. Antonio M.A. Pedro, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
10:30 – 11:00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Mr. Mafa Chipeta, Former FAO representative to Ethiopia, the African Union and UNECA, FAO Subregional Coordinator for Eastern Africa

	PLENARY SESSION: REALISING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN AFRICA: PROGRESS AND WAY FORWARD <i>Panelists</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, ALF Patron and Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania • H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn Boshe, Former Prime Minister, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia • H.E. Dr. Mohamed Moncef Marzouki, Former President of the Republic of Tunisia • H.E. Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, Former President of the Republic of Sierra Leone • Mr. Mafa Chipeta, Former FAO representative to Ethiopia, the African Union and UNECA, FAO Subregional Coordinator for Eastern Africa <i>Moderator</i> Dr. Julie Gichuru
11:00 – 12:30	
12:30 – 13:00	OFFICIAL OPENING H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda
13:00 – 14:00	GROUP PHOTO, LUNCH BREAK, AND NETWORKING

Day 1 | Monday 7 April, 2025*Sessions I & II (Parallel) | Venues: Kabalega Hall 1 & Kidepo Hall 2*

14:00 – 17:00	<p>SESSION I: POVERTY ERADICATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH IN AFRICA</p> <p><i>Presenter</i></p> <p>Mr. Gilead J. Teri, Executive Director, Tanzania Investment Centre</p> <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, Former President of the Republic of Sierra Leone • Prof. Augustine Nuwagaba, Deputy Governor, Bank of Uganda • Ms. Itumeleng Dlamini, Advisor, African Peer Review Mechanism under the African Union <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Dr. Julie Gichuru</p> <p>Venue: Kabalega Hall 1</p>
	<p>SESSION II: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN AFRICA</p> <p><i>Presenter</i></p> <p>Ms. Christine Musisi, Executive Director and Founder, Inuka Ongoza Africa (INOZA)</p> <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Mohamed Moncef Marzouki, Former President of the Republic of Tunisia • Eng. Zvikomborero Hoko, Civil, Water, Sanitation and Environmental Engineer – Zimbabwe • Dr. Karabo Thokwane, Director of Clinical Services, Ministry of Health – Botswana <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Dr. Peter Kimbowa</p> <p>Venue: Kidepo Hall 2</p>

Dinner and Award Ceremony | Venue: Marquee at the Flag Mast Area

18:00 – 18:50	ARRIVAL
18:50 – 19:00	Invited guests Former Heads of State and Government, and the President of the Republic of Ghana
19:00 – 19:05	OPENING REMARKS H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, ALF Patron and Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania
19:05 – 20:30	DINNER AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE
20:30 – 21:00	AWARD CEREMONY FOR WINNERS OF THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COMPETITION 2025
	20:30 – 20:35 Introducing the winners of the competition: Mr. Kadari Singo, CEO of UONGOZI Institute
	20:35 – 20:40 Awarding the 4th – 1st runners-up: Former Heads of State and Government
	20:40 – 20:45 Awarding the overall winner: H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, ALF Patron and Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania
	20:45 – 20:50 A group photo of Former Heads of State and Government with the competition winners
20:50 – 21:00 A presentation of the winning essay: Mr. MacDonald Maduabuchi, Overall Winner of the Youth Leadership Competition	
21:00 – 21:15	AWARD CEREMONY FOR ALF 2025 SPONSORS H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, ALF Patron and Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania
21:15	DEPARTURE

Day 2 | Tuesday 8 April, 2025*Sessions III & IV, and Closing | Venue: Marquee at the Flag Mast Area*

9:00 – 10:00	ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION AND TEA All
10:00 – 11:30	<p>SESSION III: EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT</p> <p><i>Presenter</i></p> <p>Amb. Ombeni Sefue, Former Chief Secretary, United Republic of Tanzania</p> <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, ALF Patron and Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania • Dr. Charles Mberi Kimpolo, Director, AIMS Industry Initiative • Mr. Albert Nsengiyumva, Executive Secretary, Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) • Mr. Trevor Lwere, Economist, Development Reimagined – Uganda <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Dr. Julie Gichuru</p>

	<p>SESSION IV: ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION</p> <p><i>Presenter</i></p> <p>Prof. Chukwumerije Okereke, Professor of Global Climate Governance and Public Policy, University of Bristol – School of Policy Studies</p> <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn Boshe, Former Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia • Hon. Biyika Songa Lawrence, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Environment and Natural Resources – Uganda • Mr. Michael Adenew, Country Director, Oxford Policy Management – Ethiopia • Dr. David Obura, Founding Director, CORDIO East Africa <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Dr. Peter Kimbowa</p>
11:30 – 13:00	
13:00 – 13:15	SHORT BREAK
13:15 – 13:30	<p>STATEMENT OF THE FORUM</p> <p>Mr. Gerase Kamugisha, Chief Executive, Alpha Capital</p>
13:30 – 13:45	<p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda and Leader of Government Business in Parliament</p>
13:45	LUNCH

CONVENORS



H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete

ALF Patron and Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania

H.E. Dr. Kikwete is the former President of the United Republic of Tanzania, serving from 2005 to 2015. Before his presidency, he held key ministerial positions, including Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Finance, and Minister of Water, Energy and Minerals from 1994 to 2005. He also served as Chairman of Tanzania's ruling party, Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM) for 10 years. Prior to entering politics, he served in the Tanzania People's Defense Force, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Beyond Tanzania, he has served as Chair of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), Chair of the East African Community (EAC), and Chair of the African Union (AU). He has also chaired the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region and led the Burundi Peace Process; Co-chaired the World Refugee Council, and was African Union High-Level Representative on Libya, as well as member of the AU High-Level Committee on the Ivory Coast Political Crisis.

H.E. Dr. Kikwete has served as Co-Chair of the African Commission on Youth, the Helsinki Process on Globalization and Democracy, Chair of the United Nations High-Level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises, and Co-Chair of the UN Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health, Commissioner for the International Education Commission for Financing Global Education Opportunity, and is the founding Chairperson of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA). He sits in the Nutrition International (NI) Board.

Since leaving office, he has remained actively engaged in global and regional initiatives. He currently Chairs of the SADC Panel of Elders, the Board of Global Water Partnership Southern Africa-Africa (GWPSA), and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE). He also Co-Chairs the Chatham House Commission for Universal Health.

At home in Tanzania, H.E. Dr. Kikwete is the Chancellor of the University of Dar es Salaam, and the Founder of the Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to working with governments and stakeholders to drive change and improve lives across Africa. With decades of experience in leadership, governance, and diplomacy, he continues to shape global conversations on education, water, health, nutrition and development.



H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn Boshe

Former Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

H.E. Boshe is an Ethiopian politician who served as Prime Minister of Ethiopia from August 2012 to April 2018. He was elected as chairperson of the African Union from 2013 to 2014. Prior to becoming Prime Minister, he held various positions including Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Social Affairs. He also served as Governor of the Southern Regional State for a total of six years.

He holds two master's degrees, one in water and environmental engineering from the Tampere University of Technology in Finland and another in organisational leadership from Azusa Pacific University in California. He has worked in academia, including as Dean of the Water Technology Institute of Ethiopia.

After retirement, H.E. Boshe co-founded with his wife, the Hailemariam & Roman Foundation, which supports maternal and child health, nutrition, biodiversity conservation, climate smart agriculture and more. Additionally, he is a board member and Chairperson for many local and international organisations including AGRA, TradeMark Africa TMA, HRF, African Parks Network APN, The Brenthrust Foundation and the Global Steering Committee for the Campaign for Nature.

SPEAKERS



H.E. Dr. Mohamed Moncef Marzouki

Former President of the Republic of Tunisia

H.E. Dr. Marzouki was the first democratically elected president of Tunisia after the January 14th Revolution in 2011, a seminal moment in modern Arab history which heralded the onset of multiple popular revolutions throughout the Arab World. Elected to the presidency by the Tunisian National Constituent Assembly, H.E. Dr. Marzouki is Tunisia's first president in modern history to arrive at his position through fair and transparent elections.

Upon the assumption of the presidency, he embarked on mission to “open the doors” of the presidential palace through campaigns of transparency, participative democracy, and by encouraging a safe public space for civil organisations to flourish.

During his mandate, he was a voice of social and revolutionary activism, calling for civilian rights, curtailment of the security apparatus, and economic sovereignty, and transformed the presidency into a position of service to the Tunisian public. Occupying a middle ground between secularist and Islamist political standpoints, H.E. Dr. Marzouki was instrumental in creating a dialogue between all political, social, and religious tendencies in Tunisia, clearing the ground for an inclusive, stable, and consensus-based Tunisian democracy to take root.

In 2019 after being defeated in the presidential elections, which saw the victory of the current President (H.E. Kais Said), he announced that he would retire from politics unless democracy was threatened in Tunisia.

He was the first to denounce the constitutional putsch of Said who abrogated the democratic constitution of 2014 and seized all powers. Sentenced in absentia to four years in prison for high treason, he lives again in exile in Paris where he continues to fight for the return of democracy in his country and in the entire Arab world.



H.E. Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma

Former President of the Republic of Sierra Leone

H.E. Dr. Koroma, a democratically elected President, served two consecutive terms from 2007 to 2018. Under his leadership, Sierra Leone witnessed a remarkable transformation due to far-reaching democratic reforms implemented during his tenure.

His legacy includes several significant achievements that greatly benefited the people of Sierra Leone. Notably, he played a crucial role in consolidating peace and initiated extensive reconstruction efforts to rebuild essential infrastructure, such as roads, pipe-borne water systems, and energy networks, which had been severely damaged during the 11-year civil war. The United Nations recognised Sierra Leone as a valuable source of lessons on post-conflict reconstruction, leading H.E. Dr. Koroma to receiving the UN Peace Beret from then Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon.

By the end of his term, Sierra Leone was ranked as the third most peaceful country in Africa. Sierra Leone received recognition as one of the most reformed countries in Africa by several international benchmarks, including the Mo Ibrahim Good Governance Index. He focused on rebuilding the country, combating corruption, strengthening democratic governance, and enhancing economic stability. During his African Union address in July 2015, Former US President Barack Obama acknowledged Sierra Leone as a country where democracy had taken root.

He also played prominent roles on the international stage. He chaired the AU Peace Council for three consecutive years and led peace negotiations in countries such as Cote D'Ivoire, Guinea Bissau, and The Gambia. Furthermore, he chaired the African Union Committee of Ten for the Reform of the United Nations, advocating for increased African Representation at the United Nations, including two permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council. H.E. Dr. Koroma successfully completed his second and final term in April 2018, adhering to the constitutional limit and overseeing peaceful democratic multi-tier elections. Notably, he gracefully handed over power to the opposition, solidifying his democratic credentials.

Since leaving office, he has dedicated himself to advocating for various crucial issues. He has led Election Observation Missions in several African countries under the auspices of the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States, including Namibia, Zambia, Togo, Benin, The Gambia, Kenya, and Nigeria. Additionally, he has been actively involved in promoting peace, democracy, environmental protection, and the empowerment of women and youth.



Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja

Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda and
Leader of Government Business in Parliament



Dr. Antonio M.A. Pedro

Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)



Prof. Augustine Nuwagaba

Deputy Governor, Bank of Uganda



Hon. Biyika Songa Lawrence

Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on
Environment and Natural Resources – Uganda



Mr. Mafa Chipeta

Former FAO representative to Ethiopia, the African Union and UNECA, FAO Subregional Coordinator for Eastern Africa

Mr. Chipeta's career has largely been international. Before retiring in 2010, he was FAO Representative to Ethiopia, the African Union and UN Economic Commission for Africa, and FAO Subregional Coordinator for Eastern Africa. He also served in FAO Rome Headquarters as global Director of Policy Assistance after being Chief of Policy, co-ordinating 9 offices in all regions except North America; was first FAO Focal Point for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). On 3-year secondment (1999 – 2001), Chipeta was Deputy Director-General of the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) in Indonesia.

Before that he was FAO Representative in Uganda, Senior Forestry Officer and acting head of planning and statistics, UN system forestry focal point for the Rio Earth Summit (UNCED), professional forester and forest products processing officer in FAO, Malawi government, and manager of plywood factory in private sector.

Mr. Chipeta was educated at the University of Wales (United Kingdom), where he received a bachelor of science degree and a master of science degree in forestry.



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Amb. Ombeni Sefue

Former Chief Secretary of the United Republic of Tanzania

Amb. Sefue is Chairman of the Board of the Institute of African Leadership for Sustainable Development, commonly known as UONGOZI Institute; and Chairman of the Board of the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC). He is also a member of the National Planning Commission, as well as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation.

Among other things, he was also a member of the Panel of Eminent Persons of the African Peer Review Mechanism (2017-2022) and Vice Chair of The Criminal Justice Review Commission (2023).

Amb. Sefue retired from the Tanzanian public service in early 2016, having worked for the government for over 38 years during which, among other things, he served as Chief Secretary of the United Republic of Tanzania (2011-2016) after a successful career as a diplomat, including being Tanzania's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York (2010-2011); Ambassador to the United States of America (2007-2010); High Commissioner to Canada with concurrent accreditation to Cuba (2005- 2007); and Counsellor in the Embassy of Tanzania in Stockholm, Sweden (1987-1992). He was also Personal Assistant and Speechwriter to Presidents Ali Hassan Mwinyi (1993-1995) and Benjamin William Mkapa (1995-2005).

He studied Public Administration at the then Institute of Development Management (now Mzumbe University) graduating in 1977. He has an M.A. in Public Policy and Administration from the then Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague, (now known as The International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University), The Netherlands, (1981). He holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in International Relations and Diplomacy (First Class) from the Tanzania-Mozambique Centre for Foreign Relations in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (1986).

Amb. Sefue is a recipient of one of the Tanzania's highest awards, *The Order of The United Republic of Tanzania, First Class*.



Ms. Christine Musisi

Executive Director and Founder, Inuka Ongoza Afrika (INOZA)

Ms. Musisi's current work focuses on empowering youth, women and social organisations to thrive and impact their spheres of influence at scale.

Her work in development, spanning more than 30 years, includes her 27 years at the United Nations where she served in various roles. The latter includes UNDP Resident Representative in Tanzania, UN-Habitat Global Director for External Relations, UN Women Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa, and UN Women Country Representative in Kenya. She also held other senior positions including Deputy Country Director for UNDP Ethiopia; Deputy Head of the Policy and Technical Cluster at the UNDP Regional Service Centre for Eastern and Southern Africa; Policy and Technical Advisor for UNDP in Africa, and Central Asia and Eastern Europe (based in Slovakia). Her career at the United Nations began in Mongolia in 1996 and subsequently, took on a role in Kyrgyzstan, where she actively supported efforts aimed at poverty reduction, gender equality and women's empowerment.

In her career, Ms. Musisi has led initiatives in good governance, poverty reduction, gender and development, financing for development and transformative leadership with significant impact on communities, national and regional development. She is a certified John Maxwell Leadership Trainer, Speaker and Coach.

She holds an M.A. in Gender Analysis in Development, a Postgraduate Diploma in Rural Extension and Women, and a BA in Business Administration, Management and Christian Ministries.



Prof. Chukwumerije Okereke

[Professor of Global Climate Governance and Public Policy, University of Bristol – School of Policy Studies](#)

A globally recognised leading scholar on global climate governance and international development, Prof. Okereke has led several high-profile climate initiative at national and African level.

He led the UNDP funded Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI) commissioned by the Committee of African Heads of State on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), the Analysis of the Adaptation Components in Africa's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs) commissioned by the African Development Bank, and the Rwandan Green Growth and Climate Resilience Project, which was one of the first-ever national low-carbon plan in Africa. He was also the technical leader of the Committee that reviewed Nigerian's Climate Change Bill (now Climate Change Act 201).

Prof. Okereke played leading roles in the development of Nigeria's Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy, Nigeria's Long-Term Vision, and Nigeria's Deep Decarbonization Pathways Project. He was the Coordinating Lead Author of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report, Working Group 3. He is a Fellow of the UN The World Academy of Science (TWAS).

Currently, he is a Professor of Global Climate Governance and Public Policy at the School of Policy Studies at the University of Bristol, a Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics (LSE) UK and Co-Director of the Center for Climate Change in Alex Ekwueme Federal University, Nigeria. He was previously Co-Director of the Center for Climate and Justice at the University of Reading, and Director of the Center for Climate Change and Development at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at the University of Oxford.



Mr. Gilead Teri

[Executive Director, Tanzania Investment Centre](#)

An economist and private sector development expert, Mr. Teri has over a decade of experience having previously worked in senior and advisory positions with The European Union, The World Bank (IBRD/IDA), International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Tanzania Private Sector Foundation.

His most notable work was leading the World Bank Group Tanzania's Private Sector Development portfolio which works to supports governments to deliver business friendly reforms, attract quality public and private sector investments as well as grow the contribution of private sector in reducing poverty and boosting shared prosperity.

Mr. Teri completed his studies at the University of Dodoma (Tanzania), and Edinburgh (United Kingdom), and he is currently pursuing a PhD through a joint programme between the University of Toronto (Canada) and University of Manchester (United Kingdom). His research focuses on governance and financing of infrastructure investment in the Global South.



Ms. Itumeleng Dlamini

Advisor, African Peer Review Mechanism under the African Union

Ms. Dlamini is an international corporate lawyer with a multi-disciplinary background in Corporate Law, African Development, Public Policy and global partnerships. Currently an Advisor to the APRM, an agency of the African Union (AU), she has spent the past seven years advising African governments on policy reforms to strengthen corporate governance standards in Africa. She has assessed and reported on governance practices in Ghana, Egypt, Liberia, Algeria, Senegal, Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Ethiopia, Nigeria and others. She recently led the development of the first ever African Principles and Guidelines on Corporate Governance which were adopted by the Heads of State at the AU Summit in Addis Ababa. The African Principles represent a bold step towards redesigning and reimagining the role of

corporate governance in Africa and globally. They empower businesses not only to pursue profit but to also contribute meaningfully to the socio-economic development of their communities and the continent at large. At APRM, she also founded the African Network on Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises, a platform for government representatives, State-Owned Enterprises, related agencies from African member states to facilitate policy dialogue on SOEs ownership and corporate governance practices, to share and exchange experiences, identify good practices and develop recommendations for effective reforms to improve and strengthen corporate governance of SOEs in Africa.

Prior, she was the first black woman partner at Bowmans, a Pan African law firm in South Africa where she specialised in corporate law and cross border Mergers and Acquisitions. She was also the Executive Director of a Business Federation in SA.

Ms. Dlamini is an international and TEDx Speaker and has written articles on the role of corporate governance in Africa to promote inclusive growth and has served on several boards including JSE Listed Companies, public sector and Non-Profit sector. She is passionate about promoting access to quality education and is a recent former President of Harvard University Association South Africa where she promoted access to opportunities for talented but disenfranchised South Africans to study at Harvard University.

She holds a BSocSc in Politics and Industrial Sociology from the University of Cape Town and a Master's in Public Administration and Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School Government.



Eng. Zvikomborero Hoko

Civil, Water, Sanitation and Environmental Engineer – Zimbabwe

Eng. Hoko has over 25 years of professional practice, capacity building and research in Zimbabwe, Southern and East Africa, and Central and South Asia.

His main areas of expertise and interest cover urban and rural water supply and sewerage/onsite sanitation infrastructure and services planning, development, project management and operation and maintenance, water loss /non-revenue water management, catchment management, pollution control, applied water quality management, institutional capacity development, and career guidance and mentorship for young engineering and water management professionals.

Upon graduating as a civil engineer, he worked as a Water and Sewerage Engineer and then as a Senior Engineer for the City of Harare from 1995 to 2002. He later joined the University of Zimbabwe as a lecturer in 2002 and later became a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Civil Engineering until he left full-time teaching in 2022. At the university, he was at some time Postgraduate Programmes Coordinator, Head of Department and Deputy Dean of Faculty. He has published several refereed book chapters and journal articles and edited some books and journals. Some universities in Southern and East Africa have hosted him as a visiting lecturer.

Eng. Hoko has worked as a consultant on a number of large projects involving rural and urban water supply and sanitation infrastructure in Southern and East Africa, as well as Central and South Asia. His consulting experience includes work with international agencies such as the World Bank, African Development Bank, KfW, UNESCO, and UNICEF, as well as non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and Zimbabwean consulting engineering firms.



Dr. Karabo Thokwane

Director of Clinical Services, Ministry of Health – Botswana

Dr. Thokwane is a seasoned healthcare leader with over 16 years of experience. She is currently the Director of Clinical Services assigned to Mogoditshane – Thamaga DHMT. Her portfolio in this role is service delivery and the medical insurance arm of the ministry of health.

Her vast experience cuts across areas of health care administration, health management, managed care/ medical insurance, health diplomacy, global health and health security and health service delivery. She was an integral member of the team that operated within the multisectoral National Emergency Operations Centers during the COVID-19 response. She also led the team responsible for the commissioning of the state-of-the-art Joseph P. Kavindama Hospital, which serves as a flagship model for future service delivery. Her work extends across diverse sectors, where she has integrated her experiences through Global Health Diplomacy with the University of Oxford. She has published and reviewed articles in the field of health diplomacy.

Dr. Thokwane also serves as the President of the Botswana Chapter of Women in Global Health. She has received several awards and fellowships, including the Kofi Annan Executive Leadership Fellowship, Mandela Washington Fellowship, and Golden Key International Honor.



Dr. Charles Mberi Kimpolo

Director, AIMS Industry Initiative

Dr. Kimpolo has played a crucial role over the last couple of years in guiding the AIMS Industry Initiative throughout the Network, with the objective of widening the scope and scale of partnerships with industry across Africa and other areas.

He leads the implementation of work-integrated learning programmes, focusing on developing capacity development programmes that respond to the emerging industry demands while also supporting AIMS graduates as they transition into the workforce, entrepreneurship and further academic pursuits. His goal is to position AIMS Industry Initiative as the leading academic partner in Africa, dedicated to promoting economic transformation on the continent.

He is a passionate scientist, technologist and change agent with over 18 years of industry experience in data analysis, business intelligence and project management. His experience includes teaching and research in the field of computational and applied mathematics. He also has hands-on experience in agile software development, delivery and consulting; and client engagement working in Africa, the United States and Asia.

Dr. Kimpolo has contributed to several global consultations and conferences on the global education industry, in particular. He has authored several blogs and articles to share his perspectives on a number of topics including work-integrated learning as a pathway to stimulate youth transition to employment and entrepreneurship in Africa. He joined a group of global experts to participate in the Programme Committee for the United Nations World Data Forum (UNWDF). He is also a member of the Global Strategy Council of the World Association for Cooperative Education (WACE).

He holds a Ph.D. in Computational and Applied Mathematics from the University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa).



Mr. Albert Nsengiyumva

Executive Secretary, Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA)

Mr. Nsengiyumva is a consummate technocrat and education policy specialist with specialty in technical and vocational education and training (TVET). He has extensive experience in information communication technology research, policy development and implementation in Africa. For 18 years he served the government and people of Rwanda, where he occupied various cabinet positions including as Minister of Infrastructure and the Minister of State for TVET in the Ministry of Education.

He has solid grasp of government functionalities and has built a strong reputation around leveraging social capital to mobilize resources that support policy development, advocacy, and implementation. Mr. Nsengiyumva has helped expand ADEA's network across the world, building new relationships with various partners including multilateral development institutions, regional economic bodies, and philanthropic organisations.



Mr. Trevor Lwere

Economist, Development Reimagined – Uganda

Mr. Lwere is an Economist at Development Reimagined, an Africa-led international development consultancy firm that aims to contribute new ideas to the challenges of poverty and sustainable development in Africa and around the world.

He is an alumnus of the African Leadership Academy and obtained a BA in Economics from the University of Notre Dame, with a minor in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. At Notre Dame, he was a merit scholar, president of the African Students Association and founded the Pan-African Youth Conference to promote a critical understanding of Africa's development challenges amongst university students from across the world.

Mr. Lwere also holds a Master's Degree in Global Affairs from Tsinghua University where he was a member of the Schwarzman Scholars Program. He writes regularly and his work has been featured in several outlets including Devex, African arguments, and The Diplomat.



Mr. Michael Adenew

Country Director, Oxford Policy Management – Ethiopia

As the Country Director for Oxford Policy Management in Ethiopia, Mr. Adenew leads multidisciplinary programmes focused on governance, climate resilience, and inclusive development. With over 20 years of experience across the UK, US, and sub-Saharan Africa, he brings deep expertise in public sector reform, sustainable development, and the strategic use of technology in policymaking.

He has collaborated with a range of international development partners—including the United Nations, World Bank, FCDO, USAID, EU, GIZ, and the Gates Foundation—supporting governments to design and implement evidence-based solutions that bridge global standards with local realities.

Mr. Adenew work in Ethiopia and the broader region increasingly centres on climate action, environmental sustainability, and systems thinking—key pillars for realising Africa’s Sustainable Development Goals. He is particularly engaged in efforts to strengthen national resilience to both natural and human-induced shocks, with a focus on long-term, sustainable impact.



Dr. David Obura

Founding Director, CORDIO East Africa

Alongside his role as the Founding Director of CORDIO East Africa, Dr. Obura chairs the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES, 2023-2026), and is member of the Earth Commission. CORDIO is a knowledge organisation supporting sustainability of coral reef and marine systems in the Western Indian Ocean.

His primary research has been on coral reef resilience, biogeography and climate change impacts. His interests are turning now towards sustainability science pivoting around coastal, African and societal needs and priorities, in the broader sustainable development paradigm. He works from the local scale, through fostering innovative action to promote sustainability, through regional scale alignment and integration, to global scales.

Dr. Obura was a Co-Chair of IPBES’s Nexus Assessment and was active in compiling science inputs into the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. He was awarded Kenya’s national honour, Moran of the Burning Spear in December 2021, and the Coral Reef Conservation Award of the International Coral Reef Society in 2022.

MODERATORS



Mr. Gerase Kamugisha

Chief Executive, Alpha Capital

Mr. Kamugisha is a distinguished finance professional with extensive experience in both the private and public sectors. He has built a solid reputation within Tanzania's financial services landscape, particularly in the areas of investment advisory and capital markets. Kamugisha has been instrumental in guiding major investment initiatives, such as medium-term note programmes and other capital-raising transactions, contributing to the region's economic development.

In addition to his private sector accomplishments, Mr. Kamugisha has a strong track record of public service, where he has held various senior roles within government and its agencies. His financial structuring and policy advisory expertise has supported key public-sector projects, including infrastructure development and public finance management. His work has been vital in shaping regulatory frameworks that promote sustainable investment and economic growth.

With a vision to transform his firm into a leading investment bank, Mr. Kamugisha combines his deep understanding of both private enterprise and public finance. His strategic insight, leadership, and commitment to fostering innovation have made him a respected figure in Tanzania's financial and governmental circles. He continues to play a pivotal role in advancing national financial policies and development goals.



Dr. Julie Gichuru

President and CEO, Africa Leadership and Dialogue Institute



Dr. Peter Kimbowa

Founder and Board Chairperson, CEO Summit Uganda

YOUTH LEADERSHIP COMPETITION 2025



In January 2025, as part of the African Leadership Forum (ALF), UONGOZI Institute organised the Youth Leadership Competition. The aim was to provide a space for the youth of Africa to contribute to important discussions on leadership and sustainable development. The competition asked African citizens (including the diaspora) between the ages of 18 and 25 to respond to the following question:

“If you were an African leader, how would you accelerate the implementation of SDGs on the continent?”

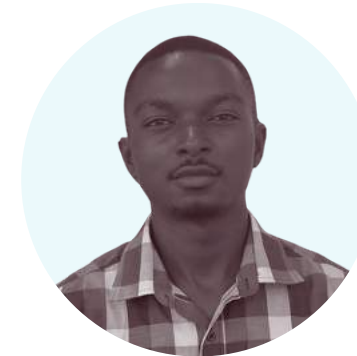
Over 1,300 entries were received, representing an enormous variety of solutions and ideas on how to accelerate the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in Africa.

The essays were judged on the basis of originality, creativity, use of language and appropriateness to contest theme.

The young leaders below were selected as winners of the contest. They will receive their prizes at an award ceremony during the evening of 7 April 2025. They will also have an opportunity to participate in the ALF 2025 sessions, as well as showcase posters that describe their ideas in the exhibition space.



MacDonald Maduabuchi
Overall winner | Nigeria



Takudzwanashe Bvurire
First runner-up | Zimbabwe



Nantambi Bushirah
Second runner-up | Uganda



Britney Ngube
Third runner-up | Cameroon



Paschazia Mbungu
Fourth runner-up | Tanzania



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It applies a holistic and mutually reinforcing approach to capacity development which recognises that leadership competencies are developed through a continuous, lifelong learning process. Its two strategic pillars – leadership and sustainable development – are addressed through four main areas: executive education, policy dialogues, action-oriented research, and technical support. Its clientele includes organisations as well as individuals from the public sector, private sector, and civil society.

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