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Ali Galal Eldin Yousef Mohamed El Digair (Sudan) has more than eight years of experience working in African private equity markets and four years experience in the financial advisory and consulting sector. Currently, he is an Investment Principal at Qalaa Holdings (formerly Citadel Capital). He manages the Institution's Agriculture Platform Investments in Africa. Ali started his career with PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP in London where he trained for four years as an Auditor and Financial Transaction Advisor. He advises and supports various Agriculture public sector initiatives. Currently, he is working with the Ministries of Finance and Agriculture on the initiation of a Sovereign Fund to help advance Sudan's Agriculture sector. Ali believes in the development of agriculture in Africa and the advancements of investing in food processing and primary farming industries. Upon completion of the MWF, Ali plans to create an integrated Agri-Investment platform. This venture will combine the technical skill-sets of farming with investment management expertise.



Aliou Mustafa (Cameroon) is a solar energy technician in the renewable energy sector working to provide electricity and pipe borne water in communities to improve upon the living standards of the inhabitants. Aliou also works to introduce solar energy installations in urban areas as an alternative and cheaper kind of energy.



Amani Katana Karabu (Kenya) is an award winning Social Entrepreneur with over five years of experience in Business Development and Social Entrepreneurship. Currently, Amani is the CEO at Garb Tech, a waste management business focusing on collection, transportation and recycling of solid waste into charcoal briquettes, fertilizer and flower pots. His awards include: Tony Elumelu Foundation Award, African Entrepreneurship Award, US African Development Foundation (USADF) Award, among others. In addition, Amani is the founder and Executive Director of Youth Empowerment Program Initiative (YEPI), a community based organization focused on empowering youth, women and girls through entrepreneurship, leadership and environmental conservation. Amani is driven by his commitment to reduce the unlawful disposal of solid waste, eradicate youth unemployment and prevent radicalization while at the same time mitigating the effects of global climate change. Upon completion of the fellowship, Amani aspires to empower over 10,000 youth in the next 10 years and use his local and international network to establish a Community Entrepreneurship Hub (CE-Hub) in Mombasa, Kenya. This enterprise will provide an exchange program and give youth and women the necessary support, training and mentorship to scale up their businesses.



Angela Angelus Ching'Ali (United Republic of Tanzania) has over five years of experience in entrepreneurship, engaging in a sub-wholesale rice business. Currently Angela is the Founder and Managing director of Malaika (National) Limited, where she buys rice from local farmers and sells it wholesale to big retail stores and extends a door-to-door delivery service to her customers on a retail basis. Angela is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and holds a master's degree in Business Administration from Mzumbe University in Tanzania, where she specialized in Corporate Management. Angela is driven by the desire to help farmers who lack start-up capital secure funds. She also wants to mentor them so they can realize the potential roles they play in the agricultural value chain, which is currently a challenge in Tanzania. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Angela plans to start mentoring programs to educate local farmers on their role in the agricultural value chain and how they can attain maximum benefit from it. She also plans to find an ongoing source of funding, such as equity financing, grants, or soft loans from interested parties, to enable local farmers to have all the necessary support needed to practice modern farming, which will in turn maximize Tanzania's economic development through agriculture.



Aniella Niyondiko (Burundi) has 10 years of professional experience in the administration, finance and human resources management field. Currently, Aniella is the Head of Finance in a business law firm and is the owner of a social enterprise that provides waste management and recycling solutions in Burundi, where she lives. Aniella is involved in several business projects with a focus on training women on entrepreneurship, saving, and investment education. Aniella holds a Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences for Development and is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Project Management at the University of Barcelona in Spain. Aniella is driven by her passion and commitment to address environmental issues and to strengthen women's education and professional development. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Aniella plans to continue her work of strengthening women's education and resolving environmental issues in her home country.



Bilan Mohamoud Mohamed (Djibouti) has seven years of experience as Environment Health Safety and Quality Coordinator (EHSQ) in an oil and gas terminal in Djibouti. She works in Horizon Djibouti Terminal, where she works closely with the Operations and Maintenance departments and provides operational supports and trainings regarding EHSQ to the field workforce. She is also in charge of monitoring the compliance with international standards ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & OSHA 18001. Bilan holds an engineering degree in Material Sciences from Polytechnique Engineering School in Lille, France where she focused on polymers and quality. She strengthened her skills during an exchange program in Laval University, Quebec (Canada). Bilan is committed to safety at work and promotes environment protection related to waste generation and pollution prevention in the oil and gas industry. Upon completion of the Mandela Fellowship program, Bilan plans to pursue her work on environment and safety promotion.



Carroline Achieng Odera (Kenya) has over five years of experience in promoting environmental entrepreneurship and conservation, specifically working in the Lake Victoria region, Kenya. Currently, Carroline is the founder of WISE (Women in Sustainable Enterprises), where she focuses on initiating, designing and implementing programs that empower women through sustainable businesses. Carroline holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and is pursuing a Master's in Strategic Management from the University of Nairobi. She is driven by her commitment to women's social and economic empowerment and hopes to see self-sufficient communities led by women. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Carroline will continue with her work in empowering women economically through sustainable communities.



Emmanuel Bamiyo Falude (Nigeria) is a Director at Litedares, AlgumWoods and Proxiestudios, a firm that designs and builds modern, energy efficient buildings and Building Elements. He holds a master's degree in Architecture and a PhD in Civil Engineering. He also runs an after-college school focused on training startups, entrepreneurship and business solutions. A percentage of his organization's profit is kept to support NGOs and indigent students at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.



Etheldreder Treccia Koppa (United Republic of Tanzania) has nearly six years of experience in the construction industry. Currently, Ethel is a Project Manager at National Housing Corporation, Tanzania where they focus on real estate development and management. Ethel is a Commonwealth Scholar with a Master's degree in Construction Project Management from Heriot Watt University, United Kingdom. She has been recognized for her excellence in Africa's construction, cement, and concrete industry and identified as one to watch. Ethel is committed to educating and supporting women in the construction industry on best construction and business practices. Upon completion of Mandela Washington Fellowship, Ethel will continue her efforts to unite women in the construction industry for their mutual benefit and the betterment of the industry.



Ibrahim Mohammed Aboki (Nigeria) has a degree in geography and a postgraduate diploma in education. He has also earned diplomas in both Information Technology and Renewable Energy (Solar Power), including a three months internship at Universal CCT Nigeria Limited. Ibrahim has established three successful startups in Bauchi. Mobile solar technology has impacted on the small-holder farmers in the local community; it helps them to irrigate their farms easily. It replaces the use of lifting machine which is used to draw up water and that which is more expensive. The mobile solar technology has been used to lighten up more than 1000 homes in rural areas in Bauchi that are not connected to the national grid.



Francis Xavier Asiimwe (Uganda) is an agricultural researcher, businessman, and health rights advocate. He's previously been a pharmaceutical biochemist and has also held various agricultural research and extension roles in private and public sectors. He founded Kaaro Rural Healthcare Fund, where he currently serves as CEO. KRHF is an asset finance company that provides rural healthcare entrepreneurs with medical and renewable energy equipment leases and management support to improve treatment outcomes for poor patients in the Global South. Asiimwe's mission is to ensure that rural communities are able to access high quality secondary and tertiary medical care by making rural healthcare entrepreneurship possible, profitable, and low-risk. Asiimwe has also founded other companies with interests in agriculture, groundwater engineering, and medical crowdfunding. He holds a Bachelor's of Science in Biochemistry and Master's Science in Crop Science from Makerere University.



Hery Zo Narindra Andriamiarana (Madagascar) has five years of experience in project management. He currently he works as the General Manager of Tsara Mada, the first plastic waste recycling unit in Madagascar. He aims to create jobs for women and young people in the local community and promotes the protection of the environment. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Diplomacy and International Relations from ESTIIM University. Hery Zo is committed to empowering young people in Madagascar to be responsible for the economic growth of their country. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Hery Zo plans to assist and strengthen the capacity of young people to get involved in doing business.



Israely Ratovonavalonarivo Andrianjafiarisaona (Madagascar) has eight years of work experience in the agri-food industry and over three years in consultancy and entrepreneurship. Currently, Israely is a Production Manager at the Water Bottling Plant of the Castel Group in Madagascar. He is also the Co-owner of a company specializing in expertise, design, and realization of facilities related to water exploitation such as waste-water treatment, industrial water treatment, and water supply. Israely holds a doctorate from the University of Antananarivo, Madagascar, where he focused on chemical engineering applied to industry and the environment by making use of the raw materials available in the country. Israely is strongly motivated to contribute actively in the creation of employment in Madagascar. He also wants to take part in the improvement of the economy of his country through local entrepreneurship on projects that valorize his various researches, especially in the fields of water exploitation and distillation technology. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Israely plans to successfully carry out the project of extending the activity of his own company on the production of ethanol from cassava and the production of essential oils. This is an opportunity to directly and indirectly create thousands of jobs and contribute to the growth of the national economy in a healthy environment.



Leaziza Cheikhna (Mauritania) is a software engineer and a Ph.D. student in Computer Science who believes an innovative education system can efficiently empower the young. She has more than four years experience in community development, focusing on education and youth empowerment. Currently, Leaziza is involved with two organizations in Mauritania, both acting to create a stimulating environment for innovation and entrepreneurship and provide skilled training for the youth. She's a Project Manager at the Junior Chamber of Commerce and she co-founded the first ICT incubator in Mauritania, Hadina RIMTIC. She is also a member of Google Developer Group Nouakchott and Women Techmakers. Through her voluntary work in these non-profit organisations, Leaziza addresses the main issues affecting the youth in her community: unemployment, the education-to-employment gap, gender inequality, and youth participation in public affairs management. Upon returning from the Fellowship, Leaziza plans to use her acquired skills to continue advocating for education and supporting young people to develop innovative technology solutions to solve local problems.



Loni Pierre Abdul Adeline (Seychelles) has over four years of experience as a Structural Engineer and Project Manager. Currently, Loni is self-employed at LPA Structures. The company provides structural engineering design services and construction advice to building contractors and their clients with the overall aim of maintaining sound construction practice while minimizing construction cost. Loni holds a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Loni plans to inspire entrepreneurship for efficient economic development through career talks and motivational speeches.



Lorraine Ntini (Zimbabwe) is a consultant at Trifour Health, a private health firm that develops IT solutions for hospitals. She has nine years of experience in the health sector; four years as a pharmacist and the past five years in e-health. Combining her clinical expertise, hospital management experience, and e-health knowledge, she provides a unique service to both private and public hospitals in Zimbabwe and Namibia. Her major focus areas are enhancing patient management, improving stock control and maximizing revenue via the use of IT. Lorraine believes that e-health can significantly improve public health administration and in so doing enable health professionals to effectively manage patients and ensure better health outcomes. She also serves as secretary of the Adventist Health Professionals Association (AHPA) committee. AHPA conducts programs, which offer free medical consultations, surgeries, treatment and health education to under-served rural communities. On her return from the fellowship, Lorraine plans to establish a hospital management consultancy. Besides providing affordable solutions to enhance efficiency and improve patient care, the consultancy will also work alongside physicians to provide preventative services and assist in managing patients with chronic illnesses. Lorraine holds a Pharmacy degree, a postgraduate diploma in HIV/AIDS Management and is studying towards a Master's degree in Public Health.



Matipedza Karase (Zimbabwe) has over ten years of entrepreneurial and passion-driven experience in aviation, which earned him the title 'Aeroprenuer', in 2014, as the founder and majority shareholder of FlyAfrica, the first privately owned low-cost airline in Zimbabwe. Through his passion and success in aviation, he currently consults several regional government bodies and private investment entities in the industry. He also pursues his own business interests in flight training and the introduction of drones, specifically, for precision agriculture applications, medical health delivery, and wildlife monitoring in Zimbabwe. Matipedza is also a trustee and founding member of the charity With Love Foundation, whose focus is addressing skills development through a small weekly arts and crafts workshops and a soup kitchen, which feeds the urban poverty-born children and orphans of Mbare in Harare. He is an advocate for the critical role the next generation will play in the evolution of Zimbabwe's socio-economic and political dispensation. Upon his return from the fellowship, he wants to have filmed his experience to share, inspire, and become a catalyst in the development of Zimbabwe's, and by extension Africa's, youth from the lessons learned, opportunities created, networks and relationships established by this initiative.



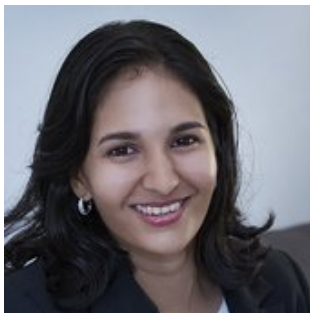
Moegammat Qasim Abrahams (South Africa) is results-oriented leader with a successful track record in developing new market penetration strategies, strategic sales, business development, and operations within the energy and mining industries across the African continent. He has recently been appointed as the youngest CEO and VP of Sales & Service for Metso Southern Africa, a leading Finnish company in the mining and aggregates sector. Additionally, Qasim is passionate about creating a platform for the next generation of African leaders in corporate South Africa. Thus, he started a youth development program in the Western Cape, focusing on rewriting the narrative of hopelessness and despair for youth coming from the Cape Flats, to one of opportunity and success.



Newhame Dagne Leake (Ethiopia) has an educational background in Industrial engineering (MSc) and Chemical Engineering (BSc), with 12 years of experience working as an industrial projects consultant, management systems trainer and processing industries director in Ethiopia, Burundi, and Uganda. Newhame advocates the utilization of naturally available agricultural resources. He is the founder and General Manager of New Horizons Engineering and Management PLC. This organization focuses on international ISO standards, processing agricultural resources, and providing services to industrial engineering and manufacturing industries. One of Newhame's objectives is to utilize bamboo as a source of energy for water, air purification, and organic pesticides. He hopes to utilize this untapped resource to improve the livelihood of farmers, conserve the environment, ensure sustainable development, and create employment opportunities. Newhame hopes the MWF opportunity will aid him in enhancing entrepreneurial and leadership skills, build knowledge and confidence, and convert theoretical knowledge into practical outputs.



Rotimi Babatunde Abina (Nigeria) has over eight years of experience in human capital development. Currently, Rotimi is the Training and Development Officer for Anglophone West Africa at the African Management Services Company (AMSCO) where they focus on human capital development in the following areas: Training & Development, Recruitment, Interim Management and Development & Advisory Solution. AMSCO implements the African Training and Management Services (ATMS) Project of the UNDP in Sub-Saharan African Countries, having International Finance Corporation (IFC) as the executing agency and the African Development Bank (AfDB) as the regional cooperating agency. Rotimi holds a bachelor's degree in Economics; he is passionate about building human capital through business and entrepreneurship for economic growth and development of Nigeria and Africa at large leveraging on agriculture, especially. He is driven by the potential agriculture holds in ridding Africa of extreme poverty and penury. In commitment to this passion, Rotimi founded Abrot Farms in Nigeria. The farms work on rice and cassava value chains through an out-grower scheme, and it is in its pilot phase in Ogun State with the vision to replicate the project in two communities in every state in Nigeria. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Rotimi plans to leverage his new network and apply the knowledge acquired to advance his passion for business and entrepreneurship development.



S.A.D. Malshini Louendra Senaratne (Seychelles) is the co-Founder and current Director of Eco-Sol Consulting, a business she runs with her brother aimed at promoting environmentally sustainable development while mitigating adverse climate change in the beautiful Seychelles islands. She holds a Master's Degree in International Business Management, where she focused on small-island business sustainability. Malshini's parents are dedicated public-school teachers, and she has long enjoyed the noble profession herself, having lectured at her former School of Advanced Level Studies. Malshini actively volunteers at her alma mater and currently teaches secondary school girls, holding fast to the belief that an educated girl becomes an empowered woman. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Malshini plans to establish avenues through her company to inspire and enable environmentally-minded women entrepreneurs in Seychelles.



Tasimba Mhizha (Zimbabwe) is a music teacher and a bio-entrepreneur focused on entrepreneurship and academic research. He is passionate about the industry, sustainable energy innovations, public health, mentorship, philanthropy, and music. Tasimba works on strategic linkages at a national level to rebuild the Zimbabwean Industrial front. He works for BioSol, a company that champions applied industrial research and influence with the integration of Industry and tertiary institutions in Zimbabwe. He is working on a platform where students in tertiary institutions work on practical research projects that are applied industrially. This will ensure that learning outcomes are relevant to the job market and will foster progressive growth from both an industrial and academic perspective. BioSol is also meant to function as an incubator hub that mentors young Zimbabwean scientists and sources funding for exceptional biotechnology start-up ideas to encourage entrepreneurship in the field. After completing the fellowship, Tasimba intends to continue his pursuits to drive progressive research locally and link promising Zimbabwean start-ups with international organizations.

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Tinweinde Denise Silawindi epe Pereki (Togo) has over six years of experience in civil engineering administration and environmental impact assessment with ESAKAO Sarl Building Company, in Lome. She is the Togo chapter leader at the Working to Advance Science and Technology Education for African Women (WAAW) foundation, with over four years of experience in leading young women associations involved in STEM. Currently, Denise is Director of her own society, STET SarLU, which focuses on civil engineering, environmental impact assessments, water sanitation, and natural resources management. The organization is committed to supporting NGOs focused on the environment and rural communities' development by offering green jobs projects through a grant from the International Organization of Francophonie (OIF). Denise holds a Master's Degree in Tropical Ecosystem Management with an emphasis on Geographical Information System (GIS) and a Diploma in Civil Engineering administration. She is committed to women entrepreneurs and hopes to generate more opportunities in technical domains. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Denise plans to help women to increase their financial and leadership skills by creating the Women Green Innovation Center.



Tozan Nowetri Vignon Sédolo Kpade (Benin) started his professional career 13 years ago after graduating in Bank Management from the National School of Applied Economics and Management, entity of the National University of Benin. Specialized in maritime transportation and logistics, he currently works for a Swiss-based commodity trading multinationale as a consultant responsible for their logistics and execution duties for all raw cotton purchases in West and Central Africa. Vignon Sedolo is member of the Lions Club International. Passionate about agriculture, he is the co-founder of Cooperative Koberside, whose main objective is to find secured outlets for local producers while providing them with tools and knowledge to create a quality value chain at international standards level. Vignon Sedolo is deeply convinced that farmers should live from their production. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Vignon Sedolo expects to enlarge the scope of the contractual agriculture model already implemented by Cooperative Koberside with more knowledge, technology, and support from various partners.



William Mazingi Natey (Democratic Republic of the Congo) has five years of experience in different areas of engineering, including water treatment, yogurt production, cigarette manufacturing, safety, and quality control. William is currently working at the cement plant in Songololo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as an Analyst in Quality Control. Since an early age, William has been interested in taking care of street children. He often sponsors their football competitions in his community; he owns Aigle Royal de Kinshaasa Football Academy. He is a spiritual leader, a social mentor, and a soccer coach through the Lubamba Foundation. Additionally, he is a Sunday school teacher for his church community. William is a Congolese graduate in Chemical Engineering from Tshwane University of Technology in Pretoria, South Africa. He also has a certificate in worship and leadership from theology school. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, William plans to create a yogurt business, which will enable him to finance his philanthropic activities through his Royal Eagle Foundation, an organization that works with underprivileged children, young mothers, and women.