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Welcome to our Monthly Reputation Poll International Magazine! We are thrilled to present this month's edition, showcasing the voices and opinions of our global community. Through rigorous research and extensive analysis, we've compiled insights on the most esteemed individuals and organizations worldwide. We invite you to delve into the pages ahead, where you'll discover the latest trends, notable achievements, and the ever-evolving landscape of reputation. Thank you for joining us on this journey as we celebrate excellence and integrity on a global scale.

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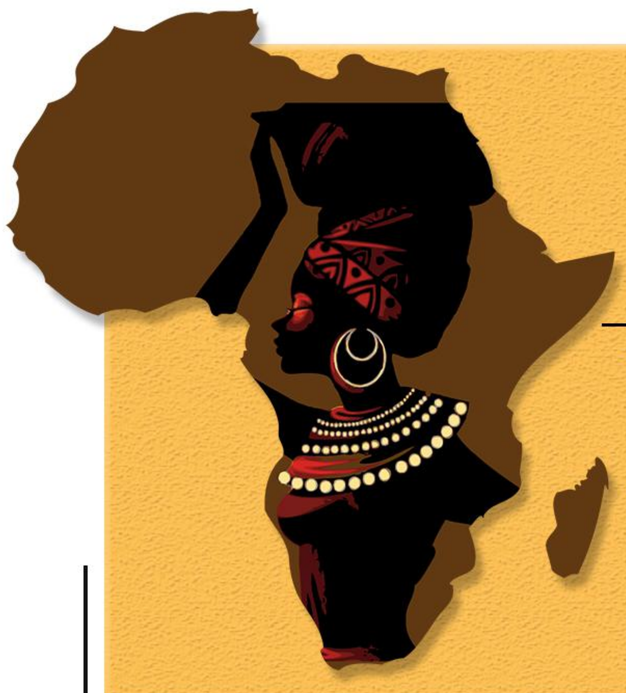


100 MOST REPUTABLE AFRICANS

The list of the 100 Most Reputable Africans is evidence of the tenacity and resiliency of the African continent.

Abdul Samad Isyaku Rabiu

Businessman and philanthropist Abdul Samad Isyaku Rabiu (CFR CON) is a billionaire from Nigeria.In the 1970s and 1980s, one of Nigeria's most prominent businesspeople was his late father, Khalifah Isyaku Rabiu. The founder and chairman of the Nigerian conglomerate BUA Group, which generates over $2.5 billion in income primarily from manufacturing, infrastructure, and agricultural, is Abdul Samad. In addition, he serves as the Nigerian Bank of Industry (BOI) chairman.

Abdulrazak Gurnah FRSL

Is a Tanzanian-born British novelist and academic. His novels include Paradise (1994), which was shortlisted for both the Booker and the Whitbread Prize; By the Sea (2001), which was longlisted for the Booker and shortlisted for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize; and Desertion (2005), shortlisted for the Commonwealth Writers' Prize. Gurnah was awarded the 2021 Nobel Prize in Literature "for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fates of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents". He is Emeritus Professor of English and Postcolonial Literatures at the University of Kent.

Alek Wek

She is a South Sudanese-British model and designer who began her fashion career at the age of 18 in 1995. She has been hailed for her influence on the perception of beauty in the fashion industry. In 2015, she was listed as one of BBC's 100 Women. After arriving in London at age 14, Alek's psoriasis immediately cleared. She enrolled in the London College of Fashion and studied Fashion Business and Technology. Alek was discovered at an outdoor market in 1995 in Crystal Palace, London by a Models 1 scout. She appeared in the music video for "GoldenEye" by Tina Turner that year, and shortly thereafter began fashion modeling. She was signed to Ford Models in 1996 and also appeared in the "Got 'Til It's Gone" music video by Janet Jackson that year. She was named "Model of the Year" in 1997 by MTV, and was the first African model to appear on the cover of Elle that year.

Ann Peacockv

She is general manager of community and charity at Crown. Her role as the face and voice of Crown, both to the public and to the business people of Melbourne, is the culmination of over 30 years of public relations and marketing industry experience. Ann raises Ann raises much-needed money, hosting various high-profile charity events, for a range of causes. She is an inaugural committee member of The Million Dollar Lunch, an annual event that has raised more than $21.8 million for the Children's Cancer Foundation since 2005. These funds have supported programs to provide therapeutic care, cancer research and family support.

Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf

Since 2009, he has served as a judge and attorney from Somalia on the International Court of Justice. From 2018 until 2021, he presided over the court. Prior to this, Yusuf held the following positions: Legal Advisor and Director of the Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs for UNESCO from March 2001 to January 2009; Legal Advisor (1994–1998) and Assistant Director General for African Affairs, United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), Vienna (1998–2001); Representative and Head of the UNCTAD's New York office (1992–1994); Chief of the UNCTAD's Legal Policies Service (1987–1992); Legal Lecturer at the Somali National University (1974–1981) and at the University of Geneva (1981–1983); and Somali delegate to the Third United Nations.

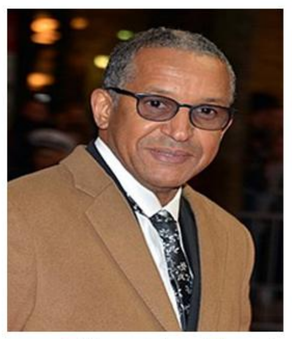
Agnes Matilda Kalibata

She is a Rwandan agricultural scientist and policymaker, and president of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). She served as Rwanda's minister of agriculture and animal resources from 2008 to 2014 and began her tenure as president of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) in 2014. Kalibata served as Rwanda's minister of agriculture and animal resources from 2008 to 2014. Throughout her tenure, she promoted the use of science-based approaches to agriculture to increase food production and improve food security, with a focus on family farmers. She implemented policies, designed to connect farmers with neighbors and customers, as well as cooperative farming programs, and cow-sharing programs that made it easier for families to own cows.

Angelique Kidjo

Is a Beninese-French singer-songwriter, actress, and activist noted for her diverse musical influences and creative music videos. *Kidjo* has won five Grammy Awards. She is a 2023 Polar Music Prize laureate.

Abderrahmane Sissako



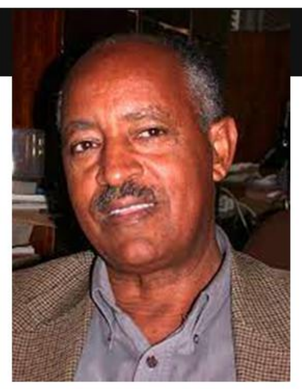
Is a Mauritanian-born Malian film director and producer. His film Waiting for Happiness (Heremakono) was screened at the 2002 Cannes Film Festival official selection under Un Certain Regard, winning a FIPRESCI Prize. His 2006 film Bamako received much attention. Sissako's themes include globalisation, exile and the displacement of people.

Abshir Aden Ferro

Is a candidate for the presidential race in Somalia since 2021 and is currently campaigning for the 2027 elections. His political platform is largely focused on establishing democratic elections and preventing the Al-Shabaab militant group from controlling the Somali government.

Armstrong Ume Takang (Dr)

Dr. Armstrong, currently serving as the Chief Executive Officer of Nigeria's Ministry of Finance, Incorporated (MOFI), has established a distinguished career marked by dynamic leadership and strategic innovation. Prior to assuming his role at MOFI, he was a Special Adviser to the Honourable Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning. In this capacity, he played a pivotal role in the reform of MOFI. His leadership was instrumental in evolving MOFI from a mere registry of the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) investments to a trusted and respected custodian and Manager of FGN investment assets with a cumulative total of forty portfolio companies worth over $40 billion under management and counting.



Berhane Asfaw (Prof.)

Berhane Asfaw is an Ethiopian palaeontologist of Rift Valley Research Service, who co-discovered human skeletal remains at Herto Bouri, Ethiopia later classified as Homo sapiens idaltu, proposed as an early subspecies of anatomically modern humans.

Bience Philomina Gawanas

Is a Namibian lawyer who served as Special Adviser on Africa for the United Nations from 2018 to 2020. Earlier in her career, Gawanas served as Commissioner for Social Affairs at the African Union Assembly of Heads of State and Government, from 2002 to 2012. She was a Commissioner on the Public Service Commission in Namibia from 1991 to 1996, and an Ombudswoman in the Namibian Government from 1996 to 2003. She has also been a lecturer in Gender Law at the University of Namibia, Director of the Board of the Central Bank of Namibia, and involved in many non-governmental organizations including Secretary-General of the Namibian National Women's Organization.

Catherine Uju Ifejika

When corporate discussions of women who have broken the glass ceiling in the rear fields of the global Oil and Gas Industry, *Mrs. Uju Ifejika* comes to mind. A lawyer and legal expert in the Nigerian and global oil subsector, this this exceptional and ethical leader broke the glass ceiling by becoming, so far, the first and only woman to own and operate as the Chairman and C.E.O. of a global cutting-edge upstream E & P company in Nigeria. Mrs. Catherine is the first female owner and operator of an indigenous Oil and Gas Company.

Claude Joséphine Rose Cardinal

Known as Claudia Cardinale, is an Italian actress. Born and raised in La Goulette, a neighbourhood of Tunis, Cardinale won the "Most Beautiful Italian Girl in Tunisia" competition in 1957, the prize being a trip to Italy, which quickly led to film contracts, due above all to the involvement of Franco Cristaldi, who acted as her mentor for a number of years and later married her. After making her debut in a minor role with the Egyptian star Omar Sharif in Goha (1958), Cardinale became one of the best-known actresses in Italy Italy with roles in films such as Rocco and His Brothers (1960), Girl with a Suitcase (1961), Cartouche (1962), The Leopard (1963), and Fellini's 8½ (1963).

Constance Connie Ferguson

Is a South African based Motswana actress, filmmaker, producer and businesswoman. She is best known for her role as "Karabo Moroka" on South Africa's most popular soap opera, Generations. She starred on the show from its start in 1994 until she exited in 2010. In 2014, she reprised her role on the show after a 4-year absence for a short term. Ferguson was on the cover of Forbes Woman Africa magazine in 2018.

Cynthia Davies CBE

Cynthia V. Davis CBE is a very prosperous entrepreneur who is most recognised for having founded and served as CEO of the Diversifying Group. She gained widespread recognition in the business and was later nominated by Computer Weekly as one of the "Most Inspirational Women in Tech 2020–2023," and she has since taken the tech world by storm. *Cynthia* has a stellar business career in addition to serving as a board trustee at Over The Wall. A strong female entrepreneur, she is currently in great demand as a speaker to impart her specialised knowledge on subjects including technology, entrepreneurship, diversity, and equality.

Danai Jekesai

Danai Jekesai Gurira is an American-Zimbabwean actress and dramatist. Her most well-known performances are as Okoye in the Marvel Cinematic Universe superhero movie Black Panther (2018) and Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (2022) and as Michonne in the AMC horror drama series The Walking Dead (2012–2020, 2022). In addition, *Gurira* wrote the script for the Broadway production Eclipsed, for which she received a Tony Award nomination for Best Play. She focused a lot on her academics and her classes, and you can see the same qualities in her performance in "Black Panther.

David Moinina Sengeh

Is a politician from Sierra Leone who was appointed by President Julius Maada Bio to the position of chief minister in 2023. Prior to this, he held the positions of chief innovation officer for the Directorate of Science, Technology, and Innovation and minister of basic and senior secondary education. A TED Senior Fellow, he is. *Sengeh* received an offer to work on data-driven healthcare at IBM in Africa. He developed healthcare technologies for Africa while working at IBM Research's newest lab in Johannesburg and Nairobi.

Debra Mallowah

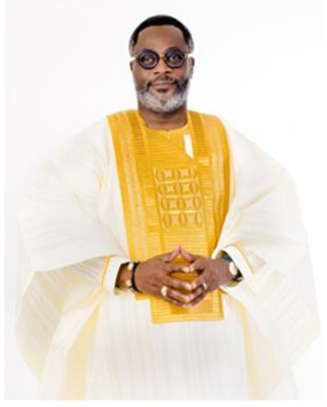
Kenya's Debra Mallowah has been appointed as the new Vice president for Coca- Cola's East and Central African franchise, effective since February 15, 2021. The role based in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, will see Mallowah oversee the development and implementation of business strategies across the East and Central African franchise for the global soft-drinks company. President of Coca- Cola Africa operating unit, Bruno Pietracci, described Mallowah as " a highly accomplished leader" with a wealth of experience gained within leading multinational entities.

Professor Daniël Christiaan de Wet Swanepoel

He is a South African professor of Communication Pathology at the Department of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology University of Pretoria and a Senior Researcher at the Ear Science Institute Australia. He is a member of African Academy of Sciences and a recipient of 2018 African Academy of Sciences Olusegun Obasanjo Prize and Silver (S2A3) British Association Medal.

Diébédo Francis Kéré

Is a Burkinabé-German architect, recognized for creating innovative works that are often sustainable and collaborative in nature. In 2022, he became the first African to receive the Pritzker Architecture Prize. Educated at the Technical University of Berlin, he has lived in Berlin since 1985. Parallel to his studies, he established the Kéré Foundation (formerly Schulbausteine für Gando), and in 2005 he founded Kéré Architecture. His architectural practice has been recognized internationally with awards including the Aga Khan Award for Architecture (2004) for his first building, the Gando Primary School in Burkina Faso, and the Global Holcim Award for Sustainable Construction 2012 Gold.



HRM Drolor Bosso Adamtey

HRM Drolor Bosso Adamtey is a North Carolina preacher and author, and the Suapolor ("pathfinder" or "waymaker") of the Se (Shai) Traditional Area in the Dangme West District of Ghana, West Africa, where he carries the title "Drolor" and the royal name Bosso Adamtey I. He is the first chancellor of the University of Professional Studies. He is a speaker and consultant in the areas of international relations, resource mobilization, conflict resolution, social justice, leadership, globalization, and African economic development.

Dr. Denis Mukwege

Is a Pentecostal pastor and Congolese gynaecologist. He established Panzi Hospital in Bukavu and is employed there, treating women who have been sexually assaulted by armed rebels. The Nobel Peace Prize was shared in 2018 by Mukwege and Yazidi human rights activist Nadia Murad of Iraq for "their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict". Panzi Hospital has treated over 82,000 patients with complicated gynaecological trauma and injury since its founding.

Ebenezer Bonyah

Prof. Bonyah is an Associate Professor at the Department of Mathematics Education, Akenten Appiah-Menka University of Skills Training and Entrepreneurial Development Kumasi Ghana, formerly of the University of Education Winneba, College of Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. Bonyah serves as a Reviewer of many International Accredited Journals across the world and serves as an editorial board member of eight (8) peer-reviewed journals. He has participated in many international conferences including plenary speaker in recent conferences organized in India. The Researcher has over one hundred and eighty (180) publications in referenced journals and three book chapters to his credit.

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema

She is a Tanzanian biodiversity leader and lawyer, living in Montreal, Canada, who has been serving as Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) since 2023, under the leadership of Executive Director Inger Andersen. From 2020 to 2022, Mrema was executive secretary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD); she was the first African woman to hold this role. She previously held numerous leadership positions within UNEP.

Eric Nyamekye

He is the sixth chairman of The Church of Pentecost (COP), the biggest Pentecostal denomination in West Africa. He is also an apostle and a televangelist from Ghana. In addition to being the Chancellor of Pentecost University, he serves as President of the Ghana Pentecostal and Charismatic Council.

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Dr Paul Enenche

He is the founder and senior pastor of Dunamis International Gospel Centre, (DIGC) Head Quartered in Abuja, Nigeria. Dr Paul who was trained as a Medical doctor but called into full time ministry by God, preaches every Sunday to over 100,000 members in Abuja in the Glory Dome, and through the network of satellite churches to millions in Nigeria and beyond.

Emmanuel Mark Kembe

He was born in Wau, Western Bahr el-Ghazal, New Sudan the now Republic of South Sudan. Kembe lived in exile since 1994–2005 and has been recognized in the stream media due to his songs beginning with Shen Shen his first album. Kembe has performed songs about patriotism, peace and the reconstruction of the country and as a peace activist, he has majored in the cultural as well as diverse issues affecting the Country of South Sudan. He has performed in various concerts such as that organized by United Nations. He has carried out peace concerts aimed at bringing people together in the small country like South Sudan. Comedy for Peace organized by UNMISS had him perform in order to build connections and unity.

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

She is a Liberian politician who served as the 24th president of Liberia from 2006 to 2018. Sirleaf was the first elected female head of state in Africa. Sirleaf was born in Monrovia to a Gola father and Kru-German mother. She was educated at the College of West Africa. She completed her education in the United States, where she studied at Madison Business College, the University of Colorado Boulder, and Harvard University. She returned to Liberia to work in William Tolbert's government as Deputy Minister of Finance from 1971 to 1974. Later, she worked again in the West, for the World Bank in the Caribbean and Latin America. In 1979, she received a cabinet appointment as Minister of Finance, serving to 1980.She won the 2005 presidential election and took office on 16 January 2006.

Eric Y. Danquah

Is a Ghanaian plant geneticist, professor, founding director of the West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) and former director of the Biotechnology Centre at the University of Ghana. In February 1994, he was appointed lecturer in the Department of Crop Science at the University of Ghana. He was promoted to senior lecturer in 2001, associate professor in 2004 and full professor in 2007. He held the positions of Head of the Department of Crop Science from 2005 to 2006, and Dean of International Programmes from 2006 to 2009.

Euvin Naidoo

Naidoo currently serves as the Distinguished Prof. of Practice for Accounting, Risk and Agility at the Thunderbird School of Global Management. Naidoo is a celebrated management Professor and business thinker with his work focusing on financial performance, board governance, innovation and digital transformation. In Jan 2024, he launched Thunderbird's first AI program, "AI & the Future of Work" in Arizona. Splitting his time between the USA, Africa and the Middle East, Prof. Naidoo currently serves as a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council (GFC) on the Future of Job Creation. GFC's are viewed as among the world's most prestigious think tanks, gathering global experts from across fields to tackle the globe's most pressing challenges. He served as part of the senior leadership teams for both Standard Bank and the Barclays Africa Group where he was Head of Strategy across Barclays Africa covering an African footprint from East to West to Southern Africa. He has also successfully managed one of the largest banking risk and credit portfolios in emerging markets, successfully navigating multiple cross-border and country risk matters also serving as Head of Risk Appetite across 17 African countries. Naidoo moved from Barclays to become the first South African MD and Partner for the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) to co-lead the Banking, Insurance and Public Sector practices for Africa based out of Johannesburg.

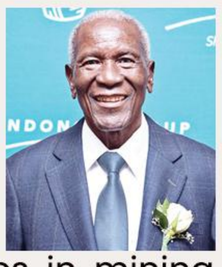
Femi Otedola CON

Is a Nigerian businessman and philanthropist. He is the former chairman of Forte Oil PLC, and is the current executive chairman of Geregu Power PLC.Otedola is also the founder of Zenon Petroleum and Gas Ltd, and the owner of a number of other businesses across shipping, real estate and finance. Otedola is chief executive and president of SeaForce Shipping Company Ltd and was at one point Nigeria's largest ship owner after extending control over the distribution of diesel products. One of his ships, a flat bottomed bunker vessel with a storage capacity of 16,000 metric tonnes, was the first of its kind in Africa.

Folorunsho Alakija

She is a Nigerian businesswoman and Nigeria's first female billionaire with a net worth of $2.5 billion. She's the Executive Vice Chairman of Famfa Oil Limited (oil exploration and Production Company). She is also Group Managing Director of The Rose of Sharon Group which consists of The Rose of Sharon Prints & Promotions Limited and Digital Reality Prints Limited. Her career began in the mid 1970's as a secretary at the now-defunct International Merchant Bank of Nigeria, one of the West African nation's earliest investment banks.

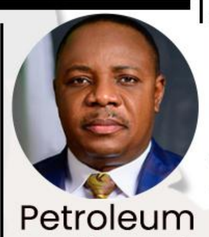
Fransisco Aupa Indongo



Is a Namibian businessman and former politician. He owns Continental Enterprises, Indongo Toyota, Frans Indongo Gardens, Farm Gelukwater, Select Service and Gas Station and various shares in mining and fishing companies in Namibia. He is third on the list of Namibia's top ten richest people, behind the Pupkewitz and Olthaver & List families. Indongo entered politics in the 1970s as a leading member of the National Democratic Party, which became part of the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance following the completion of the Turnhalle Constitutional Conference in 1977. He resigned from politics in the late 1980s to manage his business affairs.

Fred Swaniker

Fred Swaniker is a seasoned leader development specialist and serial entrepreneur specialist and serial entrepreneur dedicated to assisting the most exceptional talent on the planet in realising their full potential. As principal of a secondary school that his mother had created when he was seventeen, Swaniker understood the value of education and leadership and thought that strong leadership was what Africa lacked. He founded the African Leadership Group, an ecosystem of organisations that is spurring the emergence of a new generation of morally-responsible, enterprising African leaders, in order to address that issue. He has established and oversaw the pre-university African Leadership Academy in South Africa, the African Leadership University, which has campuses in Rwanda and Mauritius, the African Leadership Network, ALX, a platform for next-generation leadership development, and The Room, a global community of top talent, over the course of the last 16 years.



Gabriel Taniu Aduda

His Excellency Amb. Gabriel Aduda is the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Petroleum Resources Nigeria. He was conferred with the title of Ambassador-in situ on 8th Jan 2021. Additionally, Aduda holds the esteemed position of OPEC Governor for Nigeria, representing the country's interests in the 186th Ordinary Meeting of the OPEC Conference of Ministers. Aduda was named Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria in 2021. In December 2020, he was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after serving as the Permanent Secretary in the Nigerian Ministry of Youth and Sports. He held positions as Head of Strategy and Reorientation at the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission and Director, Economic Research and Policy Management at the Federal Ministry of Finance (Nigeria) before being appointed Permanent Secretary.

Gebisa Ejeta

Prof Gebisa Ejeta is an Ethiopian American plant breeder, geneticist and Professor at Purdue University. In 2009, he won the World Food Prize for his major contributions in the production of sorghum. Working in Sudan during the early 1980s, Ejeta developed Africa's first commercial hybrid variety of sorghum tolerant to drought. Later, with a Purdue University colleague in Indiana, he discovered the chemical basis of the relationship between the deadly parasitic weed striga and sorghum, and was able to produce sorghum varieties resistant to both drought and striga. On 2011 President Barack Obama appointed Gebisa Ejeta as Member, Board for International Food and Agricultural Development. The National Medal of Science was awarded to Ejeta by President Biden in 2023.

Gideon Boko Duma

He is a Motswana politician who serves as the president of both the Botswana National Front (BNF) and the main opposition alliance, the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC). He was the Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly from 2014–2019. He is a lawyer and jurist. Duma Boko attained the presidency of the BNF in 2010. He led the creation of the Umbrella for Democratic Change, an alliance of the main opposition parties in Botswana. He ran as the alliance's president in Botswana's elections in 2014 and 2019. Boko became the leader of the Botswana National Front (BNF) in 2010. His position and party membership was challenged on the grounds that when the BNF split in 2000, he had become a founding member of the National Democratic Front (NDF). If proven, this would, according to the BNF constitution, disqualify him from a leadership position in the party for three years after re-joining it. He prevailed in court. He inherited a party that was in decline under the leadership of Otsweletse Moupo.

George Akuffo Dampare

Is a police officer and certified accountant from Ghana. On July 21, 2021, President Nana Akufo-Addo named him as the interim Inspector General of Police of the Ghana Police Service, with effect from August 1, 2021. James Oppong-Boanuh, who had been in the position since October 2019, was replaced. Dampare is the fourth Republic of Ghana's youngest Inspector-General of Police (IGP) and the eighth youngest since Ghana's independence. Dampare has held lecturing positions at the Data Link University College, Regent University College, Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), and University of Cape Coast (UCC). Additionally, he is one of the founding instructors at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) at Kumasi's Business School.

Gilbert Houngbo

Togolese politician and diplomat Gilbert Fossoun Houngbo was prime minister of Togo from September 2008 to July 2012. Additionally, he has held a number of posts with the United Nations System, including those with the International Labour Office, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). He was chosen to serve as the International Labour Organization's (ILO) eleventh director general in 2022. Prior to being named UNDP Chief of Staff in 2003, Houngbo served as Director of Finance and Administration for the UNDP and was a member of the Strategic Management Team. On December 29, 2005, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan appointed him as Assistant Secretary-General of the UN, Assistant Administrator of the UNDP, and Director of the UNDP's Regional Bureau for Africa. Following his term as Prime Minister of Togo, Houngbo returned to the United Nations System in 2013 as Deputy Director-General for Field Operations and Partnership at the International Labour Office.

Ibukun Awosika

She is the Chairman, Board of Directors, First Bank of Nigeria Limited, Nigeria's premier and most valuable banking brand. She is also the founder and CEO of The Chair Centre Group. The companies in the group include: The Chair Centre Limited, Sokoa Chair Centre Limited, Furniture Manufacturers Mart, TCC Security Systems and Cubes and Boxes Limited. These companies are involved in manufacturing, retail and bank-way security systems services. Ibukun chairs a number of corporate and not-for-profit boards amongst which are: GEMS Africa, House of Tara International and Afterschool Graduate Development Centre (AGDC), a facility which she promoted to help address youth employability and enterprise issues in Nigeria. She sits on the boards of Cadbury Nigeria Plc. Digital Jewel Limited and Convention on Business Integrity (CBI). She was Chairman, FBN Life Assurance Limited, FBN Capital Limited and Kakawa Discount House Limited. She also served on the board of Nigerian Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA).

Isatou Ceesay

She is a Gambian activist and social entrepreneur, popularly referred to as the Queen of Recycling.She initiated a recycling movement called One Plastic Bag in the Gambia. Through this movement, she educated women in The Gambia to recycle plastic waste into sellable products that earned them income. In Washington, DC, the United States, she received the International Alliance for Women Difference Maker Award in 2012. Her narrative was included in a book with illustrations by Elizabeth Zunon and writing by Miranda Paul.

Jean-Jacques Muyembe

Congolese microbiologist Jean-Jacques Muyembe works there. He is the Democratic Republic of the Congo's Institute National pour la Recherche Biomedicale (INRB) general director. In 2016, he oversaw the research team that created mAb114, one of the most promising Ebola treatments, in collaboration with scientists from the INRB and the National Institute of Health Vaccine Research Centre in the US. On the specific request of Dr. Oly Ilunga, the DRC's Minister of Health at the time, the medication was successfully tested during recent outbreaks in the country. In 1978, he was named the University of Kinshasa Medical School's dean. Muyembe began working with the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in Senegal's Institute Pasteur de Dakar in 1981, where he studied the Marburg and Ebola viruses. He was appointed director of the National Institute for Biomedical Research of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 1998.He has served as a consultant to the World Health Organization's Ebola Emergency Committee. Here, he oversees 15 researchers who are investigating the Ebola virus, sleeping sickness, and the Bas-Congo virus. He has given West African political leadership advice.

Juldeh Camara

Juldeh Camara is a griot, as well as an internationally followed blues musician and recording artist who has appeared on 21 albums. He is known for his instrumental virtuosity and for his collaborations with European, African, and other artists. His instrument is an African one-string fiddle, known as Nyanyero in his native Fula language or Riti in the Wolof language. Growing up in upper Gambia to a legendary ritti player Sheriff Camara, it was not until age 5, Juldeh Camara began watching his father play the nyanyeru, the ritti. It came a point the young Juldeh cried whenever his father refused to give the ritti to fiddle with it. As the father, Sheriff Camara continued his musical tours in Basse sometimes with reputable politicians like the former vice president of the Gambia Assan Musa Camara, by now Camara had started to fine-tune his fingers with the rhythm of the nyanyeru. In June 2014, after touring with the band since late 2012, Camara appeared as part of the Sensational Space Shifters with Robert Plant at the 2014 Glastonbury Extravaganza.

Jahman Oladejo Anikulapo

One of Nigeria's most assiduous Art, Culture activists, curators and Journalist. Such that the Nigeria's Arts and Culture community has literally declared January 2013 as The Jahman Anikulapo Month. Jahman is a cultural activist involved in the Committee for Relevant Art, CORA, which has been organizing the quarterly Art Stampede aka Artists Parliament since June 1991. He is also a Stage Actor, Manager, Director, producer on national and international productions.

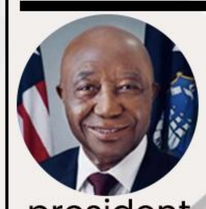
Jeanette Marais

Jeanette, who has a strong track record of building profitable businesses at various financial institutions, is also the Chief Executive Officer of Momentum Investments. She started her career at Momentum in 1990, filling multiple roles in actuarial product development and marketing and as part of the team that launched Momentum Administration Services, pioneering investment platforms in South Africa. She filled executive-level positions at PSG, Stanlib and Old Mutual before joining Allan Gray in 2009 as co-head of retail business, where she became executive director. She is passionate about the upliftment of women and making financial services accessible to all South Africans.

Jimmy Volmink

He is Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciencesat Stellenbosch University and Founding Director of the South African Cochrane Centre hosted by the Medical Research Council of South Africa. His previous positions include Deputy Dean for Research at Stellenbosch University, GlaxoWellcome Chair of Primary Health Care at the University of Cape Town, and Director of Research and Analysis of the Global Health Council in Washington DC. Prof Volmink is currently Interim President of the Southern African Epidemiological Association, Chair of the Governing Board of the Chronic Diseases Initiative in Africa and Chair of ASSAf's Consensus Study Panel on "Reconceptualising education and training of an appropriate health workforce for the improved health of the nation." In addition, he serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Inter Academy Medical Panel – the global network of the world's medical academies and medical divisions within science academies, and the Scientific Advisory Board of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of South Africa.

Joseph Nyumah Boakai



His Excellency Joseph Nyumah Boakai is a Liberian politician who is the president-elect of Liberia. Boakai previously served as the 29th vice president of Liberia from 2006 to 2018, under President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. He previously served as the Minister of Agriculture from 1983 to 1985. Boakai ran for president in 2017, losing the election to George Weah. He went on to defeat Weah in the 2023 election. Boakai went on to work in both the public and private sectors. He worked as a resident manager (1973–1980) and managing director (1980–1982) for the Liberia Produce Marketing Corporation (LPMC). From 1983 to 1985, he served as Minister of Agriculture under President Samuel Doe. While Minister of Agriculture, Boakai chaired the 15 nation West African Rice Development Association. In 1992, he was the managing director of the Liberia Petroleum Refinery Company (LPRC). He later worked as a consultant to the World Bank in Washington and founded a firm dealing in agricultural equipment and consultancy. He has served as board chairman of the Liberia Wood Management Corporation and the Liberia Petroleum Refining Company.

Juldeh Camara

Pastor Julian is an internationally accomplished business leader and serial FinTech entrepreneur. In 2010, he founded the MODE Group, a FinTech company spanning over 26 countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. As Founder and Chairman of Beulah City, Julian was a key negotiator in a Government of Kenya and UNOPS agreement to deliver 100,000 affordable homes in Kenya. Julian sits on several boards across the world with links to global leaders in various sectors. He was recognized as the 2015 CNBC East Africa Entrepreneur of the Year, 2012 IBM Global Entrepreneur and a Top 40 under 40 Kenyan entrepreneur on 2 occasions. He featured in Forbes Magazine, Bloomberg International and the New York Times. Julian is also a sought after speaker and has spoken at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Nairobi with President Barack Obama. In addition, Julian is a reverend and the senior pastor of the Nairobi-based Purpose Centre Church.

Jumoke Oduwole

Dr. Jumoke Oduwole is an academic, former government advisor, and advocate. She is currently a Senior Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government. Prior to this, she served as Special Adviser to the President of Nigeria on Ease of Doing Business from August 2019 to May 2023. Before her appointment to this role, Jumoke was Senior Special Assistant to the President on Industry, Trade & Investment in the Office of the Vice President. Her team was responsible for Nigeria moving up an unprecedented 39 places in the World Bank's flagship Doing Business Report over the last three years, among other notable achievements. Jumoke is a respected global thought leader in her field. She was the only African nominated onto the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Trade and Investment in 2016 and is a highly sought-after speaker.

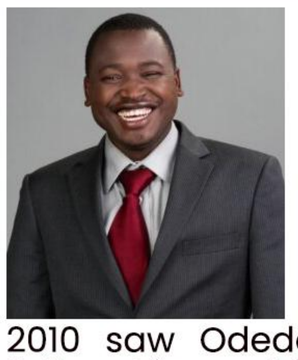
Kenneth Sharpe

He is a Zimbabwean businessman, philanthropist and real estate developer. He is the CEO and Chairman of the board at West Property Zimbabwe He is also the first Zimbabwean to receive Forbes Africa Best of Africa Most Innovative CEO Award. Sharpe started his business career in 1991 when he established the West Group, a confectionary and food distribution company which had operations in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique and South Africa. With operations in South Africa, he also established Inter Africa Franchise Bottlers in South Africa.

Khairy Beshara

He is an Egyptian film director active in the Egyptian film industry since the 1970s.He is considered one of the Egyptian directors who re-defined realism in Egyptian cinema in the 1980s. In a recent book published by Bibliotheca Alexandrina in 2007 about the most important 100 films in the history of Egyptian cinema, three of his movies were listed: The Collar and the Bracelet, Bitter Day, Sweet Day, and Ice Cream in Gleem.

Kennedy Odede

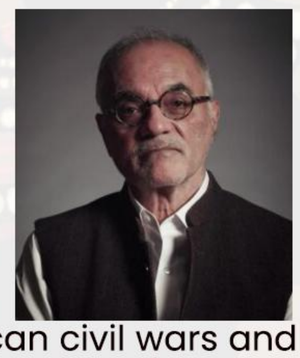


Kenyan social entrepreneur Kennedy Odede is also a best-selling memoirist in the New York Times. At Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO), a movement with headquarters in New York, USA, and Nairobi, Kenya, Odede is the CEO and co-founder. 2010 saw Odede receive the Echoing Green Fellowship, and in 2014, Forbes under 30 listed him as one of the leading social entrepreneurs. He participates in the Clinton Global Initiative as well. President Bill Clinton, Madonna, Beyoncé, and Nicholas Kristof of The New York Times, as well as his book A Path Appears, have all highlighted his work. Odede's own writing has been published in The Guardian, Project Syndicate, CNN, The New York Times, and other op-ed sections.

Khairy Beshara

Seventeen (17) years ago, Dr. Ladislas Prosper Agbesi launched Lash Group in Ghana with the goal of advancing the continent's development.With five offices across the globe now, Lash Consult Investments is present in Benin, Ghana, Germany, the United States, and South Africa. He currently serves as Kudi Financial Services' group chairman. Lash Group provides investment finance and consulting services in West Africa. At the 16th Africa Security Watch Award 2019, Dr. Ladislas Prosper Agbesi received an award from Africa Security Watch for being "The most outstanding peace and security personality in West and Central Africa."

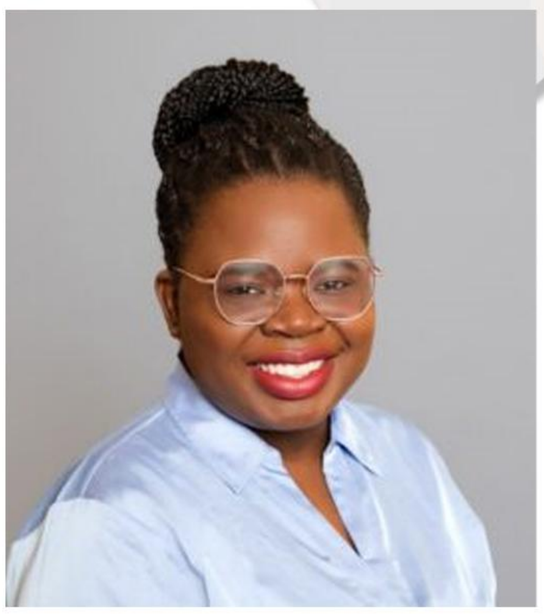
Mahmood Mamdani



Mahmood Mamdani is a Ugandan scholar, writer, and political analyst of Indian descent. At present, he holds the position of Chancellor at Kampala International University located in Uganda. From 2010 to February 2022, he served as the director of the Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR). Mamdani is an expert in the fields of colonialism and post-colonialism, politics of knowledge production, and African and global politics. His writings examine the relationship between politics and culture, the history of African civil wars and genocides, the Cold War and the War on Terror, the philosophy and practice of human rights, and a comparative analysis of colonialism from 1452.

Queen Masenate Mohato Seeiso

She is Queen of Lesotho as the wife of King Letsie III of Lesotho. She was the first commoner in modern history to marry into the royal family of Lesotho. Since becoming queen, she has become the patron of several charities and has worked to promote the work of projects related to HIV/AIDS. She has a strong interest in enabling the work undertaken with HIV/AIDS patients to be spoken of publicly, and has been involved in several awareness programmes in Lesotho. Queen 'Masenate has also undertaken visits to a variety of AIDS projects around the country, including orphanages. She also holds a First Aid Certificate.



Maud Chifamba

In 2012 Maud Chifamba was the youngest university student in Africa. She was born in Zimbabwe and was accepted to the University of Zimbabwe to study for an accounting degree at the age of 14. She began attending in 2012. Her degree was financed through a US$9,933 scholarship from the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority Chairman's Charity Fund. 2007 Chifamba was named the best student under the most difficult conditions in the Midlands Province of Zimbabwe In December 2012; Chifamba was 5th on Forbes' list of Top 100 Youngest Powerful Women in Africa. She was mentioned in the Book of African Records as the youngest university student in the continent.

Dr. Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella

He is a Sierra Leonean agricultural economist, politician, and the former United Nations Under-Secretary-General and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All. He was also the chief executive officer of the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative. Yumkella is a former Chairman of UN- Energy and a two-term former Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Leymah Roberta Gbowee

She is a Liberian peace activist responsible for leading a women's nonviolent peace movement, Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace that helped bring an end to the Second Liberian Civil War in 2003. Her efforts to end the war, along with her collaborator Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, helped usher in a period of peace and enabled a free election in 2005 that Sirleaf won. Gbowee and Sirleaf, along with Tawakkul Karman, were awarded the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize "for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work.

Tcheka Manuel Lopes Andrade

Tcheka Manuel Lopes Andrade; born in Ribeira da Barca, Santiago, Cape Verde, is a Cape Verdean singer, songwriter and guitarist, who is well known for his work in transposing the traditional genre batuque to the electro-acoustic guitar.

Dr Mensa Otabil

He is a Ghanaian theologian, motivational speaker, and entrepreneur. He is the founder of International Central Gospel Church headquartered in Accra, Ghana. He is also the founder and Chancellor of Central University College, and CEO of Otabil and Associates, an executive and Leadership Growth Consultancy.

Mike Jocktane

A former presidential candidate in Gabon, played an active role in the last presidential elections and he believes that the future of GABON is very bright in the coming years. Alongside his political career, he is also a bishop, having been ordained a Minister of the Gospel on 17 January 1994. He made history by becoming the first consecrated bishop from Pentecostal and charismatic backgrounds in Gabon on 22 March 2003. Mike Jocktane is the founding chairman of the "Gabon Nouveau" political party, which will be created in 2019. He was chief of staff to President Oma Bongo Ondimba in 2009, and then served as campaign manager for opponent André MBA OBAME during the 2009 presidential election.

Mohammed Fathi Ahmed Ibrahim

Sir Mohammed Fathi Ahmed Ibrahim KCMG is a Sudanese-British billionaire businessman. He worked for several telecommunications companies,before founding Celtel, which, when sold, had over 24 million mobile phone subscribers in 14 African countries. After selling Celtel in 2005 for $3.4 billion, he set up the Mo Ibrahim Foundation to encourage better governance in Africa, as well as creating the Ibrahim Index of African Governance, to evaluate nations' performance. He is also a member of the Africa regional advisory board of London Business School.

Modupe Adefeso-Olateju

She is a recognized organizational leader and policy expert specializing in public-private partnerships and citizen-led assessments in education and works as the managing director of The Education Partnership Centre, which is Nigeria's pioneering education-partnership organization. Mo advises policymakers, corporations and international think tanks, and leads work streams on a range of education sector support initiatives funded by multilateral organizations and corporate funders. She is a member of the team that is drafting Nigeria's mid- and long-term strategic plans. Mo sits on the boards of Malala Fund, Slum2School Africa, and Unveiling Africa Foundation, and is an advisory board member of the People's Action for Learning (PAL) Network.

Mohamed Hag Ali Hag el Hassan

Hassan is President of TWAS and of the Sudanese National Academy of Sciences; and Chair of the Governing Council of the United Nations Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries, and of the International Advisory Board of the Centre for Development Research, Germany. He covered many high-level positions, such as President of the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP); founding Executive Director of TWAS; President of the African Academy of Sciences; founding President of the Network of African Science Academies, and Chair of the Council of United Nations University.

Mogoeng Mogoeng

He is a South African jurist who served as the Chief Justice of South Africa from 8 September 2011 until his retirement on 11 October 2021. In 1997, Mogoeng accepted an appointment to the North West High Court, though he had felt initially that he was too inexperienced to be made a judge. He became a judge of the Labour Appeal Court in 2000 and the Judge President of the North West High Court in 2002. In October 2009, in President Jacob Zuma's first raft of judicial appointments, Mogoeng was elevated to the highest court in South Africa, its Constitutional Court. He was appointed simultaneouslywith Chris Jafta, Sisi Khampepe and Johan Froneman.

Mohamed Osman Baloola

In 2009, Eng. Mohamed Baloola received a B.Sc. in Biomedical Engineering from Ajman University in Ajman, United Arab Emirates. In 2022, he earned a Master of Engineering Science in Biomedical Engineering from Universiti Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He joined Ajman University in October 2010 as an Assistant Instructor in the College of Engineering and IT (CEIT) from 2010 to 2022. In September 2022, he became an Instructor at CEIT. Since 2017, he has served as the Deputy Director of the Ajman University Innovation Center (AUIC). He was selected among the World's 500 Most influential Arabs as Scientist and Inventor. In 2022, he was selected among the Top 100 Content Creators on LinkedIn. He was named Ambassador of Talent and Ambassador of Goodwill for the Physically Disabled.

Muhammed Bulama

Dr. Muhammed Bulama, was the Deputy Director, Multi-Media of the APC Presidential Campaign for the 2023 presidential elections. He was a Special Adviser to the Governor of Borno State on Research, Documentation and Strategy, and former Commisioner of Information, Borno State. He is an elected member of the Constituent Assembly representing Damboa Federal Constituency.

Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa

Her Excellency Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa is the Deputy Chairperson (DCP) for the African Union Commission. She is in charge of Administration and Finance and assists the Chairperson in the execution of his functions to ensure the smooth running of the Commission, and acts as the Chairperson in his absence. Dr. Nsanzabaganwa holds a Ph.D. in Economics, and Honorary Doctorate of Commerce, University of Stellenbosch. She has over twenty years' experience developing and leading programs that drive financial inclusion and economic prosperity.

Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah

She is a Namibian politician who is the Deputy-Prime Minister of Namibia since March 2015. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwa, the current SWAPO vice president, has retained her position, and she is set to become the party's first female presidential candidate in November 2024. She has also been serving as Namibia's Minister of International Relations and Cooperation since December 2012.

Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

She took office as WTO Director-General on 1 March 2021. She is a global finance expert, an economist and international development professional with over 40 years of experience working in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and North America. Dr Okonjo-Iweala was formerly Chair of the Board of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. She was previously on the Boards of Standard Chartered PLC and Twitter Inc. She was appointed as African Union (AU) Special Envoy to mobilise international financial support for the fight against COVID-19 and WHO Special Envoy for Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator. She is a skilled negotiator and has brokered numerous agreements which have produced win-win outcomes in negotiations. She is regarded as an effective consensus builder and an honest broker enjoying the trust and confidence of governments and other stakeholders.

Nuhu Ribadu

Mallam Nuhu Ribadu is a highly accomplished legal practitioner, a public servant, and an anti-corruption crusader who has made significant contributions to the development of Nigeria's legal and political landscape. Ribadu began his career as a police officer in the Nigeria Police Force and rose through the ranks to become an Assistant Inspector General of Police before retiring in 2008. Ribadu's biggest impact, however, came during his tenure as the pioneer chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Nigeria's foremost anti-corruption agency. Under his leadership, the EFCC became known for its aggressive pursuit of corrupt individuals, both in the public and private sectors. His work at the EFCC earned him national and international recognition.

Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson

Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson is a Ghanaian prelate and cardinal of the Catholic Church who has served as chancellor of the Pontifical Academies of Sciences since 2022. He was president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace from 2009 to 2017 and the inaugural prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development from 2017 to 2021.

Okello Oculli

He is a Ugandan novelist, poet, and chronicler of rural African village life. Currently, he is a private political and social consultant based in Abuja, Nigeria. Before that,,he served as Professor of Social & Economic Research at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria. His writing is filled with authentic snatches of conversation, proverbs, and folk wisdom. His poetry, like that of Okot p'Bitek and Joseph Buruga, seeks to re-assert the cultural heritage of Africa with a critique of foreign influences in East Africa.

Rachid Yazami

Yazami's research project included a study of graphite intercalation compounds for lithium battery applications. In 1985, he joined the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) as a research associate. He was later promoted to the position of research director and professor in 1998. In 1980, Yazami was the first scientist to establish the reversible intercalation of lithium into graphite in an electrochemical cell using a polymer electrolyte. Eventually, his discovery led to the lithium-graphite anode which is now used in commercial lithium-ion batteries, a product with over $80 billion in market value.

Dr. Rajae Ghanimi

Ghanimi is the first Arab in the world to claim such title. The Moroccan physician was nominated for the prize by the London-based Arabs Group, a private group that encourages and rewards Arab talents who stand out in the fields of science, architecture & Design, arts, tourism industry, TV, music and marketing. Rajae Ghanimi is a physician and expert in health insurance.

Nnenna Nnannaya Oti

Professor Oti is a highly seasoned, versatile and accomplished scholar, Nnenna is a Professor of Soil Science and Environmental Conservation, who was recently appointed the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO). With over 70 peer-reviewed national and international publications, Prof. Oti has also delivered over 100 invited papers at local, national and international platforms on Gender Issues, Youth Empowerment, National Development, Good Governance and Leadership. This responsible union advocate is driven by her passion to create a just and fair world for all.

Ory Okolloh

In 2006 she co-founded the parliamentary watchdog site Mzalendo (Swahili: "Patriot").The site sought to increase government accountability by systematically recording bills, speeches, MPs, standing orders, etc. When Kenya was engulfed in violence following a disputed presidential election in 2007, Okolloh co-created Ushahidi (Swahili: "Witness"), a website and tool that collected and recorded eyewitness reports of violence using text messages and Google Maps. The technology has since been adapted for expanded purposes (including monitoring elections and tracking pharmaceutical availability) and used in a number of other countries. Okolloh has a personal blog, Kenyan Pundit, which was featured on Global Voices Online. She has worked as a legal consultant for NGOs and has worked at Covington and Burling, the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, and the World Bank.

Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires

In 2014, Pedro Pires launched the Pedro Pires Leadership Institute which focusses on fostering innovative approaches to the discrepancies and challenges faced by political and leadership institutions in Cabo Verde and in Africa. Activities include research, strategic dialogue and capacity-building, focussing on issues of governance, rule of law as well as political and social leadership in Cabo Verde and in Africa. He chairs the Amilcar Cabral Foundation.

Polycarp Pengo

Cardinal Polycarp Pengo, Metropolitan Archbishop emeritus of Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania), After his studies, he returned to Tanzania and taught moral theology at the major seminary in Kipalapala for nine months in 1977. He was then made the first Rector of the major seminary in Segerea, a position which he held from 1978 to 1983. Pope John Paul II named him Bishop of Nachingwea on 11 November 1983 and ordained him on 6 January 1984 on the Feast of the Epiphany in St Peter's Basilica. He took possession of the diocese on 19 February 1984.

Roberta Annan

Is a Ghanaian businesswoman and the founder of the African Fashion Foundation. She is also an investor, philanthropist, and a United Nations Environment Programme Goodwill Ambassador. Annan was the youngest African to be inducted into the African Leadership Hall of Fame. A graduate of Carleton University and Georgetown University, Annan began her career with an internship at the U.N. headquarters in New York City. Annan is the owner of Annan Capital Partners, an investment company in Sub-Saharan Africa, and ALDG, a portfolio of assets in sustainable hospitality, agribusiness, and sustainable luxury in Africa.

Rosalia Hausiku Martins.

Mrs. Martins-Hausiku joined the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund in 2004 as Corporate Relations Officer and became the Manager of Corporate Affairs in 2006. Prior to becoming the Chief Executive Officer for the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (MVA) Namibia, Mrs. Martins-Hausiku held several managerial positions over the 13 year period that she has been with MVA Namibia. Mrs. Martins-Hausiku serves as Director on the Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry Board, as well as the chairperson of Quanta Insurance. She is also the incumbent vice-chairperson of the University of Namibia.

Sangu Delle

He is an Entrepreneur, Investor and Author. Sangu is CEO of CarePoint (formerly Africa Health Holdings), a tech forward healthcare system operating across the continent, focused on "building Africa's healthcare future." He is also the Founder and Chairman of Golden Palm Investments Corporation ("GPI"); an investment holding company focused on building world class technology companies in Africa. GPI has backed startups such as Andela, mPharma and Flutterwave and GPI portfolio companies have raised over $1.2 billion in venture financing.

Sinari Bolade Daranijo

He is a serial entrepreneur who has put in over three decades into the business world. Starting from a very early age, Sinari knew his call was entrepreneurship hence; he pursued it to an enviable height leaving his imprint in virtually every sector. At present, he is a member, Board of Trustees of the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund and also the CEO, SINBOL Group of companies, comprises a group of SME ventures in various areas of endeavours spanning information technology, manufacturing, oil and gas, HR consulting, telecoms, farming, security, health safety and environment, publishing, exporting, property development and entrepreneurship development training.

Ronald Lamola

He is the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services of the Republic of South Africa from 29 May 2019. He is an ANC national executive committee (NEC) member. He is the former deputy president of the ANC Youth League. He sits in two of its most powerful structures: the NEC and the national working committee. He was elected to the NEC at the December 2017 conference.

Rita Oyoku

She is a Serial Entrepreneur, Philanthropist, Humanitarian, and Sought-After Thought Leader in the Business, International Affairs, Diplomacy, Social Service, Trade, and Investment Sectors. She's the Founder/President of Global Harmony Envoy International Initiative (GHEII), a nongovernmental organization that is focused on curbing illegal migration crises and reducing crime rates. As a multifaceted visionary and charismatic leader with over 25 years of experience and a laudable track record to show, she has received notable awards and recognitions both locally and internationally for her positive impact driven towards sustainability, and progression. Ms. Oyoku currently serves as the first appointed Trade and Investment Commissioner of Vanuatu in Nigeria.

Sinach Egbu

Writing music and leading worship for over 30 years, Sinach is a household name known by many around the world for writing some of the most sung songs in our time, such as Way Maker, I Know Who I Am, The Name of Jesus, Rejoice, There's an Overflow, Simply Devoted and over 200 more which have become anthems in many Churches and homes all around the world. She is an award-winning songwriter, vocalist, and writes songs from her heart and memoirs from her experiences with God over the years. Her song Way Maker has been covered by Michael W. Smith, Hillsong, Leeland, Bethel Music, Darlene Zschech, and over 20 top Gospel singers today and in more than 50 languages.

Rediet Abebe

Is an Ethiopian computer scientist working in algorithms and artificial intelligence? She is an assistant professor of computer science at the University of California, Berkeley. Previously, she was a Junior Fellow at the Harvard Society of Fellows. Abebe's research develops mathematical and computational frameworks for examining questions related to inequality and distributive justice. She co-founded the multi-institutional interdisciplinary research initiatives Mechanism Design for Social Good (MD4SG) and Black in AI.

Samia Suluhu Hassan

She is a Tanzanian politician who has served as president of Tanzania since 19 March 2021. She is the first woman to serve in the position. She previously served as vice-president of Tanzania from 2015 to 2021, from which she ascended to the presidency following the death of her predecessor, John Magufuli. As president, Suluhu has implemented democratic reforms, reversing the policies of her predecessor that were implemented to repress political opposition. She also implemented policies to limit the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Tanzania, which Magufuli had denied was a serious issue. Other focuses of her presidency have included the expansion of infrastructure and the globalisation of the Tanzanian economy through investors and tourism.

Sherrie Silver

She is a Rwandan-born British choreographer who choreographed the music video for Childish Gambino's 2018 song This Is America. Her choreography won the MTV Video Music Award for Best Choreography the same year. She attended a Stagecoach Theatre Arts school and co-founded the Children of Destiny dance group when she was aged 11-years, before performing for Rwandan President Paul Kagame. Silver studied business and marketing at university. Career Silver choreographed the music video for Childish Gambino's song This Is America, which won the best choreography award at the 2018 MTV Video Music Awards. Silver also appeared in the music video for the song.

Siyamthanda Kolisi OIG

He is a South African professional rugby union player who currently captains the South Africa national team. Having formerly played for the Stormers and Sharks in South Africa, he currently plays for Racing 92 in the French Top He generally plays as a flanker and a loose forward. In 2018, Kolisi was appointed captain of the Springboks, becoming the first black man to hold the position and eventually leading the South African Rugby team to victory in the 2019 Rugby World Cup Final against England. In December 2019, Kolisi was named in New African magazine's list of 100 Most Influential Africans.

Sven Thieme

He is a Namibian businessman. He is currently a chairman of Ohlthaver & List, the largest private company in Namibia. He took over in 2002 after the death of his grandfather and son of the company founder Werner List the CEO of Ohlthaver & List. He has worked since 1998 in the company; 2001 to 2002 as general manager. He also sits several supervisory boards of subsidiaries. Previously, he was from 1994 to 1998 as an auditor for Deloitte & Touche in Luxemburg. In 2004, he was in charge of establishing the Development Bank of Namibia. In 2010 Thieme was in the Supervisory Board of the public broadcaster Namibian Broadcasting Corporation. Since 2014 he presided over the Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is considered as one of the most influential Namibians.

Nana Hemaa Sophia Karen Edem Ackuaku

She is the Development Queen mother, who sits on a royal stool, located in the Adenkrebi Eastern Region part of Ghana, a very prestigious title with a strong culture and heritage. She is an outstanding lawmaker who is passionate about the development of her people and she is focused on making her people better in all ramifications, Honourable Sophia is an outstanding woman with a personal objective of contributing her quota maximizes profit in every environment she finds herself in. Based on her numerous work experience and exposure over the years, she has acquired the ability for problem solving, strategic thinking, planning and decision making, as afar as the concept of selling to attract funding.

Tariye Gbadegesin

An investment professional with over 20 years' experience in finance, principal investments and infrastructure, Tariye has mobilized over US$3 billion of capital for infrastructure projects in Africa. Tariye was on the founding team to establish the Africa Finance Corporation (AFC), a pan African Development Finance Institution with US$ 6 billion under management where she led several of AFC's investments in the sectors of power, transport, industrials, & telecommunications. Tariye previously led the US$800 million Industrial and Telecommunications Infrastructure business at AFC. Her global experience includes roles at the International Monetary Fund, the Boston Consulting Group, & Price Waterhouse Coopers.

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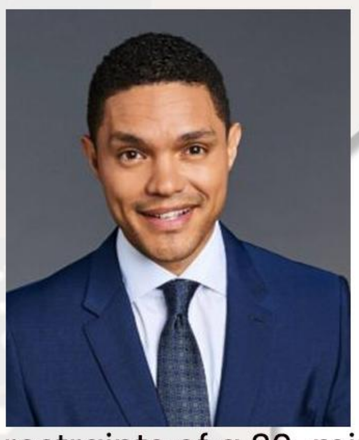

Trevor Noah

Noah is one of the most successful comedians in the world and was the host of the Emmy® Award-winning "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central for seven years. Under Trevor, "The Daily Show with Trevor Noah" broke free from the restraints of a 30-minute linear show, producing engaging social content, award-winning digital series, podcasts and more for its global audience. Last year, "The Daily Show with Trevor Noah" landed a record number of seven Emmy Award nominations.

Thomas Kavaningilamo Alweendo

In Omusheshe, Oshana Region is a Namibian politician who has been Minister of Mines and Energy since 2018. In 1997, he became the first Namibian Governor of the Bank of Namibia when he replaced Jafaar bin Ahmad of Malaysia. In 2010 Alweendo was appointed to lead the National Planning Commission. In March 2022, Alweendo signed a Joint Declaration of Intent (JDoI) with the minister of Economic Affairs and Climate Action of the Federal Republic of Germany, Robert Habeck, to collaborate on accelerating the development of Namibia's green hydrogen ambitions.

Vusi Thembekwayo

Vusi has come to carry many titles through his work building and transforming hundreds of businesses across Africa and the world. Venture capitalist, elite coach and mentor, keynote speaker and best-selling author of international acclaim, Vusi is in demand as a catalyst for business change. His successful track record of partnering with C-Suite executives and entrepreneurs has drawn invitations to share his knowledge and expertise through 180 presentations on four continents and in 38 countries since 2015. As a trusted advisor to Fortune 500 companies and blue-chip corporates across the world, Vusi has come to be one of the wealthiest young people in Africa and was the youngest African entrepreneur to grace the cover of Entrepreneur Magazine. He has also appeared on CNBC, Bloomberg and Inc500.

Zainab Hawa Bangura

Zainab Hawa Bangura of Sierra Leone assumed her position as Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict at the level of Under-Secretary-General on 4 September 2012. In this capacity, she serves as Chair of the interagency network, UN Action against Sexual Violence in Conflict (UN Action).

Wanjira Mathai

She is the Managing Director for Africa and Global Partnerships at WRI.She formerly served as VP & Regional Director for Africa, Co-chair of WRI's Global Restoration Initiative. She is also the current Chair of the Wangari Maathai Foundation and the former Chair of the Green Belt Movement in Kenya. An inspiring leader, Wanjira has over 20 years of experience advocating for social and environmental change on both local and international platforms. Wanjira currently serves on the Board of the World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF), as a Leadership Council member of the Clean Cooking Alliance and a member of the High-Level Group of the Africa-Europe Foundation.

THE QUEEN OF WARRI

OLORI ATUWATSE III

Celebrating the Majesty of an African Queen

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Olori Atuwatse III

She is a visionary leader committed to making an impact through community, empowerment, education and mind transformation. With a legal background from the London School of Economics and as a member of professional organisations like CIARB Nigeria, Olori combines her entrepreneurial spirit and expertise to create value across various industries. She has successfully founded start-ups in the fashion and hospitality sectors. She sits on the boards of the Wells Property Development Company, the Wells Carlton, and Wells Bakehouse, and is constantly on the lookout for opportunities to create value through enterprise.

Olori is also an avid lover of God, and her mission to transform lives extends through her ministry, where she helps people build their faith and identity by teaching them to hear God for themselves. She founded Abba's Jewels in 2017, a community of pioneering women who have together impacted communities through outreaches and prison drives across Nigeria. Beyond enterprise, Olori has a passion for coaching young people and mentoring them at various learning phases with practical skills, through education and vocational training.

Being a mother whose heart longs for the establishment of the Warri Kingdom and her people, Olori Atuwatse III has founded initiatives targeted at promoting education, entrepreneurship and enterprises, extensive maternity care, and child health in the kingdom under The Royal Iwere Foundation (RIF). RIF is the chief project of Olori and Ogiame Atuwatse III that seeks to transform the socio-economic conditions of indigenes through formal and informal education, mentorship programmes and funding for upcoming and fresh entrepreneurs.

Olori's passion for quality education, human capital development and her recognition of teaching as a noble profession and an integral aspect of nation-building also led to the launch of the Teacher's Training Programme (TTP), where teachers in the kingdom are trained on global best practices and encouraged to uphold the teaching profession with dignity. The TTP also awards high performers and seeks the socio-economic welfare of its participants.

Olori Atuwatse III is also a strong advocate for children's education, particularly the empowerment of the girl-child. She believes that quality education should not be the preserve of the privileged few but for every child regardless of their socioeconomic status. The Queen Consort has endowed hundreds of children with scholarships and is a champion of youth upskilling and character reformation and self-leadership.

Olori champions early literacy and creativity through Storytime with Mama Iwere, an initiative close to Her Majesty's heart that teaches children core values and soft skills. Storytime is also a kids club that seeks to develop a flair for the arts in children through drama and dance workshops.

SINACH EGBU

Award-winning songwriter vocalist and a specially anointed global worship leader.

Sinach is an award-winning songwriter, vocalist and a specially anointed global worship leader. She is known globally for several gospel hits songs which include, Way Maker, I Know Who I Am, Great Are you Lord, Rejoice, He did it Again, Precious Jesus, The Name of Jesus, This is my Season, Awesome God, For This, I stand Amazed, Simply Devoted, Jesus is Alive and many more which have become anthems.

Once a lifetime, a personality so iconic is nurtured to impact the world in a unique way. With a sound and an aura that transcend race, geography, and generations, Her Excellency, Ambassador Osinachi Joseph, popularly known as Sinach has become a household name globally with her brand of Christian music which she has titled Goodnews Music.

Her powerful and captivating music coupled with her gradual but steady rise to the top of gospel music charts worldwide has redefined the possibilities for Christian and gospel artist across Africa.

The title track of her sixth studio album, Way Maker which is currently has over 236 million views YouTube and has become a global worship anthem. The song has been recorded by artists and most notably by multiple Grammy award-winning artists Michael W. Smith on the album awaken (The surrounded experience).
She is happily married to her loving husband Joseph Egbu.

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This year's Event was focused on Social Impact. With amazing and resourceful speakers such as;

- Baroness Verma. (Chair UN women and Member of House of Lords) - Introduction to the Conference Theme.
- Dr. Yvonne Thompson CBE.
- Dr. Bibi Ameenah Firdaus Gurib-Fakim GCSK - Mauritian politician and biodiversity scientist who served as the 6th president of Mauritius.
- Amb Prof Olufolake AbdulRazaq - The First Lady of Kwara State and Chairperson, Nigeria Governors Spouse Forum.
- Amb Gabriel Aduda – Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Governor for Nigeria.
- Lalita Taylor | Executive Producer of BBC.
- Martin Piers Dunkerton - British award-winning, Film Director & Royal Television Society nominated BBC director.
- Dr Mohammed Saeed - International Trade Law and Policy Expert, Geneva.
- Dr Graziela Thake - IWD Most Inspirational Leader 2020 | CEO Health & Ed Tech TOH Former forensic psychologist.
- Ezekiel Solise – Business expert.
- Dr Adeyemi Adeniyi - MD Dealclinchers Realtors Limited.
- Rotimi Ojamamoye - Business Development Strategist.
- Lakhi Singh
- Bobbi Trehan-Young | Bobbi | London & Microsoft Executive.
- Joel Singh | Director of GEC.
- Rob Daniels.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENT;

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Introduction to the Conference Theme: Social Impact

Opening Remark from **Dr. Yvonne Thompson Cbe**

Dr. Bibi Ameenah Firdaus Gurib-Fakim GCSK
The Role of Nation's in Social impact:
Collaboration, cooperation and participation are key for us to succeed in our sustainable journey.

Amb Gabriel Aduda

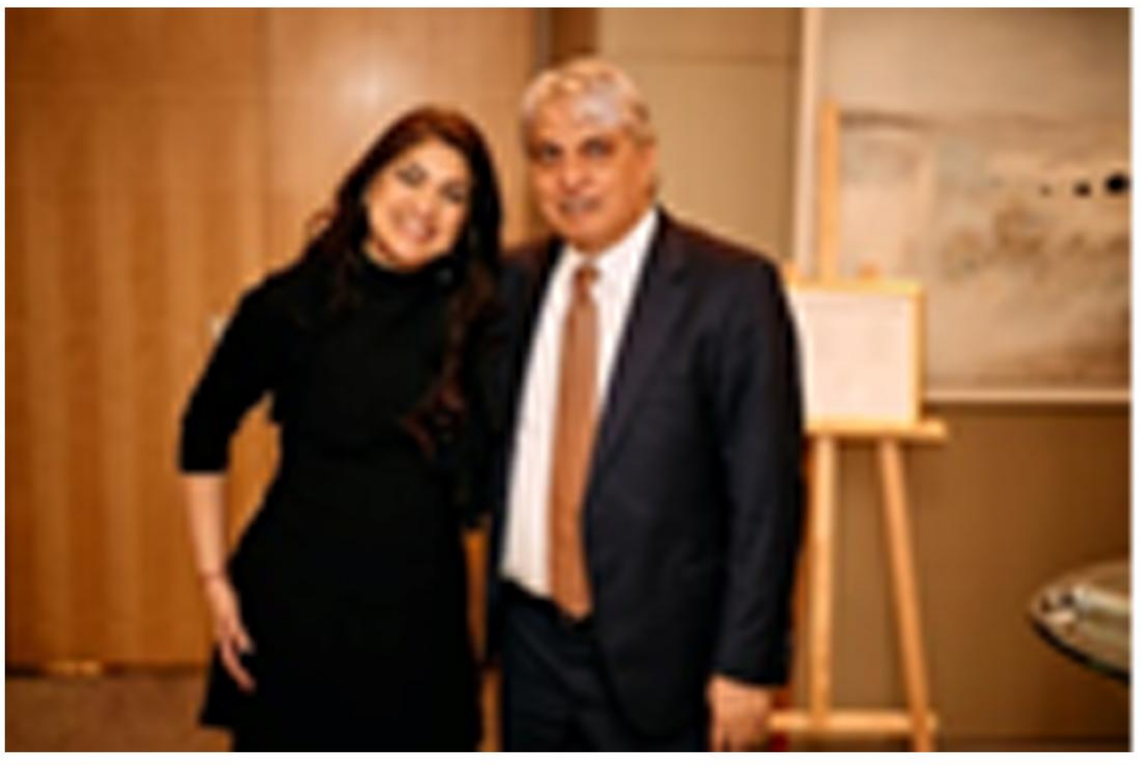
The Role of Nation's in Social impact:
An equitable energy transition is critical to the realisation of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's).

Amb Prof Olufolake AbdulRazaq

The Role of Nation's in Social impact:
Global collaboration is crucial to addressing Social Impact
And no doubt Nations play a vital role in driving this collaboration

Dr. Rex Idaminabo FRSA
Convener

Summary of key insight and a Call to action for continued collaboration for social impact

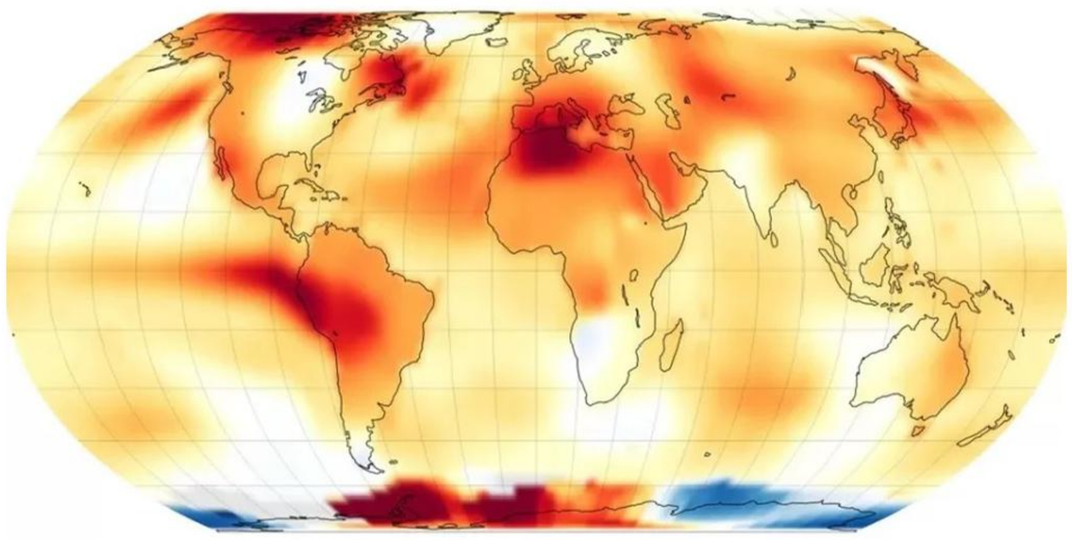


The event continued with an informal networking reception to help build relationships and collaborations.

Understanding Climate Change in 2024: A Call to Action

Introduction:

As we advance through the 21st century, the reality of climate change becomes increasingly undeniable, casting a shadow over the entire planet. With each passing year, the evidence of its impact grows more pronounced, urging urgent global action. In 2024, updated research continues to reveal the severity of the crisis and the critical need for concerted efforts to address it.



Escalating Temperatures:

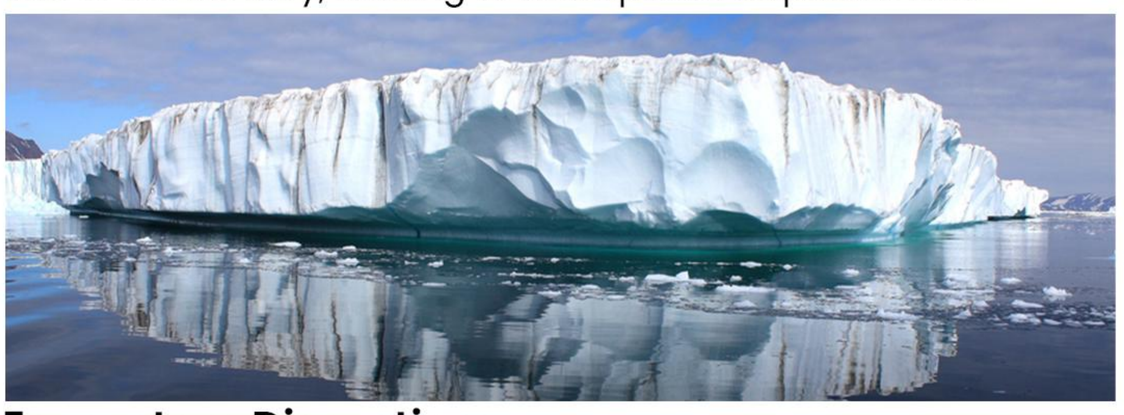
One of the most unmistakable signs of climate change is the consistent rise in global temperatures. Recent data from 2024 confirms this trend, with each successive year ranking among the hottest on record. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), global temperatures have already surpassed pre-industrial levels by approximately 1.2 degrees Celsius. This relentless warming poses significant risks to ecosystems, economies, and human well-being.

Increasing Frequency of Extreme Weather Events:

The impacts of climate change extend beyond gradual temperature shifts, manifesting in more frequent and severe weather events. In 2024, researchers continue to observe a rise in the intensity of hurricanes, cyclones, heatwaves, and wildfires. These events result in loss of life, displacement of communities, and substantial economic losses. Furthermore, marginalized communities and developing nations are disproportionately affected, exacerbating existing inequalities.

Melting Ice and Rising Sea Levels:

The polar regions serve as barometers for the destabilizing effects of climate change, evident in the rapid loss of ice. Updated satellite observations from 2024 reveal alarming rates of ice melt in Greenland, Antarctica, and Arctic sea ice. As glaciers retreat and ice sheets disintegrate, sea levels rise, posing a significant threat to coastal cities and low-lying island nations. The IPCC projects that without substantial emissions reductions, global sea levels could rise by over a meter by the end of the century, leading to widespread displacement.



Ecosystem Disruption:

Climate change is unraveling the interconnected web of life on Earth, with ecosystems worldwide facing unprecedented disruptions. From coral reefs bleaching due to ocean acidification to forests succumbing to drought and pests, ecosystems are under immense strain. In 2024, researchers highlight the cascading impacts of these disruptions, including declining biodiversity and compromised ecosystem services. The loss of these critical natural assets threatens both wildlife and the resilience of human societies.

Mitigation and Adaptation Efforts:

Despite the grim realities of climate change, there is hope in mitigation and adaptation efforts. In 2024, governments, businesses, and civil society are increasingly mobilizing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, transition to renewable energy sources, and bolster resilience to climate impacts. Advancements in renewable energy technologies, coupled with growing public awareness and political momentum, offer pathways to a more sustainable future.

Conclusion:

As we grapple with the latest findings on climate change in 2024, the need for action has never been more urgent. The window to mitigate its worst effects is narrowing, necessitating decisive and coordinated global action. Whether through ambitious emissions reduction targets, investments in climate-resilient infrastructure, or equitable adaptation measures, the choices made today will shape the future of our planet for generations to come. In the face of this existential challenge, it is imperative that we come together to forge a path toward a more sustainable and equitable world

By Jeremy Hased

Where Majestic Mountains Meet at Azure Waters

Montenegro: A Gem of the Adriatic

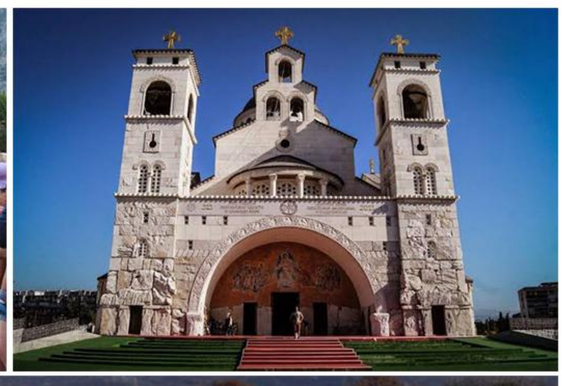
Montenegro, translated as "Black Mountain," is a small but enchanting country nestled in the heart of the Balkans. With its stunning coastline along the Adriatic Sea, rugged mountain ranges, and rich cultural heritage, Montenegro is a hidden gem waiting to be discovered by travellers seeking both natural beauty and cultural authenticity.

Geography and Climate

Located in South-eastern Europe, Montenegro shares borders with Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Kosovo, and Albania. Its diverse landscape ranges from the sparkling waters of the Adriatic coast to the towering peaks of the Dinaric Alps. This geographical diversity provides Montenegro with a varied climate, ranging from Mediterranean along the coast to continental in the mountainous regions, making it an ideal destination for both beachgoers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Historical and Cultural Heritage

Montenegro's history is as rich and diverse as its landscape. The country was once part of the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires before gaining its independence in 1878. Its historical legacy is evident in its architecture, with medieval monasteries, Venetian fortresses, and Ottoman mosques dotting the landscape. The culture of Montenegro is a vibrant blend of Eastern and Western influences. Traditional music, dance, and cuisine reflect the country's diverse heritage, with influences from neighboring Balkan countries as well as Italy and Turkey.



Natural Beauty

Montenegro is renowned for its breathtaking natural beauty, earning it the nickname "The Jewel of the Adriatic." The Bay of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a stunning fjord-like inlet with picturesque medieval towns nestled along its shores. The Durmitor National Park, home to the Tara River Canyon (the second-largest canyon in the world after the Grand Canyon), offers spectacular hiking, rafting, and wildlife-watching opportunities.

Tourism and Economy

Tourism plays a significant role in Montenegro's economy, and the country has become an increasingly popular destination for travelers seeking a unique and authentic experience. The coastal towns of Budva, Kotor, and Herceg Novi attract sun-seekers and history buffs alike, while the mountainous regions offer opportunities for adventure tourism, including hiking, skiing, and mountaineering.

In recent years, Montenegro has also been attracting foreign investment, particularly in the luxury real estate and hospitality sectors. The country's Citizenship by Investment program, which offers citizenship to investors who contribute to the country's economy, has further boosted its appeal among international investors.

Conclusion

Montenegro may be small in size, but it is big on charm, natural beauty, and cultural richness. Whether you're exploring the historic streets of Kotor, hiking in the rugged mountains of Durmitor, or relaxing on the beaches of the Adriatic coast, Montenegro offers something for every traveler. With its growing tourism industry and investment opportunities, Montenegro is poised to become one of Europe's most sought-after destinations in the years to come.

By K. Peter