



### **Nestor Liuta Elumbu**

Congo, Democratic Republic of the (DRC)

Nestor Elumbu has over three years' experience in business administration. Currently, Nestor owns Solide Briques, a company specializing in the manufacturing and delivery of building and paving bricks. He holds a bachelor's degree in Administration from the University of the Western Cape in South Africa, where he focused on Public Administration and Management. Nestor is committed to solving economic challenges facing his country, such as high unemployment, by creating small and medium enterprises in the water transportation, food safety, and construction sectors. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Nestor plans to grow his manufacturing business and create businesses to stimulate the economy and provide jobs.



### **Osman Elamin Mohamed Elbashier**

Sudan

Osman Elbashier has over six years of experience in a variety of business start-up and management fields. Currently, Osman is the Chairman and executive manager of OZ Real Estate, where he focuses on enriching, developing and optimizing practices for the Real Estate market in Sudan. Osman holds a Master of Business Administration from the European University in Barcelona, Spain, where he aimed to increase his business knowledge and international networks as an integral part of his plan to grow both practical and academic knowledge. Osman is driven by his commitment to developing the real estate market in Sudan by integrating best international business practices in his local market. He aims to use the knowledge he gains along the way to develop other business sectors in Sudan. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Osman plans to continue his work in the development and transformation of the real estate sector in Sudan, as

well as to provide consulting services for business start-ups and small businesses.

### **Safiatou Nana**

Burkina Faso

Safiatou Nana has over two years of experience in the energy field. Currently, Safiatou is working to set up a start-up named SG Energetics, which focuses on offering innovative solutions through an off-grid solar system for rural populations. She is the co-founder and general secretary of the Youth for Energy Saving organization which brings together young people and other stakeholders to raise awareness about energy saving in schools, university residences, and other public buildings in Burkina Faso. She also runs a blog ([www.energyinafrik.blogspot.com](http://www.energyinafrik.blogspot.com)) dedicated to energy and climate issues as well as innovations and technologies in these fields, particularly in Africa. Safiatou holds a master's degree in Energy Engineering. Additionally, she is the CEO of Yiri Accessoires, a fashion brand that designs, produces, and sells handbags and other accessories made locally with African materials. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Safiatou plans to use her acquired skills to continue her commitment to improving living conditions in her community and to fostering innovation in her professional area. She also expects to develop her start-up focused on energy and the environment fully.



### **Fulgence Ochogni Ikpe**

Cote d'Ivoire

Fulgence Ikpe is a business professional with six years of experience in business planning, business analytics, and marketing strategy. He is currently the senior business analyst at Air Côte d'Ivoire. He is responsible for business analysis and modeling, pricing strategy, and network planning. He embarked on entrepreneurship as the founder and CEO of Quickup, a vending machine business, which revolutionizes outdoor consumption of hot drinks and nontraditional advertising in Abidjan. Recently, he has been planning to create a business start-up center in Abidjan to train, mentor, and advise





young entrepreneurs, guiding them in fundraising to launch or develop their business ventures. Fulgence is driven to become a major actor in his country's and Africa's business sectors, supporting other young African entrepreneurs and promoting the active participation of youth in the economic growth of the continent. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Fulgence plans to use his acquired skills to make Quickup a successful start-up, become a successful entrepreneur, and work towards establishing his business start-up center in Abidjan.

### **Hailemeleket Tekleyohannis**

Ethiopia

Hailemeleket Tekleyohannis has over four years' experience in business development and investment promotion. Currently, Hailemeleket is a business facilitation and investment promotion director at WAFA Marketing and Promotion PLC, where he focuses on building the capacities of small and medium enterprises, consulting businesses, and creating strategic alliances between Ethiopian and foreign businesses. He is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration and holds bachelor's degrees in Law and English Literature. Hailemeleket is driven by his commitment to see a vibrant private sector that contributes to transforming the lives of Ethiopians. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Hailemeleket plans to pursue his work in businesses development by establishing his own business consultancy firm aligned with an incubation center to nurture startups.



### **M'Bemba Kabinet Koita**

Guinea

M'Bemba Kabinet Koita has over nine years' experience in business development, consulting, and entrepreneurship development with a specialization in facilitating trade in Africa. Currently, Koita is a managing director and business development associate for Green Market Link Consultancy Services, where he focuses on finding opportunities for local and international companies in Africa. Koita holds an MBA in Marketing



from the King's University of Ghana, where he specialized in service quality and customer satisfaction in the telecommunication industry. Koita is passionate about championing youth entrepreneurship and creating a favorable environment for business growth in Africa. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Koita plans to continue his work with youth entrepreneurs in Africa, giving them the opportunity to successfully undertake business ventures, regardless of their skill or education level.



### **Nancy Anataba Kyorku Dzikunu-Bansah**

Ghana

Nancy Anataba Kyorku Dzikunu-Bansah has over seven years' experience in the civil engineering industry. Currently, she is an entrepreneur, owning a civil engineering firm and operating a small bakery. Anataba holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a master's degree in Petroleum Geoscience. She is passionate about using innovative engineering methods and modern technology to design specific need-based solutions for communities. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Anataba intends to expand upon her companies, using them as a platform to engage and empower girls who are enthusiastic and passionate about making positive change through engineering and entrepreneurship.



### **Daniela Hanitrarinosy Andréannick Rakotomamonjy**

Madagascar

Daniela Rakotomamonjy has over eleven years of experience in project development, business management and strategy, and public relations. Currently, Daniela is the chief executive officer of ACE, a group of five multisectoral companies specialized in public, private partnership projects in renewable energy, urban and rural land reform, agribusiness, and ecotourism. Daniela holds an engineering diploma in Environment and Tourism from the Superior Polytechnic College of Madagascar and a certificate in International Business Management from HEC Paris. Daniela is committed to nature preservation, including reforestation, beekeeping, organic farming, and green

energy. She is also passionate about social issues, such as access to education and fighting against youth drug abuse. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Daniela plans to continue providing professional training opportunities for people in her community. She also plans to provide access to education in the villages where she implements her company's projects.

### **Bright Johns Chidzumeni**

Malawi

Bright Johns Chidzumeni has over four years' experience in youth empowerment and education technology, focusing on providing access to quality educational tools and resources. Currently, Bright is the co-founder and CEO of Technologically Customized Learning Systems (TECULES), an EduTech start-up company, which builds innovative learning systems that utilize technology to simplify teaching and make learning effective. TECULES also offers digital skills training to youth, enabling them to generate revenue through freelancing, crowdsourcing contests, and consultancies. Bright is a well-established author and technologist whose work has received local and international awards. He is committed to pioneering a revolution in the education field through innovative services and products designed for African challenges. Upon the completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Bright has plans to pursue a master's degree in Entrepreneurship and Innovation and to launch and manage a venture capital business for women and youth in microenterprise.



### **Khdeija Sidi Boubacar**

Mauritania

Khdeija Sidi Boubacar has over six years' experience in retail banking, customer relations management, and communications. Currently, Khdeija is the manager of a business matchmaking start-up dedicated to bringing together foreign investors and local companies for beneficial cooperation. Khdeija holds two master's degrees, one in International Banking and Finance from the University of Le Havre and another in Management

with a focus on Entrepreneurship from Durham University's business school. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Khdeija plans to continue creating opportunities for local companies, while pursuing her passion for tourism and low budget traveling.



### **Sanjay Kavish Nuckchadee**

Mauritius

Sanjay Nuckchadee is a professional pilot with ten years of aviation industry exposure. Currently, Sanjay is working as a pilot for a skydiving company. He also promotes aviation growth to local enthusiasts by educating Mauritian society on aviation and aeronautics. Sanjay holds a degree in Aeronautics which enabled him to gain theoretical know-how of the aviation industry. He now wishes to pass on his intellect to hundreds of young aviation enthusiasts across the island by being an instructor and a mentor. He is currently in the process of opening a training institute catering to the needs of the younger generation. Sanjay is planning to use his Mandela Washington Fellowship experience to help make Mauritius an aviation training hub in the future.



### **Emmanuel Tuyisenge**

Rwanda

With eight years of experience in entrepreneurship, Emmanuel Tuyisenge is the vice chairperson of the chamber of young entrepreneurs chapter of the Private Sector Federation of Rwanda. He is also the founder and CEO of Temaco Builders, a Rwandan low-incorporated company specializing in producing prefab concrete products, constructing affordable, improved latrines for the bottom of the pyramid households, and organizing training and conferences on concrete. Presently, Temaco employs 15 young people, mostly from poor and disadvantaged backgrounds. Emmanuel is passionate about his business, and his entrepreneurial spirit has earned him several awards. He holds a bachelor's degree in Applied Environmental Chemistry from the College of Science and Technology at the University of Rwanda. Upon completion of the



Mandela Washington Fellowship, Emmanuel hopes to grow his company into a sustainable institution with a strong brand across East Africa, and to serve as a role model for other young entrepreneurs.



### **Haja Mariama Fatu Myers**

Sierra Leone

Haja Mariama F. Myers has over six years of experience in business, specifically in construction and the food and beverage industry. Haja is currently the managing director of Estu Enterprises, which deals mainly in civil works, interior design, and general merchandising. She is also the CEO of Estu's Delight, which creates unique smoothies, juices, and healthy foods to sell at exhibitions and private events. The focus of the enterprise is to add value to local products while preserving their authenticity, ensuring they fit international best standards and achieve efficient production. Haja holds a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences and a master's degree in Procurement, Logistics and Supply Chain Management. She is motivated by her quest to attain financial independence and create employment for others. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Haja plans to use her skills to expand her business and promote women's empowerment through entrepreneurship.



### **Arthur Woniala**

Uganda

Arthur Woniala has over four years of experience in renewable energy and bioenergy systems. Currently, Arthur is a co-founder of Khainza Energy Limited, which improves access to clean, affordable cooking fuel among low-income populations. They also train youth and women to harness the potential of bioenergy to enhance their quality of life. Arthur is committed to reducing excessive reliance on solid fuels (firewood and charcoal) and its associated dangers to health and the environment. He believes that impoverished communities have a right to access clean, sustainable, and affordable energy. Arthur holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he plans to set up a

large-scale biogas production facility where they will package biogas in cylinders for distribution to 25,000 homes.



### **Martha Nandagire**

Uganda

Martha Nandagire has four years' experience in social entrepreneurship, specifically in transforming communities through connecting them to solar energy. Martha is the founder and director of Power for the Poor, an initiative which aims to reduce the use of kerosene for lighting among rural communities. They do this through working with rural women and connecting them to solar energy. Martha holds a bachelor's degree in Development Studies from Makerere University. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Martha plans to continue supporting the transformation of rural communities through connecting them to solar energy, focusing on vulnerable women and advocating for their economic rights. Martha will also use her international network gained from the Fellowship to benefit rural women in the Kayunga district of Uganda.



### **Inota Cheta**

Zambia

Inota Cheta is a financial literacy trainer and business mentor for girls under the age of 25 at She Entrepreneur. She also works as a business development officer at the American Chamber of Commerce in Zambia. During the Fellowship, she hopes to enhance her knowledge on business and entrepreneurship to improve and expand existing programs in which she is engaged. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, she envisions establishing a mobile youth hub for females with a focus on financial literacy and entrepreneurship. She also wants to contribute to small and medium enterprise growth through business development support.





### **Dorcas Adhiambo Owinoh**

Kenya

Dorcas Adhiambo Owinoh is the director and a founding member of the LakeHub Foundation, a technology and social innovation hub that aims to decentralize access to technology, growing entrepreneurship, and social innovation. Through LakeHub, Dorcas has created an open and supportive space where young and talented developers, creatives, entrepreneurs and social innovators in western Kenya meet to network, learn from each other, brainstorm, and find solutions to societal challenges. As a leader in the technology community, Dorcas leads the Village Code Project, a program that aims to bridge the digital divide among youths in Western Kenya by teaching children in villages problem ideation, conceptualization, design, computer programming, and entrepreneurial skills. Her work and mentorship on this program has empowered 300 young girls to successfully build mobile apps aimed at providing solutions to health, equality, education, gender, and environment issues. In the future, Dorcas plans to start an innovation academy to continue teaching digital and design skills to African youth.



### **Uzochukwu Maduabuchi Mbamalu**

Nigeria

Uzochukwu Mbamalu has over five years of experience in the solar energy industry. Currently, Uzochukwu is a co-founder and solar design engineer at Manamuz Electric LTD, where he leads the organization's efforts in addressing the challenge of energy poverty in Nigeria. The organization installs sustainable solar energy systems for homes and businesses and provides training for young and aspiring professionals in the industry, empowering them to provide quality services and start their own businesses. Uzochukwu holds a bachelor's degree in Electronic Engineering from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. He is committed to the elimination of energy poverty in Nigeria through building a strong solar energy services community, which provides top-notch solar energy systems. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Uzochukwu plans to continue organizing and facilitating training to empower



young people to build careers in the solar energy industry. He also plans to provide solar energy systems for commercial and industrial clients to drive growth in his country.

### **Semakaleng Mothapo**

South Africa

Semakaleng Mothapo, better known as Sma, is a born and bred Belabelian. Since 2009, they have worked on various projects related to HIV/AIDS, gender, and sexual diversity. Sma ventured into entrepreneurship in 2015 with a focus on township tourism as a way of contributing towards the economy of South Africa and mitigating the prevalence of unemployment in South Africa. Sma holds a bachelor's degree in Social Work and has taken additional courses in small enterprise development.

### **Fatouma Ahmed Abdallah**

Djibouti

Fatouma Ahmed Abdallah has over seven years of experience working in project management for the banking and financial sectors. She is currently working at IGAD Center of Excellence for preventing and countering violent extremism with a mission to bring together state and non-state actors to develop and implement a strategy to build resilience against violent extremism in the region. In addition, Fatouma volunteers with local associations to provide food services to urban and rural communities throughout Djibouti. Fatouma holds a master degree in Strategic Finance and Management and an entrepreneurship patent. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Fatouma aims to use the knowledge and skills acquired to contribute to the economic prospect of Djibouti by providing technology solutions and integrating innovative ideas in energy efficiency and affordable homes.





### **Mohamed Abdallah Kaluse**

Tanzania, United Republic of

Mohamed A. Kaluse is an assistant lecturer, researcher, and consultant at the University of Dodoma. He completed a Master of Business Administration from the University of Dodoma in 2013 and Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Finance (BA-AF) from Moshi Cooperative University in 2008. As a consultant, he acquired extensive knowledge while working with various organizations, including the University of Dodoma, Handeni District Council, and the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government under the Market Infrastructure, Value Addition And Rural Finance (MIVARF) project. He is currently a lecturer at the University of Dodoma in strategic management, management consulting, business environment, and strategic procurement. He also has knowledge of financial, public sector, and management accounting.



### **Peter Kamurai Chibayamombe**

Zimbabwe

Peter Kamurai Chibayamombe has over eight years' experience in the banking sector, specializing in change management, procurement, and support services. He is also an entrepreneur with interests in gold mining, extraction, and production. His vision is to promote sustainable, scalable, and responsible mining activities in sub-Saharan Africa resulting in employment creation, economic growth, and societal prosperity. Peter holds a First Class master's degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) in Banking. He is also a PRINCE2 accredited Change Practitioner. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Peter plans to expand his business interests into mineral exploration so that sub-Saharan Africa benefits economically from her naturally endowed mineral resources.





### **Garikai Phillip Chinake**

Zimbabwe

Garikai Chinake is a mining entrepreneur with over seven years' experience in the mining industry. Garikai gained vast experience while working as a project coordinator for top mining firms. He is a major shareholder in Pottersclaim Pvt. Ltd, which currently holds exclusive gold mining licenses in parts of Zimbabwe. One of the mines employed fifty contract works at its peak. In 2010, Garikai founded the Young Diamond Manufacturers Association of Zimbabwe (YDMAZ), which lobbied for youth inclusion in Zimbabwe's diamond value addition agenda. Through YDMAZ and government support, Garikai trained and qualified as a diamond evaluator at Corlia Roberts Diamond Education College in South Africa. He has been hired as a diamond evaluation consultant for local and international clients in several rough diamond auctions, primarily conducted by the Minerals Marketing Corporation of Zimbabwe (MMCZ). Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Garikai plans to upscale his mining operations. He also hopes to establish value addition facilities for rough diamonds and other strategic minerals to maximize earnings, accelerate community development, and bridge the local skills gap.



### **Nicola Grace Hove**

Zimbabwe

Nicola Grace Hove is a mining entrepreneur with over five years of experience. She is the chief executive officer of Uhuru Gold Mining, a company developing sustainable gold mining ventures in Zimbabwe. She sits on the board of Malayalam Mining, a DN Mining syndicate, and is the World Economic Forum Global Shapers community curator for Bulawayo. She is one of the 50 OCP Policy Centre's 2017 Emerging Leaders and Young Professionals alumni. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration at Regenesys Business School. Nicola is committed to becoming a mass employer in mining and an advocate for sustainable wealth creation in Africa through mining. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship,

Nicola plans to expand her mining operations to create more employment opportunities.

### **Bernadette Ouleymatou Ogombe Sangare**

#### **Gabon**

After Bernadette attained her diploma in Libreville, she completed the rest of her studies in France where she obtained a Master in accounting. In 2010, she returned to Gabon where she joined Ernst and Young as a chartered accountant junior. After 4 years in EY, Bernadette joined a national organization that is responsible for formalizing and developing the mining sector (especially gold). She chose this new change, which was fueled by the strong belief of success Bernadette has in the project as well as the necessary diversification the project promotes in the Gabonese economy. In January 2017, Bernadette became one of thirty chartered accountants of Gabon in a masculine and elderly profession. Therefore, she created OKA, the first center of management for very small and medium sized companies. Her ambition is to become the country's first recognized management center as there are in other African countries to combat the informal.

