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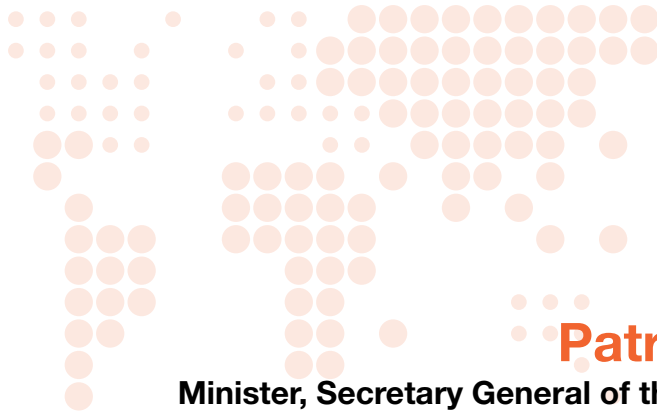
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Patrick Achi
Minister, Secretary General of the Presidency
Cote d'Ivoire



School education.

After a Master's degree of Physics at the University of CÔTE d'Ivoire in 1979 followed by an Upper Engineering degree of the School of Electricity of Paris in 1981, he obtains his Basic school-leaving qualification Economic and legal of the University of Paris 1, Sorbonne the same year.

In 1983, he has one Master's degrees M S MANAGEMENT, at Stanford's University, California, in the United States.

From 1983 till 1991 he does a regular professional training course in Council in Management in the center of training international of the Cabinet Arthur Andersen in Chicago, Illinois, the United States.

EXPERIENCE

In 1983 Patrick Achi joins the famous Arthur Andersen cabinet in Paris in which he spends four years within the Division Council. From 1988 till 1991, he works in the same cabinet(office) this time, as project manager with for basis, Abidjan the economic capital of Côte-d'Ivoire.

In 1988, he is appointed Technical director covering the divisions Council of the offices of Douala, Dakar, Lomé and Abidjan.

He has the tremendous idea to create a cabinet which he sets up in 1992 which is called Strategy § Management Consulting in summary SMC. He is the Founder.

From 1997 till 1999, he is appointed as Government Commissioner with the CIE (Company native of the Ivory Coast of Electricity) also acting as advisor of the Secretary of the Energy.

He chairs in 1999 the Board meeting of the Company of Operation native of the Ivory Coast of Electricity (SOPIE).

He is appointed Minister of State, Secretary of the economic infrastructures of Ivory Coast the October 2000. He remains there until February, 2010. Post that he will find later.

HONORARY DISTINCTIONS

He is made Knight of the order of the Merit native of Cote d'Ivoire.

Jean-Marie Ackah
President, General Confederation of
Enterprises of Cote d'Ivoire (CGECI);
President, Sipra - Ivoirian Animal
Production Company
Cote d'Ivoire



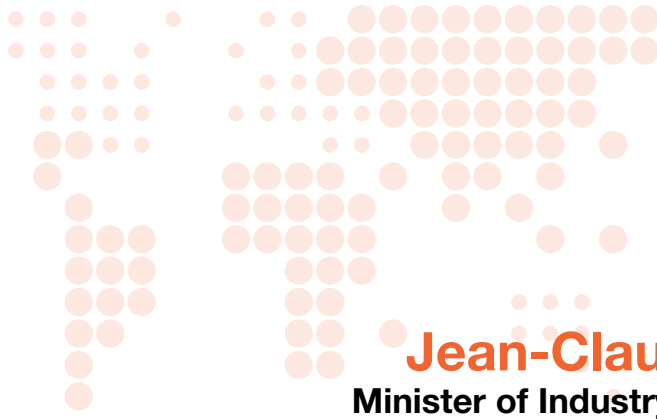
Since December 25, 2016, Jean-Marie Ackah has served as President of the General Confederation of Enterprises of Cote d'Ivoire (CGECI). From 2014 to 2016, he was Vice President of the CGECI. Prior to that, he served as Chairman of the Board of SIPRA (Ivoirian Company of Animal Production (Poultry Farming)); Chief Executive Officer of the Cote d'Ivoire Mills company (70 billion XOF of turnover); and Chairman of the Board of Bicici (an Ivoirian subsidiary of BNP). He is also the former president of the Union of Large Industrial Enterprises of Cote d'Ivoire.

Jean-Marie Ackah holds a Master's degree in economics and management from the Faculty of Economic Sciences from the University of Cote d'Ivoire. He also graduated from the Higher Institute of Commerce (IDRAC) in Paris and from the French Institute of Management.

He begins his career as senior executive at Palmindustrie from 1978 to 1980. Then, he was recruited by the Ivoirian Company of Animal Production (SIPRA), where he was successively appointed Assistant Director of Cattle Feed and Director of the Cattle Feed department of Ivograin from 1980 to 1992.

He was appointed Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Ivograin in 1992 and promoted one year later by the majority shareholder (Evalis France) as Director and Managing Director.

He was president of the Ivoirian Poultry Association (IPRAVI) and then president of the association of flour-mill companies. He is an expert in the business environment of Cote d'Ivoire and is well-recognized among the Ivoirian agro-industrial world.



Jean-Claude Brou
Minister of Industry and Mining
Cote d'Ivoire



Mr. Jean-Claude BROU was appointed as Minister of Industry of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire in November 2012. He has also been in charge of the Mines Portfolio since July 2013.

Mr. Jean-Claude BROU began his professional career at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 1982, first, as Economist, then as Senior Economist in charge of several African countries and especially Senegal, where he was assigned as IMF Resident representative for two years (1990-1991).

Mr. BROU later became Economic and Financial Advisor to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire from 1991 to 1995. In 1996, he was appointed Prime Minister's Chief of Staff, which position he held until 1999. He later chaired the privatization committee and conducted on this basis, under the leadership of the Prime Minister, an important reform programme which resulted in the privatization of seventy (70) public companies operating in various economic sectors (agribusinesses, telecommunications, railway, bank).

Dr. Jean-Claude BROU also worked at the West African States Central Bank (BCEAO) for eight years. He successively held positions of Director of international relations, especially as responsible for the economic integration policies within West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) and Director of studies until 2005. He later chaired the Economics and Currency Department before he was assigned Special Advisor and General Controller supervising the Audit and Risk prevention Directorate from 2007 to 2008.

Prior to joining the Government, Mr. Jean-Claude BROU served as World Bank Resident Representative for Chad from 2010 to 2013 and consultant to the Government of Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Mr. BROU holds a PhD in Economics (1982) and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Finance (1980) from the University of Cincinnati (Ohio, USA). He received an M.A. in economics from the University of Cincinnati (OHIO) (1979) and a master degree from the National University of Cote d'Ivoire (1976).

Mr. BROU has also been assistant professor in the Economics Department of the University of Cincinnati (OHIO).

Dr. Jean-Claude BROU is fluent in both English and French. He is married with two children.



Akinwumi Adesina
President, African Development Bank
Group (AfDB)
International Organization



Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina is the 8th elected President of the African Development Bank Group. He was elected to the position on May 28, 2015 by the Bank's Board of Governors at its Annual Meetings in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

He took office at the Bank's headquarters in Abidjan on September 1, 2015 and will serve an initial five-year term.

Adesina, 57, is a distinguished development economist and agricultural development expert with 25 years of international experience. He is the first Nigerian to serve as President of the Bank Group.

Adesina served as Nigeria's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development from 2011 to 2015, during which time he implemented bold policy reforms in the fertilizer sector and pursued innovative agricultural investment programs to expand opportunities for the private sector.

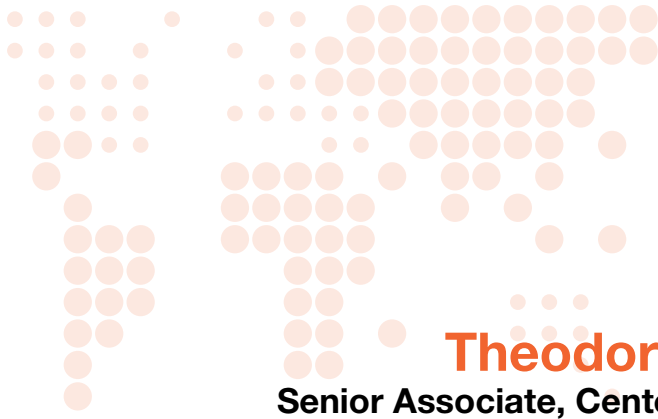
He was previously Vice-President (Policy and Partnerships) of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). He was also Associate Director (Food Security) at the Rockefeller Foundation in New York, where he worked for a decade (1998-2008) in senior leadership positions, including as Regional Office Director and Representative for Southern Africa.

Adesina was Principal Economist and Social Science Research Coordinator for the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Principal Economist and Coordinator of the West Africa Rice Economics Task Force at the West Africa Rice Development Association (WARDA) and an Assistant Principal Economist at the International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT). From 2008 to 2010, Adesina was the President of the African Association of Agricultural Economists.

Adesina has received a number of global awards for his leadership and work in agriculture. In 2010, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon appointed him as one of 17 global leaders to spearhead the Millennium Development Goals, along with Bill Gates, the Spanish Prime Minister and the President of Rwanda. He was named Person of the Year by Forbes Africa magazine in 2013.

Adesina earned a first-class honours Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Ife, Nigeria in 1981. In 1988 he completed a PhD in Agricultural Economics at Purdue University in the United States, where he won the Outstanding PhD Thesis Award for his research work. He also won the prestigious Rockefeller Foundation Social Science Post-Doctoral Fellowship in 1988, which launched his international career in global agricultural development.

Born on February 6, 1960, Adesina speaks fluent French and English.



Theodore Ahlers
Senior Associate, Centennial Group
United States



Theodore Ahlers is an economist with extensive experience in Europe & Central Asia, the Middle East & North Africa, and sub-Saharan Africa. Over the last 25 years, he held numerous economist and senior management positions at the World Bank, including Strategy and Operations Director for Europe & Central Asia (2007-12), Maghreb Department Director (2002-07), and Strategy and Operations Director for Africa (2000-02). He holds a PhD in Development Economics from Tufts University, Fletcher School.



Ylias Akbaraly
Chairman, Sipromad Group
Madagascar



Ylias Akbaraly is an alumnus of the University of California, Berkeley where he graduated with a Master's degree in Management and Marketing, after getting a Master's degree from EDEP Paris.

Ylias Akbaraly is currently the Chairman and CEO of the Sipromad Group. His group has gone on to grow successful businesses in various sectors ranging industry, energy, agri-business, real estate, IT, aviation, tourism, pharmaceutical and banking. In 20 years, Ylias Akbaraly successfully transformed the family Group into one of the most successful companies in Madagascar and in the Indian Ocean; the group has grown from 20 to over 2,000 staff with representative offices in Mauritius, Paris, and Dubai.

He is perceived to be a very discreet man, a sunshine transparency. He is very optimistic, full of energy, straightforward with a strong sense of observance of corporate governance policies.

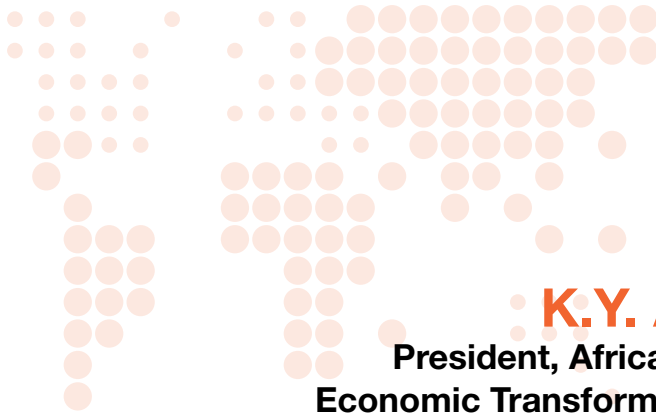
He is a recipient of: the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Divas Award 2009, the highest recognition from the Indian Government to a Non Resident Indian (NRI); the Pravasi Divas 2007 Award; the NRI (Non Resident Indian) Businessman of the Year 2006 awarded by the British Minister of Policing; the NRI Gold Medal for the Man of the Year prize; the Non-Resident Indians Prize for Excellence; and the National Order of Madagascar and Elevated Commander of the National order of Madagascar.

As part of his enhanced vision (we have the potential to have an impact on the future of our country in the region), Ylias Akbaraly builds through his Group Sipromad the highest tower in the Indian Ocean with thirty floors; he is thriving to make Madagascar the dragon of the Indian Ocean.

Beside his successful career path, Mr. Akbaraly also has robust social milestones:

He co-founded with his wife, Cinzia Catalfamo Akbaraly, in 2008 the Akbaraly Foundation, a humanitarian organization that aims to reduce poverty through the development of sustainable social projects in different fields: education, nutrition, health, children, housing. AF is at the moment focused on "4Awoman Project" to fight against women's cancer in Madagascar and in Africa. With the American format, "TEDx Antananarivo event," tackling the topic of cancer and awareness in Africa and Madagascar, in May 2011, the Akbaraly Foundation team made the event one of the top three most watched events on the internet worldwide that very day.

He is also the Director of and/or active member of: Man and Wife, a family and social magazine published in India; Real Estate Observer, a magazine specializing in real estate and real estate development in India; Madagascar Foundation, United States; and Director of Trosseau OPL, a trading company based in New Delhi, in which the group holds 50% of the shares.

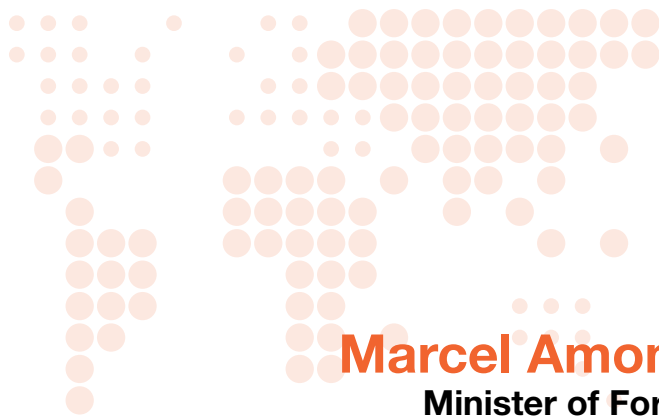


K.Y. Amoako
President, African Center for
Economic Transformation (ACET)
Ghana



K.Y. Amoako is the President of the African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), a nonprofit institution based in Accra, Ghana, promoting high-quality policy analysis and advisory services and driving sustained growth and development in Africa. He led the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) from 1995-2005 at the rank of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations. Under his leadership, ECA was transformed to more effectively serve African policy makers, to amplify the African voice internationally and to influence African partners. Dr. Amoako has served alongside leading development experts and political leaders on high-level international commissions and task forces, including the Commission for HIV/AIDS and Governance in Africa convened by the UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the Commission for Africa established and chaired by former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health chaired by Professor Jeffrey Sachs. Prior to heading ECA, he was Director of Education and Social Policy at the World Bank.

Dr. Amoako was a Distinguished African Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center in 2006. He obtained his PhD in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley and was awarded a Doctor of Laws degree, honoris causa, by Addis Ababa University in 2003, and a Doctor of Letters degree, honoris causa, by the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana, in 2005, in recognition of his contribution to Africa's development.



Marcel Amon-Tanoh
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Cote d'Ivoire



Born on November 25, 1951, in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, Marcel AMON-TANOI, is a sociologist with a rich political career. A graduate in sociology from Université Paris VIII and the National University of Cote d'Ivoire, he began his professional career as a Research Officer at Institut de Recherche, de Sondages Economiques et Commerciaux (IRSEC) in Paris before going back to Cote d'Ivoire, where he appeared briefly in the public sphere as Secretary General of the City Council of Cocody before he joined the private sector.

Successively Managing Director of Société Ivoirienne de Confection et de Diffusion in Paris (1983 - 1986); Chairman of African Commodity Trading Company Limited U.K. (ACTC, Coffee / Cocoa / Rice Trading) London (1986 - 1992); Chief Executive Officer of Société d'Import-Export de Produits Agricoles et de Marchandises (SIEPAM, Coffee/Cocoa Purchase and Export, 1986-1996); Director of Société Agro-Industrielle de Soubré (1989 - 1994) and Managing Director of E.R.F (Etudes, Recherches de Financement, Commerce, from June 1996 to June 1999). After this rich career, Marcel AMON-TANOI decided to return to the political arena and joined the team of the Leader of Le Rassemblement Des Republicains, Dr. Alassane OUATTARA, in 1999, as Chief of Staff.

His career as a Senior State Official began in August 2002, with his appointment as Minister of Transport. He successively occupied the positions of Minister of Tourism (March 2003 to December 2005); Minister of Construction, Urban Development and Housing (December 2005 to February 2010); Chief of Staff of the President of the Republic (December 2010 to February 2012); Minister and Chief of Staff of the President of the Republic (March 2012 to November 2016). He assumed the functions of acting Minister of Foreign Affairs cumulatively with his duties as Minister and Chief of Staff of the President of the Republic from 25 November 2016.

As an active and committed builder at the service of his country, Minister Marcel AMON-TANOI received several honours and distinctions, including: Commander of the Order of Merit of Sports, Commander of the National Order, Commander of the Legion of Honour, Commander of the Order of the Pleiades of La Francophonie.

Marcel AMON-TANOI is married and father of 6 children, and was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs of the 3rd Republic of Cote d'Ivoire since January 11, 2017.



Sihame Arbib
Managing Director and Partner, Victory
Capital & Advisory
France



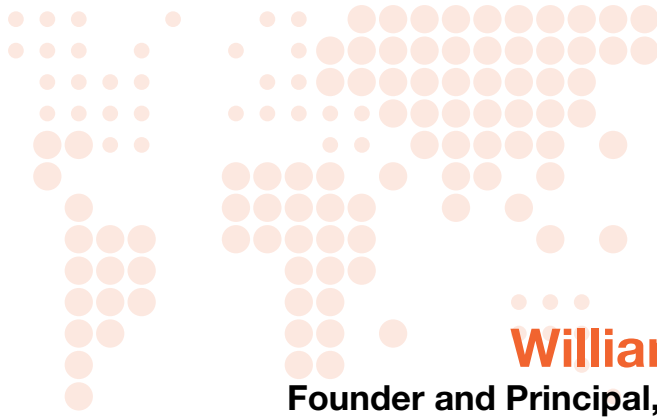
- Present Position: MD of Victory Capital and Advisory
- Concurrent Position: President and Founder, Victory Capital & Advisory
- Previous Positions: Advisor of Under Secretary General of UN
Political Advisor, World Health Organization, 2009/ Political advisor of Dominique de Villepin former Prime Minister 2010/2012
Expert, 'Middle East and North Africa', Europeans Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), 2009;
Founder and member, 'Union for the Mediterranean - training, dialogue of cultures, immigration and economic partnership' Morocco, 2008;
Director of Strategy and Public Relations, CFCI & Associates, Paris, 2007.
- Education/Training: Masters Degree, Political Science International Relations 'Conflicts and Security Issues' - Institute of Political Sciences, Paris, 2003;
Training: Ministry of Defense Management Training Center, June 2003.



Ramata Bakayoko-Ly
**Minister of Higher Education,
Scientific Research and Technological
Innovation**
Cote d'Ivoire



More than thirty-five years in Academic education. I am currently Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technological Innovation. Before that, I taught for more than 35 years at the University Félix Houphouet-Boigny where I held a number of senior positions both in my department of origin (Dentistry) and at University level. Besides, I was Vice-Dean and Vice-President of my university before I was appointed as President of the same university. My contribution at both regional and international education is largely recognized through a number of awards that range from national to African level. Last, I have been able to publish around 97 articles and I have supervised a total of 53 research work.



Williams Bella
Founder and Principal, Alleb Group
Cote d'Ivoire



Williams started his career in France as junior financial auditor at KPMG (Ex Salustro Reydel) before joining Société Générale Investment Banking in charge of infrastructure finance deals on Paris, New York, Sidney and London. He then joined the finance and advisory branch of Belgolaise Bank (BNPP Fortis Group) and was involved in both fund raising and structured finance transactions (raw materials, energy, infrastructure).

He joined the German mortgage bank Eurohypo AG (Commerzbank Group) in 2004 where he has been involved in the credit portfolio development, installing and managing structured financings for several major investors on large deals. After three years of successful deal closings, he was called by KBC Bank for its real estate finance department taking in charge commercial real estate loans development (offices, warehouses, retail). There he mainly dealt with medium and large developers. Mid-2009, after KBC Bank strategical shift, he leaves the bank and creates early 2010 Alleb Retail a food and beverage retailer (Franprix – Casino Group) that he sold one year after its opening. Mid-2011, two years after his departure, KBC Bank calls him back and appoints him head of real estate finance department in charge of the run-off. This mission will last two and a half year.

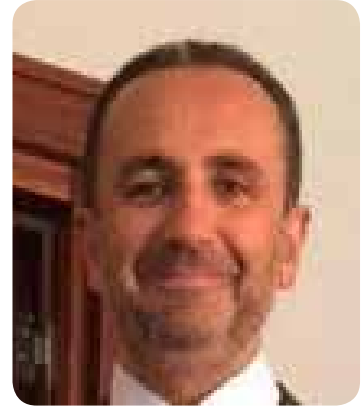
Mid-2013, he moved to Cote d'Ivoire and founded Alleb ci, a real estate oriented company, which grounded its strategy on research and real estate data collection. Among others missions in Cote d'Ivoire, Alleb ci is the independent representative body of an European developer and investor specialized in large multifunctional projects integrating several components (residential, commercial, office, leisure, public buildings).

Based on Alleb's work and data, Alleb Group is currently empowering a real estate services company addressing and targeting Cote d'Ivoire to begin with. Services include studies, deals sourcing & structuring, development of medium and large scale projects, advisory, fund raising, valuation and transaction.

Williams holds a Master's Degree in Real Estate Management from Paris Dauphine University, a Master's Degree in Corporate Finance from Grenoble Business School and an Undergraduate Degree in Economics from Université du Littoral

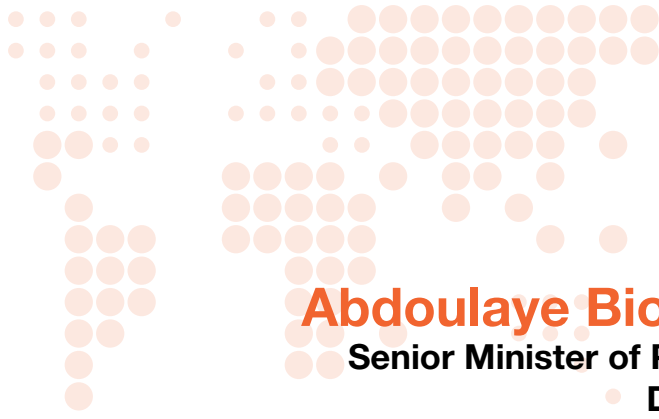


Pierre Olivier Bensahel
Senior Advisor, SICPA Holding
Switzerland



Pierre Olivier Bensahel has been a multi cultural entrepreneur for 20 years with a specialisation in finance and business development. He has managed a hedge fund specialized in life insurance related products during his 15-year tenure in the US and holds equity interests in various fast growing companies that benefit from his active involvement.

Since his return to Europe in 2011, Pierre Olivier became the agent of various large companies assisting them in their development in Africa. He is now actively involved in successfully identifying, negotiating and closing large public transactions in various African countries. He understands cultural differences. He is a graduate of Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales, the leading French business school.



Abdoulaye Bio Tchane
**Senior Minister of Planning and
Development**
Benin



Mr. Bio Tchane is currently Senior Minister of Planning and Development of the Republic of Benin. He has been appointed following the presidential election of 2016 which set His Excellency Patrice TALON as President of Benin.

Prior to that, Mr. Bio Tchane has held senior positions in the Central Bank of West African States and also served as Director of the African Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and President of the West African Development Bank (BOAD). Mr. Bio Tchane is recognized for his leadership qualities and his reforms regarding transparency and the fight against corruption when he was Minister of the Economy and Finance of Benin.

Mr. Bio Tchane has served on the board of numerous international institutions, including the IMF, the African Development Bank and ECOWAS. Abdoulaye Bio Tchane has written a number of articles and editorials on economic and financial matters. He is the author of *Fight against corruption: an imperative for the development of Benin in the global economy* (with Philippe Montigny).



Jennifer Blanke
**Vice President, Agriculture, Human
and Social Development, African
Development Bank Group (AfDB)**
International Organization



Jennifer Blanke is Vice President Agriculture, Human and Social Development at the African Development Bank Group, responsible for overseeing the Bank's strategy and activities in this area. She was previously Chief Economist at the World Economic Forum, overseeing economic research activities and projects from 2012-2017. Other roles held at the World Economic Forum included Lead Economist and Head of the Global Competitiveness and Benchmarking team, and Senior Programme Manager responsible for developing the business, management, and technology sections of the Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland. She has written and lectured extensively on issues related to national competitiveness. Prior to joining the World Economic Forum, Dr Blanke worked for a number of years as a management consultant for Eurogroup (Mazars Group) in Paris, France, where she specialized in banking and financial market organization. Dr Blanke holds a Master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia University, New York, and an MA and PhD in International Economics from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva. She is presently member of the Canadian government's Council of Economic Growth and holds a number of non-executive board responsibilities in the not-for-profit sector.



Charles Boamah
**Finance Vice President, African
Development Bank Group (AfDB)**
International Organization



His immediate past role at the AfDB Group was as Director and Controller. Since joining the AfDB in 1996, Mr. Boamah has assumed a variety of responsibilities and also initiated, participated in or served as an executive sponsor to a number of Bank-wide initiatives. These include management of the budgeting and financial policy function, annual discussions with major international rating agencies, the Euro-readiness of the ADB Group, the senior management steering committee for the reorganization of the African Development Bank Group in 2001, and the development of a business continuity plan for the ADB, which was successfully implemented when the AfDB had to temporarily relocate from Abidjan to Tunis in 2003. In addition to his controllership responsibilities at that time, Mr. Boamah also successfully directed a multimillion dollar multi-year Bank-wide ERP-enabled business innovation and change initiative.

Mr. Boamah is appointed to and actively participates in the work of several Bank-wide committees, including the Senior Management Committee, the Asset/Liability Management Committee, the Information Systems Steering Committee, the Staff Retirement Plan, the Medical Plan Board, the Private Sector Investment Committee and the Senior Management Committee on Operations. In July 2004, Mr. Boamah was appointed to the Board of Directors of the African Export Import Bank (Afreximbank), a continental trade financing institution built on a model of public/private partnership.

Prior to joining the AfDB, Mr Boamah worked for 11 years with First Interstate Bank (merged with Wells Fargo Bank), starting as a Senior Financial Analyst and subsequently serving as Vice President and Manager of Accounting Policy and Research. Prior to First Interstate Bank, Mr. Boamah worked for over 5 years with PricewaterhouseCoopers (then Coopers & Lybrand) in Accra and Los Angeles, where he started as a staff accountant and was promoted to a supervisor. Mr. Boamah's clients included companies in the insurance, mortgage banking, retail, entertainment and manufacturing industries as well as city and county administrations.

James Bond
Former Chief Operating Officer,
Multilateral Investment Guarantee
Agency (MIGA)
France



James Bond is an independent financial advisor specializing in infrastructure, energy and climate change in emerging economies. He holds several positions in this field including Senior Advisor to Centennial Group International (Washington DC); Senior Advisor to the African Development Bank (Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire); Managing Director of Public Capital Advisors (New York); and Non-Executive Director with Helios SE (London), an investment fund specializing in electricity in Africa. He is also member of the Board of Trustees of the Global Heritage Fund (San Francisco, CA) which conserves and restores heritage sites around the world; and Distinguished Research Associate of the Centennial Group based in Washington DC.

James's most recent assignment was as Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund (the major multilateral funding mechanism sponsored by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) from December 2013 until December 2016. He provided support to Executive Director Hela Cheikhrouhou with the launch the Fund, including in particular the design of financial instruments and funding delivery mechanisms; recruitment of managers and staff; back office systems; fund raising with donor countries and financial institutions; and close liaison with the Fund's Board. In its first financial closing in December 2014 the Fund raised \$10.2 billion.

At the African Development Bank James contributed to the launch of the Bank's partial risk guarantee (PRG) program, which enabled the Bank to close its first guarantees, including for the Lake Turkana Wind Project in Kenya, and a multi-investment guarantee program for the newly created Bulk Electricity Trader in Nigeria.

James served in numerous managerial positions in the World Bank Group. Until August 2011 he was Chief Operating Officer of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA). MIGA provides political risk insurance and credit enhancement to investors and banks active in emerging economies. During his tenure at MIGA he oversaw the revision of the Agency's charter documents and the introduction of a range of new products, leading to a more than doubling of business volume (to \$3.2 billion per year).

Prior to joining MIGA in 2008 James was World Bank Country Director for several francophone countries in West Africa. He spearheaded World Bank assistance to countries in the region, including to Cote d'Ivoire to help bring the country's internal conflict to an end. He financed the demobilization of combatants and led a major sovereign debt workout for the country. He has also been based in Antananarivo, Madagascar, as World Bank Country Director for the Indian Ocean, with a significant lending program in the region.

His sectorial responsibilities at the World Bank have included those of Global Director of Energy; and Director of Agriculture and Environment for Africa. At the International Finance Corporation (IFC) James was Director of the Mining Department and was on the board of the Escondida copper development in Chile. During his tenure IFC financed several important mining projects including the privatization of the copper state-owned enterprise ZCCM in Zambia.

Before joining the World Bank Group James spent nine years with Total, the French oil and gas company, and has also worked for Gold Fields, a South African mining company. James holds a doctorate in economic analysis from the University of Pantheon-Sorbonne in Paris; an engineering degree in energy economics from the French engineering school ENSPM; and a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa. He is recipient of the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur of France and Commandeur de l'Ordre du Merite of Madagascar.



Mohamed Boussaid
Minister of Economy and Finances
Morocco



Mohammed BOUSSAID is the current Minister of Economy and Finance of Morocco. He previously served as Wali of two major regions: Grand Casablanca and Souss -Massa-Draa.

He also served as Minister of Tourism and Handicrafts and Minister of Public Sector modernization.

Prior to that, he held director and chief of staff positions in many ministries: Public Works and infrastructure, Finance, Agriculture.

Before joining the public sector, Mohammed Boussaid has a long experience in the private sector, especially in the banking sector.

Born in 1961, he hold an engineering degree and an MBA from France's prestigious "Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées".



Kandia Kamissoko Camara
**Minister of Education, Technical and
Vocational Training**
Cote d'Ivoire



Kandia Camara is a teacher and an Ivory Coast politician. She was Secretary of the Department of Education in the government Kablan Duncan and in the GON COULIBALY'S one. Post that she occupies since the previous two governments of President Alassane Ouattara. In particular that of the Guillaume Soro and Jeannot Kouadio-Ahoussou.

Holder of a License in English, obtained at the university of Abidjan, and a basic school-leaving qualification advanced in education of the university of Lancaster, Kandia Camara taught English in two colleges and a high school between 1983 and 2002. She is also a former professional player of handball. Twice champion of Ivory Coast (in 1974 and 1980) and champion of Africa in 1981.



Michel Camdessus
**Co-Chairman, Emerging Markets
Forum; Governor Emeritus, Banque
de France; Former Managing Director,
International Monetary Fund (IMF)**
France



Former Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, Mr. Camdessus is Honorary Governor of Banque de France.

He is a member of the Africa Progress Panel, chaired by Mr. Kofi Annan. He was a member of the Commission for Africa, chaired by the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair. Mr. Camdessus was the Chairman of the World Panel on Financing Water Infrastructure (report: “Financing Water for All” —Kyoto—March 2003). He has been appointed as the Chairman of the French Government working group in charge of preparing the economic, social and structural policies reform, which has produced a key report “le Sursaut—Vers une Nouvelle Croissance pour la France” (La Documentation France, Paris—2004)

Mr. Camdessus was born in Bayonne, France, on May 1, 1933. French national, he is married to Brigitte d’Arcy; they have six children.

Mr. Camdessus was educated at the University of Paris and earned postgraduate degrees in economics at the Institute of Political Studies of Paris (Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris) and the National School of Administration (ENA).

Following his appointment as Administrateur Civil in the French Civil Service, Mr. Camdessus joined the Treasury in the Ministry of Finance in 1960. After serving as Financial Attache to the French delegation at the European Economic Community in Brussels from 1966 to 1968, he returned to the Treasury and went on to become Assistant Director in 1971, Deputy Director in 1974, and Director in February 1982. During the period 1978-84, Mr. Camdessus also served as Chairman of the Paris Club, and was Chairman of the Monetary Committee of the European Economic Community from December 1982 to December 1984. In August 1984, Mr. Camdessus was appointed Deputy Governor of the Bank of France, and was appointed Governor of the Bank of France in November 1984. He served in this capacity until his election as Managing Director of the IMF.

Michel Camdessus was elected as Managing Director and Chairman of the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on January 16, 1987. On May 22, 1996, the Executive Board of the IMF unanimously selected Mr. Camdessus to serve a third five-year term as Managing Director, beginning January 16, 1997. He was the seventh Managing Director of the IMF. Mr. Camdessus retired from the IMF on February 14, 2000.

He is the author of several books:

- “Notre foi dans ce siècle” (Michel Albert, Jean Boissonnat et Michel Camdessus—Editions Arlea—2002)
- “Eau” (Bertrand Badre, Michel Camdessus, Ivan Cheret, Pierre-Frederic Tenière-Buchot—Editions Robert Laffont—2004)
- “Le sursaut—Vers une nouvelle croissance pour la France” (Editions La Documentation Française—2004)
- “Lettre ouverte aux candidats à l’élection présidentielle (Editions Bayard-2006)



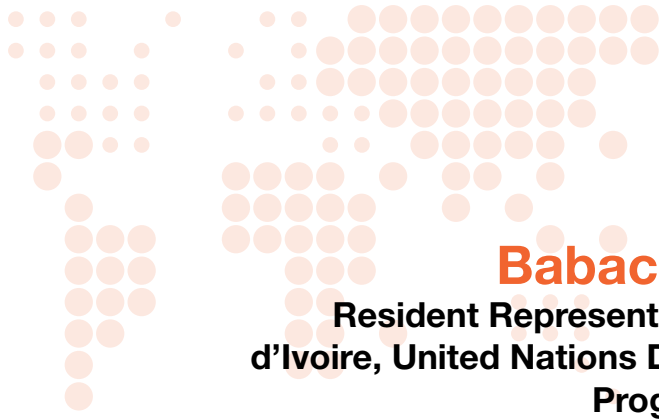
Abdourahmane Cisse
Minister of Budget and State Portfolio
Cote d'Ivoire



Minister Cisse has a degree in Engineering from Ecole Polytechnique (France) and an MSc in Petroleum Economics & Management from IFP School (France), and the University of Oklahoma (USA).

Recruited in 2005 by Goldman Sachs (UK), he served successively as Structuring-Origination Analyst, Associate-Trader and Vice-President.

Then, he served as Advisor to Cote d'Ivoire's President, in charge of Public Finance, from 2012 to 2013, and Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Economy and Finance from January to November 2013. Since November 2013, he is Minister in charge of budget, customs, taxes, state-owned enterprises and public procurement administrations



Babacar Cisse
Resident Representative in Cote
d'Ivoire, United Nations Development
Program (UNDP)
International Organization



While he is Deputy Special Representative for the United Nations Secretary-General in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI), M'Baye Babacar Cisse also serves as UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Cote d'Ivoire. Mr Cisse brings vast experience to his new post in the field of development and humanitarian aid in Africa, particularly where regional initiatives and inter-agency coordination are concerned. Mr Cisse has worked at the United Nations since 1980, he previously held the post of Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Regional Director, Regional Bureau for Africa at UNDP. He has also served as Resident Representative and Resident Coordinator in Burkina Faso and as UNDP Country Director in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has held a number of senior positions at the UNDP Headquarters in New York. M'Baye Babacar Cisse coordinated the organisation of the 1st International Conference on the Emergence of Africa and codirected the work of reference on Sustainable Development and the Emergence of Africa presented at COP 21.

M'Baye Babacar Cisse holds a Master's degree in Finance and Fiscal Management and a Diploma in Management and Applied Economics from the University of Paris IX Dauphine (France).



Soumaila Cisse
Former President, UEMOA - West African Economic and Monetary Union; President, URD - Union for the Republic and Democracy party
Mali



Soumaila Cisse, a Malian politician, is a respected African leader on the Continent for his competence, vision and love for his country. It embodies the new generation of leaders, both rooted in African values and open to modern methods of managing organizations and communities. This ability to transcend cultural contingencies has made it a force of intergenerational equilibrium in a rich Mali, proud of its conquering Empire past, but today confronted with the challenges of development, modernization and employment of young people who represent almost 70% of its population.

His method, which is based on listening, objective analysis of situations and the proposal of consensual solutions, has made the success of his notable professional and political career. A career prepared by brilliant studies in Mali, Senegal and France.

Son of a teacher, Soumaila Cisse has a brilliant education and distinguishes himself very early in the sciences. After graduating from the University of Dakar in 1972, he enrolled at the University of Montpellier where, four years later, he obtained his Master's Degree in Computer Science Applied to Management (MIAGE). In 1977, he is an engineer in computer science and management and major of his promotion of the Institute of Computer Science of Montpellier. His academic career is crowned at the third cycle with a certificate of aptitude for business administration obtained in 1981 at the Institute of Business Administration of Paris.

He is convinced that the development of Africa is based on decomplexed elites who use the universal methods of managing organizations by adapting them in an African context where socio-cultural values are placed above the criteria of profitability and efficiency. Consequently, he wished to return to work in Mali, to show by example that the sons of the continent were sufficiently equipped to meet the challenges of development.

Soumaila Cisse was born on 20 December 1949 in Timbuktu, Mali. He has been married since 1978 to Astan Traore. They have four boys, including two twins



Kevin Cleaver
Former Associate Vice-President,
International Fund for Agricultural
Development (IFAD)
United States



Kevin Cleaver was the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)'s Associate Vice-President, in charge of its programmes. He joined IFAD in September 2006.

Before IFAD, he held several key positions in the World Bank, including: Director, Africa Technical Department, Africa Region; Director, Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, Europe and Central Asia Region; and, the most recent position, Director, Agriculture and Rural Development for the World Bank Group. He represented the World Bank on the Executive Committee of the CGIAR and participated in mobilizing funds for all of the environmentally and socially sustainable development network's global programmes.

While at the World Bank, Cleaver was recognized as an outstanding manager and was the recipient of the "Good Manager" award from the World Bank Staff Association in 2001. He helped create an effective system of knowledge sharing, knowledge management, and staff learning in the World Bank's Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development Network.

Cleaver has a long and distinguished career in agriculture and rural development, with many books and articles published on agricultural development. He spent several years working and living in Sub-Saharan and North Africa. He holds a BA in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, a Master's degree in International Law and Diplomacy, and a PhD in Economics from the Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts. He has also completed an Executive Development Management Programme at the Harvard Business School in Boston, Massachusetts.

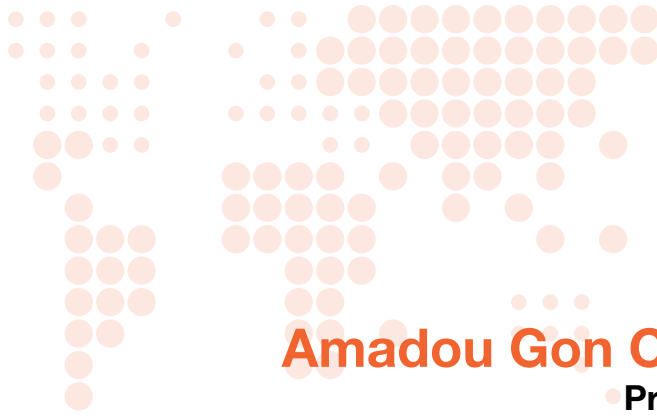


Raymonde Goudou Coffie
Minister of Health and Public Hygiene
Cote d'Ivoire



Mrs. Goudou Coffie currently serves as the Minister of Health and Public Hygiene. She served as Minister of the Family, Women and Children of Ivory Coast from June 2011 to November 2012. In that role, she focused on three prime goals: promoting women in the economic, social, legal and cultural spheres, protecting the Rights of the Childm and protecting and enhancing the vitality of citizens in the family.

She has a Ph.D in Pharmacy Science from the University of Caen (France), 1984-1986 Promotion. She was a founding member of the Coalition of Women Leaders of Ivory Coast (CWLIC), before becoming its first vice president in 2005. In 2006, she was appointed Chair of the Organizing Committee of the first WOMAN Leadership Forum organized by the CEFELCI (CWLIC).



Amadou Gon Coulibaly
● **Prime Minister**
Cote d'Ivoire



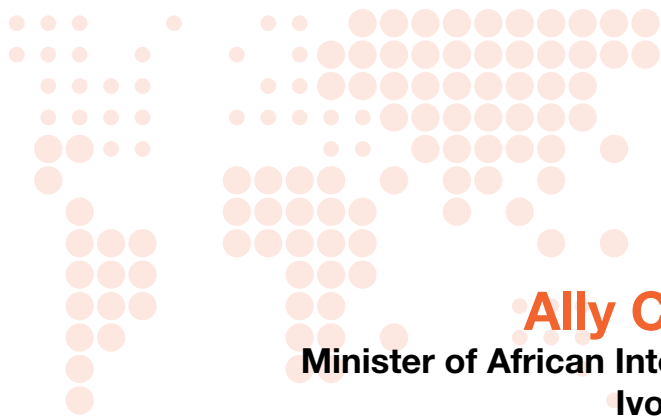
Minister of State, General Secretary of the Presidency (March 2012 – 2017)
General Secretary of the Presidency (Chair) (June 2011 – March 2012)
Minister of Agriculture (2006-2010)
Minister of State, Minister for Agriculture of the Government of National Reconciliation (March 2003- February 2005)
Director of the Cabinet ICEF (International Council of Studies and Training) (July 1996 – 2000)
Deputy Chief Executive Officer in the Direction and Control of Big Works (DCGTx) (January 1994 – December 1995)
Technical Adviser of Sir Prime Minister, in charge of coordination and following: the implementation of policies in the agriculture, transport, energy, and human resources sectors, public enterprises, and main issues of investment projects (road programs, energy projects, etc.) (November 1990 – December 1993)

Education Background

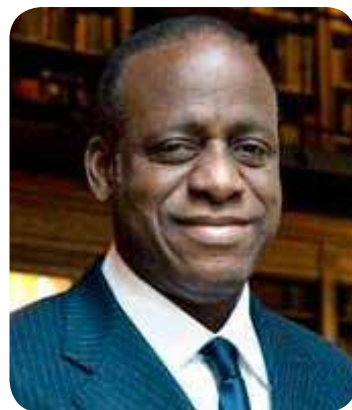
Graduate of the Center of High Studies of Construction – Paris (June 1983)
Engineer degree from the School of Public Works – Paris (June 1982)
Preparatory class for entrance to Grandes Ecoles (Jean – Baptiste SAY High School – Paris) (June 1977-1979)
High school diploma put into series C (Modern High school of Dabou) (June 1977)

Political Career

Mayor of the municipality of Korhogo (March 2001 – present)
Delegate in the National Assembly within the Gathering of the Republicans (RDR) (1995 – 2011)
General Secretary Delegate (March 2006 – present)
Assistant Secretary General (February 1999 – March 2006)
National Secretary in charge of Economic Development (1999 – 20006)
Member of central committee and the Party executives (July 1995 – present)



Ally Coulibaly
**Minister of African Integration and
Ivoirian Abroad**
Cote d'Ivoire



Ally Coulibaly is the Minister for African Integration and Ivoirians Living Abroad of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire. Appointed by President Alassane OUATTARA on June 4, 2012, he was confirmed on January 11, 2017. Prior to his current assignment, Ally Coulibaly served as Cote d'Ivoire's Ambassador to France and a Diplomatic Advisor to President Alassane Ouattara, from 2011 to 2012. Previously, he had been a special Advisor to the Prime Minister, from March to December 2010.

Before joining the Government, Ally Coulibaly served in the Parliament from 1995 to 1999. Since 2012, he has been the Member of Parliament for Bonieredougou and Foubolo, in the center north of Cote d'Ivoire. He was re-elected in December 2016.

Ally Coulibaly is a career journalist. Before entering politics, he held from 1972 to 1994 several senior positions within Cote d'Ivoire's radio and television broadcasting company (RTI), including news Director of the national radio station (1983- 1987), news Director of the national television network (1987-1990), Central Director of the national television network, for both channels (1990-1992) and Deputy Director General of the national radio and television broadcasting company (1992-1994). Ally Coulibaly was born on January 1st, 1951 in Niéméné, Dabakala, in the center north of Cote d'Ivoire. He received his higher degree in journalism from Dakar University in Senegal in 1975. He has been awarded numerous distinctions, including the medal of Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor (1986), the medal of Commander of the French Legion of Honor (2012) and the medal of Commander of Cote d'Ivoire's National Order.



Daouda Coulibaly
**Managing Director, Societe Ivoirienne
de Banque (SIB)**
Cote d'Ivoire

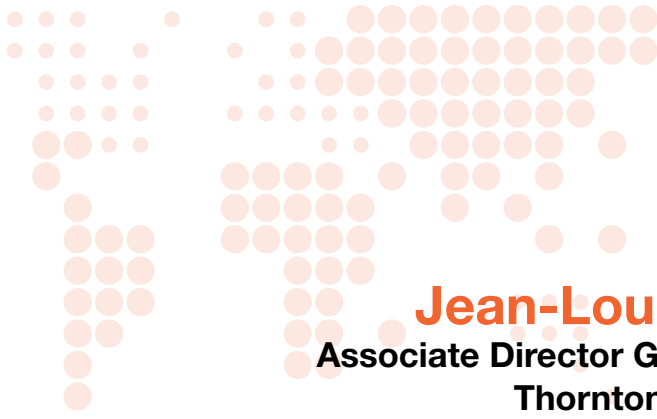


As a HEC-Paris, 1996 Graduate, Mr. COULIBALY right after joined PWC initially in Paris and then in Abidjan. 5 years later, he joined Societe Ivoirienne de Banque and got redeployed to the headquarter of Group Credit Agricole CIB later in 2005 as Financial Controller of the Group Human resource Department, where he dealt with the challenge of managing the post merger Human Ressource project of Credit Lyonnais and Credit Agricole Indosuez.

Back to SIB in 2008, he's been appointed Deputy General Manager in 2009 and then Managing Director in 2012 of Societe Ivoirienne de Bank (now member of Attijariwafa bank group).

Mr Coulibaly is also Chairman of "Wafa Assurance Cote d'Ivoire" and "Wafa Assurance Vie Cote d'Ivoire (Since december 2015). In june 2016, he was designed as Chairman of SGI Africaine de Bourse (Susidiary of Attijariwafa bank in charge of brokerage in UEMOA area).

Mr. COULIBALY also seats at the board of different entities. He was designed as "Manager of year 2014" in Cote d'Ivoire. He is the President of the chapter HEC Alumni Cote d'Ivoire. He have various distinctions such as "Chevalier " and "Officier de l'ordre du merite de Cote d'Ivoire and being shortlisted by "Jeune Afrique" among the Africa 25 most influential personalities under 45 years old. Mr Daouda Coulibaly is married and have 3 children.



Jean-Louis Dattie
**Associate Director General Grant
Thornton Tax & Legal**
Cote d'Ivoire



Professional Career

Partner, Legal and Tax Advisory of Grant Thornton Tax & Legal (October 2015 – present)

Associate, Legal and Fiscal Council at AfricLegal (August 2013 – October 2015)

Expert Associate, Legal and Fiscal Council and Head of the Legal and Fiscal business line at Amyris Consultancy (January 2010 – June 2013)

Director of Senior Mission and Head of Fiscal Department at Mondon Council International in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire (June 2007 – December 2009)

Director of Senior Mission and Head of Legal and Fiscal Department (in charge of Congo Brazzaville and the Democratic Republic of Congo) at FFA Legal & Fiscal, Ernst & Young Congo (September 2002 – May 2007)

Senior Consultant and Director of Mission at FFA Council, Ernst & Young Abidjan (December 1998 – September 2002)
Interim Legal Director of Pharmafinance Group (Cote d'Ivoire) at the request of Ernst & Young (June 1998 – December 1998)



Claude Isaac De
**Minister of Construction, Housing,
Sanitation and Urban Planning**
Cote d'Ivoire



Claude Isaac Dé is a civil engineer who graduated from the Félix-Houphouët Boigny National Institute of Technology in Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire in 1988. He immediately embarked on a career in public administration, by joining the Direction for Public Administration And Control of The Major Public Works of Cote d'Ivoire - a unit of the Presidency of Cote d'Ivoire at the time. He integrated the World Bank from 1993 to 2003 where he worked on issues related to transport, urban development, housing, decentralization, land use planning and infrastructure privatization. His portfolio spanned across several countries in Africa, including Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, Senegal and Tunisia. In 2005, Claude Isaac Dé joined the office of Prime Minister Charles Konan Banny as Special Adviser in charge of monitoring and evaluation of Cabinet activities, the crisis exit program, general information, economic issues and financing and resources mobilization from development partners. Claude Isaac Dé has extensive experience in managing and leading teams in a diverse cultural environment and has built a broad, solid network within the private sector, public administration, associations, non-governmental organizations and bilateral and multilateral international financial institutions. On January 11th 2017, Claude Isaac Dé was appointed Minister of Construction, Housing, Sanitation and Urban Planning of the first Government of the 3rd Republic of Cote d'Ivoire. Prior to this, from 2011 to January 2017, he was Councilor to the Presidency of Cote d'Ivoire, responsible for infrastructure, transport, construction, housing and also Chairman of the National Committee of Public-Private Partnerships (CNP-PPP).



Cellou Dalein Diallo
Former Prime Minister
Republic of Guinea



POLITICAL AND PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY

September 2013: Elected MP in Parliamentary elections Under which his Party UFDG obtained 37 seats out of 114.

June 2010: Candidate in the Presidential election, 44% obtained in the first round, against 18% for Mr ALPHA CONDE. In the second, which will take place over four months after, Mr ALPHA CONDE was declared winner with 52.53%

November 2007: President of the Union Democratic Forces of Guinea (U.F.D.G) which quickly became the leading political force of Guinea

December 2004 - April 2006: Prime Minister

March - December 2004: Minister for Fishing and Aquaculture, President of Economic group of the Government

March 1999 - February 2004: Minister for Transport and Public Works

October 1997 - March 1999: Minister for Equipment (Transport, Public Works, Telecommunications and Environment)

July 1996 - October 1997: Minister for Transport, Telecommunications and Tourism

1994 - 1996: Deputy Administrator General of the ACGP (Administration and Control of Great projects) Presidency of the Republic

1992 - 1994: Director General of Economic and Monetary affairs of the Central Bank of Republic of Guinea

1991 - 1992: Director of the Department of Exchanges at the Central Bank of Guinea

1986 - 1991: Director of the Accounting and Budget Department of the Central Bank of Guinea

1982 - 1984: Chief of the research department of the Bank Guinean of the foreign trade

1979 - 1982: Commercial Director and later Accounting Director (Government enterprise gathering 80 branches)

1976 - 1979: Inspector of Trade

UNIVERSITY COURSE

1971 - 1976: University of Conakry- School of Administration (Option: Accounts - Management) BA in Higher Education-Degree

OTHER FUNCTIONS

1987 - 1996: Member of the Technical Cell of Support with the CCEF (Economic and Financial Coordination Committee) Cell charged with examining before subjecting to government for decision, all reforms envisaged in the programs of structural adjustment.

1986 - 1988: Member and Rapporteur of the Interdepartmental ministry in charge of the development of the new National Accounts Plan.

1988 - 1996: President of the National council of Accountancy

1987 - 1991: Member and Rapporteur of the Commission of Privatization of the National office of Hydrocarbons (ONAH)

1987 - 1989: President of the Commission of Privatization of New Company of Insurances and Reinsurances (S.N.A.R)

1995 - 1996: President of the Commission of Privatization of the Telecommunication Company of Guinea (SOTELGUI) President of the Interdepartmental Commission responsible for the update of the Code of Public Markets (with the support of the World Bank)

July 1996 - March 2003 Governor for Guinea at the World Bank



Cheick Modibo Diarra
Former Prime Minister
Mali



Cheick Modibo Diarra is a Malian astrophysicist, businessman, and politician who was acting Prime Minister of Mali from April 2012 to December 2012. He was previously the Chairman for Africa at Microsoft since April 2006. Dr. Diarra was responsible for the company's broad scale citizenship, education and developmental activities on the continent. In his view, Africa is one of the last frontiers where challenges and opportunities abound in the spheres of education, health, technology, production and infrastructure'.

Born and raised in the small town of Nioro du Sahel in Mali, West Africa, Dr. Diarra graduated from Pierre & Marie Curie University in Paris, France.

He went on to attain his Ph.D. in mechanical and aerospace engineering from Howard University, Washington DC, USA. After six years as an Assistant Professor at Howard, Dr. Diarra joined the National Aeronautic and Space Association (NASA) Jet Propulsion Laboratory in 1998. As an interplanetary navigator, he oversaw five NASA missions, including the Magellan mission to Venus, the Ulysses mission to the poles of the Sun, the Galileo mission to Jupiter and the Mars Observer mission.

He then served as the navigator and public outreach manager for the Mars Pathfinder mission. In 1999, in his personal capacity, Dr. Diarra created the Pathfinder Foundation for Education and Development – an organisation that encourages and supports female students in their pursuit of scientific education. To date, through Pathfinder and the associated Summer Camps of Excellence in Science, many young African female graduates have gone on to study scientific disciplines at some of the world's foremost universities. In 2002, Dr. Diarra was appointed as CEO of the African Virtual University (AVU) – a project that quickly grew into an organisation offering internationally-recognised undergraduate science and business degrees (and other academic courses) to students in 27 countries in Africa for a fraction of the traditional cost. In late 2003, Dr. Diarra returned home to Mali and, driven by a curious mind, began working on his farm to find solutions to the continent's challenges with food security and nutrition. Two years later, he was approached by Microsoft and, ultimately, the company's Chairman, Bill Gates, to take on the Africa Chairman role. Dr. Diarra is UNESCO's Goodwill Ambassador for Science, Technology and Enterprise; the Vice-President of the UN's World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology; a member of the Independent Commission on Africa and the Millennium; a member of the High Level African Panel on Biotechnology; the Founder and President of the African Summit on Science and New Technologies (SASNET); and the Commandeur de l'Ordre for National Education in Gabon and Commandeur de l'Ordre du Merite du Lion in Senegal. Dr. Diarra has been awarded the African Lifetime Achievement Award, the World Bank's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Science, and the Africa-America Institute Award for Excellence in Science (for inspiring youth worldwide to explore the cosmos). He was also voted one of the 100 Africans of the 21st Century by Jeune Afrique.



Johann Djedje
Chief Executive Officer, Elio
Consulting and Oria Pictures
International
Cote d'Ivoire



Chief Executive Officer, Elio Consulting and Oria Pictures International, Cote d'Ivoire

Mr Djedje is an economist who began his professional career in 2004 in the international high finance, first at the World Bank Group in Washington DC (USA), then in the transportation industry and the trading of raw materials (oil) in Geneva (Switzerland) and Paris (France).

In 2012, he decides to return to Cote d'Ivoire to place his expertise at the service of his country. He founds an advisory company "Elio Consulting Services" which provides services such as economic policies, company restructuring, fundraising, financial services (e-money) and operational marketing.

Among his costumers, he counts several multinational and public companies, government, but also local audiovisual production and show companies, which call on his expertise to raise funds for financing their activities.

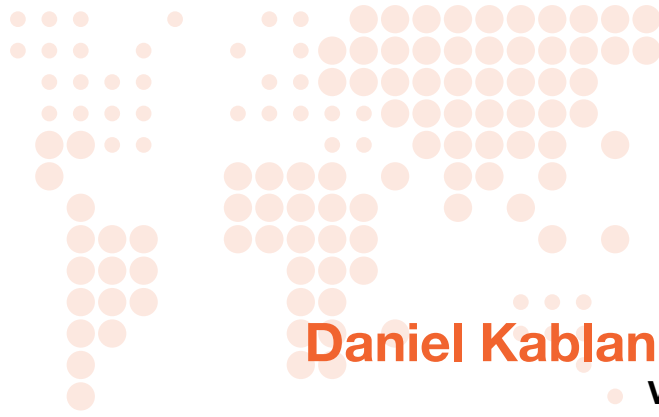
Passionate about this industry, he looks into it and ends up designing a financial model for the audiovisual and music sector, proposing to co-produce some of the projects according to the needs and context.

He thus creates Oria Pictures International, audiovisual production company specialized in TV and digital content, Institutional videos and entertainment.

Oria Pictures International counts among its customers several financial institutions and companies from public and private sector.

In 2017, Oria Pictures International is the first African independent company to receive an authorization of shooting given by the Indian government to produce and realize on the Indian territory, the first movie Indo – Ivorian " BENEDICTE " with Ivory Coast and Indian actors.

Awarded a postgraduate diploma in International Transport, and in International trade, Johann DJEDJE is specialized in Economy of Transport, Oil Logistics, and International Trade of raw materials.



Daniel Kablan Duncan
● **Vice President**
Cote d'Ivoire



Daniel Kablan DUNCAN is an Ivorian statesman. He was born on June 30th, 1943, in Ouellé, in the Centre-east of Côte d'Ivoire. He is currently the Vice President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire since 10th January 2017.

Before being VP, Mr Duncan has been twice Prime Minister of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (From 1993 to 1999 and from 2012 to 2017). Daniel Kablan DUNCAN is a top-ranking member of the Democratic Party of Côte d'Ivoire (PDCI) and is well-known for being a hard worker and for his remarkable moral integrity.

After he passed his A-levels with mathematics bias in Côte d'Ivoire in June, 1963, he attended various high schools in France to graduate as International Trade Engineer. He then successively attended the ICN Business School of Nancy, ED-HEC Business School of Lille, Bordeaux Management School and Paris International Business School, from 1964 to 1968. He also attended British and Spanish Chambers of Paris to graduate in English and Spanish with business specialization.

Kablan DUNCAN began his professional life as a state employee at the ministry of Economy and Finance. He was appointed Assistant Director of Interventions and Foreign Economic Relations from 1970 to 1973. In 1973 he joined the International Monetary Fund Institute for a 6 month term in Analysis and financial policies before he was recruited as "Special appointee" in the IMF staff. He left the IMF in 1974 for the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) in Abidjan, first as Head of the Research Department and later on as National Deputy-Director of BCEAO in Côte d'Ivoire. He kept that position until 1986 before he was appointed General Manager of the National Social Security Fund (CNPS) for one year.

Daniel Kablan DUNCAN returned to the BCEAO one year later, but this time was appointed at the headquarters of the central bank in Senegal, as Central Director of Property and Information Technologies, from 1989 to 1990. In 1990, from July to November, he was called in to be appointed Minister of Economy and Finance in the Government of Côte d'Ivoire.

From November 1990 to December 1993 he was appointed Minister of Economy, Finance, Budget, Planning, Trade and Industry reporting to the Prime Minister. He was one of the major actors of the stabilization of the country following the acute economic crisis of the 1980s.

In December, when President Henri Konan BEDIE took office he appointed Kablan DUNCAN Prime Minister. He held the office until the coup d'état on December 23rd, 1999. During his office, he successfully managed the devaluation of the CFA franc that occurred in January 1994 by minimizing its side social effects and also by working out and implementing a successful program for the recovery of the Ivorian economy.

On June 1st, 2011, after President Alassane OUATTARA solemnly took office out of the post-election crisis, Kablan DUNCAN was appointed Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs. On November 21st, 2012, he was once more appointed Prime Minister of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire holding this office cumulatively with the charge of Minister of Economy, Finance and Budget. On 10 th January 2017 Daniel Kablan Duncan was appointed vice President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire. Prior to that, he has been elected Member of Parliament of his native city of Grand-Bassam on 18 th December 2016 elections

Besides the French language, VP Kablan DUNCAN is as fluent in English and Spanish.

He is married and has a child. He regularly does sport, namely swimming, in spite of being busy working all day long.



Alain Ebobisse
Chief Executive Officer, Africa50
Cameroon



Mr. Ebobissé is the CEO of Africa50, the pan-African infrastructure investment platform capitalized by the African Development Bank and over 20 African countries and central banks. Prior to Africa50, he was Global Head for the World Bank Group's Global Infrastructure Project Development Fund ("IFC InfraVentures"), overseeing a team of experienced infrastructure specialists in the development of and investment in numerous infrastructure projects in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. He also served as Chief Investment Officer in the Global Infrastructure and Natural Resources Department of the International Finance Corporation, and held several positions in the financial sector in France.



Kouakou Ingrid Ebouka-Babackas

**Minister of Planning, Statistics and Regional
Integration**
Democratic Republic of Congo



Ingrid Ebouka-Babackas is the Minister of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration of the Republic of the Congo. She was formerly Director General of National Financial Institutions at the Ministry of the Economy, Finance, Budget and Public Portfolio. After studying finance in Paris, France, she returned to the Congo and worked in several financial institutions, including the International Bank of the Congo as the head of the Legal Affairs and Disputes department. From 2001 to 2011, she was the assistant to the department head of the regulations and studies of the general secretariat of banking commission of Central Africa based in Yaoundé, Cameroon. She is subsequently a member of the National Credit Council, the National Monetary and Financial Committee, and the Financial Stability Committee of Central Africa. She also worked as the assistant to the financial and accounting director in charge of finance to the Cote d'Ivoire company of coffee and cocoa in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, and did internships at Citibank in Libreville, Gabon and the land loan in Paris, France.

Ingrid Ebouka-Babackas participated in numerous training seminars at both the national and international levels. The most notable training seminars, all of which took place in Paris, France, were the following: seminar on the regulations and prudential ratios; training course on successful legal support; and seminar on banking supervision by the World Bank and French Banking Committee.

Ingrid Ebouka-Babackas is also the Treasurer of the association called Femmes de la Cuvette "Vision and Development"



Esmel Emmanuel Essis
Chief Executive Officer, CEPICI -
Center for Promotion of Investments
Cote d'Ivoire



Mr Essis Esmel Emmanuel is Chief Executive Officer of the Centre of Investment Promotion in Cote d'Ivoire since 2011. He is also the President of the International Network of Francophone Investment Promotion Agencies (RIAFPI) since 2014 and from 2015, he has been elected a Member of the Management Committee of WAIPA, the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies.

Before assuming his current post, Mr Essis has played a role in the private sector, as Deputy Director General in Cosmivoire - Sifca Group in Abidjan in 1998, CEO of the Coca Cola bottling plant of ECCBC Group (Equatorial Coca Cola Bottling Company) in Guinea, from 2000 to 2008, and then as Regional Managing Director of Coca Cola Bottling Plant Group in Barcelona ECCBC (Equatorial Coca Cola Bottling Company), in 2009. Between 2009-2011, he was Associate Director of AIC, Amsey's International Consulting.



Armand Fandohan
Managing Partner, Mazars
Cote d'Ivoire



Experiences in the financial and banking sector

- BOAD
- CREPMF
- Banque Nationale d'Investissement (Ex Caisse Autonome d'Amortissement)
- Financial Bank Bénin
- Banque Régionale de Solidarité (Côte d'Ivoire et Mali)
- BTM EX-BOA Madagascar
- Banque Malienne de Solidarité (BMS)
- Continental Bank Bénin
- African Financial Bank (Côte d'Ivoire et Togo)
- NEPAD
- Banque Commerciale du Sahel (Mali)

EXPERIENCES IN DRAFTING OF PROCEDURES MANUAL

- ORABANK ex-Banque Régionale de Solidarité (BRS),
- Banque Commerciale du Sahel (BCS)
- Atlantic Financial Group (AFG) pour le compte des filiales bancaires du Groupe
- Conseil Régional de l'Épargne Publique et des Marchés Financiers (CREPMF)
- Compagnie Bancaire de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (CBAO) Sénégal
- Caisse Nationale de Crédit Agricole du Sénégal (CNCAS) SOGEBOURSE, etc.

EXPERIENCE IN DUE DILIGENCE

- SIDAM
- TSA (Tropical Assurances)
- GECAR Gabon
- Amethis Africa Finance Ltd.

Experiences in legal and contractual audit

- CIE
- Energie du Mali (EDM)
- Société Béninoise d'Electricité et d'Eau (SBEE)
- SODECI
- Nouvelles Editions Ivoiriennes (NEI)
- Groupe SIFCA in Bénin and in Côte d'Ivoire (SHB, SAPH, PALMCI, SUCRIVOIRE, COSMIVOIRE, SANIA, SODIMA, FILIVOIRE, SIFCOM ASSUR)
- Groupe IPS (SISEP, SOSUCO)
- Groupe Eurofind (SOTACI, EUROLAIT, EUROFIND Participations)
- CIPEXI
- Aviation Handling Services
- Office des Postes et Télécommunications du Bénin

EXPERIENCE IN restructuring and strategic analysis

- Fonds GARI
- Crédit Initiative (Mali – 1998)
- Banque Nationale d'Investissement (BNI) ex - Caisse Autonome d'Amortissement (CAA)- Côte d'Ivoire
- CDMH

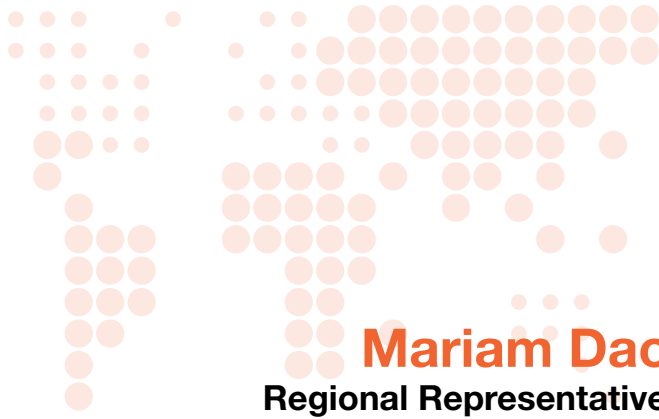


Caleb Fundanga
Former Governor, Bank of Zambia;
Executive Director for Eastern and
Southern Africa, Macroeconomic and
Financial Management Institute (MEFMI)
Zimbabwe



Caleb Fundanga has since July, 2014 been the Executive Director of the Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute (MEFMI) for Eastern and Southern Africa. MEFMI is a regional capacity building institution in the areas of Macroeconomic and Financial Management based in Harare, Zimbabwe. Its main Clients are central banks and ministries of finance and planning.

Prior to joining MEFMI, he worked as Governor of the Bank of Zambia. He has previously worked as Senior Advisor to the President of the African Development Bank (1995-1998) and as Executive Director of the African Development Bank (1998-2002).

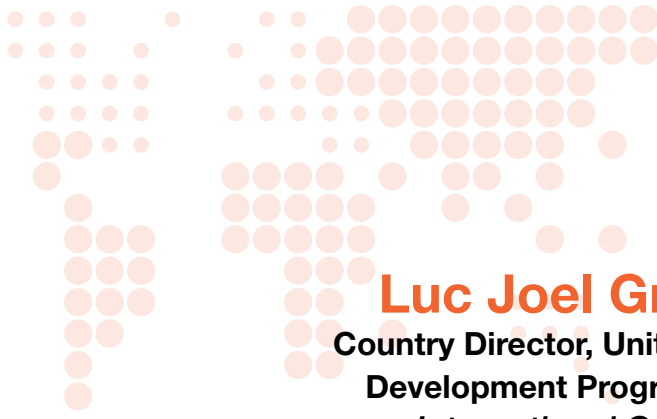


Mariam Dao Gabala
Regional Representative, OikoCredit
Cote d'Ivoire



Mariam Dao Gabala has during the past 20 years supported the development of the microfinance and social enterprises in the West African region, which includes grass roots organizations through a 20 years career at OIKOCREDIT as the West Africa regional manager and representative. Prior to Oikocredit worked as finance manager of a training institution and has developed a brief international consultant career with the African Development Bank, the ILO and the World Bank.

Since 2014, she is the president of the International supervisory board of SOLIDARIDAD an international development organization engaged in sustainable development. She is the president of the supervisory committee of the recovery plan of UNACOOPEC CI the largest microfinance institution in Cote D'Ivoire. She is the president of a think- thank initiative for a leading African continent by 2050 called "STAND UP AFRICA 2050". She is a founder member and president of the women leaders' caucus of Cote d'Ivoire. She is a board member 2 others regional civil society organizations. She is the founder of MDG consult and coach of several women entrepreneurs and women in politics.



Luc Joel Gregoire
**Country Director, United Nations
Development Program (UNDP)**
International Organization



United Nations Development Programme Country Director in Cote d'Ivoire since 2013, Luc-Joel Gregoire was previously UNDP Principal Economist, He was Executive Director of United Nations reform in Mali and coordinated the first work of reference dedicated to United Nations reform in Africa. He has also been in charge of Africa in the risk department of a major international bank and headed the London Club's debt restructuring international committees. He has taken part in the organization of several major international conferences on development and was a co-rapporteur at the Millennium Summit and at New York's MDGs+5 Conference. He has also contributed to the World Summit on Climate Change and coordinated the publication on Sustainable Development and the Emergence of Africa (COP 21). He is the author of a dozen books and about one hundred articles on economics, international finance and issues regarding the environment as well as the fight against poverty. Luc-Joel Gregoire holds a Doctorate in Economic Sciences, a post-graduate diploma from the Bordeaux Institute of Political Studies, and two Master's degrees in Environmental Law and Economics from the University of Bordeaux (France).



Patrick Guillaumont
**President, Foundation for Studies
and Research for International
Development (FERDI)**
France



Patrick Guillaumont is the President of the Foundation for Studies and Research for International Development (FERDI), a position he has held since 2003. He concurrently holds several other positions, including Professor emeritus at the University of Auvergne, Director of the *Revue d'Economie du Développement*, a Fellow at the Centre for the Study of African Economies at the University of Oxford, and Founding Fellow of the European Development Network. Previously, he has served as an Associate for the Faculty of Law and Economics at the University of Dakar and an Assistant at the Faculty of Law and Economics at the University of Paris. He was also the Founder and Director (1976-1991) of the Center for Studies and Research for International Development. He has published widely on issues related to international development and has served as Member or Chairman of several bodies, including the Committee for Development Policy, United Nations; Expert Group on Development Issues, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and the Programme Committee of the Consortium for Economic Research in Africa.



Sylviane Guillaumont-Jeanneney

**Emeritus Professor, Center for Studies
and Research for International
Development (CERDI)**
France



Sylviane Guillaumont-Jeanneney is an emeritus professor at the University Clermont Auvergne, researcher in the center of studies and of researches on the international development (CERDI), the adviser of the Foundation for the studies and the researches on the international development (Ferdi), Fellow of Oxford Center for Studies one African Economies. She was a board member of the French Agency of development, President of the French Association of economics and a member of council of economic analysis. She published numerous works and articles in the international magazines: her main centers of interest are the economic development, the international cooperation, the monetary, budgetary politics and of exchange and the environmental issues.



Pierre Guislain
Vice President, Private Sector,
Infrastructure and Industrialization
African Development Bank Group
(AfDB)
International Organization



Pierre Guislain, a Belgian national, joined the AfDB in December 2016 as Vice President, Private Sector, Infrastructure and Industrialization. His areas of responsibilities at the Bank also cover the financial sector and urban development. Prior to this, Mr. Guislain was Senior Director for the Transport and Information & Communication Technologies Global Practice at the World Bank, served as Director of the joint World Bank-IFC-MIGA Investment Climate Department and as co-director at IFC for Fragile and Conflict Affected countries.

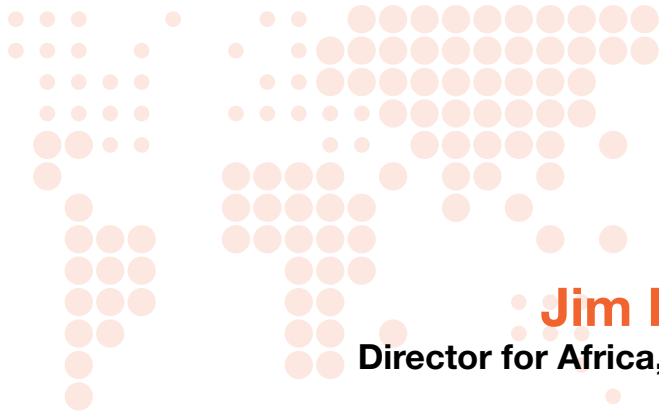
Mr. Guislain is the author and editor of publications on PSD, foreign direct investment, ICT, infrastructure reform and privatization. He holds an MPA in Economics and Public Policy from Princeton University, as well as a graduate law degree from the Université Catholique de Louvain.



Masahiro Hara
**Senior Consultant, Japan International
Cooperation Agency (JICA)**
Japan



Masahiro HARA is a development consultant in the education sector and a chief adviser of the school-based management project in Madagascar. He worked as a senior consultant in JICA's "School For All project" in Niger from 2003 to 2015. He has published the School For All Project- Successful Japanese Technical Corporation Project which changed the education in West Africa (2009). Before working in JICA, he studied in France and worked in UN Japanese Governmental Institution in Geneva and the Japanese Embassy in Zaire. In addition, there was a unique job experience to run restaurants. He graduated from faculty of Sociology, Rikkyo University, Japan in 1980 and during that time studied in Cuttington University, Liberia.



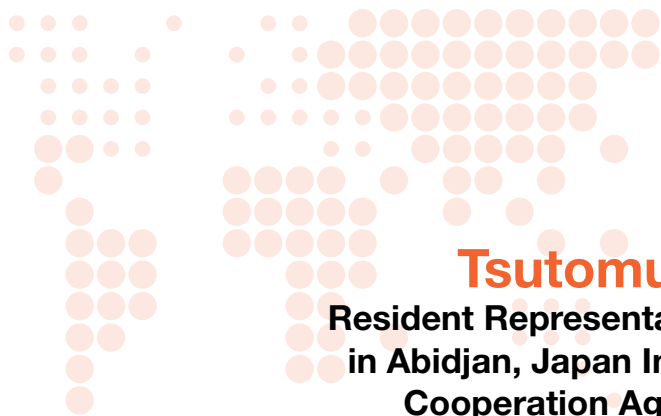
Jim Harrison
Director for Africa, AO Alliance
Foundation
United Kingdom



I am a Trauma and Orthopaedic surgeon responsible for capacity building initiatives in Africa through the AO Alliance Foundation.

Although now based in the UK, I lived and worked in Malawi for 11 years and was involved in founding and establishing a specialist orthopaedic hospital there. At the same time I served as Associate Professor in the Medical College and treated injured patients in the principal government hospital.

My research interests include Trauma registries, HIV and Trauma & Orthopaedics, and bone infections. By improving our understanding in these and other areas we can target resources appropriately and continually improve care of our patients. It has been my privilege to develop a large network of motivated and able African Trauma and Orthopaedic colleagues and friends, and to engage with them in seeing real transformation in services to those injured through road accidents and other forms of trauma.



Tsutomu Iimura
Resident Representative, Office
in Abidjan, Japan International
Cooperation Agency (JICA)
Japan



Mr. Tsutomu IIMURA is the Resident Representative of JICA Cote d'Ivoire since March 2016, and is currently overseeing operations in the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, the Republic of Benin, and the Republic of Togo. His responsibilities include management of JICA's regional integration assistance in the West Africa Region, as well as management of JICA's post-conflict and peace building assistance in Sub Saharan Africa.

Before his current post, Mr. IIMURA spent 7 years in the Africa Department, acting as the Regional Director of francophone countries in West Africa from 2009, then as Senior Counselor to the Director General of the Africa Department, in charge of French and Portuguese official language countries from 2013. His past positions include Resident Representative of JICA Office in Democratic Republic of Congo, and Deputy Resident Representative of JICA Senegal Office.

Before joining JICA, he served as a lieutenant in the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force, after Graduation of National Defense Academy.

Abdoulie Janneh
Executive Director and Board Member,
Mo Ibrahim Foundation; President, African
Governance Institute; Former Executive
Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa
(UNECA)
Senegal



Abdoulie Janneh, a Gambian National, is a former United Nations Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). Since November 2012, Mr. Janneh has been serving as Executive Director/ Board Member at the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, and he is based in Dakar, Senegal.

Mr. Janneh successfully completed a seven-year tenure (2005-2012) at the helm of the ECA, an institution with the dual role of being the regional arm of the United Nations in Africa as well as a key Pan-African Institution. During his leadership of the ECA, Mr. Janneh took steps to strategically re-position the organization to better support Africa's development agenda.

In his various senior roles, Mr. Janneh has been striving to enhance partnership building for Africa, as a necessary vehicle to mobilize support and build inclusiveness for shared development objectives. In this regard, he has been able to cultivate strong partnerships at the highest levels between ECA and governments, the private sector, civil society, as well as national, regional and international organizations.

He also serves on the Boards/ Advisory Panels of a number of organizations involved in Africa's development. Notably, he is a member of the Africa Forum of Former Heads of State and Government and serves on several boards including the African Governance Institute (AGI) as Chair, the International Lawyers for Africa (ILFA), Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CoDA), AO Alliance and Africa Sustainability Center (ASCENT).

Mr. Janneh is the recipient of several awards and honors.



Rolf Jeker
**Chairman, Emerging Market Services
Ltd; CEO and Vice-Chair, AO Foundation;
Former Senior Executive VP, SGS S.A.**
Switzerland



Dr. Jeker serves as CEO and Chairman of Emerging Market Services Ltd and as CEO and Vice-Chair of the AO Foundation. He is also Chairman of the Advisory Board of SGS Switzerland, Chairman of CARBURA, Switzerland and a Member of the Board of Case New Holland, part of Fiat Industrial.

Dr. Jeker is a former Senior Executive Vice President and member of the Executive Board of Societe Generale de Surveillance and Under Secretary for Foreign Economic Relations, Switzerland. He is Chairman of the Swiss Export Promotion Board, former President of Swiss Chamber of Commerce, member of numerous public-private committees in Switzerland, and Board member of a number of private companies. He has worked in over 90 countries and has a PhD in Economics and Business Management from University of St. Gallen.

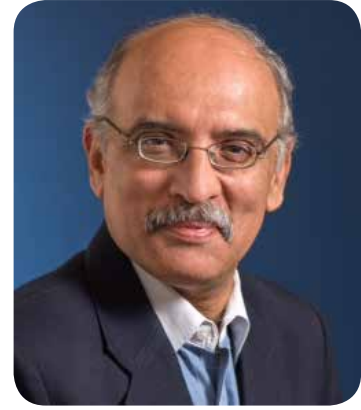


Roger Boa Johnson
Chief Executive Officer, AXA; President,
Association of Insurance Companies
(ASACI)
Cote d'Ivoire



Roger Boa Johnson has worked as the Managing Director of AXA Cote d'Ivoire since 2010. He also served as the president of the Association of Insurance Companies of Cote d'Ivoire from April 2012 to May 2013. Earlier in his career, Johnson worked for AXA Cote d'Ivoire in several other managerial roles, and for several other insurance companies in Abidjan. He holds a degree from the University of Abidjan's legal school and a professional degree from the International Insurance Institute in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

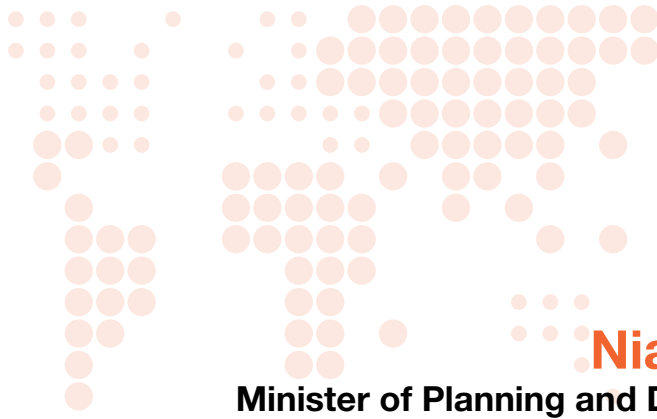
Manjul Joshipura
Consultant Orthopaedic and Trauma
Surgeon and Director, Academy of
Traumatology
India



Dr. Manjul Joshipura is Consultant Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgeon and Director, Academy of Traumatology (India). Until January 2013 he led the trauma care programme at World Health Organization in Geneva and contributed to research, policy development, advocacy and WHO guidelines on for emergency, pre-hospital and trauma care and quality improvement in trauma care. He pioneered structured education and QI efforts in trauma care in India and several other countries. He has been consultant to the World Bank, Gates Foundation and NIH on the issues related to trauma and emergency care.

Dr. Joshipura is a medical graduate from Gujarat University and completed his residency in Orthopaedic Surgery at Ahmedabad. He had his higher surgical training in UK and Australia. He is a Rowan Nicks Scholar of Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and was visiting senior lecturer in trauma surgery at University of New South Wales. Dr. Joshipura served as a Senior Orthopaedic Surgeon and subsequently as Medical Director at Apollo Hospitals, Ahmedabad.

Dr. Joshipura is currently President of International Association of Trauma and Surgical Intensive Care (IATSIC) and serves on the board of AO Alliance Foundation. He has authored several publications and books on the care of the injured.



Niale Kaba
Minister of Planning and Development
Cote d'Ivoire



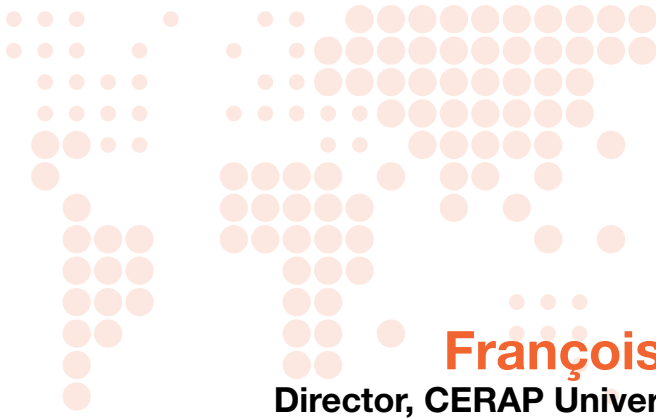
Niale Kaba was the first woman to lead the Ministry of Economy and Finance. Since January 12, 2016, she has been the Minister of Planning and Development.

After obtaining a Baccalaureat, Series C in 1981 from Lycee Moderne d'Abenhourou, Niale Kaba enters the National University of Cote d'Ivoire, where she graduated in 1985 with a Master's of Science in Economics, with a focus in Public Economics.

In 1989, she obtained a Diploma of Engineering in Economic Statistics and a Diploma of Advanced Studies in International Economics/Development Economics from CESD-Paris at the University of Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne. Professionally, she worked under the Minister of Economy and Finance from 1991 to 2000 as Director of Research and Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister.

She was then Deputy Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Economy and Finance in 2000, before holding the position, from 2003 to 2005, of Chief of Staff to Ministry of Crafts and Informal Sector Supervision. Finally, Niale Kaba was, from 2005 to 2007, Director-General of Cote d'Ivoire Tourism.

Niale Kaba held the position of Minister of Housing Promotion of Cote d'Ivoire in the preceding governments before President Alasanne Ouattara. Since January 12, 2016, she has been the head of the Ministry of Planning and Development.



François Kabore
Director, CERAP University Institute
Cote d'Ivoire



Dr. Kabore is the Director of the Jesuit University Institute at the Center for Research and Action for Peace (CERAP/IDDH) and Manager of the MBA program in entrepreneurship of the same institute in Abidjan (Ivory Coast). In addition to his administrative duties, Dr. Kabore keeps teaching commitments in economics, statistics, governance, and Knowledge economics. During summer 2016, Dr Kabore was back in Washington DC as a research fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center. Indeed, from 2012 to 2014, he was visiting research professor at the School of Foreign (SFS) of Georgetown University where he taught undergraduate and graduate courses (Economic Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa, Statistics, econometrics, Science Technology and Development). He has also taught and lectured in the following institutions: American University (USA), Sophia University (Japan), Center for Economic Catch Up (Seoul National University, Korea), Catholic University of Central Africa (Yaounde, Cameroon). The professional experience of Dr. Kabore includes consultancy at the World Bank's Sustainable Development Network (Washington DC), at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva.

Dr Kabore's area of research is innovation, technology transfer, intellectual property rights (IPR) and development. He has published book chapters and articles in various academic journal such as "Sciences et Techniques", Revue Suisse de Recherche Scientifique, La Civiltà Catolica, etc. Dr Kabore holds two BA (Philosophy and Math-Economics), a MA in Economics, two graduate certificates (theology and pedagogy), and a PhD in Economics. Dr. Kabore is currently working to set up a regional Business School in West Africa.



Cheick Mohamed Karamoko
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Swindevco
Cote d'Ivoire



Karamoko Cheick Mohamed is currently the General Manager of Cote d'Ivoire Property Development and Cote d'Ivoire Property Management, and the Chief Executive Officer of Lynx Event and Communication, a communication and events company; Ivoirian Security Company – Power 6, a private security company; International Control Company – GSM, a cellular phone and accessories company; and Abidjanaise Construction Company. He also serves as the Chairman and CEO of Swindevco-Cote d'Ivoire, Swindevco-Guinea, and Swindevco-Togo and is on the Board of Directors for the Ivoirian Frequency Management Agency, which regulates radio transmissions. Prior to his current positions, he served on the Board of Directors for Ivoirian Television Broadcasting as representative to the Ministry of New Information Technology and Communication (NICT). He was also previously Technical Advisor for NICT, supervisor for Baker Energy of offshore operations in the Gulf of Mexico in Houston, Texas; and Production Manager for Apache Corporation in Abidjan. He is a member of the of the Chamber of European Experts, the National Telecommunications Fund, and the Club of Muslim Businessmen. He holds a Baccalaureate series A from Orleans, France; a Master's in Private Law and Corporate Law from Mohamed V University in Fes, Morocco; a Diploma in Business and Management from the Texas School of Business in Houston, Texas; and a Diploma in Telecommunications Management from the US Telecommunications Training Institute in Washington, DC.



Hiroshi Kato
Senior Vice President, Japan
International Cooperation Agency
(JICA)
Japan



Hiroshi Kato is Senior Vice-President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Since joining JICA in 1978, he has served at various positions, including the General Affairs Department, the Planning Department, and the Southeast Asia Department. He also has an experience working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (in Tokyo and in the Ivory Coast). He graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1978 majoring in Asian History. He later earned his master's degree in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 1988. He is Visiting Lecturer and Professor at Kobe University (Graduate School of International Studies) since 2003. He has been on the board of directors of the Japan Society for International Development since 2002.



Harinder Kohli
**Chief Executive, Emerging Markets
Forum; President and Chief Executive
Officer, Centennial Group
*United States***



Harinder S. Kohli is the Founding Director and Chief Executive of Emerging Markets Forum as well as Founding Director, President, and CEO of Centennial Group International, both based in Washington, D.C. He is the Editor of Global Journal of Emerging Markets Economies. Prior to starting his current ventures, he served over 25 years in various senior managerial positions at the World Bank. He has written extensively on the emergence of Asia, Latin America, Africa and other emerging market economies, financial development, private capital flows, and infrastructure. He is an author and co-editor of *India 2039: An Affluent Society in One Generation* (2010), *Latin America 2040—Breaking Away from Complacency: An Agenda for Resurgence* (2010), *A Resilient Asia amidst Global Financial Crisis* (2010), and *Islamic Finance* (2011), *Asia 2050: Realizing the Asian Century* (2011), and *A New Vision for Mexico 2042: Achieving Prosperity for All* (2012). He led Centennial Group teams that helped ADB and CAF develop their long term corporate strategies. Mr. Kohli finished a year long EMF study on the long term prospects and challenges faced by emerging market economies worldwide and the book *World in 2050* was released in Paris in April 2016.



Adama Kone
Minister of Economy and Finance
Cote d'Ivoire



Mr Adama KONE is an economist graduated from ENA (National School of Administration) of Abidjan and holds an MBA in Finance and accountancy from the University of Adelphy in New York. He started his career in 1982 in the Ministry of Economy and Finance where he conducted several audits of state owned companies. Since 2000, he held several positions in the public administration as auditor, accountant and manager of various state owned enterprises. After more than 9 years as Deputy Manager of the Ivorian public treasure, he was appointed in 2010 head of this important institution, before being appointed on January 12, 2016 as Minister to the Prime minister in charge of Economy and Finances. On January 11, 2017 he is confirmed as Minister of Economy and Finances in the new Government.

Adama KONE was born November 20, 1954 in Bouaflé. He has 2 national distinctions (chevalier et Officier de l'Ordre National de Cote d'Ivoire. Officier dans l'ordre du mérite sportif et commandeur dans l'ordre du mérite de la Fonction Publique) in recognition of his contribution to the advancement of his country. He is fluent in French and English.



Bruno Nagbane Kone
**Minister of Communication, Digital
Economy and Post**
Cote d'Ivoire



Fields of Expertise

Economy of Telecommunications and ICTS (Information and Communication Technologies), Accounting and Management financier, Audit and Organization, Management of companies

Work Experience

Secretary of the Communication, the Digital Economy and the Post office, Government Spokesman of Ivory Coast since January 11th, 2017.

Minister of Finance Numérique and the Post office, Government Spokesman of Ivory Coast in January 12th, 2016 - January 09th, 2017.

Secretary of the Post office and Information and Communication Technologies, Government Spokesman of Ivory Coast in June 1st, 2011 - January 12th, 2016.

Director of the Regulatory Affairs, zones AMEA (Africa, the Middle East and Asia) France Télécom - ORANGE Listed company: FTE; Telecommunications industry. February 2011 – June 2011

Deputy director Audit Finances France Télécom - ORANGE Listed company; FTE; Telecommunications industry 2008 - January, 2011 In charge of the conception of the audit program, overseeing the missions of the finance field, managing the Sarbanes Oxley project, relations with the department in charge of the Internal control, fraud, and income Insurance.

Managing Director Cote d'Ivoire Telecom Telecommunications sector Deputy director (2003-2005), then Managing director (2005-2008) of the Incumbent operator of the telecommunications sector in Ivory Coast, subsidiary of France Télécom.

Managing director Prestige Telecom Telecommunications sector 2001-2003

Sales and installation of telecommunications equipment (V-SAT). Restructuring of the company and the relaunch of the activities.

Financial director Comafrique Entreprises (Sifcom Group)

Consumer Services 1998-2001. Automobile concession (Audi, VW, Daewoo, Nissan), Medical activity, Telecommunications (Alcatel)

Assistant director IATA - BSP CWA (International Air Transport Association - Central BSP and W Secteur Aéronautique and aerospace industry 1997-1998

Launch of the Billing and Settlement Plan, integrating travel agencies and airlines serving 13 West and Central African countries.

Financial director Atlantic Group (Centrings, Centradis, Atlantic Bank)

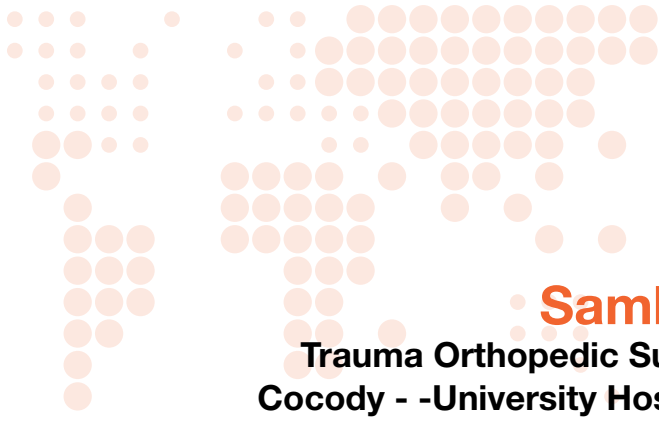
Banking sector 1991-1996 Main activities; Bank, Bakery, General Goods, Transport, Agriculture...

Financial director Sn Abidjan Industries (SnABI)

Public Utilities 1988-1991 Main activities; Maintenance of railroad materials, Foundry, Manufacturing of farm implements and refrigeration equipment

Project manager Arthur Andersen Secteur Comptabilité

1985-1988 Project manager to the Audit cabinet Arthur Andersen – Abidjan, Ivory Coast; participation in/conducting audit or advisory missions to companies and institutions of West and Central Africa.



Samba Kone
Trauma Orthopedic Surgeon, CHU
Cocody - -University Hospital Center
Cote d'Ivoire



Orthopedic and Trauma Surgeon at CHU de COCODY
Assistant-Master at UFR of Médical Sciences in Abidjan
National Officer AO Alliance Foundation in COTE D'IVOIRE

PARTICIPANTS



Tiemoko Meyliet Kone
**Governor, Central Bank of West African
States (BCEAO)**
Senegal



Born in 1949, Tiemoko Meyliet Kone, is married with five children. A veteran of the BCEAO, he has worked as an associate of Alassane Ouattara, when he was governor of the central bank. An economist by training, Kone was competitively recruited after graduate school, and has spent most of his career at the BCEAO. Previous positions include, Deputy National Director of the BCEAO for Cote d'Ivoire and Central Director of program and financial operations at BCEAO headquarters in Dakar. He was also the National Director of the BCEAO for Cote d'Ivoire and the International Monetary Fund Deputy Governor from 1991 to 1998. From 2007-2010, Mr. Kone successively served as the Minister of Construction, Urbanization and Housing, and finally, since December 2010, has served as the Special Advisor to the President of the Republic, in charge of Economic and Monetary Affairs.



Amede Koffi Kouakou
Minister of Economic Infrastructure
Cote d'Ivoire



Mr. Amede Kouakaou Koffi is the Officer of the Order of the Ivory Coast National Merit, a doctor in civil engineering, a public works engineer, a Director General of the LBTP and Mayor of the municipality of Divo. He was elected Mayor of the municipality of Divo on April 21st, 2013 and is a departmental delegate of his party PDCI-RDA of Divo.

Education Background

1996: Doctorate in Civil Engineering. Distinction: very honorable with the congratulations of the jury Toulouse III University (France)

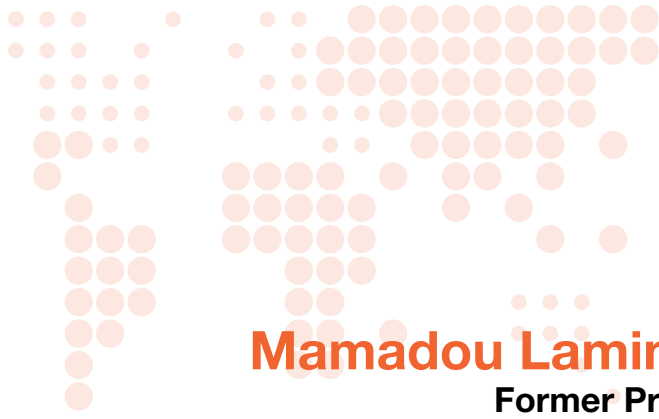
1993 : Diploma of Profound Studies in Civil Engineering. Distinction: Satisfactory from Toulouse III university: France

1992: Civil Engineer. First of the class Graduate school of the Public works (ENSTP) of Yamoussoukro (Ivory Coast)

1987: High school diploma from Lycee Technique d'Abidjan (Ivory Coast).

Significant Positions

- Officer of the Order of the Ivory Coast National Merit;
- Director General of the LBTP;
- Departmental delegate of his party the PDCI-RDA of Divo;
- Mayor of the municipality of Divo;
- President of the Association of the Engineers of Civil Engineering of Ivory Coast (AIGC);
- Vice President of the International Federation for the Safety of the Users of Electricity



Mamadou Lamine Loum
Former Prime Minister
Senegal

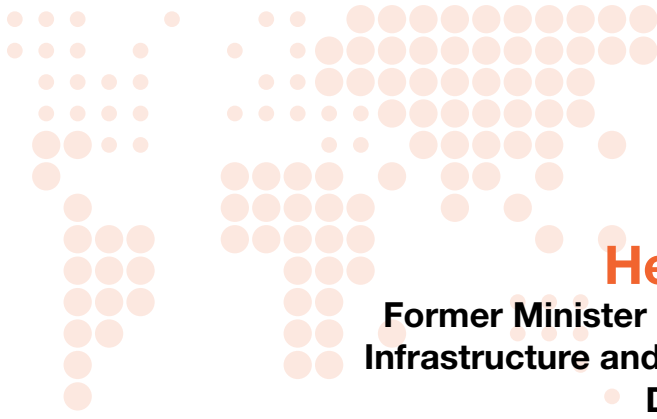
After primary studies (1958-1964) and high school (1964-1971) in Kaolack, Mamadou Lamine Loum studied at the University of Dakar (Sheik Anta Diop) where he obtained a Master's degree in Law in 1975, then the Diploma of Higher Education in Legal Sciences and Political Sciences in 1977.

He had his vocational training at the National School of Administration and Law (ENAM), where he was the recipient of the class prize in all sections (Léon Gontran Damas, 1975-1977). He began his administrative career as Inspector of the Treasury, and after rising through the ranks, became General Treasurer of Senegal (1984-1991), then Managing Director of the Treasury (1991-1993).

He began his political career as Vice-Minister of the Budget (1993-1998), then Minister of Economy, Finance and Planning (from April to July, 1998), and finally Prime Minister of Senegal (1998-2000), during which began with the Emergency Plan and the devaluation of CFA franc, ending with a substantial economic and social recovery and the first democratic election. Since 2001, he has gained international experience as an independent consultant to several governments (Chad, Cameroon, Central African Republic, DR Congo, Burundi, Togo, Algeria, Ghana, Guinea, etc.) and international organizations (World Bank, IMF, OIF, BID, UNDP, African Union, UEMOA, WADB, etc.) on various subjects, including economic development, governance, public finances, banks and insurances, management of natural resources, agricultural development, mining, and more.

Since 2006, in Senegal and abroad, he has been an independent director for companies, banks, insurance companies, and venture capital firms, as well as in private foundations involved in philanthropy and economic and social research. He also works in international arbitration between states and domestic or foreign private companies.

As an international volunteer, he served as the Representative of Francophone Borrowing Countries to IDA (World Bank) from 2004 to 2015. Finally, as an active citizen, Mamadou Lamine Loum was the moderator of the National Assemblies of Senegal (2008-2010) and Vice-President of the National Committee on Institutional Reforms (2013-2014).



Hedi Larbi
**Former Minister of Economic
Infrastructure and Sustainable
Development**
Tunisia



Former Minister Hedi Larbi most recently served as Advisor to the MENA Vice President at the World Bank, and from January 2014 to February 2015 served as the Minister of Economic Infrastructure and Sustainable Development in Tunisia. Mr. Larbi has over 35 years of professional experience in economic and social development as both a policy advisor and policy maker, with more than two decades of high level position in the World Bank Group. Mr. Larbi also has substantial expertise in the areas of public policy, economic and sectoral development strategies, private sector development, infrastructure services, social policies and human capital development, public finance and macroeconomic management, infrastructure (transport, water, energy, and urban services), social sectors (education, health, social protection), and more. He has developed, negotiated and supervised major economic and institutional development programs, and public and private investment operations in various social and economic sectors including major infrastructure projects and economic reforms. Mr. Larbi has an excellent knowledge of the economic, institutional, political and social challenges of the MENA region as well as of many Sub-Saharan countries. To a lesser extent, his regional experience extends to Latin American Countries and East and Central European Countries in the context of cross-support and policy advice to governments and World Bank teams. Mr. Larbi holds an MSc in Civil Engineering from the Ecole des Mines de Paris, and an Executive MBA from Harvard Business School.



Ahmed Legrouri
Vice-President for Academic Affairs,
International University of Grand-Bassam
Cote d'Ivoire



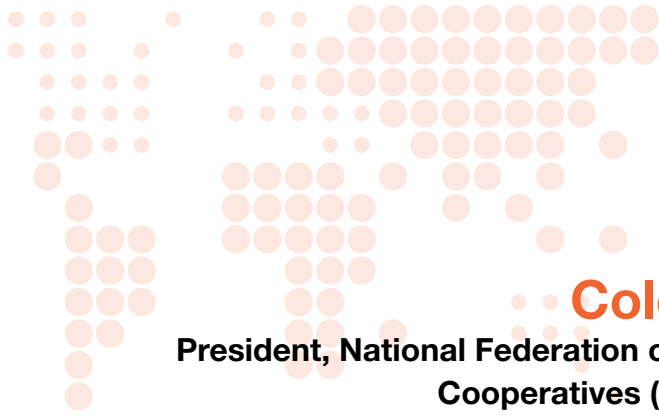
Ahmed Legrouri holds a BS from Mohamed V University in Rabat, a Doctorate from the National Polytechnic Institute, Toulouse, France, and a Ph.D. from Glasgow University, UK. He served as a professor at Marrakech University, Morocco, since 1982. In 1994, he moved to the newly established US-style Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco, as a professor. Four years later, he became Academic Coordinator and later Dean of the School of Science and Engineering and Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA). Since January 2015, he serves as a VPAA at the International University of Grand-Bassam, Cote d'Ivoire. His research interests are in intercalation compounds, biomaterials, and education. He also founded research groups on water management and natural resource valorization, which have received external funding to work on regional projects. He has supervised several doctoral theses and published more than eighty articles in peer reviewed journals and conference proceedings. He has also been guest speaker at numerous international conferences and institutions. He has developed experience in quality assurance in higher education and contributed to the production and implementation of strategic plans of his universities. He is member of several scientific advisory committees, including the Global Engineering Dean's Council, the Board of Governors of the Arab Water Council, the Board of Advisors of the Arab Water Academy, the Advisory Board of Arab Knowledge Report, the Network of Experts on Water and Environment, ... He is a Fulbright (USA), DAAD (Germany) and TWAS (Italy) scholar. He speaks Arabic, French, English, and German.



Claudio Loser
Director, Centennial Group; President,
Centennial Group Latin America
Argentina



Claudio Loser is Founding Director and Chief Executive Officer of Centennial Latin America. He is a well-known authority on Latin American economies and institutions. During his career at the International Monetary Fund he held many senior positions, including Director of the Western Hemisphere Department. Under his leadership, the Department was actively involved in a wide range of surveillance, technical assistance, and research activities. Recently he has worked closely with Latin American Development Bank (CAF), Asian Development Bank, JICA, JBIC, and with a number of other financial corporations, dealing with developments in Latin America and the evolving relations between these countries and the IMF. He is a Senior Fellow at the Inter-American Dialogue, a Washington-based forum for opinion leaders and policymakers on Western Hemisphere affairs. He teaches Latin American Development issues and finance at the George Washington University. He has published in many journals, mostly on Latin American economic issues. He graduated from the University of Cuyo, Argentina and received his Masters of Arts and PhD from the University of Chicago in 1967 and 1971, respectively.



Colette Lou
**President, National Federation of Food Crops
Cooperatives (FENACOVICI)**
Cote d'Ivoire



Colette Lou was born in 1956. She did not go to school. As a child, she worked at her parents' farm. In 1982 she started as a member of the food crops market administration COMAGOA in Adjame. In 1983 she founded a market in Treichville. In 1985, she created CODIPRAL, the food crops cooperative in Abidjan and in 1998 the National Federation of Food Crops Cooperatives (FENACOVICI). This federation includes more than 5000 women farmers. Her mission is to contribute to the fight against the high cost of living in Ivory Coast by launching on the market good quality food products. In 2012, She was elected by her peers member of the board of CORAF/WECARD (West and Central Africa Council for Research and Agricultural Development). She is recipient of many awards and distinctions



Celine Mansuy

Director, Communication, Public Relations and Sustainable Development, LafargeHolcim Cote d'Ivoire



Ms. Mansuy joined LafargeHolcim Cote d'Ivoire in 2016. She was previously Communication and PR Director at The Investment Promotion Agency of Cote d'Ivoire where she was for 3 years. She has 10 years experience in communication in companies like Yves Rocher or Vlisco. She is French-Ivorian , graduated from Institut Supérieur de Gestion (ISEG) Lyon with a Master in Communication.



Manuel Marfan
Former Minister of Finance
Chile



Mr. Marfan was Board Member of the Central Bank of Chile since December 2003. He graduated in economics from the University of Chile in 1977 and received a Ph.D. from Yale University in 1986 with his thesis on fiscal policy. Before joining the Bank, Mr. Marfán was regional advisor and director of the Economic Development Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC from 2000 to 2003. He was Finance Minister (1999–2000), Finance Under-Secretary and chairman of the Capital Market Committee (1994–99). Previously he had been advisor to the Finance Ministry (1993–94), macroeconomic policies coordinator, and executive secretary of the Ministers' Economic Committee (1990–91).

During this time he was able to push forward tax reforms, banking and capital market reforms, modernization of the Finance Ministry services and actively participated in the design and coordination of macroeconomic policies in the decade 1990–2000.

Mr. Marfán was a researcher at the Corporation for Latin American Economic Research, CIEPLAN (1977–78; 1983–90 and 1992) and for the regional employment program for Latin America and the Caribbean-ILO (1978–81).

He was also member of the group of external advisors to the President of the IDB (2001) and of the external review group of the IMF's Fiscal Affairs Department (2000). He co-chaired the Hemispheric Committee on international economic and financial affairs, linked to the Free Trade Association of the Americas, FTAA (1995–99).

He has worked as a consultant on macroeconomic and fiscal policies to the governments of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Dominican Republic and Paraguay and to the National Assembly of Costa Rica. He has lectured in almost all the countries of Latin America and in over ten other countries of Africa, Asia, Europe and North America.

Mr. Marfán has published articles in periodicals and books in Chile and abroad. He has been professor (under-graduate and graduate levels) of macroeconomics and fiscal policy at the Catholic University of Chile, at graduate level at the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Development, ILADES-Georgetown University, the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, ILPES and the seminar on Latin American economic policies, SPEAL.



Claude Martin
Managing Director, AO Alliance
Foundation
Canada



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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Oct. 2010-present Executive Director, AOTrauma – AO Executive Management
AO Foundation, Davos and Dübendorf, Switzerland
- Jan. 2009-Sept. 2010 Director, Regional Affairs – Executive Services
Canadian Medical Protective Association, Ottawa, Ontario
- Jan. 2004-Dec. 2008 Physician Risk Manager & Educator – Risk Management Services
Canadian Medical Protective Association, Ottawa, Ontario
- May 2003-Dec. 2003 Medical Officer – Physician Consulting Services
Canadian Medical Protective Association, Ottawa, Ontario
- Jan. 2002-Apr. 2003 Medical Director & Clinical Trial Monitor – EUROPE
Discovery Laboratories, Inc., Windsor, UK and Doylestown, Pennsylvania
- Feb. 1999-June 2000 Musculoskeletal Director & Medical Officer
Government of Quebec, Workers' Compensation Board, Montreal, Quebec
- Sept. 1997-Dec. 1998 Orthopaedic Hand & Peripheral Nerve Surgeon
North Alabama Bone & Joint Clinic, Florence, Alabama, USA
- Sept. 1995-Dec. 1995 Lecturer & Orthopaedic Surgeon
Universite de Sherbrooke, Department of Surgery, Sherbrooke, Quebec
- Apr. 1991-Sept. 1995 Orthopaedic Surgeon
Martin Orthopaedic Clinic PC, Muscle Shoals, Alabama, USA

EDUCATION

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2005-present (graduation in summer 2012)
- International MBA Kellogg-Recanati School of Management, Northwestern University – Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel (2000-01)
- MBA University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Knoxville, Tennessee (1998)
- AO Hand Fellowship Bern University, Lindenhof Hospital, Bern, Switzerland (1997)
- Hand Surgery Fellowship Harvard Medical School – Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts (1996)
- Lower Extremity Fellowship University of Toronto – Toronto Hospital, Toronto, Ontario (1990-91)
- Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Gallie Program, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario (1985-90)
- Internship Montreal General Hospital – Montreal Children Hospital, Montreal, Quebec (1984-85)
- Medical Doctor McGill University, Montreal, Quebec (1979-84)



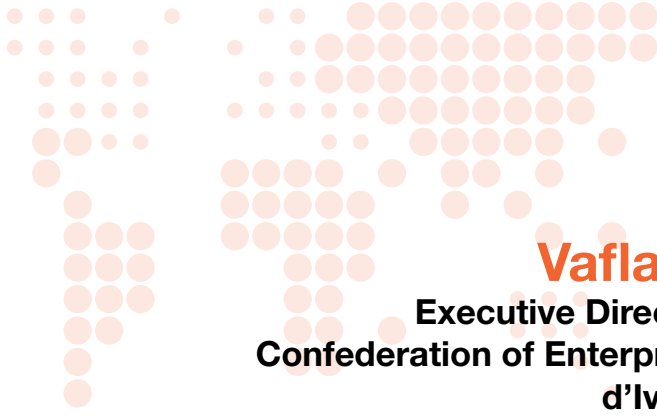
Mamoudou Meite
**Secretary General, International
Federation for the Cashew Sector –
Filcajou
Cote d'Ivoire**



Mamadou Meite is Secretary General of the International Federation of the Cashew Industry.

In 2013, he served as Chairman of the Study Committee for Cashew Pricing and the Committee for Study, Monitoring, and Tracking of the Cashew Campaign in Cote d'Ivoire. Previously, he was Chairman of the Collective of Cashew Producer Organizations and Associations. In 2006, he served as the Representative of Cote d'Ivoire from the Ministry of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation for a training seminar on the impact of industrialization on the cashew industry and the reinsertion of youth in Cote d'Ivoire, with Angeliq International Limited in Goa, India. He was also Managing Director and Owner of Groupe International N'ghonon Services, a brokerage and international trade group and Technical Adviser for the Lemissa agricultural cooperative.

He is also active in civil society, having served as Chairman of the study committee responsible for introducing Islamic heritage the Museum of Civilizations of Cote d'Ivoire, as Deputy Secretary-General of the Cote d'Ivoire chapter of the International Interreligious Federation for World Peace, Founding President of the NGO "I Love the City," and Distinguished Ambassador of Peace for Cote d'Ivoire to the 2003 International Interreligious Federation for World Peace Conference.



Vaflahi Meite
**Executive Director, General
Confederation of Enterprises of Cote
d'Ivoire (CGECI)**
Cote d'Ivoire



Since May 4, 2016, Dr. Vaflahi Meite has been Executive Director of General Confederation of Enterprises of Cote d'Ivoire (CGECI). Prior to this, he worked at the Center for Enterprise Development (CDE) in Brussels, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), Colgate-Palmolive, Unilever, and the Building and Public Works Laboratory (LBTP), where he has held various positions including Chief Operating Officer, Resident-Representative, Technical Expert, and Technical Chief Auditor.

Dr. Meite is a general industrial engineer (ENSIA) and holds a PhD in Applied Biological Sciences and a Master's in Business Administration and Development Studies.

Throughout his career, he has contributed to optimizing operational processes and improving ICT performance. He is the author and co-author of several technical publications, essays, and items related to economics and business.

Under the initiative of the Board of Directors of CGECI, Dr. Meite will be in charge of designing and implementing the strategic direction of the organization.



Serge Michailof
Associate Research Fellow, The
French Institute for International and
Strategic Affairs (IRIS)
France



Serge Michailof has recently published a best selling book: « Africanistan, l'Afrique en crise va t- elle se retrouver dans nos banlieues ? » Fayard, Paris 2015. He is presently associate researcher at IRIS, one of the leading think tanks in geopolitics in Paris. He has previously been teaching economic development at the elite Science Po School in Paris for ten years, also working as an international consultant on fragile states and post conflict reconstruction with a specific focus on institution and state building. Previous positions included Executive Director for Operations of the French Development Agency (AFD) from 2001 to 2005, eight years as Regional Director and Senior Advisor at the World Bank in Washington from 1993 to 2001. During a 50 years career dedicated to development he has worked in more than 65 different countries. His publications can be consulted on his website: : www.sergemichailof.fr



Joel-Eric Missainhoun
Managing Partner, AfricSearch
Cote d'Ivoire

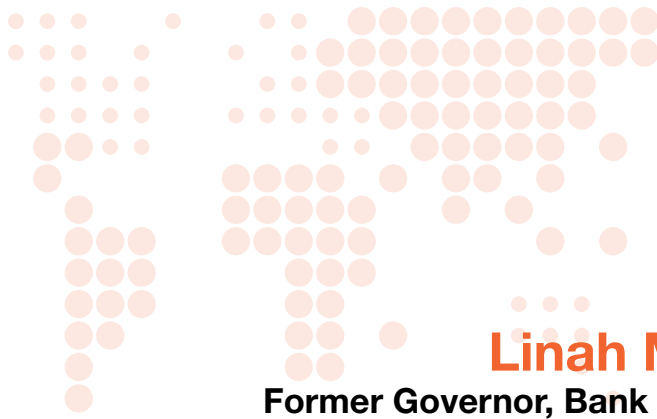


Joel-Eric MISSAINHOUN is Managing Partner and Executive Director in charge of activities of the AfricSearch office in Abidjan.

For over fifteen years, Joel-Eric has successfully been involved in projects and activities linked directly to Africa.

For 5 years, he was employed as a lawyer (African Tax and Legal issues) at Ernst & Young in Paris. In that position he was involved in providing advisory services to multinationals and assisting several African governments.

Joel-Eric has a Master Degree (DESS) in Banking Law, from La Sorbonne University in Paris, and is graduated from the Paris Bar school.



Linah Mohohlo
Former Governor, Bank of Botswana
Botswana




Linah Mohohlo has been, until recently, the Governor of the Bank of Botswana since 1999, following a 23-year career with the Bank, during which she worked in operational and policy areas (e.g., Board Secretariat, Human Resources, Research and Financial Markets Departments); in the latter Department, she was responsible for, among others, reserves management and was instrumental in establishing the Pula Fund and developing a template for fund manager appointment and monitoring, in the context of diversified fixed income and equity mandates. She has also worked for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as a Special Appointee. In her capacity as Governor of the IMF for Botswana, she has been a member of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC: 2000-02), representing the Africa Group 1 Constituency comprising 21 Sub-Saharan African countries.

In addition to having been a member of the inaugural Botswana Economic and Advisory Council, Mrs Mohohlo serves on boards of major corporations in Botswana and abroad. Among her several international engagements, she was appointed Eminent Person in 2002 by the former Secretary General of the United Nations (Kofi Annan), charged with the responsibility of overseeing the evaluation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s. She also served as a member of the Commission for Africa that was chaired by the former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair; the Commission's Report, "Our Common Interest", was published in 2005. Mrs Mohohlo is currently a member of the Africa Progress Panel, Gates Foundation Financial Services for the Poor Advisory Board; she is also Trustee of the Investment Climate Facility for Africa. She sits on the Investment Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, is a member of UN High Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing. Mohohlo has co-chaired the meeting of the World Economic Forum for Africa in Cape Town in May 2011. Having chaired the Global Agenda Council on Poverty and Development Finance and the Regional agenda Council for Africa, she continues to be actively engaged in other World Economic Forum activities as they relate to Agenda Councils.

Mrs Mohohlo is a recipient of a number of national and international awards, among which is Botswana's highest public service award for efficient and devoted service, the Presidential Order of Honour. Both the Financial Times Magazine (the Banker) and Euromoney bestowed on her the Central Bank Governor of the Year for Africa Award in 2001 and 2003 & 2008, respectively. In 2011, she received the Lifetime Leadership Award from the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum (OMFIF). She is ranked among the 10 Most Powerful Women in Africa for 2011 by Forbes Africa. She was honoured with the Africa Banker Award in 2014.

Mrs Mohohlo has read accounting and business, economics, finance and investments at the University of Botswana, The George Washington University and University of Exeter, respectively, and has received executive management training from Yale University. She has authored and/or published several papers and book chapters in economics, finance, investments, reserves management and governance.



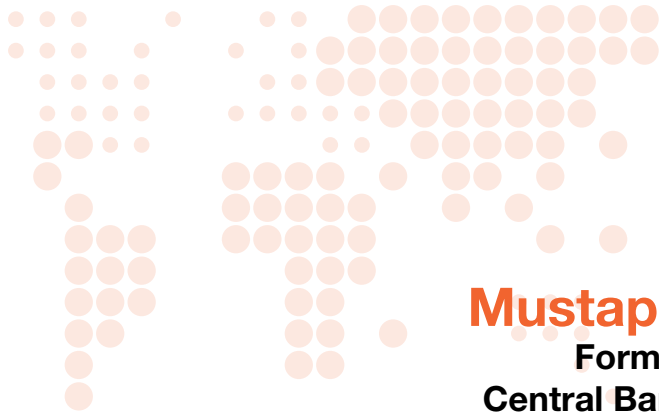
Manal Abdel Moneim
Chairperson & Chief Executive Officer,
SOBEK - Trade & Development Ltd
Egypt



Founder of AFRO-EUROPE for PROJECTS DEVELOPMENT in 2001 to serve as the Business Development Vehicle for a network of International Companies in Power, Water Management and Renewable Energy and to Provide Strategy Advisory Services to Private and Governmental Entities in the MENA Region & Africa.

In 2013 , post Arab Spring , Manal Abdel Moneim incorporated SOBEK TRADE & DEVELOPMENT, in Egypt, and in Uganda. SOBEK(s) objective is to Develop Agriculture Value Chain and Transformation Projects. In January 2016 She signed an MOU with the African Union Commission setting the terms of cooperation during the incorporation of a Pan African Agribusiness Holding Company.

She holds her Degree in International Relations from University of Geneva. She was selected on the Jury Panel of INDIAFRICA Young Visionaries Fellowship 2014. She is a member of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs.



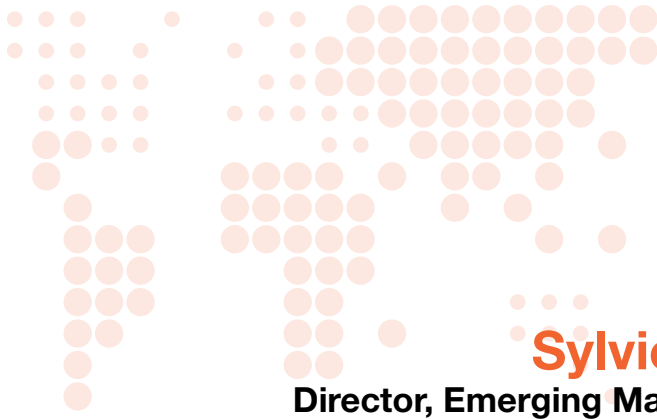
Mustapha Nabli
Former Governor,
Central Bank of Tunisia
Tunisia



Mustapha Nabli currently works as an independent consultant and acts as chairman of the Global Agenda Council on the Arab World at the World Economic Forum, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Global Development Network, member of the Editorial Board of the Middle East Development Journal, member of the Advisory Board of the Journal of Development and Economic Policies, and a senior research fellow of the Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Turkey and Iran.

From January 2011 to July 2012, Mr. Nabli was a governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia, a governor of the International Monetary Fund, and a governor of the Arab Monetary Fund. From 1997 to 2010, he worked at the World Bank as a senior advisor in the Development Economics Vice Presidency and the chief economist and director of the social and economic development group of the Middle East and North Africa region.

Previously, Mr. Nabli served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Economic Research Forum (ERF) for the Arab Countries, Turkey and Iran from 1996 to 2006, an advisor and member of the executive committee of the International Economic Association from 1995 to 2002, and a member of the editorial board of the World Bank Economic Review from 2000 to 2004.



Sylvie Naville
Director, Emerging Markets Forum
France



Specialized in strategic communication and project management, Sylvie Naville joined the Emerging Markets Forum in February 2007 to lead the management of the Forum's activities. Former Associate Director for Latin America at the World Economic Forum, she was responsible for strategy, activities and community-building in the region. She worked for more than 15 years with this international organization, involved in the Mercosur Economic Summit and other business activity in Latin America.

From 2001, in addition to the involvement of business, academia, media and political leaders, she took the initiative of enlarging the participation of civil society in the Latin America Summits. Before that, she was in charge of institutional relations in Spain and Southern/Eastern Europe, and responsible for the engineering and construction industries.

She graduated in Philosophy and Literature and has a Master's Degree in Foreign Languages Applied to Business and Commerce from the University Jean Moulin Lyon III, together with Diplomas from the Spanish Chamber of Commerce and the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Paris. She is certified in English by Cambridge University.

Kako Nubukpo
Economic and Digital Director,
International Organisation of
Francophony (OIF); Former Minister of
Long term Strategy and Public Policy
Evaluation
Togo

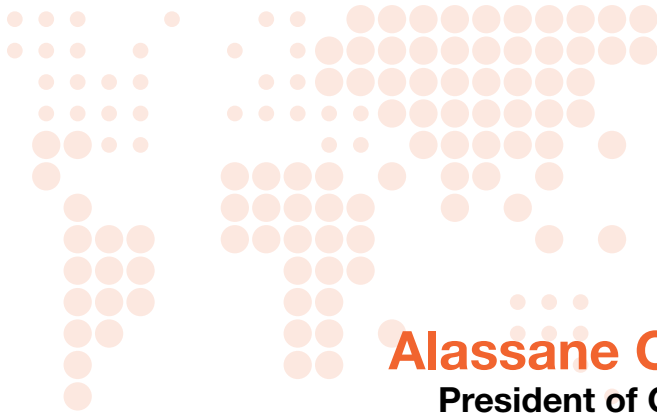


Kako NUBUKPO is the Economic and Digital Director of the International Organization of Francophony (OIF) based in Paris (France). He is a Former Minister of Long term Strategy and Public Policy Evaluation of Togo. He is also a member of the Global Economic Governance Programme of the University of Oxford (UK) and Princeton University (USA).

He is a former Executive Director of CADERDT, a Togolese Think Tank founded by the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) based in Lomé (Togo). Formerly Head of Economic Analysis and Research Division at the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, and formerly Head of the Department of Post-graduate Studies and Research in the Faculty of Economics and Management at the University of Lomé in Togo. He has a PHD from the University of Lyon (France). He has worked at the Head Office of the West African States Central Bank (BCEAO) in Dakar, Senegal, and has held senior position at the Institute of Sahel in Bamako, Mali, and at the School of Management in Lyon, France. He is also a Research Fellow at The Agricultural Research Centre of International Development (CIRAD). His publications cover a range of issues related to central banking and finance in West Africa, and the economics of cotton industry in that region, among others.

His last publications are :

- « Sortir l'Afrique de la servitude monétaire : à qui profite le franc CFA ? », Editions La Dispute, Paris, October 2016, 242P.
- « L'Envol de l'épervier : le défi de l'émergence togolaise », Editions Graines de Pensées, Lomé, December 2016, 295P.



Alassane Ouattara
President of Cote d'Ivoire
Cote d'Ivoire



Alassane Ouattara was born on January 1, 194 in Dimbokro, the son of Dramane Ouattara and Hadja Nabintou Ouattara. He is married and the father of four children.

He did his primary studies in Cote d'Ivoire and secondary studies in Upper Volta, now Burkina Faso. He brilliant obtained there his Baccalaureat, series Elementary Mathematics, and won an America scholarship to continue his studies in the United States. He studies successively at the Drexel Institute of Technology, and then the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where he earned a Master's in Economics in 1967.

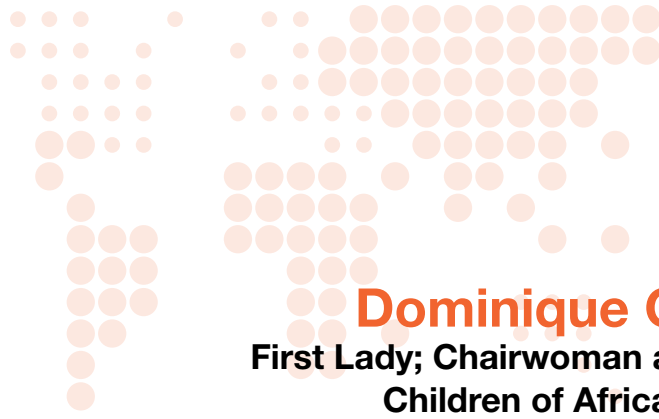
Armed with this degree, he joined the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in April 1968 as an Economist. Eager for knowledge, he continued his studies to earn, in May 1972, a Ph.D. in Economics also from the University of Pennsylvania. In 1973, he joined the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO), then in Paris. In 1982, he became Vice-Governor at the age of 40. In November 1984, he returned to the IMF to become Director, Africa. In October 1988, he succeeded Abdoulaye Fadiga as head of the BCEAO.

In April 1990, as Cote d'Ivoire was shaken by an unprecedented crisis, President Felix Houphouet-Boigny called Ouattara to his side, first as Chairman of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Coordination of the Stabilization and Economic Program, then as Prime Minister, Head of Government on November 7, 1990. At the death of President Houphouet-Boigny, on December 7, 1993, Alasanne Ouattara returned to the IMF and was named Deputy Managing Director in July 1994.

In July 1999, he ended his service at the IMF and returned to Cote d'Ivoire. He was elected Chairman of the Rally of the Republicans, during an extraordinary congress.

A candidate for the presidential election in 2010, Alasanne Ouattara was elected President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire with 54.1% of the vote and was inaugurated on May 21, 2011 in Yamoussoukro. On October 25, 2015, Alassane Ouattara was re-elected to a second term in the first peaceful presidential election in Cote d'Ivoire in more than two decades.

He holds a number of distinct honors, including Grand-Cross of the National Order of Cote d'Ivoire, Grand Cross of the National Order of the Legion of Honor (France), Grand Cross of the National Order of Benin, Extraordinary Grade of the National Order of Lebanese Merit, Order of Mohammed of the Kingdom of Morocco, Commander of the Order of Lion of Senegal, Commander of the Order of the Mono of Togo, Commander of the National Order of Niger, and Honorary Governor of the BCEAO.



Dominique Ouattara
First Lady; Chairwoman and Founder,
Children of Africa Foundation
Cote d'Ivoire



Mrs. Claudine Dominique Ouattara, was born Nouvian on December 16th, 1953 in Constantine. After graduating in A-Levels in Economics in 1972 at the Academy of Strasbourg, she turned to languages and received a degree in languages in 1975 at the Paris X University. These studies were followed by a degree of property manager in 1987 and a diploma in Real Estate Expertise obtained in Paris in 1989.

Since her husband's accession to the Presidency, Mrs. Dominique Ouattara gave up all her activities as an entrepreneur to be at the service of her fellow citizens. However, she has to her credit a strong experience in the world of business. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company AICI, which became Group AICI International the same year, she opened an AICI agency in Yamoussoukro and offices in Bouake, San Pedro and Jacqueville.


In 1989, Dominique Ouattara created an AICI agency in Paris, in the 16th arrondissement. That agency, located on avenue Victor Hugo, quickly became the showcase of the Group AICI in Europe. During the same year, her peers elected her as Honorary Chairwoman of the Employer's Union of Real Estate Agents of Cote d'Ivoire (CSDAIM). In 1991, followed the creation of an agency in Cannes which is today one of the most successful in the region, and in 1993, and the creation of a realtor's agent managing office of joint ownership, Malesherbes Gestion, in Paris which manages more than 200 Parisian buildings. In 2001, an AICI new agency was opened in Gabon, Libreville, a leading country of Central Africa. In February 2006, AICI International opened an office in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, a country where expansion demand is becoming higher and higher.

In addition to continuing her real estate business, Mrs. Ouattara became CEO of EJD inc., the company that manages the Jacques Dessange Institute, located in Washington. This institute has become today one of the most visited places of the American capital. In 1998, Mrs. Ouattara acquired Jacques Dessange franchise agreement in the USA. She therefore became the Chief Executive Officer of the company "French Beauty Services" in Washington DC, including all of Jacques Dessange's franchises in the country: hairdressing salons, beauty parlors, beauty schools, and distribution of Jacques Dessange products.

Mrs. Ouattara began her activities as philanthropist in 1980. At that time, she conducted humanitarian missions in Cote d'Ivoire, to bring aid and comfort to underprivileged populations. Concerned by the obvious needs of the population, she decided to formalize her actions by creating Children of Africa Foundation for African children in 1998. Since then she has built a real multinational organization, which includes dozens of volunteers to help the poorest children on the African continent.

She asked her friend, Princess Ira von Fürstenberg, to be the patron of the Foundation, and help her mobilize goodwill to raise money during charity evenings. Every year, the Children of Africa Foundation helps thousands of disadvantaged children and women in Africa and especially in Cote d'Ivoire.

Mrs. Ouattara campaigns on all fronts against child labor. Confident of this commitment, the President of the Republic appointed her, on November 03, 2011, President of the National Monitoring Committee of Actions in the Fight Against Child Trafficking, Exploitation and Labor. Her mission is to monitor and evaluate the actions of the Government in the fight against child exploitation. The activities of her committee and her partners led to the adoption, on March 23, 2012 of a National Action Plan 2012-2014, to significantly reduce the worst forms of child labor by 2014. In June 2012, the U.S. State Department report on the fight against trafficking in persons had reclassified Cote d'Ivoire in Tier 2, a sign of the progress made in the fight against child labor.



Stephane Ouedraogo
Special Advisor to the President of
Burkina Faso
Burkina Faso

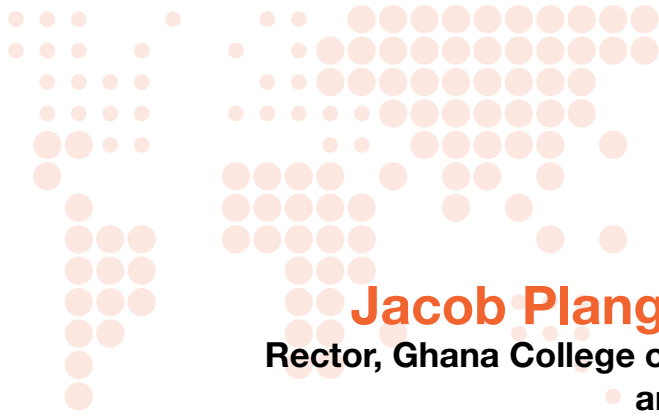


Mr. Stephane Ouedraogo is the Special Advisor of the President of Burkina Faso in charge of Finance, Economic and Investments matters. Prior to this position, he was at the Top Management of Arysta Life science for West & Central Africa.

Stephane has begun his career in the US and France where he played key roles in Corporate Finance.

Stephane hold a Bachelor in Finance from IFAM Paris and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Finance and Information System from Lubin school of Business at Pace University New York. Among his current position, Stephane was involved in developing many SME's on Real Estate , Agro Business and Service Industry in West Africa.

Stephane has a good knowledge of West African business culture and strategic orientations.



Jacob Plange-Rhule
Rector, Ghana College of Physicians
and Surgeons
Ghana



Professor Jacob Plange-Rhule is the Rector of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons. As Rector of the College, he is responsible for overseeing the management and delivery of the national postgraduate medical specialists training programmes for all doctors.

He was previously a Senior Lecturer in the School of Medical Sciences of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) and Consultant Physician at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital in Kumasi, Ghana. He has over two decades of medical teaching experience at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

He is a Director of the MTN Ghana Foundation, the corporate social responsibility arm of the foremost telecommunication company in Ghana. He is a past President of the Ghana Medical Association.

He qualified as a medical doctor from the School of Medical Sciences, KNUST and holds a PhD from the Victorian University of Manchester, UK. He is a Fellow of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons, the West Africa College of Physicians and the Royal College of Physicians, London.



Ritva Reinikka
**Chairperson, Research on Improving
Systems of Education (RISE) Delivery
Board**
Finland



RITVA REINIKKA is currently the chairperson of the Research on Improving Systems of Education (RISE) Delivery Board (United Kingdom) as well as of the Steering Committee for the Africa-wide Service Delivery Indicators Initiative. She was formerly a director at the World Bank where she held various positions for two decades in the Africa region, the Middle East and North Africa region, and the Development Research Group. Her most recent assignment was director for human development in the Africa region. She was also co-director of the 2004 World Development Report Making Services Work for Poor People.

Prior to joining the World Bank, Ms. Reinikka held research and operational positions at the Centre for the Study of African Economies in the University of Oxford, the Helsinki School of Economics, UNICEF, and Finland's Ministry for Foreign Affairs. She has published widely in peer-reviewed journals and policy-oriented outlets on public economics, service delivery in education, health care, and infrastructure, governance, micro foundations of growth, and international trade. She holds a D.Phil in Economics from the University of Oxford.



Jan Rielaender
**Head, Multidimensional Country
Reviews Unit, Development
Centre, Organisation for Economic
Cooperation and Development (OECD)**
International Organization



Jan Rielaender is Head of Multidimensional Country Reviews at the Development Centre of the Organisation for Economic Development and Cooperation (OECD). The OECD is an international organization dedicated to enabling mutual exchange and learning between countries with the aim of identifying better policies for better lives.

Jan and his team support developing countries in the design of policies that will unlock development and enhance a country's economic and social capacities. Building on the OECD's analytical excellence and modern methods of strategic foresight and governmental learning, under Jan's leadership Multidimensional Country Reviews have quickly developed into an important new tool of the OECD and are currently being conducted in a growing number of countries in all regions of the world.

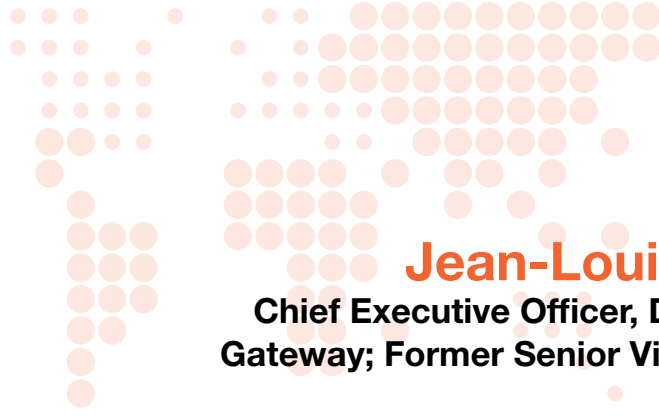
Before taking on this role, Jan was Economist at Development Centre's Africa Desk, where he was the lead author of the annual African Economic Outlook (2014 on global value chains, 2013 on structural transformation and natural resources and 2012 edition on youth employment). Prior to joining the Development Centre in 2011, Jan was Technical Advisor to the OECD's Partnership for Democratic Governance, supporting fragile states' building capacity for core government functions. Before that he was an evaluator with both the World Bank and the UN. Jan is a Fulbright Scholar and holds Degrees in Economics and International Relations from Syracuse University and from Technical University Dresden, Germany and has also studied at Yonsei University in South Korea and Lund University in Sweden.



Tania Roediger-Vorwerk
Deputy Director General for
Environment and Infrastructure,
Federal Ministry of Economic
Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Germany



Dr. Tania Rödiger-Vorwerk is currently the Deputy Director General at Directorate 31 – Sustainable Development; Natural Resources; Economic Policy and Infrastructure; and Director of Strategy and Policy planning in the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). She studied Law and Northern Languages at the University of Freiburg and Munich, going on to earn a degree in law from the University of Munich, and her PhD in European Environmental Law. Formerly, she was the Head of the Policy Planning Staff at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Head of the Department of General Personnel Matters and Personnel Development, and Deputy Head of the South Asia Department at the BMZ. Prior to her work at the BMZ, she was Deputy Head of the Department of International Affairs and Protocol of the City of Bonn as well as a senior consultant at the international management consultancy Kienbaum. She is a research fellow at the Faculty of Law in the University of Bonn, and a UNESCO staff member for its Global Educational Program in Munich and Seoul.



Jean-Louis Sarbib
Chief Executive Officer, Development Gateway; Former Senior Vice President World Bank
France



Jean-Louis Sarbib is currently Chief Executive Officer at Development Gateway, an international nonprofit social enterprise with the mission to reduce poverty in developing nations by improving aid effectiveness, governance, and transparency through information technology. Mr. Sarbib joined the board of the Development Gateway in 2004 and was elected chair in 2008. In March 2009, the board asked him to serve as chief executive officer.

From 1980 to 2006, Mr. Sarbib was at the World Bank where he occupied a number of senior positions. From 1996 to 2000, Mr. Sarbib was the World Bank's Vice President for Africa and from 2000 to 2003, the Vice President for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). His last position (2003 – 2006) was as Senior Vice President for human development, with global responsibilities for the World Bank activities in education, health, social protection, and HIV/AIDS.

Upon leaving the Bank, Mr. Sarbib joined Wolfensohn & Company as a managing director from October 2006 to March 2009. A French national, Mr. Sarbib serves on the boards of World Links for Development, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, The International Center for Conciliation, and FXB International. He served on the board of GAVI (the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization) from 2003 to 2009, the board of UNESCO's International Institute for Education Planning from 2003 to 2006, chaired the governing board of the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (2004-2006), and represented the World Bank at Head of Agency level at the UN-AIDS Committee of Co-Sponsoring Agencies. He has taught at Georgetown University (2008-2010), and served as senior non-resident fellow at the Brookings Institution (2006-2010) and adviser to James Wolfensohn (2006-2010).

Mr. Sarbib graduated from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris, before going on to the University of Pennsylvania for a master's degree in city and regional planning. After working for the French Ministry of Industry as Deputy Director of the Groupe de Reflexion sur les Strategies Industrielles (GRESI), he returned to teach in the United States, at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

In 2006, Mr. Sarbib was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso, and received a Lifetime Award for Diversity and Inclusion by the World Bank. He received numerous honors from the countries where he worked



Georges Serre
Ambassador of France to Cote d'Ivoire
France



Born August 6, 1952

PARTICIPANTS

Graduate of the Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Institute of Political Studies) (1975); Master's degree in Law (1997); Diploma of advanced studies in Sociology (1977); Diploma of advanced studies in International Development Law (1977); graduate of the Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations) – Swahili and Malagasy (1979); PhD (Doctorat de troisième cycle) in African Studies from the Ecole des Hautes études en sciences sociales (School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences) (1981)

Head of the Research Department of the Institut d'Émission des Départements d'Outre-mer (French Central Bank servicing the French Overseas Departments) in Réunion (1979-1984);

Chargé de mission for the Caisse française de développement (French Development Agency) in Niger (1984-1988);

Assistant to the French Executive Director for the IMF and World Bank in Washington DC (1988-1991);

Advisor to the Cabinet of the Ministers for Cooperation and Development, Jacques Pelletier, Edwige Avice and Marcel Debarge (1991-1992);

Chargé de mission (Africa) to the Presidency of the Republic (1992-1994);

Director of the regional office of the Caisse française de développement in South Africa (1994-1997);

Advisor on Africa and Development to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Hubert Vedrine (1997-2002);

Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2002-2006);

Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon (2006-2009)

Deputy Director General for Globalization, Development and Partnerships to the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (2009-2012)

Ambassador to the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (2012-2017)



Khaled Sherif
**Vice President, Regional Development,
Integration and Business Delivery,
African Development Bank Group (AfDB)**
International Organization



Khaled Sherif, Egyptian, is a highly respected and experienced economist and manager with 25 years of experience within the World Bank, spanning strategic, operational and technical expertise in development and development finance. He comes with deep knowledge and extensive experience in project development, portfolio management and regional operations management.

He rose progressively through the ranks in the World Bank, joined through the Young Professional Program and moved up as Senior Economist, Principal Economist, Lead Economist and Sector Manager for private and financial sector development. He later became the Chief Administrative Officer – the Chief Operations Officer of the World Bank’s Africa Region.

As the Chief Financial/Administrative Officer for the Africa Region of the World Bank, he oversaw the largest region within the World Bank, which accounts for approximately half of the entire organization’s operational budget. Reporting to the Vice President for Africa region, he led a team of 250 professionals across Africa, responsible for operations work for 38 regional offices.

Under his leadership, the Africa Region doubled its volume of annual lending from under \$4 billion to over \$8 billion. He was responsible for strategic planning and policy development across the World Bank’s operations in Africa, and brings along wide experience in managing operations in Middle East, North Africa, South and East Asia.

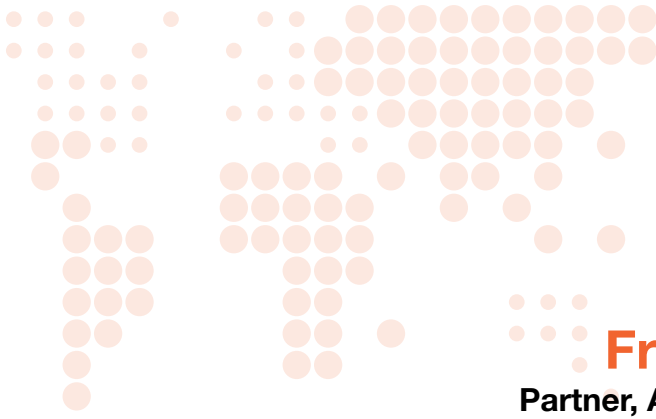
He also previously served as the Chief Administrative Officer, Network Operations in the Human Development Network of the World Bank, where he managed nearly \$2 billion in bank-executed Trust Funds.

He helped to create the Regional Integration Department in Africa for the World Bank and brings unique set of skills in working with Regional Economic Communities on regional integration projects. He brings particular expertise in strategic planning, budget control and management and working with others to deliver actionable, locally tailored regional and country strategies. He possesses a unique combination of technical expertise in the private sector, managing regional integration, financial sector development, banking operations, strategic planning and organizational reform and change management. These will help the Bank to spearhead its regional integration agenda and ensure the success of the decentralization action plan.

Sherif studied economics, public policy, earning his Bachelors (1981) and Master’s degree in economics (1983) and a second Master’s degree in political science from the American University of Cairo (1989), and a PhD in public policy and management from Boston University in 1986.

Commenting on his appointment, Sherif said, “I am motivated by the dynamic leadership that President Adesina is providing and the vision and strategies of the African Development Bank. The new business delivery model of the Bank to move closer to its clients in the regions is laudable. I am excited about this opportunity to bring in my extensive knowledge and experience on operations in Africa to help deliver on the business and delivery model for the Bank”.

The President of the Bank, Akinwumi Adesina, expressed his enthusiasm on the appointment: “Dr. Sherif is a well-tested hand on developing and managing large and complex portfolios. He brings deep knowledge of Africa and extensive management experience of decentralized teams, as well as strategic, operational and technical expertise across multiple sectors. These are exactly what the African Development Bank needs as it rolls out its new business and delivery model across the continent. I am delighted to have Khaled on board”.



Fred Sicre
Partner, Abraaj Capital
United Arab Emirates



Frederic Sicre has over 25 years of experience in engaging the private sector on global issues, regional development agendas and community building. He is Managing Director at Abraaj and leads global stakeholder engagement working with leaders from governments, private sector, international organizations and NGOs. Mr. Sicre is currently focused on healthcare delivery systems for low and middle income populations in Africa and South Asia.

Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Sicre spent 16 years as Managing Director and Member of the Executive Board at the World Economic Forum where he first established the Forum's activities in Africa and the Middle East. Mr. Sicre was made responsible for the Center for Regional Strategies, with a particular focus on global growth markets and the Annual Meeting in Davos. He also acted as the Editor of South Africa at Ten, a book celebrating the first ten years of democracy in the country.

Mr. Sicre is the Chairman of the Mustaqbali Foundation and serves on the board of Dubai Cares, Education for Employment and Junior Achievement's MENA Board. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council and a member of the World Presidents' Organization. Mr. Sicre was a member of the United Nations Global Compact Business For Peace Steering Committee from 2013 to 2015.

Mr. Sicre holds an MBA from IMD, a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences from Villanova University, Philadelphia and is a fellow of Stanford University.



Hien Yacouba Sie
Managing Director, Autonomous Port of
Abidjan (PAA)
Cote d'Ivoire



Mr. Hien Yacouba SIE was born on May 20th 1964 in Adiake. He is married and a father of three children. As a civil engineer, he has been awarded officer and Knight of national merit.

He has been Manager of the Works and the Research & Consultancy Departments for two years at FRANZETTI-CI company. In 1994, He joined the Abidjan Port Authority where he has climbed up to several positions. From 2000 to 2006 he held the position of Director, Works and Planning thereafter he was appointed technical adviser in charge of risks prevention from 2006 to 2010.

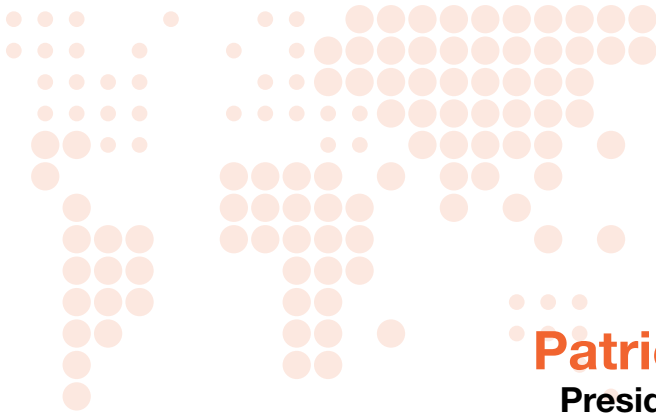
In December 2010, he was appointed Managing Director of Abidjan Port Authority and took office in April 2011.

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS:

- Chairman of Abidjan Port Community
- Vice President IAPH African Region
- Former President of Port Management Association of West and Central Africa (PMAWCA)
- Former president of pan African Association of Port Cooperation
- Regular member of the International Association of Ports Cities.
- Regular member of the International Cargo Handling and Coordination Association (ICHCA)

POLITICAL POSTS

- Member of Parliament for Adiake, Assinie Mafia and Etueboue Districts and Sub-prefectures.
- Mayor of Adiake District
- Treasurer for the Union of Cities and Districts of Cote D'Ivoire (UVICOCI)
- National Secretary in charge of infrastructure in the Rassemblement des Republicains (Political Party)



Patrice Talon
President of Benin
Benin



After obtaining a high school diploma in Dakar, President Talon was accepted into the Faculty of Sciences at the University of Dakar. During his 2nd year of math and physics, he passed the airline pilot's examination of Air Afrique and was sent to France for a medical examination and aptitude tests required for this training. At Dugny Air Base, he was held ineligible for the job for psychomotor reasons. Since he was unable to complete the airline pilot training of the National School of Civil Aviation (ENAC), he was forced to give up his dream and settle down in Paris.

In 1983, he entered the packaging and agricultural input business. He created in 1985 in Benin, 30 years ago, the Intercontinental Distribution Company (SDI). In 1990, it became a major actor in the cotton industry with three ginning plants. His business activities were held within the holding group, Financing and Participation Company (SFP). Concerned by the need for better governance in Benin to meet the requirements of a modern economy, Patrice Talon decided in 2006 to promote the then-unknown Boni Yayi, despite his friendship with Houngbédji, Amoussou, Léhady Soglo. He financed, organized, and managed Boni Yayi's entire campaign. Talon won the most recent presidential election on March 20th, 2016.



Sidi Toure
**Minister of Youth Promotion,
Employment and Civic Service**
Cote d'Ivoire



Sidi Tiemoko Toure was appointed Minister of Youth Promotion, Youth Employment and Civic Service on January 12th, 2016. He graduated from the Center of Strategic and Diplomatic Studies (CEDDS) in Paris, the National Polytechnic Institute Houphouet Boigny (INPHB/Ex-INSET), the School of Management and Business in Abidjan (ECG), INSTEC, the Secondary School for Vocational Training of Abidjan (LTA), and the Technical Preparatory Military Academy (EMPT) of Bingerville. He entered politics very early, having been with the Rally of the Republicans (RDR) since its creation in 1994.

Active supporter of the Rally of the Young Republicans (RJR), the youth branch of the RDR, he was President of the Grassroots Committee, Secretary of the Cocody Chapter, Member of the National Executive Board of the RJR, National President on an interim basis of the RJR, before standing as a candidate for President during the First Congress of the Gathering of the Young Republicans (RJR) in 1998.

From 2006, he joined then former Prime Minister Alassane Ouattara, returned from exile to Cote d'Ivoire, as Chief of Cabinet of the President of the RDR, a position that he occupied up to the accession of the latter to as President of the Republic in November 2010. In his capacity as Chief of Cabinet of the President, he was responsible for organizing the presidential schedule and activities for their best execution.

A staunch liberal, he founded the Organization of the Young Liberals of Cote d'Ivoire (OJLCI) in 1998, then became President of the African Organization of the Young Liberals (OJLA) from 2003 to 2007, before becoming Treasurer of Liberal International from 2012 to 2013. His professional career also included work at the Ivoirian Steel Packaging Company (SIEM-CMB), at the Electrical Equipment Company (SOCOMELEC), as well as at Schneider Electric Western Africa (SEAO). He is the author of a work entitled Alassane Ouattara and the Youth, The Timing for Opportunities, a collection of testimonies and tributes to the President, whom he considers his mentor and "father."



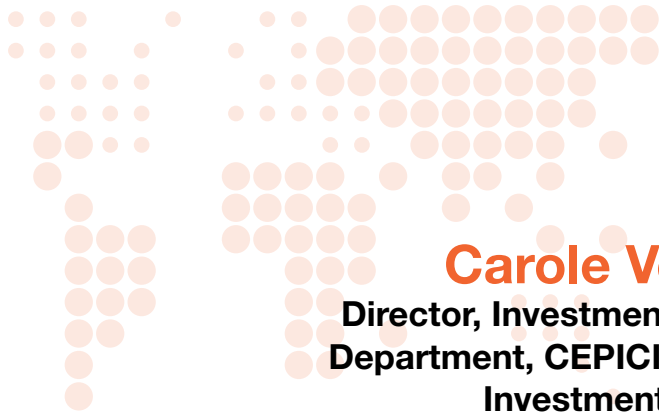
Massandje Toure-Litse
Managing Director, Coffee and Cocoa
Board (CCC)
Cote d'Ivoire



Born on August 8th, 1963 in Paris, Massandje Toure-Litse holds an MBA from the George Washington University (USA). She began her career in the private sector, before entering the Ivorian government as Special Adviser to the Prime Minister in charge of economic and financial reforms. In this position, she focused particularly on reform of the cocoa sector, before being appointed as the head of the Coffee and Cocoa Board in April 2012.

Under her management, following three campaigns of implementation of sector reforms, major changes included reduction in taxation and a system of price guarantees for producers. Today, the producers receive more than 60% of the international price against approximately 50% before the reform. As such, income and living conditions of the producers have improved.

In recognition of these reforms, Madam Massandje Toure-Litse has received several high-level distinctions. She was awarded, in 2014, the rank of Knight of the Order of the Agricultural Merit of France, Officer of the Order of the Agricultural Merit of Cote d'Ivoire, and Officer of the Order of the Merit of National Education of Cote d'Ivoire. In August 2015, she was further awarded with the rank of Officer of the National Order of Merit of Cote d'Ivoire.



Carole Versteeg
Director, Investment Attraction
Department, CEPICI - Center of
Investment Promotion
Cote d'Ivoire



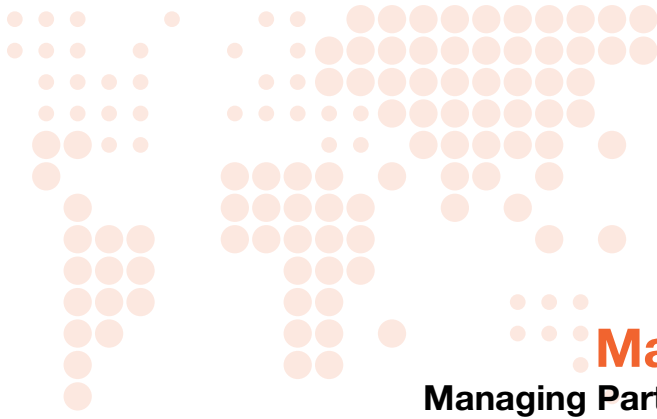
Carole Versteeg is the of Director of the Attraction Investment Unit of CEPICI (Centre of Investment Promotion in Cote d'Ivoire).

After graduating from Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo, and from Universite la Sorbonne Paris IV, Carole Versteeg started her career with the private sector in Europe and in Africa:

2010-2014 : Business Developpement Manager, OLAM IVOIRE S.A in Cote d'Ivoire

2008-2010 : E-commerce Business Controller Europe, Nike European Headquarters, in Netherlands

2004-2008 : Commercial Manager, Nike European Headquarters, in Netherlands



Marc Wabi
Managing Partner, Deloitte
Cote d'Ivoire



Marc Vincens Wabi is a certified accountant with over 20 years of experience working for governments, international organizations, and public and private enterprises in all business sectors in Cote d'Ivoire and Africa. He has worked for Deloitte since 1996, and currently serves as the General Manager of Deloitte Cote d'Ivoire and Deloitte Benin. Previously, he served as Senior Audit Manager; Head of the Audit Department; Managing Director of Calan Ramolino Cameroun, a subsidiary of Deloitte; and Auditor in the Audit Department. He specializes in banking regulations and financial establishments; telecoms regulations; privatization, acquisition, and sales of business; and management, organization, and sector reform. He holds a diploma in accounting studies from INSET Yamoussoukro, a diploma from INTEC Arts & Metiers Paris, and a diploma from the Ecole Supérieure Universitaire de Gestion in Toulouse.



Patricia Zoundi Yao
General Manager, QuickCash
Cote d'Ivoire



Serial Entrepreneur, I like to describe myself as an Enthusiastic Problem Solver. I took my first steps of the world of business at my mother's side selling from village to village in Cote d'Ivoire. After graduating with a master's degree in Business law, I noticed that existing money transfer platforms would not work in rural communities because of limitations such lack of Electricity and Internet access. The fees of transactions were too expensive also. With 200 dollars in my pocket and two colleagues in my living room, we decided to do something: This the start of QuickCash.....

My organization vision is to be number one in providing Financial, Agriculture and Education solutions for rural people by using digital.

I'm graduated in Master's Degree in Business Law from the University of Ouagadougou and Stanford SEED Program. After she has an opportunity to join SEED Stanford. The result of the participation of the program is the starting point of a great vision: Create a prosperous, connected, and active rural communities throughout Africa.

Awards


- National Knight of Honor and Merit of Burkina Faso, 2014
- CGECI Academy Business Competition Prize, 2014
- ESPARTNERS Intelligent Capital Prize 2014
- Prime Minister Special Prize, Ivory Coast 2014
- Young Entrepreneur Prize, Ivoirian President, 2015
- Ivorian Quality Prize, 2016



Tertius Zongo
Former Prime Minister
Burkina Faso



Mr. Zongo was Prime Minister and Head of Government of the Republic of Burkina Faso from 2007 to 2011. From 2002 to 2007, he was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Burkina Faso to the United States of America. From 1988 to 2002, he was serving in increasingly important positions within the government of Burkina Faso including as Minister of State for Planning and Budget and as Minister of Economy and Finance. He held the office of Governor of Burkina Faso to the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the African Development Bank, the Islamic Development Bank and also held various positions at the West Africa sub- regional level. He was a member of the board of directors of a number of institutions, including the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) and the West African Development Bank (BOAD). Prior to his career with the government of Burkina Faso, he was an Academic at the University of Ouagadougou and the National School of Financial Controls where he taught accounting, business economy and financial management. He holds a B.A. and a Master's degree in Economy - Business Management - from the University of Dakar, Senegal and a degree of Higher Studies in business management from the Institute of Business Management of Nantes, France.



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