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His Excellency  
**Mr. Adama Barrow** GMIRG  
President of The Republic of The Gambia  
Commander-in-Chief of The Gambia Armed Forces

**FULL NAME.** His Excellency Adama Barrow

**TITLE / POSITION.** The President of the Republic of The Gambia.

**ORGANISATION**

**Country**

The Gambia

**Speaking Role**

President

**Short Biography**

Under the leadership of President Adama Barrow, the Government of The Gambia commits to good governance, democracy and the rule of law. Since 2017, his administration has endeavoured to ensure transparency and accountability through institutional reforms. These reforms include financial management systems and taking advantage of digitalising government financial transactions. President Adama Barrow's government introduced the Single Treasury Account (STA), along with other measures, which are on the right path to enhancing financial management. To avoid abuse of power, President Barrow commissioned several Commissions of Public Inquiry to investigate allegations of financial mismanagement and malpractices, following appropriate procedures and processes in a peaceful, stable and secure environment. To enhance a democratic and law-abiding environment, security entities are undergoing reforms to establish laws, rules, policies, and procedures for security operations, ensuring that peace and security and respect for democratic values are upheld. At the international level, His government has earned the trust of development partners and donors with a \$1.7 billion pledge in 2018 for the country's National Development Plan (NDP 2018-2021). However, prudent fiscal discipline has enabled the Barrow administration to undertake innovative measures towards the realisation of its development agenda, providing the country with roads, energy, health, education and other infrastructure closer to the people and ending decades of isolation and exclusion from development. President Barrow's desire to see the positive impact of his government policies on the lives of Gambians, the rural population in particular, further motivated his administration to prioritise the revival and modernisation of the agriculture and livestock sectors, enhance public-private partnerships towards food security and other infrastructural development in rural Gambia. Regarding urbanisation and expansion of services in the Greater Banjul Area, President Barrow led the massive Banjul Roads, Sewage and Drainage Rehabilitation Project among many others. Conscious of gender and the role of youth in development, a more inclusive approach to women's economic and youth empowerment programmes has been developed and is being operationalised through government-sponsored Women and Youth Empowerment programmes. Media freedom has advanced under President Adama Barrow with more licensed private television stations and over thirty-seven (37) private FM and Community radios. Online media is also growing, with increasing Gambian-led platforms. Open debates and expression of opinion broadcast on local media continue to mark The Gambia's thriving democracy, thus positioning The Gambia as a beacon of hope for advancing democratic values and inclusive development. The Gambia, under President Adama Barrow, has seen great improvements in global media



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rankings, Freedom of Expression, and development. He embodies the symbol of peace, progress and development, as he reiterates, “there is no development without peace, and there is no peace without dialogue.” Adama Barrow personifies the idea of ‘unity in diversity’ in Gambian Society. He speaks five Gambian languages. With humility, he has a strong sense of direction, making him an inspirational leader. Since 2018, President Barrow has received several awards in recognition of his leadership, focus on development, promotion of democracy, networking, peace, and security.



**FULL NAME.** Hon. Seedy K.M. Keita

**TITLE / POSITION.** Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs

**ORGANISATION.** MINISTRY OF FINANCE & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Country**

The Gambia

**Speaking Role**

Minister

**Short Biography**

Seedy Keita, has held the position of The Gambia Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs since 2022. Prior to this appointment, he was the Minister of Trade Industry, Regional Integration, and Employment. Before joining The Gambia Government, Honorable Keita was the Director of Finance Department, Islamic Corporation for the Department of the Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia for almost a decade. From 2010 to 2011, he was the Assistant Treasurer at International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Honorable Keita is a Chartered Certified Accountant (FCCA), and a Chartered Management Accountant (ACMA). He holds a double master’s degree in business administration and financial management from Edinburgh Business School, Herriot-Watt University. He graduated with Distinction—a Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Strategy from Saïd Business School, University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. He is a qualified Treasurer (AMCT) and a Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA). Honorable Keita also attended Executive Education at Harvard (Corporate Financial Engineering, Judge Business School University of Cambridge (General Management) and London Business School.



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**FULL NAME.** Mr. Buah Saidy

**TITLE / POSITION.** Governor

**ORGANISATION.** Central Bank of The Gambia

**Country**

The Gambia

**Speaking Role**

Governor

**Short Biography**

Mr. Buah Saidy became Governor of the Central Bank of The Gambia on October 1, 2020. He previously served as Director of the Economic Research Department of the Central Bank of The Gambia, leading the Bank's economic assessment and policy advice to the Monetary Policy Committee and Board of Directors. Mr. Saidy later went on to join the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as senior advisor, a position he held until 2015. Before his appointment as governor, he served in the position of Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Finance from February 2020 to September 2020. Governor Buah Saidy holds a BSc and MSc degree in economics.



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**FULL NAME.** Mr. Aivo Handriatiana ANDRIANARIVELO

**TITLE / POSITION.** Governor

**ORGANISATION.** Central Bank of Madagascar

<b>Country</b>	Madagascar
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Governor
<b>Short Biography</b>	<p>Mr. Aivo H. Andrianarivelo has served as Governor of the Central Bank of Madagascar since January 4, 2023. He brings over 30 years of experience in the banking and financial sector, gained through a wide range of senior managerial roles. An economist by training, he possesses extensive expertise in capital markets, banking operations, business and project management, and the management of public-private funds. Prior to his current role, he served as Executive Director for Africa II at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), where he was a member of the Executive Board and represented 23 African countries. Earlier in his career, he held several senior positions in the banking sector, contributing to the establishment of accounting systems and regular reporting, managing foreign exchange operations and trading activities, and overseeing organizational, administrative, and operational functions as Deputy Director. He also served as Financial Director at Catholic Relief Services, where he enhanced the efficiency of financial resource management for program operations. In addition, he led the Portage and Privatization Fund as both Chief Executive Officer and Chairman. Before joining the IMF, he worked as a Technical Advisor to the Minister of Finance of Madagascar. Mr. Andrianarivelo holds degrees in economic sciences and banking techniques, and has completed various professional trainings in trading, monetary and foreign exchange markets, capital markets, as well as leadership and management.</p>



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**FULL NAME.** Mr. Emmanuel Mpawe Tutuba

**TITLE / POSITION.** Governor

**ORGANISATION.** Bank of Tanzania

### Country

Tanzania

### Speaking Role

Governor

### Short Biography

Mr. Emmanuel Mpawe Tutuba has served as Governor of the Bank of Tanzania since January 2023. Prior to this, he was Permanent Secretary and Paymaster General at the Ministry of Finance from April 2021. He has held several senior positions within the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, including Regional Administrative Secretary, Assistant Commissioner for External Finance, and Assistant Commissioner for Budget. He has also served on the boards of various institutions, committees, and government teams. Governor Tutuba is an experienced economist and a results-oriented, transformational leader. In his role, he is committed to maintaining price stability, safeguarding financial sector soundness, advancing financial inclusion, and ensuring the efficiency and security of payment systems, while promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth. He also plays a key advisory role to the government on fiscal and structural policy formulation and implementation, and is a strong advocate for effective coordination across monetary, fiscal, and structural policies.



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**FULL NAME.** Nathan Belete

**TITLE / POSITION.** Director of Regional Programs for Africa

**ORGANISATION.** World Bank Group

### Speaking Role

Director of Regional Programs for Africa

### Short Biography

Mr. Belete is an Ethiopian national and a development professional with almost 30 years of work experience across many countries in Africa and Asia. He is currently the World Bank's Regional Programs Director for Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya. In this position, he oversees an investment portfolio of around \$21 billion in support of economic and policy cooperation across Africa, and leads high-level policy dialogue with regional economic communities, regional organizations, governments, and other stakeholders.



**FULL NAME.** Alhaji Aliko Mohammad Dangote,

**TITLE / POSITION.** Founder, Chairman, Dangote Group

**ORGANISATION.** Dangote Group

### Country

Nigeria

### Speaking Role

Founder, Chairman, Dangote Group, President and Chief Executive of the Dangote Group

### Short Biography

Aliko Dangote is the Founder, President and Chief Executive of the Dangote Group, the largest conglomerate in West Africa. The Dangote Group, with subsidiaries spanning cement production, sugar refining, agriculture, and energy, is significantly expanding its industrial footprint across the African continent. The Group currently has presence in 17 African countries and is a market leader in cement on the continent. Dangote Cement Plc is the largest listed company in West Africa and the first Nigerian company to join the Forbes Global 2000 Companies list. A leading global philanthropist, Aliko



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Dangote has set up the largest private Foundation in sub-Saharan Africa with an endowment of US\$1.25 billion. Locally focused, but globally minded, the Dangote Foundation is at the forefront of improving the health, nutrition, and education of Nigerians and Africans.

Aliko Dangote is a member of the United Nations Secretary-General’s Global Education First Initiative steering committee; a founding member of the Gordon Brown-led Global Business Coalition for Education; a member of the McKinsey Advisory Council, Harvard Advisory Council, the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum, ONE Board, J.P Morgan International Council, Global Board of Advisors Council of Foreign Relations, and member of the Clinton Global Initiative.



**FULL NAME.** Daouda Sembene

**TITLE / POSITION.** Chief Executive Officer Africatalyst

**ORGANISATION.** Africatalyst

**Country**

**Speaking Role**

Daouda Sembene Chief Executive Officer Africatalyst

**Short Biography**

Dr. Daouda Sembene is the founder, President and CEO of AfriCatalyst, a Dakar- and Nairobi-based advisory firm advancing African leadership in global development finance. He also serves as a Distinguished Non-resident Fellow at the Washington-based Center for Global Development (CGD) and Accra-based African Centre for Economic Transformation (ACET). Daouda was a member of the G20 Africa Expert Panel appointed by South Africa during its G20 Presidency and he also served on the Jubilee Commission of Experts chaired by Prof. Joseph Stiglitz and established by the Vatican to address the debt and development crises. More recently, he contributed to the Harvard and MIT Global Climate Policy Project Working Group on Climate Coalitions, a diverse group of economists, policymakers, and technical experts whose work helped shape the Declaration on the “Open Coalition on Compliance Carbon Markets” endorsed by advanced economies, emerging markets, and developing economies during COP30 in Belem, Brazil. Until 2018, Daouda was an Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund where he represented 23 African countries on the Executive Board. During his IMF board tenure, he chaired the statutory Board Committee that was tasked with strengthening collaboration at the board level between the IMF and other international institutions, notably the World Bank Group, the United Nations, and WTO.



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**FULL NAME.** H.E. Amb. Selma Malika Haddadi

**TITLE / POSITION.** Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC)

**ORGANISATION.** African Union Commission (AUC)

### Country

Algeria

### Speaking Role

Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC)

### Short Biography

H.E. Selma Malika Haddadi (Algeria) is career diplomat and legal expert. She is the former Ambassador of Algeria to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to African Union and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa where she served from 2024. From 2023 to 2024, she served as the Director General of Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad. 2019- 2023, H.E. Haddadi was the plenipotentiary and Extraordinary Ambassador of the Republic of Algeria to Kenya. She also served in a similar position as the plenipotentiary and Extraordinary Ambassador of the Republic of Algeria to South Sudan. Prior to that, H.E. Haddadi was the Minister Counselor and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Algeria to Ethiopia and the African Union from 2015 to 2019. She also served at Deputy Director for Social Development, General Directorate for Political Affairs and International Security. For one year from 2012, she was the Head of the Algerian office for Refugees and Stateless Persons, General Directorate for Legal and Consular Affairs in Algeria. In the earlier years, she served as the Counselor, Head of Political Section, Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations in Geneva. H.E. Haddadi was sworn in as a lawyer and member of the Algiers Bar Association in 2002. She has Master of Art in Public and Private International Law from the Peace and Development Law Institute, Law School, Nice- Sophia Antipolis University. She also has a Master's Degree in Private Law from the Law School, Nantes University.



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**FULL NAME.** H.E. Dr. Sidi Ould Tah

**TITLE / POSITION.** President African Development Bank Group

**ORGANISATION.** African Development Bank Group

**Country**

**Speaking Role**

President African Development Bank Group

**Short Biography**

Dr Sidi Ould Tah was elected the ninth president of the African Development Bank Group on 29 May 2025 with a historic mandate from shareholders, securing more than 76 percent of the vote, the highest first-term margin in the Bank's history. His election reflects strong shareholder confidence in his proven ability to deliver bold reforms and measurable impact for Africa's development based on his 40+ years career in various banking, economist and ministerial roles in Africa and the global south. Prior to this election, Dr Ould Tah served as President of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) for a decade (2015–2025). During this period, he led a broad transformation of the institution, repositioning it from an unrated regional player into one of Africa's highest-rated multilateral development banks. Under his leadership, BADEA achieved prestigious AAA/Aa1/AA+ credit ratings, placing it among the most trusted institutions on the continent. The bank's total assets nearly doubled, even as it maintained exceptional asset quality and slashed its non-performing loan ratio from 11 percent to just 0.4 percent, one of the lowest among African development finance institutions.



**FULL NAME.** Dr. Zakari Mumuni

**TITLE / POSITION.** First Deputy Governor of the Bank of Ghana

**ORGANISATION.** Bank of Ghana

**Country**

Ghana

**Speaking Role**

First Deputy Governor of the Bank of Ghana

**Short Biography**

Dr. Zakari Mumuni is the First Deputy Governor of the Bank of Ghana (BoG), appointed in February 2025 as part of the Bank's new leadership team. A seasoned economist and central banker, he brings over two decades of experience in economic research, monetary policy



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analysis and operations, financial markets supervision, and institutional coordination. In his current role, he plays a leading role in the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) and provides strategic oversight of policy analysis, foreign exchange management, research, and market operations. Since joining the BoG in 2002, Dr. Mumuni has held several technical and leadership positions, including Director of the Financial Markets Department and Head of the Modelling and Forecasting Office, where he led the Bank’s core analytical support to the MPC. He also served as Special Assistant to the Governor, coordinating closely with the Ministry of Finance, the IMF, and other international institutions. He holds an MPhil in Economics from the University of Ghana and a PhD in Economics from the University of Nottingham, UK. His earlier experience includes service as a Foreign Service Officer in Ghana’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and teaching roles at the University of Ghana and Ashesi University. Dr. Mumuni has published in leading peer-reviewed journals, including the Journal of African Economies and the Review of Development Economics, with research contributions on monetary policy and fiscal-monetary interactions.



**FULL NAME.** Dr. Stephen Karingi

**TITLE / POSITION.** Director, Macroeconomics, Finance, Governance and Planning Division -United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

**ORGANISATION.** United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

**Country**

**Speaking Role**

Director, Macroeconomics, Finance, Governance and Planning Division

**Short Biography**

Dr. Stephen Karingi is currently the Director, Macroeconomics, Finance, Governance and Planning Division of the Economic Commission for Africa. Before joining the United Nations, Dr. Karingi was a Senior Analyst and the Head of Macroeconomics Division in the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA). Before KIPPRA he served as a Lecturer of Economics at Egerton University.

Dr. Karingi was a recipient of the then Zolt-Gilburne Visiting Fellowship of the International Tax Programme of the Harvard Law School in 2001 and the winner of the 2013 Alan A. Powell Award in recognition of his contribution to Global Economic Analysis issues from an African perspective. Dr. Karingi served as a member of the High-Level Board of Experts on the Future of Global Trade



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Governance. He is presently serving in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Trade and Industrial Development Advisory Council; and also, a member of the High-Level Group on Trade in the context of EU-Africa relations. He is in the Editorial Board of the Journal of African Trade.



**FULL NAME.** Mr. Moustapha Njie

**TITLE / POSITION.** Chairman of Taf Group The Gambia

**ORGANISATION.** Taf Group The Gambia

**Country**

The Gambia

**Speaking Role**

Chairman of Taf Group The Gambia

**Short Biography**

Moustapha Njie is the man behind the success story called **TAF AFRICA GLOBAL LIMITED**. Born in The Gambia, he has **over 50 years** of hands-on experience across all levels of the construction and real estate value chain. TAF AFRICA GLOBAL, which is registered in 9 African countries with dominance in The Gambia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria, was birthed in 1990. TAF's vision for the Company is firmly rooted in innovation, extreme diligence, hard work and resilience. He is not cowed by challenges and he positively challenges traditional ways of doing things and constantly works towards improving processes. He is an unrepentant philanthropist who believes in leaving a legacy and who has continued to impact lives, particularly youth and women, through the TAF Africa Foundation. He is passionate about leadership and entrepreneurship as shown by the various activities carried out by the TAF Africa Foundation which include TAFCON, TAF Club Ten, TAF Start-ups, TAF Training Institute, TAF Leadership Academy, TAF Icon, and TAF Hub.



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**FULL NAME.** Dr. Omar A. Touray

**TITLE / POSITION.** President of ECOWAS

**ORGANISATION.** ECOWAS

**Country** The Gambia

**Speaking Role** President of ECOWAS

**Short Biography** **Dr. Omar Alieu Touray** is President of the ECOWAS Commission, appointed in July 2022 for a four-year term. A Gambian diplomat and development professional, he previously served as The Gambia's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the African Union, Ambassador to Ethiopia, and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. He also held advisory roles with the United Nations and worked at the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah for 10 years. Dr. Touray holds a Ph.D. in International Relations from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. He has studied finance and Islamic finance at IE Business School in Madrid, authored books and papers on African affairs and international development, and speaks English, French, and Arabic.



**FULL NAME.** Ms. Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi

**TITLE / POSITION.** President and CEO, ACET

**ORGANISATION.** ACET

**Country**

**Speaking Role** President and CEO, ACET

**Short Biography** Ms. Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi is President and CEO of the African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), Africa's leading economic policy institute focused on moving Africa beyond growth and toward transformation, following four years with the organization as Executive Vice President.

Ms. Owusu-Gyamfi's career spans over twenty-five years in economic and social policy making and development, across Africa, Asia and



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the Caribbean working with institutions including the UK Department of International Development, Save the Children, and the Power of Nutrition.

As President and CEO, Mavis plays an instrumental role in crafting ACET's strategy and driving its effectiveness and partnerships. She has helped create a stronger ecosystem of policy institutes across the continent, mobilized essential resources for ACET's long-term sustainability, and recruited top talent to bolster ACET's research, advisory, advocacy, and thought leadership capabilities. Ms. Owusu-Gyamfi is a Desmond Tutu Leadership Fellow and holds an MPhil from the University of Sussex.



**FULL NAME.** Ambassador Tamer Mostafa Mohamed Mostafa

**TITLE / POSITION.** Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral, International Coeoperation and Regional Economic Affairs  
Arab Republic of Egypt

**ORGANISATION.** Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral, International Coeoperation and Regional Economic Affairs  
Arab Republic

**Country**

Egypt

**Speaking Role**

Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral, International Coeoperation and Regional Economic Affairs  
Arab Republic

**Short Biography**

Ambassador Tamer Mostafa Mohamed Mostafa is a seasoned career diplomat with over 27 years of experience, underpinned by a strong background in economics. He currently serves as Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral, International and Regional Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, and Egyptian Expatriates, based in Egypt's New Administrative Capital. Throughout his distinguished career, Ambassador Tamer has built extensive expertise in corporate banking, international trade, sustainable development, and development finance, with a particular emphasis on advancing development initiatives in crisis-affected countries. His work has positioned him as a key contributor to both national and international economic and development agendas. Prior to his current role, he served as Deputy Assistant Minister for Climate, Environment, and Sustainable Development. His diplomatic career includes leadership roles as Head of Mission at the Egyptian Embassy in Libya, including in Tripoli, as well as at the Egyptian Consulate in Basra. He has also been a member of



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Egyptian diplomatic missions to the United States, Kenya, and the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Ambassador Tamer has contributed to global peace and development efforts through his role as Special Assistant to the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Yemen. He also played a prominent role as a lead Egyptian and Arab negotiator for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development. Earlier in his career, he served as Advisor to the Minister of Trade and Industry and led the promotion department at the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI), supporting Egypt's investment and trade promotion efforts. He holds an MBA in Global Management and a Bachelor's degree in Economics.



**FULL NAME.** Hon. Enoch Godongwana

**TITLE / POSITION.** Minister of Finance, South Africa

**ORGANISATION.** Ministry of Finance

**Country** South Africa

**Speaking Role** Minister of Finance

**Short Biography** Hon. Enoch Godongwana, was first appointed Minister of Finance of South African in August 2021 and sworn in as a Member of Parliament in February 2023 to formally take up the role. Prior to this appointment, Honorable Godongwana held numerous key leadership roles in public and private sector institutions, including Deputy Minister of Public Enterprises (2009-10), Deputy Minister of Economic Development (2010-12), Chairperson of the Development Bank of Southern Africa, and CEO of the Financial Sector Charter Council. He matriculated at St. John's College in Mthatha and went on to earn a Master of Science (MSc) in Financial Economics from the University of London in 1998.




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	<p><b>FULL NAME.</b> Zeine Zeidane</p> <hr/> <p><b>TITLE / POSITION.</b> Director African Department, International Monetary Fund</p> <hr/> <p><b>ORGANISATION.</b> IMF</p> <hr/>
<b>Country</b>	
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Director
<b>Short Biography</b>	<p>Zeine Zeidane is the Director of the African Department, where he oversees the IMF's operations and engagement with 45 countries across sub-Saharan Africa. Mr. Zeidane works closely with the region's leaders to strengthen macroeconomic policies in the region and support Africa in reaching its full potential. He assumed his current role in 2026, bringing more than two decades of experience in macroeconomic policymaking and international economic cooperation. His career combines senior leadership roles in his home country ( including Prime Minister, Central Bank Governor, Economic Advisor to the President) with a distinguished career at the IMF, where he held various positions, including Deputy Director of the Middle East and Central Asia Department and the African Department, Assistant Director in the Strategy, Policy, and Review Department, and Mission Chief for the United Arab Emirates and Algeria.</p>

	<p><b>FULL NAME.</b> Hon. Sheku Bangura</p> <hr/> <p><b>TITLE / POSITION.</b> Minister of Finance, Sierra Leone</p> <hr/> <p><b>ORGANISATION.</b> Ministry of Finance</p> <hr/>
<b>Country</b>	Sierra Leone
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Minister of Finance
<b>Short Biography</b>	<p><b>Sheku A.F Bangura</b>, was appointed as Minister of Finance on January 15, 2023. He was previously Deputy Minister of Finance, and Chairman of National COVID-19 Emergency Response of Sierra</p>



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Leone. He was a Senior Advisor to the Executive Director at the World Bank Executive Board (2007–17) and was an IMF intern from 1998 to 1999. Mr Bangura holds a Master of Economic Policy Management from McGill University, a Master of Public Policy from The American University and a Bachelor of Science from Fourah Bay College at the University of Sierra Leone.



**FULL NAME.** Ms. Hanan Morsy

**TITLE / POSITION.** Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist, UNECA

**ORGANISATION.** UNECA

**Country**

**Speaking Role**

Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist

**Short Biography**

Dr. Hanan Morsy is the Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Dr. Morsy has a wealth of cross-country experience and vast expertise in leading top-quality policy and development work and building strong partnerships, working in international organizations and the private sector. She has published on a wide range of economic and development issues and led a number of major flagship publications. Prior to joining ECA, Dr. Morsy was the Director of Macroeconomic Policy and Research at the African Development Bank between 2018 and 2021, where she provided thought leadership on economic issues and oversaw the production of rigorous analytical work that strengthened the Bank's policy dialogue and operations across its member countries. Dr. Morsy worked previously as Associate Director and Lead Economist for the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Region at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London between 2012 and 2018. In that role, she established and headed the economic analysis and policy advisory services for the new region of operation, led country missions, and developed country strategies. Prior to that, she worked at the International Monetary Fund between 2003 and 2012 in various capacities across different departments, including, Fiscal Affairs, Middle East and Central Asia, European, and Monetary and Capital Markets. She led and contributed to work on exchange rate assessments, fiscal vulnerability, financial and macroprudential policies. She has extensive experience in both IMF program and surveillance work across a wide range of countries from developing, to emerging, and advanced economies. Dr. Morsy holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the George Washington University, USA, and a Master's degree in Economics from the University of California, Davis, USA. She is from Egypt.




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	<p><b>FULL NAME.</b> Mr. Ruud De Mooij</p> <hr/> <p><b>TITLE / POSITION.</b> Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs Department International Monetary Fund</p> <hr/> <p><b>ORGANISATION.</b> International Monetary Fund</p> <hr/>
<b>Country</b>	
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Deputy Director
<b>Short Biography</b>	<p>Ruud De Mooij is Deputy Director in the International Monetary Fund's Fiscal Affairs Department, where he previously headed the Tax Policy Division. He has extensive experience in providing capacity development on tax policy issues in over 25 countries. Before joining the International Monetary Fund, De Mooij was Professor of Public Economics at Erasmus University in Rotterdam. He has published extensively on tax issues, including in the American Economic Review and the Journal of Public Economics. De Mooij is research fellow at the University of Oxford, the University of Bergen, ZEW in Mannheim, and member of the CESifo network in Munich.</p>

	<p><b>FULL NAME.</b> Prof. Kevin Chica Urama</p> <hr/> <p><b>TITLE / POSITION.</b> Chief Economist &amp; VP for Economic Governance African Development Bank Group</p> <hr/> <p><b>ORGANISATION.</b> African Development Bank Group</p> <hr/>
<b>Country</b>	
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Chief Economist & VP
<b>Short Biography</b>	<p>Professor Kevin Chika Urama is Chief Economist and Vice President for the Economic Governance &amp; Knowledge Management Complex of the African Development Bank Group. A globally recognized Development Economist, he brings over 35 years of Africa-wide and global experience in economic policy and knowledge management and previously served as Senior Director for the African Development Institute and Senior Advisor to the President of the African Development Bank Group on Inclusive and Green Growth Strategy, Policy Development, and Implementation. Professor Urama is an</p>



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elected Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences and a Distinguished Professor of the University of Nigeria Nsukka. Before joining the African Development Bank Group, he held executive leadership roles in academia, international organizations, and the private sector, including at the Quantum Global Research Lab, the African Technology Policy Studies Network, and the Macaulay Land Use Research Institute. He has served on international science panels and advisory bodies supporting inclusive green growth and sustainable development and holds a Ph.D. and MPhil in Land Economy from the University of Cambridge, as well as degrees in Agricultural Economics from the University of Nigeria.



**FULL NAME.** Hon. Cheikh Diba

**TITLE / POSITION.** , Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs Department  
International Monetary Fund

**ORGANISATION.** Minister of Finance and Budget Senegal

**Country**

Senegal

**Speaking Role**

Minister of Finance and Budget

**Short Biography**

Cheikh Diba is the Minister of Finance and Budget of Senegal, a position he has held since April 2024. An economist and public finance specialist, he has over 16 years of experience in budget management, fiscal policy, and public financial administration. Mr. Diba previously served as Director of Budget Programming within Senegal's Directorate General of the Budget, where he played a central role in fiscal planning and reform implementation. Throughout his career, he has held key positions in the tax administration, revenue collection, and budget advisory functions, including as technical adviser to both the Director General of the Budget and the Minister of Finance. He has been actively involved in implementing WAEMU public finance reforms, supporting major projects under the Plan Sénégal Émergent, and coordinating Senegal's economic and financial programs with the Bretton Woods Institutions. Mr. Diba holds advanced degrees in economics and economic planning from Cheikh Anta Diop University and the National School of Applied Economics (ENEA), as well as specialized training in economic policy and financial modeling from the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.



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**FULL NAME.** Hon. Taiwo Oyedele

**TITLE / POSITION.** Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Nigeria

**ORGANISATION.** Ministry of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Nigeria

**Country**

Nigeria

**Speaking Role**

Minister

**Short Biography**

Mr. Taiwo Oyedele is a distinguished public policy expert, economist, and reform advocate. He is currently Nigeria's Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy in addition to serving as the Chairman of the Presidential Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms Committee.

Mr. Oyedele has extensive leadership experience, including over a decade as Fiscal Policy and Africa Tax Leader at PwC. He has advised national and regional governments, multilateral institutions, and global corporations on a variety of issues, ranging from business strategy to governance, public finance, tax policy, and economic transformation.

A Professor of Practice at Babcock University, an adjunct faculty at the University of Lagos, and a global LinkedIn Top Voice, Mr. Oyedele has contributed to the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the World Bank's Doing Business reports. He has held leadership roles as a member of the Global Governing Council at ACCA, National Professional Bodies, and the Nigerian Economic Summit Group.

He is the Founder of Impact Africa Foundation and an alumnus of the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education, and London School of Economics and Political Science.



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**FULL NAME.** Ms. Mary Baine

**TITLE / POSITION.** Executive Secretary, Africa Tax Administration

**ORGANISATION.** Africa Tax Administration

**Country**

**Speaking Role**

Executive Secretary

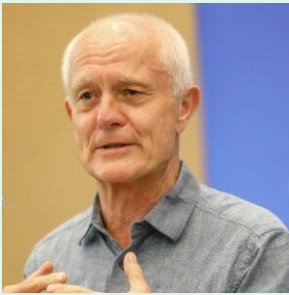
**Short Biography**

Mary Baine is the Executive Secretary of the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), a continental intergovernmental organisation that brings together African tax administrations to improve tax systems and strengthen domestic resource mobilisation. Before assuming this role, Ms. Baine was the ATAF's Deputy Executive Secretary, where she led key portfolios including Strategy, Planning and International Cooperation, Member Services, Domestic Resource Mobilisation, and African Multilateral engagements. Her tenure was marked by strategic leadership in supporting member countries to enhance revenue collection and positioning ATAF as a trusted and credible African voice in the global tax landscape. Earlier in her career, Ms. Baine served as Commissioner-General of the Rwanda Revenue Authority, where she spearheaded major tax administration reforms, and as Permanent Secretary in Rwanda's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, contributing to her deep expertise in governance, diplomacy, and policy. Her 31-year career reflects a strong ability to drive impactful reforms and maintain strategic partnerships at national, continental, and international levels.



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**FULL NAME.** Prof. Mick Moore

**TITLE / POSITION.** Senior fellow at the International Center for Tax Development (ICDT)

**ORGANISATION.** International Center for Tax Development (ICDT)

**Country**

**Speaking Role**

Senior fellow

**Short Biography**

Professor Mick Moore is a political economist grappling with the global problem of poor quality, dysfunctional governance, especially at national level and in lower income countries. His specific interests are on: The interactions between the ways in which governments are funded and the quality of governance, with a focus on tax, natural resource revenues and aid; and Tax policy and administration in lower income countries. Between 2010 and 2020 Mick was the founding Chief Executive Officer of the International Center for Tax Development (ICDT). He is co-author, with Wilson Prichard and Odd-Helge Fjeldstad, of [‘Taxing Africa’](#), Zed Press, 2018.



**FULL NAME.** Mr. Regis N’Sonde

**TITLE / POSITION.** Executive Director, IMF-OEDAC

**ORGANISATION.** IMF-OEDAC

**Country**

**Speaking Role**

Executive Director

**Short Biography**

**Regis O. N’SONDE** is an Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Born in the Republic of Congo, Regis N’SONDE has dedicated his career to advancing economic development and financial stability in Africa and at global level. At the IMF, Mr. N’SONDE represents 17 African countries in the Executive Board, including Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Kenya, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, São Tomé & Príncipe, and Uganda.



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With nearly three decades of experience in the field of economics, Regis has held various key positions at financial and academic institutions. From 2003 to present, he served at the International Monetary Fund, where he made significant contributions to the organization's mission. Regis N'SONDE's roles at the IMF included Alternate Executive Director, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director, and Advisor to the Executive Director. Before joining the IMF, Mr. N'SONDE honed expertise in economics and statistics at Northeastern University, Boston, where he taught economics, statistics, and mathematics for economists, after working as a Research and a Teaching Assistant. While a faculty member at Northeastern University, he served as a lecturer in economics and mathematics at the John D. O'Bryant African American Institute in Boston. His early career also included a role as a Statistician at *Observatoire des Sciences et Techniques* in Paris and as an Economist Intern in the Department of Research and Forecasting at the regional central bank of CEMAC, *Banque des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale (BEAC)*, in Cameroon. Regis N'SONDE holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Northeastern University. Prior to his time at Northeastern University, he pursued his passion for mathematics at Université Paris IX-Dauphine, where he obtained a M.Sc. in Applied Mathematics with honors.



**FULL NAME.** Professor Mohamed Lamine Mbengue

**TITLE / POSITION.** Gaston Berger University Senegal

**ORGANISATION.** Gaston Berger University

**Country**

Senegal

**Speaking Role**

Professor

**Short Biography**

Professor Mohamed Lamine Mbengue, a Senegalese national, is a Professor Market Finance. He holds a Ph.D. in Finance from Université Paris Dauphine (France). He teaches at Gaston Berger University in Saint-Louis, Senegal, at the West African Banking Training and Studies Center (COFEB–BCEAO), Dakar, and at the African Center for Advanced Studies in Management (CESAG), Dakar. He has supervised several doctoral theses in finance across multiple universities in Senegal. Professor Mbengue has over 20 years of experience in financial markets. He has authored around twenty scientific articles focusing primarily on financial market issues, published



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in peer-reviewed journals such as *Finance Research Letters*, *Research in International Business and Finance*, and *Revue du Financier*. He serves as an Associate Editor of the *African Finance for Development Review (AFDR)*. He has also undertaken consulting assignments for financial institutions, including UMOA-Titres, BCEAO, and AFC (Germany). He serves as an expert evaluator for the National Authority for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANAQ-SUP) under the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, and was a member of the Scientific Committee of the Financial Markets Authority of the West African Monetary Union (AMF-UMOA) from 2020 to 2024.



**FULL NAME.** Ms. Wangari Muikia

**TITLE / POSITION.** Fiscal Policy Economist & Managing Director  
Expertise Global

**ORGANISATION.** Expertise Global

**Country**

**Speaking Role**

Fiscal Policy Economist & Managing Director

**Short Biography**

**Wangari Muikia** is a key figure in Africa's economic and governance landscape, with over 20 years of experience in shaping public finance management across the continent. As an African Fiscal Policy Economist, Wangari has been at the forefront of promoting policies that are rigorous, transparent, progressive, and tailored to the needs and context of the African people. Her goal is to drive sustainable growth, inclusivity, and institutional strengthening to achieve economic transformation in Africa. Wangari is widely regarded as a unifying force and trusted facilitator, earning the confidence of governments, international institutions, and top decision-makers worldwide. In her role as the Founder and Managing Director of Expertise Global, Wangari empowers stakeholders in economics and governance with the knowledge, tools, and strategies needed to tackle complex fiscal policy challenges, with a keen focus on gender equality and advancing the well-being of women and children.



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	<p><b>FULL NAME.</b> Mr. Lesego Caster Moseki</p> <hr/> <p><b>TITLE / POSITION.</b> Governor, Bank of Botswana</p> <hr/> <p><b>ORGANISATION</b> Bank of Botswana</p> <hr/>
<b>Country</b>	Botswana
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Governor
<b>Short Biography</b>	Mr. Lesego Caster Moseki was appointed Governor of the Bank of Botswana in November 2025. Prior to this appointment, he served as Deputy Governor, a role he assumed in February 2025. As a long-time central bank employee, Mr. Moseki served in various other roles, including as Director of the Financial Markets Department from 2020.


	<p><b>FULL NAME.</b> Dr. Vera Songwe</p> <hr/> <p><b>TITLE / POSITION.</b> Founder and Chair Liquidity and Sustainability Facility</p> <hr/> <p><b>ORGANISATION.</b> Liquidity and Sustainability Facility</p> <hr/>
<b>Country</b>	
<b>Speaking Role</b>	
<b>Short Biography</b>	Dr. Vera Songwe is a globally respected economist, development finance expert, and senior international leader with deep experience across public, private, and multilateral sectors. She is Chair and Founder of the Liquidity and Sustainability Facility, a financial mechanism designed to improve liquidity for emerging markets and support sustainable development and climate finance. She also served as a senior advisor to the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), focusing on financial stability, credit risk cycles, and regulatory innovation. She is Visiting Professor of Practice at CETEx–LSE and Non-resident Senior Fellow, Global Economy Development and the Africa Growth Initiative at the Brookings Institution. Dr. Songwe’s thought leadership extends to climate finance and global economic policy. She is Co-Chair of the Independent High-Level Expert Panel on Climate Finance, has served multiple G20 commissions and contributes to key international initiatives at the intersection of sustainability, finance, and economic transformation.




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	<p><b>FULL NAME.</b> Linda Dogbe</p> <hr/> <p><b>TITLE / POSITION.</b> Business transformation Lead Qaava Innovate</p> <hr/> <p><b>ORGANISATION.</b> Qaava Innovate</p> <hr/>
<b>Country</b>	
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Business transformation Lead
<b>Short Biography</b>	<p><b>Linda Dogbe</b> is a certified Enterprise Architect and Digital Transformation leader who has shaped and delivered enterprise transformation across large, complex, and international organizations, including initiatives involving public-private partnership models. Her work stands at the intersection of technology, business transformation, human-centered design, and strategic orchestration, helping leaders translate ambition into scalable platforms for growth, inclusion, and institutional impact.</p> <p>Her expertise is especially relevant to Africa’s digital transformation agenda, where trusted data infrastructure, interoperable systems, access to credit, cross-border digital services, and youth participation are critical to inclusive economic growth.</p>

	<p><b>FULL NAME.</b> Dr. Zarau W. Kibwe</p> <hr/> <p><b>TITLE / POSITION.</b> Executive Director, Africa Group 1 World Bank Group</p> <hr/> <p><b>ORGANISATION.</b> World Bank Group</p> <hr/>
<b>Country</b>	
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Executive Director
<b>Short Biography</b>	<p>Dr. Zarau Wendeline Kibwe, a seasoned Tanzanian economist, serves as the Executive Director for Africa Group 1 Constituency on the World Bank Group’s Executive Boards in Washington, DC. He represents 22 Sub-Saharan African countries, including Botswana, Burundi, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra</p>



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Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe. Before ascending to his current position, Mr. Kibwe dedicated over seven years to serving the WBG's Executive Boards through the same Constituency, progressing from Advisor to Senior Advisor and ultimately to Alternate Executive Director. Prior to his tenure on the Board, Mr. Kibwe began his career with the World Bank Group in Tanzania, where he served as an Economist in the Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment (MTI) Global Practice at the Country Office. Earlier in his career, Mr. Kibwe held various positions in the Central Government of Tanzania and Academia.



**FULL NAME.** Ousmane Diagana

**TITLE / POSITION.** Regional Vice President, Western and Central Africa  
World Bank Group

**ORGANISATION.** World Bank Group

**Country**

**Speaking Role**

Regional Vice President

**Short Biography**

Ousmane Diagana, a Mauritanian national, is the Regional Vice President for West and Central Africa as of July 1, 2020. In this position, Mr. Diagana leads relations with 22 countries, and oversees a portfolio of projects, technical assistance and financial resources worth more than \$58 billion. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Diagana was the Vice President of the World Bank Group Human Resources. Previously, he was World Bank Country Director for Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Benin, Guinea, and Togo, based in Abidjan and prior to that he held the position of Country Director for Mali, Niger, Chad, and Guinea, based in Bamako. Between 2006 and 2009, Mr. Diagana was Country Manager in Niger and from 2004 to 2006, he was Program Leader in Morocco. In these capacities, he effectively led diverse, multi-disciplinary teams to deliver innovative strategies and operations, including in fragile and conflict-affected countries. In 2009, Mr. Diagana received the Good Manager Award from the World Bank Group Staff Association in recognition of his leadership skills.



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	<b>FULL NAME.</b> Hon. Louise Pierrette Mvono
	<b>TITLE / POSITION.</b> Minister of Finance, Economy, Finance, Budget and Privatization, Republic of Gabon
	<b>ORGANISATION.</b> Minister of Finance, Economy, Finance, Budget and Privatization
	<b>Country</b> Republic of Gabon
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Minister of Finance, Economy, Finance, Budget and Privatization, Republic of Gabon
<b>Short Biography</b>	To be added

	<b>FULL NAME.</b> H.E Mariama Ciré Sylla
	<b>TITLE / POSITION.</b> Minister of Economy, Finance and Budget Republic of Guinea
	<b>ORGANISATION.</b> Ministry of Economy, Finance and Budget Republic of Guinea
	<b>Country</b> Republic of Guinea
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Minister of Economy, Finance and Budget
<b>Short Biography</b>	<b>Ms. Mariama Cire Sylla</b> is a Guinean economist currently serving as Minister of Economy, Finance and Budget of the Republic of Guinea. She was appointed to this position in February 2026 following a government reshuffle, after previously serving as Minister of Agriculture since July 2025. Before joining the Guinean government, she built an extensive international career at the World Bank Group, particularly within the International Finance Corporation (IFC), where she worked. She held senior roles, including IFC Country Representative in Burundi, Resident Representative of the World Bank Group in Namibia. She is recognized as a technocrat with strong expertise in public finance, private sector development, and economic policy, bringing over two decades of international experience across Africa. Ms. Mariama Cire Sylla holds advanced degrees in Public Policy from University of Oxford (UK), Economic Policy from Williams College (USA) and in Economics and Business Administration from Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (France).



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**FULL NAME.** Hon. Nadia Fettah Alaoui

**TITLE / POSITION.** Minister of Economy and Finance,  
Kingdom of Morocco

**ORGANISATION.** Minister of Economy and Finance,  
Kingdom of Morocco

**Country**

Kingdom of Morocco

**Speaking Role**

Minister of Economy and Finance

**Short Biography**

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**FULL NAME.** Hon Thambo Gina

**TITLE / POSITION.** Minister of Economic Planning and Development,  
Kingdom of Eswatini

**ORGANISATION.** Ministry of Economic Planning and Development,  
Kingdom of Eswatini

**Country**

Kingdom of Eswatini

**Speaking Role**

Minister

**Short Biography**

Hon. Dr. Thambo Eliezer Gina is Eswatini's Minister of Economic Planning and Development and Governor to the World Bank Group. A seasoned development economist and policymaker, he brings over three decades of experience across government, international organizations, academia, and the private sector. His career spans academia, global trade and development policy, industrial development, economic policy research, and executive leadership, including senior roles at the University of Eswatini, UNCTAD, the Swaziland Industrial Development Company, the Eswatini Economic Policy Analysis and Research Centre, and Lidwala Insurance Company. He has also held several high-level board leadership positions, including chairmanships of major institutions in insurance, telecommunications, construction, water, and agricultural development, reflecting his commitment to strengthening economic



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institutions and strategic sectors. Since his appointment as Minister in 2018, Dr. Gina has led Eswatini's economic planning agenda, with a focus on structural reforms, sustainable growth, resilience, and multilateral engagement through the IMF–World Bank Spring and Annual Meetings. He is also a strong advocate for small states, serving as a Small States Champion and Co-Chair of the Commonwealth Small States Forum, where he promotes greater international support for economies facing climate risks, fiscal pressures, and external shocks. Dr. Gina holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Guelph, a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Waterloo, and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland.



**FULL NAME.** H.E Khamis Mussa Omar

**TITLE / POSITION.** Minister of Finance, United Republic of Tanzania

**ORGANISATION.** Ministry of Finance

**Country** United Republic of Tanzania

**Speaking Role** Minister

**Short Biography** Hon. Ambassador Khamis Mussa Omar was appointed Minister of Finance of the United Republic of Tanzania in November 2025, bringing nearly four decades of distinguished public service experience. He has held senior positions across both Union and Zanzibar governments, notably serving as Principal Secretary of Zanzibar's Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs (2006–2021). His career also includes diplomatic service as Ambassador to the People's Republic of China and Deputy Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, as well as leadership roles in investment promotion and the private sector. Earlier, he served with the Tanzania Revenue Authority, rising to Deputy Commissioner of Customs. He possesses extensive expertise in intergovernmental fiscal relations, anti-money laundering, and corporate governance, and holds an MSc in Development Studies from Glasgow University-Scotland, a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration from the University of Birmingham-England, and Advance Diploma in Tax Management from the Institute of Finance Administration, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.



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**FULL NAME.** Mr. Harold Tavares

**TITLE / POSITION.** Executive Director Africa Group 2 Constituency  
World Bank Group

**ORGANISATION.** World Bank Group

**Country**

**Speaking Role**

Executive Director

**Short Biography**

Mr. Harold Tavares, a national of Cabo Verde, is the Executive Director for the Africa Group II at the World Bank Group Board of Directors, and brings extensive experience in economic development, multilateral trade cooperation and diplomacy. Before holding this position, Mr. Tavares served as the World Bank Group's Alternate Executive Director for the Africa Group II from November 2022 to October 2024. A tireless advocate for socioeconomic and human capital development, he previously served as Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Cabo Verde. In that capacity, he served as Principal Advisor to the Head of Government on a wide range of national and international issues. A longtime resident of both the United States and Cabo Verde, Mr. Tavares has worked extensively to strengthen the bilateral relationship between both countries and to raise awareness for African opportunities and challenges among American stakeholders. A true citizen of the world, Mr. Tavares' work, perspective, and insights span six continents. Concurrent with his responsibilities as Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, he served as CEO and Commercial Director for the Ocean Race (Cabo Verde) and Deputy Commissioner for the Cabo Verde Pavilion at Expo Dubai. The earlier phase of his career was devoted to advancing American higher education as a Senior Administrator. He was instrumental in forging myriad global partnerships for Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts and served as the institution's Administrative Director for the Mandela Washington Fellowship Program. Mr. Tavares holds two graduate degrees, namely in Financial Economics from Boston University and in Public Administration from Bridgewater State University. He has been a steadfast supporter of the Young African Leaders Initiative and founded CV Next, an innovative program to provide Caboverdean youth with worldwide insights and exposure. In 2020, he was recognized by *Most Influential People of African Descent* as a top achiever under the age of 40.



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**FULL NAME.** Mr. Nathan Belete

**TITLE / POSITION.** Director of Regional Programs for Africa at the World Bank Group

**ORGANISATION.** World Bank Group

<b>Country</b>	
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Director of Regional
<b>Short Biography</b>	<p>Mr. Belete is an Ethiopian national and a development professional with almost 30 years of work experience across many countries in Africa and Asia. He is currently the World Bank's Regional Programs Director for Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya. In this position, he oversees an investment portfolio of around \$21 billion in support of economic and policy cooperation across Africa, and leads high-level policy dialogue with regional economic communities, regional organizations, governments, and other stakeholders.</p>



**FULL NAME.** Mr. Sergio Pimenta

**TITLE / POSITION.** CEO, Africa50 Infrastructure Acceleration Fund

**ORGANISATION.** Africa50 Infrastructure Acceleration Fund

<b>Country</b>	
<b>Speaking Role</b>	CEO
<b>Short Biography</b>	<p>Sérgio Pimenta is the CEO of the Africa50 Infrastructure Acceleration Fund, leading efforts to mobilize large-scale commercial and institutional capital to close Africa's infrastructure gap and deliver transformative impact. He previously served as IFC Vice President for Africa, overseeing a team of 1,000 staff and driving over US\$74 billion in investments across 800+ projects, tripling IFC's annual commitments on the continent. He also held senior global leadership roles in agribusiness, health, education, manufacturing, and services, with postings in Asia, MENA, and Washington. A French Portuguese national, he is a graduate of École Polytechnique and École des Ponts et chaussées, with executive training from Stanford, Harvard, Oxford, and IMD.</p>



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**FULL NAME.** Hon. Rohey John Manjang

**TITLE / POSITION.** Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resource, Republic of The Gambia

**ORGANISATION.** Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resource

<b>Country</b>	Republic of The Gambia
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resource
<b>Short Biography</b>	<p>Honorable Rohey John Manjang was appointed Minister of Environment, Climate Change, and Natural Resources in May 2022, after serving as Destination Manager in Saudi Arabia covering the middle east and the Arabian Peninsula, and as Governor for one of the regions. Mrs. Manjang’s academic background includes Training of Trainers (TOT), Human Resource Management, a BSs in Management, Economics, and MSc in Social Protection Financing. Her professional career began in 1999 with the private sector, serving as Reproductive Health Trainer under a project, Field Supervisor/Trainer for the Medical Research Council, and Regional Manager for the Social Development Fund.</p> <p>Minister Manjang is a strong leader and an ambassador for female representation promoting the rights of vulnerable groups. She has represented The Gambia excellently in a number of international forums and platforms advocating and advancing global action for climate solutions.</p>



**FULL NAME.** Dr. Alain Ndikumana

**TITLE / POSITION.** Minister of Finance, Budget, and Digital Economy  
Republic of Burundi

**ORGANISATION.** Ministry of Finance, Budget, and Digital Economy

<b>Country</b>	Republic of Burundi
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Minister of Finance, Budget, and Digital Economy
<b>Short Biography</b>	<p>Dr. Alain NDIKUMANA is the current Minister of Finance, Budget and Digital Economy of the Republic of Burundi. He previously served as Chief of the Bureau of Strategic Studies and Development</p>



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at the Presidency. In 2022, he was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Massachusetts Amherst (USA), and in 2021 a PhD Fellow at the UNU-WIDER Visiting PhD Fellowship Programme in Helsinki. He is also a member of the Econometric Society. From 2016 to 2019, he served as Chief of the Department of Studies and Enterprise Statistics at the Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies of Burundi (ISTEEBU), after having worked since 2010 as Senior Statistician Engineer responsible for enterprise statistics.

Beyond his governmental responsibilities, he contributes to research at the University Center of Research for Social and Economic Development (CURDES), University of Burundi, and has worked as a consultant for ISTEEBU and international organizations such as UNIDO, AFRISTAT, COMESA, AfDB, and ACBF.



**FULL NAME.** Ms. Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed

**TITLE / POSITION.** Executive Director Africa Group 3, World Bank Group

**ORGANISATION.** World Bank Group

**Country**

**Speaking Role**

Executive Director

**Short Biography**


**Zainab Shamsuna AHMED** is the Executive Director for EDS25 - Africa Group 3 Constituency, representing Angola, Nigeria and South Africa on the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank Group; the position she assumed since November 2024. Ms. Ahmed, a Nigerian, also served as Alternate Executive Director (2023-2024) in the same office. She currently serves as the Chairperson of the Budget Committee on the Board. Prior to joining the WBG Board, Ms. Ahmed served in various high-level positions: she served as Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning (2018-2023). She previously served as Minister of State, Budget and National Planning (2015-2018); Member of the International Board, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) (2016-2019); Executive Secretary and National Coordinator, Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) (2010-2015); and Managing Director, Kaduna Investment Company Ltd (2009-2010).



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	<p><b>FULL NAME.</b> Christian Bodewig,</p> <hr/> <p><b>TITLE / POSITION.</b> Director for Education and Skills, World Bank Group</p> <hr/> <p><b>ORGANISATION.</b> World Bank Group</p> <hr/>
<b>Country</b>	
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Director for Education and Skills
<b>Short Biography</b>	Christian Bodewig is the World Bank Group Director for Education and Skills, with prior roles including Practice Manager in Social Protection and Labor, and Program Manager for Southern Europe. He has led programs in Western and Central Africa, Brussels, the European Union, and Vietnam, focusing on education, health, poverty, and social protection. Christian offers extensive regional expertise in youth employment, skills, and education.

	<p><b>FULL NAME.</b> Hon Yusuf Murangwa</p> <hr/> <p><b>TITLE / POSITION.</b> Minister of Finance and Economic Planning Republic of Rwanda</p> <hr/> <p><b>ORGANISATION.</b> Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning</p> <hr/>
<b>Country</b>	Republic of Rwanda
<b>Speaking Role</b>	Minister of Finance and Economic Planning
<b>Short Biography</b>	Mr Murangwa Yusuf is the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning. He is a professional statistician and operational researcher with over 20 years of experience in official statistics, development and national economic development. He holds a Master's Degree in Applied Statistics and Operations Research from Cardiff University. Until his appointment, he served as the Director General of the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda since 2009. He also served as the Chairperson Board of Directors of Rwanda Revenue Authority and the Chairperson Board of Directors National Identification Agency. He has contributed to statistics development both at regional and global levels in various



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capacities including as the Chair of the Board of PARIS21 (Partnership for Statistics Development in 21st Century) at OECD.



**FULL NAME.** Prof. Pierre Gomez

**TITLE / POSITION.** Minister of Higher Education,  
Republic of The Gambia

**ORGANISATION.** Ministry of Higher Education

**Country**

Republic of The Gambia

**Speaking Role**

Ministry of Higher Education

**Short Biography**

Professor Pierre Gomez is the Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology of The Gambia. He did part of his Doctoral Research at Fourah Bay College (University of Sierra Leone) USL. (University of Sierra Leone) and SOAS (University of London, UK). He has served on several occasions as visiting lecturer to different universities in France, Sweden, USA, Senegal. He did a study tour in some Scandinavian universities: Finland, Norway and Sweden. In 2018, he received training in Higher Education Management at Zhejiang Normal University, Jinhua, China and later proceeded to Limoges University (France) for a fellowship in the same area. Until his appointment as Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology of The Gambia, Prof Pierre Gomez served as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic at The University of The Gambia and later Ag. Vice Chancellor.



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**FULL NAME.** Mamadou Biteye

**TITLE / POSITION.** Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)

**ORGANISATION.** African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)

**Country**

**Speaking Role**

Executive Secretary

**Short Biography**

Mamadou, an accomplished agricultural economist and development expert, is the Executive Secretary of the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF). He joined ACBF from VISA, where he served as Vice-President, Global Head of Inclusive Growth and before that as Regional Head of Social Impact for the Central and Eastern Europe, Middle East, and Africa Region. He also worked as Managing Director Africa for the Rockefeller Foundation, where he led the Foundation's strategy and programs across the continent. Prior to joining the Rockefeller Foundation, Mamadou served as Oxfam's Regional Director for West Africa. Mamadou holds a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics from Ohio State University.



**FULL NAME.** Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona,

**TITLE / POSITION.** African Union Commissioner for Education Science Technology And Innovation

**ORGANISATION.** African Union Commissioner for Education Science Technology And Innovation

**Country**

**Speaking Role**

African Union Commissioner

**Short Biography**

Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona is the Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (ESTI) at the African Union Commission. He was elected at the 47th Ordinary Session of the AU Executive Council in July 2025 and assumed office in October 2025. A Burundian academic and education leader with over two decades of experience, he has championed Africa-led education reform, scientific sovereignty, and innovation-driven integration.



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Before joining the AUC, he served as Executive Secretary of the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) from April 2021, where he advanced the East African Common Higher Education Area and led major regional initiatives, including the World Bank's Higher Education Centres of Excellence, EASTRIP, and the KfW-funded EAC Scholarship Programme. He also promoted research excellence, university–industry collaboration, and digital skills development. His earlier roles include Minister of National Education and Scientific Research, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Permanent Secretary in Burundi, and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Burundi, where he strengthened research, established the Doctoral School, and expanded international partnerships. A biologist by training, he holds a PhD in Sciences from KU Leuven and is an Associate Professor at the University of Burundi. Fluent in English, French, Kiswahili, and Kirundi, he advocates multilingual education, STEM, inclusive quality learning, and technical and vocational training to support Africa's green and digital transitions. Guided by Agenda 2063, he is committed to advancing a knowledge-based, integrated, and globally competitive Africa through education, science, and innovation.



**FULL NAME.** Mr. Abdelhak Bedjaoui

**TITLE / POSITION.** Executive Director, EDS06, World Bank Group

**ORGANISATION.** World Bank Group

**Country**

**Speaking Role**

Executive Director

**Short Biography**

Abdelhak Bedjaoui, an Algerian National, is the World Bank Group Executive Director since November 2024 representing Afghanistan, Algeria, Ghana, Islamic Republic of Iran, Libya, Morocco, Pakistan, and Tunisia. Prior to this role, he was the Alternate Executive Director from November 2022. Prior to this position, he served as the Executive Director of the same constituency from November 2020 to October 2022. Prior to joining the WBG Board, Mr. Bedjaoui held senior positions in the Algerian Ministry of Finance (1992-2020), including Director General of External Economic and Financial Relations, Director of External Financial Relations, Advisor to the Minister of the Economy, and Advisor to the Delegate



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Minister for Treasury. He also served as the National Program Director for the Sixth Framework of the United Nations Development Program and represented Algeria on various Boards of Directors as a member and Chairman of national companies, as well as international financial institutions. Mr. Bedjaoui serves on the Committee on the Development Effectiveness (CODE) and is a member of the Ethics Committee (EC).