

2024 Corporate Leaders at the Presidential Precinct



Mr. Helio Cumbi

Director, Africa and International Finance Institutions,
Exxon Mobil Corporation
Mozambique

In his role, Helio provides strategic advice to all business lines engaging in Africa including Low Carbon Solutions, Upstream and Products Solutions, and also leads engagements with international finance institutions. In recognition of his outstanding contributions, Helio has received multiple awards including the First Hasmukh Patel Oxford Scholar, Letter of Recognition by ExxonMobil President, Mozambican Oil and Gas Rising Star, and Mozambican Energy Success Story. In addition to his current role as Director, Helio is the Founder and Board Member of United World College Mozambique Association, an organization that provides life-changing high school scholarships to the global network of UWC colleges worldwide for intellectually gifted underprivileged children. He holds an executive MBA from the University of Oxford.



Ms. Agang K. Ditlhogo

Co-Founder, The Clicking Generation
Botswana

Agang has twelve years of experience in the ICT4Development sector. Her technical experience includes work in IT communication strategy, change management, data, and system analysis. Her experience extends to consultancy, project management, business development efforts and implementation of business strategies. Her company, The Clicking Generation offers ICT and mentor grassroots training on various life skills, designs age-appropriate curriculum lesson plans, offers technology classes and tutoring, and develops mentoring plans for target groups, especially for girls to be involved in the science and engineering fields. She has also notably been an Atlas Corps Fellow in 2018, AU Innovator in 2019 and Futurelect Fellow in 2022. Agang holds master's in data science and AI from the European Business University and a bachelor's in computer information systems from the University of Botswana.



Ms. Olawunmi Ilesanmi

Founder & CEO, 3lcinovate Energy Ltd.
Nigeria

Olawunmi is a transformational leader, entrepreneur, and lifelong learner. She is passionate to bridge the gap to achieve sustainable development goals, particularly no poverty, zero hunger, quality education and gender equality in Nigeria, Africa, and underserved communities around the world. She founded 3lcinovate Energy, with core values of integrity, innovation, and excellence. She has mentored over 70 employees, serving hundreds of entities, and collaborating with strategic partners across Nigeria while providing a fair share of corporate social responsibilities that align with the zero hunger and no poverty initiatives. With a revenue of over \$20m, 3LCi serves a range of international and local businesses within Nigeria while partnering with international oil companies and independent oil marketing companies to foster growth and economic opportunities. Recently, she obtained her doctoral degree in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications, with a focus on International Agricultural Development at the prestigious Texas A&M University. Wunmi is married to Olufemi Oyebola and they are blessed with three wonderful children.



Ms. Ndia Magadagela

Co-Founder & CEO, Everlectric
South Africa

Ndia has 14 years post articles experience in deal structuring and due diligence investigations. At Everlectric, she leads the transition of the South African logistics sector to electric mobility. Everlectric is the first South African business to package leading international electric vehicles, charging infrastructure & innovative finance solutions that remove the hurdles to adopting a cleaner & more efficient future. She brings astute commercial insight, critical due diligence ability and optimized deal structuring capability to the Everlectric's funding team. 2023, the African Women Chartered Accountants named her entrepreneur of the year. She obtained a Bachelor's in Accounting Sciences from the University of Pretoria and she is a qualified Chartered Accountant.



Mr. Deshan Naidoo

Managing Director, Afrivolt
South Africa

Deshan is an award-winning youth industrialist in South Africa and private sector advisor to the national department of trade and industry. He served as a board member for the South African Association of Automotive Component Manufacturers from 2017 - 2023. As Managing Director at Afrivolt, Deshan leverages relationships for battery minerals in the South African Development Community and an international ecosystem of partners to create Africa's first Gigafactory in South Africa. Beyond his executive roles, Deshan has advised the South African government on fostering local export businesses, has provided input to some of the country's industry masterplans and has been invited to speak at events hosted by the Advanced Minerals Development Centre at the African Union, in support of the African Green Minerals Strategy. His achievements have garnered prestigious recognition, including the South African Youth Industrialist and Exporter of the Year in 2022, presented by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa. Deshan holds a bachelor's in economics and finance from the University of Cape Town, complemented by a variety of executive certificates from leading universities. He is a Certified International Director by INSEAD (IDP-C).



Mr. Olusegun Odunaiya

Founder & CEO, Havenhill Synergy Ltd.
Nigeria

Olusegun is deeply committed to bringing hope to people through his work. His daily efforts are directly aimed at ensuring energy inclusion for some of the world's most marginalized rural communities, while simultaneously enhancing energy accessibility for households and businesses in peri-urban and urban Nigeria. In his capacity as CEO, Olusegun has spearheaded the growth of Havenhill Synergy, securing substantial funding for various high-impact projects over the past 5 years, consolidating the company's position as one of Nigeria's top 3 Energy Access firms in Nigeria. Furthermore, he is leading the company's expansion into West and Central Africa. Olusegun holds a bachelor's degree in physics and Solar Energy from Bowen University, as well as several management related programs including an entrepreneurship program at Dartmouth College.



Mr. Jacob Ouma

Co-Founder & Director, AdMedia Communications Ltd.
Kenya

Jacob is a PR and strategic communication leader, earning recognition as the Forty Under Forty Africa winner in Marketing and Communication (2024). Jacob established AdMedia Communications in 2009, where he oversees a client portfolio spanning diverse sectors including energy, transportation, communications, technology, agriculture, sports, health, banking, and development finance institutions. An e-mobility champion and sustainability entrepreneur, Jacob has invested in electric vehicles in Malawi and Air Purifiers Ltd, a company that supplies air quality monitoring and management solutions in Africa. Jacob is also a philanthropist, sponsoring initiatives in sports, health and education. A Mandela Washington Fellow (2014), Jacob remains involved in leadership development and mentorship through the Pan African Leadership Incubator, which conducts training and capacity building for political aspirants especially women and youth. He is a National and Global Ambassador for Peace under the Global Peace Foundation. Jacob holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Public Health degree from Kenyatta University and a Certificate of Computer Programming from the Institute of Advanced Technology.



Ms. Bamidele Owoola

Founder & CEO, Welcome2Africa International
Nigeria

Bamidele is an energetic entrepreneur, passionate about the development of Africa. Bamidele is an astute business facilitator, with experience facilitating local and foreign trade, investment, and business alliances. She spearheads Welcome2Africa's operations to catalyze and facilitate finance, investments, and trade into and across Africa - with a special focus on Nigeria's Agricultural sector. W2A is led and supported by an advisory board who combined have facilitated over \$5b worth of investment into and across Africa. Bamidele is also the pioneer of the W2A Agri-Impact Fund which has the target size of \$100,000,000 and will invest across the agribusiness value chain across Nigeria. She holds a bachelor's in political science from the University of Abuja.



Mr. Tshepo Phetla

Executive Head, Business Development, Telkom
South Africa

Tshepo is a vibrant young leader and renowned business development professional with ambitions to leave a lasting mark on the face of society through enterprise development and supply chain transformation. He has vast experience in corporate capital Investment Advisory spanning more than 10 years in private and public entities. As Executive Head of Business Development at Telkom, he oversees corporate enterprise and supplier development with three investment vehicles for start-ups and growth stage enterprises. Tshepo holds a bachelor's in electrical engineering from the University of Witwatersrand and a bachelor's in commerce from the University of South Africa. His combination of technical and business skills allows him to guide start-ups on their journey of innovation. His rural background means he is conscious about democratizing skills development and entrepreneurial opportunities as vehicles to get many people out of poverty.



Mrs. Ndeye - Fatou Toure

Director, PwC Senegal | Assurance
Senegal

Ndeye - Fatou is an accomplished actuary with a passion for expanding actuarial practice in Africa and is dedicated to harnessing the power of data and statistical analysis to drive innovation in this dynamic region. Her expertise extends across several key areas, including pricing and product development, reserving and valuation, and enterprise risk management. She has successfully guided organizations in optimizing their risk profiles and achieving sustainable growth. In her current role, Ndeye - Fatou assists various companies in Senegal across multiple sectors, including telecommunication, financial institutions and oil and gas companies. Her role involves providing support in areas such as liability valuation and strategic risk management, leveraging data and statistics to drive decision-making and growth strategies. She holds a degree in actuarial science from the Institut de Science Financière et d'Assurances.



Mr. Tochukwu Uwakeme

Senior Product Owner, Hourspent
Nigeria

Tochukwu is an accomplished and tech-savvy professional with extensive experience in directing and overseeing software engineering function in developing, releasing, and maintaining software applications/operating systems according to business needs. As Senior Product Owner, Tochukwu oversees staff and global DevOps engineers to maintain robust people-oriented operations in high-pressure and fast-paced environment using workforce tools for general client needs, user experience, and organizational technical documentation. He builds professional relationships with customers addressing and resolving stakeholders' concerns about products management and features as well as implements strategies to drive growth, increase revenue, reduce cost, and improve the digital experience for customers. He equally sits on the board of KemResource, where he coordinates agricultural produce and raw materials processing and optimization for export from Africa to other global markets. A Mandela Washington Fellow, UNCTAD-Alibaba eFounders Fellow, and a United Nations GoalKeepers delegate. He holds a master's in product management from the University of Maryland.



Mr. Rian Van Der Walt

CEO & Co-founder, Reson18
South Africa

Rian is the CEO & Co-founder of Reson18, a mobile communication platform serving African markets. Reson18 provides digital freedom and market access through the gifting of internet connectivity, revolutionizing Africa's insights for AI and establishing itself as a significant SDG/impact platform. With 28 years of experience, Rian is a problem solver, change agent, and maximiser, dedicated to uplifting Africa's next generation and impacting 400 million customers within four years. He holds an MBA from Milpark Business School.



Participants in the Corporate Leaders Program will sharpen their business acumen and engage entrepreneurs and innovators in Charlottesville, Virginia - home to one of the top 3 public universities in the United States - and Dallas, Texas - home to more than two dozen Fortune 500 companies. Their experience will culminate in attending the Corporate Council on Africa's flagship conference – [the U.S-Africa Business Summit](#).

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