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▸ **Sarah Wahogo**
CEO

Sarah Wahogo is the CEO at Safaricom Investment Co-operative.

She is a finance professional with over 10 years' hands on experience in accounting and financial management. She started her career as a tutor in a local college within Nairobi. With time, she has evolved to be a dynamic, turn-around leader who is very passionate about organization performance, team motivation and increasing shareholders wealth. Her mantra is Results, Results, and Results! Sarah is currently pursuing a Masters in International Economics and Trade from Moi University, a Bachelor of Business Management from the same institution, CPA (K), and a Higher National Diploma in Management of Information Systems from the Institute for Management of Information Systems (IMIS – UK).



▸ **Mercy Gakonyo**
Operations Manager

Mercy Njoki Gakonyo is the current Operations Manager at Safaricom Investment Cooperative.

She is a professional co-operative movement leader, with over 28 years of experience, 18 years out of these being in senior management roles.

Mercy has an excellent track record in planning, coordinating, executing, monitoring and evaluating policies and procedures. She is a leader with vast experience in Business Management and Administration, debt management and investment strategy.

Mercy holds a Master's Degree in Strategic Management from JKUAT University, a Bachelor's degree in International Business Management (IBM) from Africa Nazarene University. She also has a diploma in Management ILM, a diploma in Cooperative Audit and a diploma in Theological Education by Extension (TEE). In addition, Mercy has an Executive Certificate in Human Resource and Management from the College of Human Resource Management and leadership in Women from Strathmore University.



▸ **David Kamotho**
Assistant Sales Manager

David Kamotho is the Assistant Sales Manager at Safaricom Investment Cooperative.

He joined SIC in 2016 as a property advisor and has risen through the ranks to his current position. In the five years he has been with the company, David has been able to close on a number of projects. In his line of work, he interacts with clients on a day to day basis, sharing information about existing products and services within the company with the clients he relates with. This has seen him build his client base both locally and in the diaspora. David has attests that good interpersonal skills and willingness to assist clients at all times has not only helped grow his work portfolio but also build friendships with his clients.

David has a Diploma in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Commerce, Management Option from the Technical University of Kenya.



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CHAIRWOMAN'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure to welcome you to our 17th Annual Conference, and it is an honor and great privilege for me to chair this impressive global event once again.

The past couple of years have been challenging for us individually and as a community, however, we have been taught in those trying times that we can find our path through uncertainty and emerge on the other side, stronger. Our theme this year is "The Future is Now." For those of you not familiar with Bruce Lee's philosophy, being like water is a call for us to transform, be flexible, be resilient, and adapt to face any obstacles in our way.

Our conference is a true testament to this as we rebrand from (EACC) East Africa Chamber of Commerce to East Africa Business Network (EABN), emphasizing the "Business League" that we are (beyond traditional chambers).

In 2020, we pivoted to a virtual format to keep our attendees safe. Our event showed us that a virtual format could be more inclusive and engage members in new and substantial ways. In 2021, we were optimistic that the hybrid format allowed our global community to come together beyond barriers of time, space, and distance and we had a successful first hybrid conference. We were reminded how much we still need an in-person connection to recharge us. We are still committed to our vision of increasing diversity, inclusion, entrepreneurship, and sustainability throughout the business network to further impact our mission.

I am excited to announce that our 2022 conference will be hosted in person to allow us to connect with purpose in a safe environment and continue innovating and collaborating with great minds. Whether you are a veteran or a new member, we need your input and collaboration. We have something very special here with EABN. So, let's continue to establish business linkages, identify core projects, facilitate trade opportunities, and sustain the appetite to connect with purpose and intention together!

We look forward to seeing you here every year!

With gratitude,

Elsa Juko-McDowell - Chairwoman



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 17th Annual Trade Conference of the East Africa Chamber of Commerce.

For years, the East Africa Chamber of Commerce has striven to advance the social and economic development relationship between businesses and governmental agencies of East Africa and the United States. I wholeheartedly commend both your desire to empower your communities and your commitment to free market principles. In this way, your vision resonates deeply with the people of Texas.

Your organization has long bolstered economic opportunities by promoting trade and collaboration, by developing your business members, and by providing consulting services. The global scale of your organization's impact has no doubt changed countless lives for the better.

As the conference's title suggests, the future is now. By seizing opportunities in the present, we can ensure a brighter, more prosperous tomorrow, and this event provides a chance to broaden your professional network and enhance your knowledge and skills. Titans of industry, prominent financiers, and elected officials will gather in Irving, Texas, with the shared aim of growing relationships and empowering East African member countries. It is my sincere hope that you take full advantage of the opportunities that this conference creates. The wisdom and experience that you share and receive at this event will pave the way for a greater future, both in East Africa and the Lone Star State.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in wishing you a productive and rewarding event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor



LETTER FROM THE MAYOR— IRVING, TX



Rick Stopfer
Mayor

September 29, 2022

Welcome,

It is an honor and pleasure for me to welcome you all to Irving, Texas for the 17th Annual East African Chamber of Commerce Trade Conference. With so many places to pick to host your event, we are very fortunate and honored you chose Irving.

This three-day event presents a fantastic opportunity for attendees to network, participate in learning seminars, and hear from leaders of various industries.

We hope you take full advantage of what this convention and Irving have to offer.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Stopfer
Mayor



DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER LETTER



DR. ELBA GARCIA
DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 4

September 29, 2022

Dear Sponsors and Attendees,

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome to the East Africa Chamber of Commerce's 17th Annual Trade Conference! What a pleasure to have all of you attending this conference in Irving, Texas. I want to personally thank you for choosing to participate in this conference in beautiful North Texas and a special thank you to all of our international visitors, as well.

Irving is the 8th most diverse city in America, and Irving is home to over 8,500 companies; among those are the global headquarters of five FORTUNE 500 companies. Similarly, North Texas is filled with many attractions, historic centers, and diverse dining with over 150 restaurants in Irving alone, so I encourage you to sightsee.

This is an excellent opportunity for everyone attending to learn, brainstorm on new ideas and to network with your peers. I hope that you all accomplish your goals and can bring something new back to your businesses and governmental agencies of your respective countries to further advance social and economic relationships.

Again, welcome to The Lone Star State and to Dallas County District 4. Enjoy the informative event-filled few days you will be spending here. Take part in the dialogue, but most importantly don't forget to check out Irving and the rest of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Elba Garcia".

Dr. Elba Garcia
Dallas County Commissioner
District 4



PROGRAM SUMMARY

17th Annual Trade & Investment Conference September 29th - October 1st, 2022

DAY 1 - Thursday Sept 29th, 2022

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Listening Session with Diaspora Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

Prosper Africa Secretariat:

Bill Fanjoy-Senior Advisor for Private Sector Engagement-Prosper Africa

Commerce:

Deputy Assistant Secretary Camille Richardson

Samuel Weber -International Trade Specialist Dept of Commerce

Jessica Gordon -Director of Commercial Services Dallas Fort Worth

USTR:

Laurie-Ann Agama- USTR Economic Affairs

EXIM:

Aerek Stephens-Export Finance Manager

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Bill Morgan

Registration Opens Exhibitions Opens Welcome Reception Evening
Cocktail Reception

VIP Red Carpet Walk (pick up swag bag)

DAY 2 - Friday Sep 30th, 2022

Power Breakfast

7:00am - 8:00am

Welcome -Opening Ceremonies

National Anthems

Prayer-Vice Chair-Bill Morgan

Founder Benson Kasue

Chair Elsa Juko-McDowell

City of Irving Mayor-Rick Stopher

Kenya-Ambassador Lazarus Amayo

Senator Kipchumba Murkomen



CEO Africa Round Table- Kipson Gundani
Secretary General East Africa Community- Peter Mathuki
Deputy Assistant Secretary- U.S- Camille Richardson
Department of Commerce International Trade
Administration. (ACFTA)

Exhibition Open

Session 1 Affordable Housing

8:15am - 9:00am

Moderator Laban Opande

Topic-Advancing Affordable Housing through Technology

- Sarah Wahogo-Safaricom
- Edward Sebirumbi-Brilliant Silver Investment
- Judy Wang-Quality First Mortgage

Session 2 Education

9:15am - 10:00am

Moderator Colby Boone

Technological Approaches to Repairing the Classroom Experience

- Dr. Habte Woldu-JSOM, UT Dallas
- Virginia Arteaga-Dallas College Workforce and Advancement
- Dr. Jerono Rotich-Associate Dean for Organizational Climate

10:15am - 11:00am

Session 2 Food Security and Water Solutions

Moderator -Jigna Mehta-CS

Using Technology for Wide- spread Impact

- Dr. Wilmont Allen-Venture Lift Africa
- Oswell Binha-CEO African Roundtable
- Dean Allen- Zontos Water
- Senator Olekina Ledama

11:15am - 1:00pm - LUNCH

Boosting Two Way Trade & Investments between US &Africa

Interview with Dr. Wilmont Allen

1:15pm - 2:00pm

Healthcare

Moderator Daniel Juma

Telemedicine: Technology's Place in Physical and Mental Health

- Dr. Ivan Edwards- CEO/Founder Jovana Rehabilitation Medicine & Pain
- Dr. Sam Bore- Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor (LPC-S) in
- Mr. Nelson Bamundaga-Premier B.H.

2:15pm - 3:00pm

Moderator -Prosper Africa

Various Sectors

Keeping People at the Center

3:15pm - 4:00pm

Technology

Innovation in Fintech and Data Privacy

Moderator Fareed Zein

- Hempstone Maroria-CEO Wayapay
- John Oshodi-Vox Technologies
- Peter Awori-DPR Construction

10 MINUTE BREAK

4:15pm - 5:00pm

Presentation By:

Konza City

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Presentations By:

Zontos-Dean Allen

Safaricom

Day 3: Saturday, October 1st, 2022

8:15am - 9:00am

Moderator-Jessica Cheeks-Thompson

Energy

“With Our Powers Combined”: Alternative Energy Sources made Available through Technology

- Kenya Senate Energy Committee
- Mr. Angelo Viard -President of RESSCOP ALTERNATIVE ENERGY & VACS Group, Inc.
- Aerek Stephens -Exim Bank

9:15am - 10:00am

Finance

Moderator Lydiah Tate

Economic Integration: Technology’s Role in the Non-Fungible Token (NFT) World

- Richard Thomas- CEO Island Spot
- John Robinson-Bridge Capital Advisors
- Herbert Austin-US Small Business Administration
- Marvin Mchellom-Truist

10:15am - 11:15am

Real Estate

Moderator Elsa Juko-McDowell

Expand Your Portfolio: Technological Bridges between Long-Term and Short-Term Global Real Estate

- David Bryant-Lone Star Land Partners
- Brandon Sebirumbi-Brilliant Silver Investment
- David Muthiani-Zuri Realty Group
- Stephen Tobin- The Tobin Firm
- David Kamotho

11:15am - 1:00pm- **Lunch Break on your own**

1:15pm - 2:00pm

Moderator Bobby Goff

Logistics

- Brian Stout-TCS
- Various players

2:15pm -3 :00pm

Moderator Regina Onyeibe

Women Connecting Women

Breaking Barriers

- Rashanda Johnson-DFC- US International Development Finance Institution
- Jessica Gordon-US Commercial Services
- Sheryl Pickney-Maas-Guardian Zone, LLC

5:30pm - 6:50pm

Red Carpet & Reception

7:00pm - 11:00pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- **Peter Mathuki-Secretary General of the East African Community**
- **CT Mobley-Division Vice President SBS, Diverse Markets**

EAC Fashion Show – **Connie Bryant**

Awards Ceremony

Closing Remarks-Elsa Joko-McDowell

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ELSA JUKO-MCDOWELL, CHAIRWOMAN - BOARD MEMBER

Since 2003, Elsa has been a licensed Real Estate consultant in Dallas, Texas. She specializes in buying and selling residential, commercial, and investment properties in the Greater Dallas-Fort Worth area, and has recently expanded through partnerships with major companies in the East African Region. Elsa is a professional small business owner with successful strategic leadership, client, centered management, and sales experience. Her experience includes working in real estate as a realtor and in the mortgage servicing industry for the past 18 years. She now owns multiple businesses which include art, real-estate investment. She is passionate about helping her community grow and thrive in business.

BILL MORGAN, VICE CHAIRMAN - BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Morgan is an Avistas Founding Principal, CEO and International Management Consultant with 22+ years of proven experience leading major business growth and transformation initiatives relating to secure Information and Communications Technology (ICT) deployments around the world. He is a member of the Security Industry Association and has participated in many other international standards bodies with the development and harmonization of interoperable software security products. Mr. Morgan received his Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications Engineering Technology from Texas A&M University.



BENSON KASUE, TREASURER- BOARD MEMBER

A graduate of Brigham Young University (Marriott School of Management) with a BS in accounting and an MBA from University of Utah (David Eccles school of Business), He has had progressive accounting and financial career with top USA corporations including FMC Corporation, HP, Dell, IBM, and United Technologies. Benson has extensive cost accounting knowledge, taxation, auditing, expert in financial planning reporting and analysis, budgets, and lean management skills. His dedication to work ethic is superior! He gets things "done". Benson has led resource mobilizing efforts to save lives in East Africa and provided food and water to the needy. Benson is the founding chair of East Africa Chamber of commerce (EACC) in Dallas Texas and Kenya Diaspora Advisory council of Texas. Benson is an entrepreneur and continues to link businesses in both US and East African.



LYDIA TATE, BOARD MEMBER

Lydia's banking career spans for nearly 27 years, having started her career in banking in 1994. She has held several positions at different Financial Institutions, from Teller, Customer Service, Branch Manager/VP to and Business Banking and Commercial Banking VP. Lydia joined Business and Commercial Banking in 2002 and has worked for several financial institutions in both Tennessee and Texas. Lydia graduated with honors from university of Memphis in 2002 with a Finance degree and an MBA with honors in 2005. She is multi-lingual and speaks 5 languages. She is a member of National Association of Women Business Owners and National Black MBA Association. Lydia is also a published spiritual empowerment writer and a public speaker. Her passion is to make a difference for businesses and individual's by providing tailored banking solutions to diverse businesses.





COLBY C. BOONE - BOARD MEMBER

Colby C. Boone hailing from the Coastal Plains of North Carolina holds the title of Author, Founder, International Speaker, Community Activist, Tech professional, and Servant leader. A graduate of the illustrious North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Colby has landed coverage in print and broadcast outlets such as Fox News, worked with Grammy-nominated artists, and more.

Along with his devout faith he lives by three words "Trust Your Journey"!

KAREN MUIGAI HENRY - BOARD MEMBER

A Kenyan Native with an MBA and MIS from the Keller Graduate School of Management in Texas. Karen is a small business owner based in Dallas Texas. An Associate Pastor at Winner Chapel International Dallas, Karen is also an advisory council board member of MM Consulting and a Management Consultant with Inspight Inc.



JOLLY KAHUNDE - BOARD MEMBER

Ms. Jolly Kahunde, a philanthropist and a children's activist, is based in Dallas Texas. Ms. Kahunde has been in the healthcare industry for the past 9 years. Ms. Kahunde has always had a heart for helping those in need and her time in healthcare has heightened the heart of helping and giving back.

FRANK KANOBANA - BOARD MEMBER

Native of Rwanda, Frank has a bachelor's degree in public administration from the Indiana University South Bend. After graduating he relocated to Dallas where he worked as a quality control manager for Nescon Services Inc. Frank has been in the forefront in promoting trade between US and Rwanda and has traveled extensively to establish trade relations. Frank is co-owner and vice president of Niza LTD an international corporation that primarily focuses on real estate investment in Rwanda. He is also the owner of P and I Carrier LLC, a freight forward company that operates across USA and Canada. Frank is also active in the Dallas community and is the immediate former elected President of Rwanda American Community in Dallas/Fort worth. He currently lives in Fort Worth, Texas with his wife and two children.



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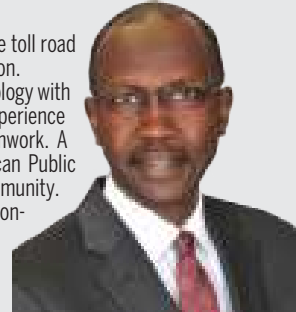


LABAN OPANDE - BOARD MEMBER

Laban Opande, Juris Doctor (JD), MBA, BSc, is a Kenyan-American lawyer with over 23 years of leadership, management and executive experience in a unique and vast array of fields including law, business, technology, science, agriculture and the environment, as well as community engagement. Mr. Opande is currently the Principal Attorney at The Opande Law Firm PC, a Texas based legal practice. (www.opandelaw.com). With a team of formidable associate attorneys, paralegals, and legal assistants, he has represented thousands of clients, and continues to, in business law, civil litigation, immigration law, criminal defense, among others. He is also associated with several organizations in the US, including Kenya US-Bar Association, American Bar Association, African Bar Association, Texas Young Lawyers Association, East Africa Chamber of Commerce, Kenya USA Diaspora Sacco, Kenya Houston Community, Mashujaa Awards, Uhuru Soccer Stars.

FAREED ZEIN EL ABDIN - BOARD MEMBER

Founder and CEO of Universal Toll Tag, Inc (Unytag), a tech startup looking to disrupt the toll road fee payments industry and ease daily toll road commute through a mobile payment solution. Fareed retired as an IT Planning Manager following a 26-year career in Information Technology with Royal Dutch Shell Plc covering various positions of increasing responsibility with broad experience in enterprise IT systems, a track record of project delivery, and results through teamwork. A community leader, Fareed is co-founder and Board Chairman of the Sudanese American Public Affairs Association (SAPAA), a national non-profit serving the Sudanese American community. Fareed is a Board member of the East Africa Chamber of Commerce (EACC) in Dallas, a non-profit working to promote trade and investment opportunities in East Africa and help realize the goals and ambitions of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).



ANGELA ALOWO - BOARD MEMBER

Angela is a multi skilled professional with over 20 years of experience in Trade and Customs policy formulation and implementation. Has worked with Uganda Revenue Authority and Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, where she gained specialized knowledge in trade and customs related aspects of Trade Facilitation and Non-Tariff Measures; EAC and COMESA Regional Integration; Economic Partnership Agreements; Rules of Origin; Competition law and Intellectual Property Rights. Well-grounded in customs concepts of Single Customs Territory, Integrated Border Management/One Stop Border Posts, WCO Safe Framework of Standards, Electronic Single Window, and Electronic Cargo Tracking Systems. Angela holds a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration and Management, a bachelor's degree in Law and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Political Science attained from Makerere University Kampala (Uganda).



AZIZA KAHLIFA - BOARD MEMBER

Safety expert and health professional has over 5 years experience in Occupational health and safety in power generation, agriculture, mining sector and manufacturing industries with Tanzania Occupational Safety and Health Authority (OSHA). She is a Certified Electrical Engineer and a member of Engineers Registration Board (ERB). Chairman of Women Tanzania. Union of Government and Health Employees (TUGHE). She has dedicated her professional career and personal life to empower women and to achieve their full potential. She is passionate about developing innovative social and educational programs that empower them. Alongside her daily career endeavors, she is a medium scale grape farmer in Dodoma Tanzania with a soul purpose to help small-scale local grapes farmers enrich their experience. Aziza holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Saint Joseph University in Dares Salaam, Tanzania. She is a Champion of the youth.





FLORENCE SUGUT - BOARD MEMBER

Managing Director and founder of Ikapamedia East Africa- International Trade fairs and Conference Marketing Company. Florence holds a Master's degree in Business Administration- Marketing bias, Higher diploma in Human Resources.

Florence is a seasoned serial entrepreneur with International business focus. Has over seven years of experience in international Trade Fairs and Conferences business. Has worked with, and represented International Trade Fair companies in Germany: Messe Dusseldorf, Messe Berlin, Messe Hannover and Messe Koeln ITB, Green week, Fruit Logistica, Import Shop- Berlin, K-show, Medica, interpack-Dusseldorf, Anuga- Messe Koeln Hannover Messe- Messe Hannover.

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CONNIE BRYANT



Consolata Ayoo-Bryant is a native of Kenya, she has been in the healthcare industry for over 30 years. She holds an MBA in Healthcare administration. Ms. Bryant is the President and CEO of Professional Home Health and Divine Hospice in North Texas. She is also the founder and Managing Director of Organi Limited an agro-processing sweet potato company based in Kenya. She is also a fashion designer for the Sassyn Clothing line. Ms. Bryant possesses a unique experience in healthcare management, leadership, entrepreneurship, startups, business strategy and executive management. She has been a recipient of numerous awards including a National Leadership Award as Honorary Co-Chairman Business Advisory Council. Queens Night International Ministry Excellence in Career and business Inspirational Award. Diaspora Entertainment Award & recognition winner of Businesswoman of the year/Entrepreneur award Sept 2015 ceremony held in the USA.

TANA JUKO - SENIOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

As of 2017, Tana is the Senior Research Associate for the World Food Bank. Her knowledge and experience reflect her commitment to education, health, and philanthropy. She earned her Doctorate of Philosophy degree in English at the University of North Texas, and prior to that, she earned her Master's and Bachelor's degrees from Texas Tech University. She has served as a member, moderator, and board member for the EACC, and she hopes to continue to aid in the organization's growth and development in the upcoming years. Her current goals include using her passion for research, writing, and leadership to help others within her community and abroad. When she is not working or volunteering, Tana and her partner, Jarrett, are focused on building their business. The Juc Box was established to enhance the health and wellness of others through cold-pressed juices high in vitamins and nutrients. They, with their little dog Zeke, reside in Dallas.



BETH PLUMLEE



Beth holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Texas and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX. She counsels in the areas of Fair Business Practices/Foreign Corrupt Practice Act and investment opportunities. She has worked with numerous East African, government agencies, diaspora and the private sector, to help shape economic development strategies with respect to security, technology, energy, agriculture, health and infrastructure issues and requirements. Beth is focused on racial empowerment collaborative efforts. She currently serves on the board of advisors of the East Africa Chamber of Commerce where she speaks on business development, women empowerment and connecting women. She is a board member of the Rusinga Island Trust, Kenya, a community trust, focusing on multifaceted community development with a concentration on the empowerment of women and the education of children.

ROY E KAYIZZI

Roy E Kayizzi MBA, has over fifteen years of investment, Securities, Portfolio, Insurance, financial and credit risk analysis. He has a talent for analyzing financial reporting, marketing and strengthening internal controls to improve business operations. He has worked and Consulted with a number of major Institutions namely: Verizon, Primerica Financial, Capital One, HSBC, Bank Of America and Wells Fargo where he has applied exceptional strategic, marketing, business, operational, and financial skills to effectively offer strategic plans to enhance efficiencies, reduce costs, and increase revenues.



CALI MORGAN



Caili Morgan is a Texas native and proud University of Texas at Austin graduate with a passion for serving the East African Community. She holds degrees in Philosophy and Government while minoring in Arabic and holding McCombs School of Business certifications. Caili has spent the past seven years as a peak performing software as a service (SaaS) Sales Executive while driving social media, event management, product management, product marketing, project management and user experience efforts where needed both domestically and internationally. Currently an Account Executive at HHAExchange, a major national homecare solution for healthcare providers and payers to optimize patient care, Caili leads target communities through complex patient care "best practices". Caili began volunteering with EABN in 2013 as a digital marketing campaign coordinator and registration intern. Over the year she has served the Board in a variety of capacities including facilitating moderating Women Connecting Women leadership panels

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Anthony Spadaro Jr. is a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps and Camp LeJeune contaminated water Survivor. He is a member of the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences and Founding Member of the Music For Every School® Foundation.

Working closely with Bill Morgan and Mart Nelson of Avistas in 2021/2022, Anthony and his team developed the architecture and Brand Strategy for the EACC's expansion to the East Africa Business Network (EABN).

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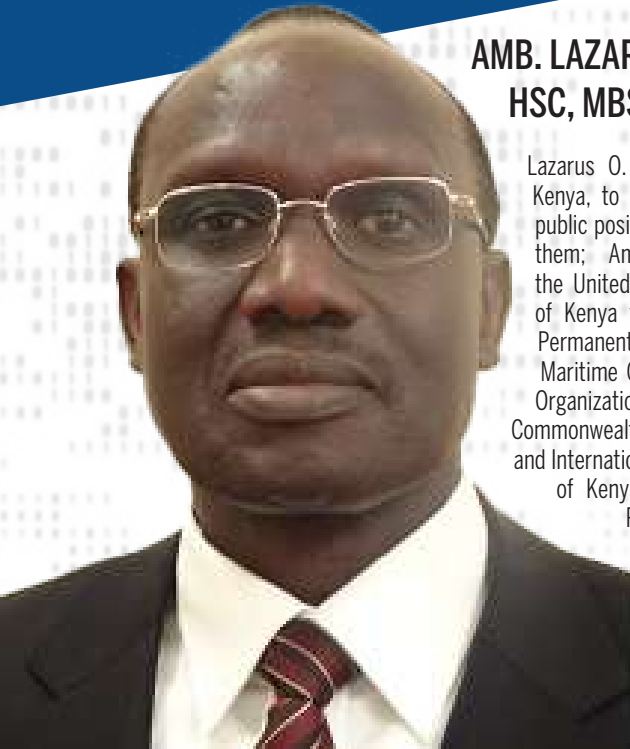
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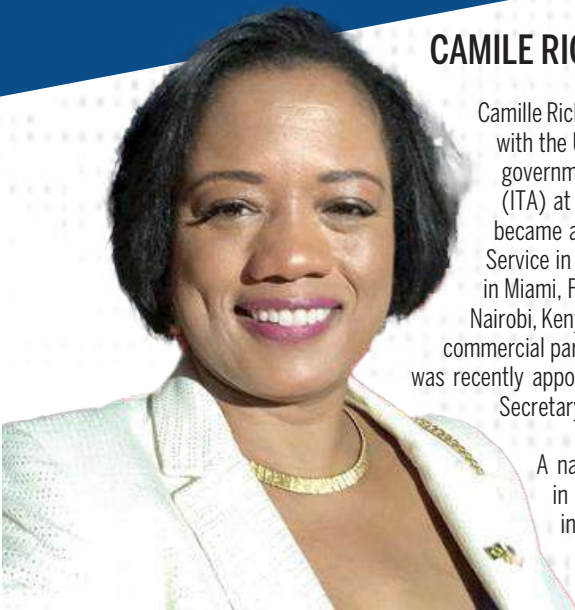


AMB. LAZARUS O. AMAYO, HSC, MBS, CAV

Lazarus O. Amayo, Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya, to the United States has held several senior public positions before his current assignment, among them; Ambassador/Permanent Representative to the United Nations (2018-2020), High Commissioner of Kenya to the United Kingdom (2014-2018), the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Commonwealth Organization. He was the Director for Europe and Commonwealth Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (2010-2014), High Commissioner of Kenya to Zambia and Malawi and Permanent Representative to COMESA (2006 - 2010), Ag. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Director of Administration and Head of International Organizations and Conferences (Multilateral Relations) Division in the same Ministry (2004-2006). He was also Kenya's High Commissioner to India with concurrent accreditation to Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Singapore from 1999 - 2004.

Prior to diplomatic service, Ambassador Amayo served as Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/Managing Director of Catering Levy Trustees (a parastatal in Kenya) from 1993-1997. He was elected as Member of Parliament for Karachuonyo Constituency in the Kenya National Assembly (6th Parliament 1989 - 1992) and appointed an Assistant Minister, Ministry of Education during the same period. He also worked as a Personnel Officer, Senior Personnel Officer and Principal Personnel Officer with the Kenya Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (1981 - 1989). He began his working career with the Teacher's Service Commission (TSC) as a Secondary School Teacher at Ogande Girls High School in 1979.

He holds a Master of Arts degree (MA) in Political Science from the University of Delhi and of Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree from Spicer Memorial College in India. He trained in Management and International Relations in Kenya, the UK and India.



CAMILE RICHARDSON

Camille Richardson is a tenured Senior Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Commercial Service. She began her career in government with the International Trade Administration (ITA) at the U.S. Department of Commerce in 1993. She became an accredited diplomat with the U.S. Commercial Service in 1998 and has served six successive tours of duty in Miami, FL; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Nairobi, Kenya; Mumbai, India, and Sao Paulo, Brazil facilitating commercial partnerships between U.S. and local companies. She was recently appointed as Commerce ITA's new Deputy Assistant Secretary for MEA region.

A native of Washington, D.C., Camille earned a B.A. in International Relations from Brown University in 1989, and an M.A. in International Relations from Johns Hopkins/SAIS in 1993. She speaks Portuguese and Portuguese along with a bit of Hindi, Swahili and French.

RICK STOPFER

Rick Stopfer is the Mayor of Irving in Texas. Stopfer assumed office on June 8, 2017. Stopfer's current term ends in 2023.

Stopfer ran for re-election for Mayor of Irving in Texas. Stopfer won in the general election on November 3, 2020.

Stopfer was previously an at-large member of the Irving City Council. He served terms as mayor pro tem and deputy pro tem during his tenure on the city council.





HON. DR. PETER MUTUKU MATHUKI - SECRETARY GENERAL

Dr. Peter Mathuki is the current Secretary General of the East African Community. He was appointed with effect from 25th April, 2021. Before his appointment to the EAC, Dr. Mathuki was the Executive Director of the East African Business Council (EABC), the regional apex body of Private Sector associations and corporates in the East Africa. He served in that capacity between 2018

and 2021. In his capacity as the Executive

Director of the EABC, Dr. Mathuki was actively involved in the establishment of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and was part of the efforts to establish the African Business

Council (AfBC), "an independent private sector institution of the African Union". Between June 2012 and June 2017, Dr. Mathuki was a member of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA), representing Kenya. While there, he was the chairman of EALA's Committee on Legal Affairs and Good Governance. He was also a member of the Assembly's Committee on Trade and Investment. Dr. Mathuki has also served as Director in charge of International Labour Standards (ILO) at the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU-Africa) which later became (ITUC-Africa). He also worked for European Union (EU) programs on institutional strengthening for Africa based in several African countries. Peter Mathuki sits on the boards of Kenya Investment Authority, based in Nairobi and the Inter-University Council for East Africa, based in Kampala. He is also a member of the Kenya Institute of Management. Dr. Peter M. Mathuki holds an MBA and PhD in Strategic Management & Regional Integration from the University of Nairobi, Kenya.

CT MOBLEY

CT Mobley is a part of the Small Business Services (SBS) Sales team as Division Vice President, Diverse Business Markets. CT's background includes over 20 years of executive experience leading cross-functional leadership teams, indirect and direct sales teams, strategic planning and execution in diverse markets. He joins us from the Better Business Resource Group, a boutique sales consulting and marketing firm, where he was Executive Director with a client roster that included T-Mobile and Verizon.

In this role he built a new division while significantly contributing to the company's top-line growth and expanding their client base.

In 2020, CT began a financial literacy program, specifically targeting the Black and LatinX communities, inspired by the challenges that many began to face as the nation went deeper into the COVID-19 pandemic. The program has been able to assign over \$13 million in cash accumulation vehicles, life insurance and future income assets to people in the target communities and within the networks' scope through group and one-on-one video meetings. At ADP he is responsible for the go-to-market strategy and execution for diverse channel growth and will lead the formation of alliances and partnerships with clients who represent URG, differently-abled, veteran, LGBTQ+ and women-owned businesses. This new area of business is critical to the evolution of how we connect our clients, prospects and diverse communities to ADP's product offerings and expertise.





UGANDA

Uganda, officially the Republic of Uganda, is a landlocked country in East Africa. It is bordered to the east by Kenya, to the north by South Sudan, to the west by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to the southwest by Rwanda, and to the south by Tanzania. Uganda is the world's second most populous landlocked country after Ethiopia. The southern part of the country includes a substantial portion of Lake Victoria, shared with Kenya and Tanzania. Uganda is in the African Great Lakes region. Uganda also lies within the Nile basin, and has a varied but generally a modified equatorial climate.

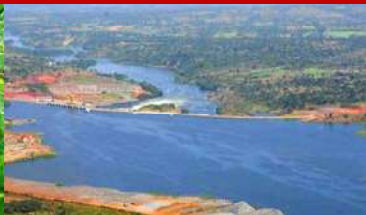
Uganda takes its name from the Buganda Kingdom, which encompasses a large portion of the south of the country, including the capital Kampala. The people of Uganda were hunter gatherers until 1,700 to 2,300 years ago, when Bantu-speaking populations migrated to the southern parts of the country.

Beginning in 1894, the area was ruled as a protectorate by the British, who established administrative law across the territory. Uganda gained independence from Britain on October 9, 1962. The period since then has been marked by the intermittent conflicts, including a lengthy civil war against the Lord's Resistance Army, which has caused tens of thousands of casualties and displaced more than a million people.

The official language is English, Luganda, a central language, is widely spoken across the country, and several other languages are also spoken including Runyoro, Runyankole, Rukiga, and Lango. The president of Uganda is Yoweri Museveni, who came to power in January 1986 after a protracted six-year guerrilla war.



Ambassador
H.E. Mull Sebujja Katende



KENYA



Kenya, officially the Republic of Kenya, is a country in Africa and a founding member of the East African Community. Its capital and largest city is Nairobi. Kenya's territory lies on the equator and overlies the East African Rift covering a diverse and expansive terrain that extends roughly from Lake Victoria to Lake Turkana (formerly called Lake Rudolf) and further south-east to the Indian Ocean. It is bordered by Tanzania to the south and southwest, Uganda to the west, South Sudan to the north-west, Ethiopia to the north and Somalia to the north-east. Kenya covers 581,309 km² (224,445 sq mi), and had a population of approximately 48 million people in January 2017.



Ambassador
Lazarus O. Amayo

Kenya has a warm and humid tropical climate on its Indian Ocean coastline. The climate is cooler in the savannah grasslands around the capital city, Nairobi, and especially closer to Mount Kenya, which has snow permanently on its peaks. Further inland are highlands in Central and Rift Valley regions where tea and coffee are grown as cash crops which are major foreign revenue earners. In the West are Nyanza and Western regions, there is an equatorial, hot and dry climate which becomes humid around Lake Victoria, the largest tropical fresh-water lake in the world. This gives way to temperate and forested hilly areas in the neighbouring western region. The north-eastern regions along the border with Somalia and Ethiopia are arid and semi-arid areas with near-desert landscapes. Kenya is known for its world class athletes in track and field and rugby. Thanks to its diverse climate and geography, expansive wildlife reserves and national parks such as the East and West Tsavo National Park, Amboseli National Park, Maasai Mara, Lake Nakuru National Park, Aberdares National Park and white sand beaches at the Coastal region, Kenya is home to the modern safari and has several world heritage sites such as Lamu and numerous beaches, including in Diani, Bamburi and Kilifi, where international yachting competitions are held every year.





BURUNDI

Burundi, officially the Republic of Burundi, is a landlocked country in the African Great Lakes region of East Africa, bordered by Rwanda to the north, Tanzania to the east and south, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the west. It is also considered part of Central Africa. Burundi's capital is Bujumbura. The southwestern border is adjacent to Lake Tanganyika.

The Twa, Hutu and Tutsi peoples have lived in Burundi for at least 500 years. For more than 200 of those years, Burundi was an independent kingdom, until the beginning of the 20th century, when Germany colonised the region.[9] After the First World War and Germany's defeat, it ceded the territory to Belgium.

The Belgians ruled Burundi and Rwanda as a European colony known as Ruanda-Urundi. Their intervention exacerbated social differences between the Tutsi and Hutu, and contributed to political unrest in the region. Burundi gained independence in 1962 and initially had a monarch, but a series of assassinations, coups, and a general climate of the regional instability culminated in the establishment of a republic and one-party state in 1966. Bouts of ethnic cleansing and ultimately two civil wars and genocides during the 1970s and again in the 1990s left the country undeveloped and its population as one of the world's poorest.

2015 witnessed large-scale political strife as President Pierre Nkurunziza opted to run for a third term in office, a coup attempt failed and the country's parliamentary and presidential elections were broadly criticized by members of the international community.

In addition to poverty, Burundians often have to deal with corruption, weak infrastructure, poor access to health and education services, and hunger. Burundi is densely populated and has had substantial emigration as young people seek opportunities elsewhere. The World Happiness report 2016 ranked Burundi as the world's least happy nation.



RWANDA



Rwanda is a relative small landlocked, hilly country in Central Africa, located south of the Equator and east of Lake Kivu, one of the African Great Lakes. It is bordered by Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, and Uganda.

The country covers an area of 26,338 km², compared it is about the size of Macedonia (Rep.), or slightly smaller than the US state of Maryland.

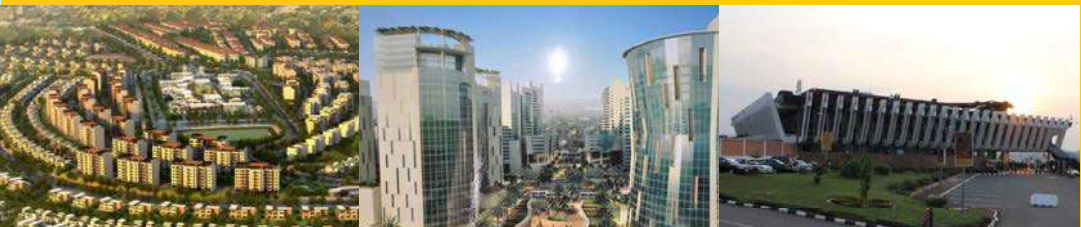
Like Burundi, its neighbour to the south, Rwanda is a geographically small country with one of the highest population densities in sub-Saharan Africa. Rwanda also shares with Burundi a long history of monarchical rule. Unlike what happened in Burundi, however, the demise of the Rwandan kingship came about through a grassroots Hutu-led upheaval that occurred before the country became independent in 1962. Ethnic strife between the majority Hutu and minority Tutsi factions peaked in 1994. Civil war and genocide at that time left Rwanda's economy and social fabric in shambles.

Rwanda has a population of 11.5 million People (2016; Rwanda's population density is among the highest in Sub-Saharan Africa). Capital and largest city is Kigali (est. pop. 1 million people). Spoken languages are Kinyarwanda (official language of Rwanda), English and French, Swahili as the lingua franca in the African Great Lakes region. The years that followed have been characterized by reconstruction and ethnic reconciliation.



**Ambassador
Prof. Mathilde Mukantabana**

Professor Mathilde Mukantabana is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Rwanda to the United States of America and non-resident Ambassador to Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina.





TANZANIA

Tanzania, officially the United Republic of Tanzania, is a country in Eastern Africa within the African Great Lakes region. Parts of the country are in Southern Africa.

It is bordered by Kenya and Uganda to the north; Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the west; Zambia, Malawi, and Mozambique to the south; and by the Indian Ocean to the east. Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, is in northeastern Tanzania.

Tanzania's population of 51.82 million (2014) is diverse, composed of several ethnic, linguistic, and religious groups. Tanzania is a presidential constitutional republic, and since 1996, its official capital city has been Dodoma, where the President's office, the National Assembly, and some government ministries are located. Dar es Salaam, the former capital, retains most government offices and is the country's largest city, principal port, and leading commercial centre.

European colonialism began in mainland Tanzania during the late 19th century when Germany formed German East Africa, which gave way to British rule following World War I. The mainland was governed as Tanganyika, with the Zanzibar Archipelago remaining a separate colonial jurisdiction. Following their respective independence in 1961 and 1963, the two entities merged in April 1964 to form the United Republic of Tanzania.



S. SUDAN



South Sudan, officially the Republic of South Sudan, is a landlocked country in northeastern Africa that gained its independence from Sudan in 2011. Its current capital is Juba, which is also its largest city. Before the outbreak of a civil war in 2013, it was planned that the capital city would be moved to the more centrally located Ramciel in the future.

South Sudan is bordered by Sudan to the north, Ethiopia to the east, Kenya to the southeast, Uganda to the south, the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the southwest, and the Central African Republic to the west. It includes the vast swamp region of the Sudd, formed by the White Nile and known locally as the Bahr al Jabal.

The territories of modern South Sudan and the Republic of the Sudan were occupied by Egypt under the Muhammad Ali Dynasty, and later governed as an Anglo-Egyptian condominium until Sudanese independence was achieved in 1956. Following the First Sudanese Civil War, the Southern Sudan Autonomous Region was formed in 1972 and lasted until 1983. A second Sudanese civil war soon developed, and ended with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement of 2005. Later that year, southern autonomy was restored when an Autonomous Government of Southern Sudan was formed.

South Sudan became an independent state on 9 July 2011, following a referendum that passed with 98.83% of the vote. It is a United Nations member state, and a member state of the African Union, of the East African Community,^[20] and of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development. In July 2012, South Sudan signed the Geneva Conventions.^[22] South Sudan has suffered ethnic violence and has been in a civil war since 2013; as of 2017, it had the highest score on the Fragile States Index (formerly, the Failed States Index), surpassing Somalia.



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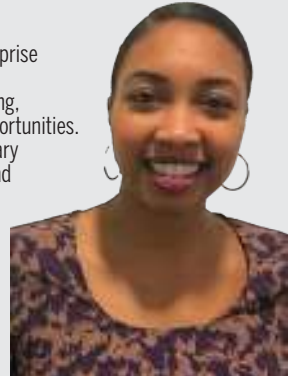


REGINA HILL ONYEIBE, BOARD MEMBER

Regina Hill Onyeibe, holds dual roles for the City of Dallas, she is Africa Liaison for the City of Dallas and she is also part of the Small Business Initiatives team responsible for helping stand up Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs helping arm them with education and information to ensure long term sustainability. Ms. Onyeibe's charge in her position as Africa Liaison is to strengthen/create relationships between the City of Dallas and the continent of Africa for the purpose of mutually beneficial bilateral trade and cultural exchange opportunities. In her current role as Africa Liaison, Ms. Onyeibe has inimitable opportunities to interface with decision makers of many nations, as well as top business executives across Africa, giving her access and sound relationships that most could only dream of.

RASHANDA JOHNSON

Ms. Rashanda Johnson is a Business Development Specialist in the Small & Medium Enterprise Finance department at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC). As Business Development Specialist, Rashanda focuses on counseling U.S. companies seeking financing, evaluating new project proposals and loan applications, and developing new business opportunities. Prior to joining OPIC, Ms. Johnson served at US Commercial Service and USAID. Her primary responsibilities were assisting in outreach to the U.S. business and trade communities, and facilitating new business opportunities. Ms. Johnson holds an MPA with an emphasis on Policy and Management from Bowie State University and a Bachelor's degree in International Business from Wright State University. She also is alumna of a multi-country study abroad program which emphasizes global comparative study.



JESSICA GORDAN



Jessica Gordon is the Director of the International Trade Administration's (ITA) U.S. Commercial Service Dallas-Fort Worth office where she leads a team of industry-focused international trade specialists to counsel U.S. companies on the export process and strategies for pursuing international sales opportunities. The Commercial Service Dallas-Fort Worth office is one of 100 plus U.S. Commercial Service offices around the nation dedicated to assisting U.S. companies with international business expansion, through providing counseling, business matchmaking services, market intelligence, and commercial diplomacy and advocacy support.

In addition to heading the Commercial Service Dallas-Fort Worth office, Jessica serves as the Executive Secretary of the North Texas District Export Council (NTDEC). In this capacity, she serves as the chief U.S. Commercial Service liaison for NTDEC engagement on international trade development issues for the North Texas region.

SHERYL PINCKNEY-MAAS



Sheryl Pinckney-Maas is the CEO and Founder of Guardian Zone, LLC, a technology company in Colleyville, Texas that is a leading provider of crowd-sourced security solutions. The Guardian Zone solution bridges the communication gap between on-site security, law enforcement, and the public during an emergency. She created Guardian Zone by leveraging her 25 years' experience as a U.S. Diplomat living and working in six international countries: China, South Africa, Mexico, The Netherlands, Jordan, and Peru. Using her experience of living in high threat and high crime countries, she has taken more than two decades of knowledge and created a security solution for today's corporate, educational and entertainment industries.

Sheryl is an active member of ASIS, Security Industry Association (SIA), Women in Security Forum (WISF), Innovation Institute for Fan Experience (IIFX) and The National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security (NCS4).



TECHNOLOGY PANEL SPEAKERS

PETER AWORI



Mr. Peter Awori is an Information Security Analyst with DPR Construction.

He specializes in Cybersecurity Awareness; Data Privacy; and Policy, Governance, and Compliance. His education and professional background comprises of an Associates in Applied Sciences Degree in Computer Programming, a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering, a Master of Science in Information Security Policy and Management, and about four and a half years of work experience in the IT and cybersecurity fields.

His goal is to spread the word of Cybersecurity Awareness and importance of maintaining a basic cybersecurity hygiene irrespective of whatever industry or organization individuals operate in.

LARRY YO

Larry Yon is Senior Partner and Chief Operating Officer of B&C International, the oldest minority-owned global business strategy consulting firm in the United States. Larry joined B&C International in 2012 and previously served as the firm's Chief Strategy Officer. He is a seasoned entrepreneur and problem solver focused on identifying and developing business opportunities in North America and the Continent Africa. His instinctive approach to working through complex business, economic and social issues has been honed over the years helping influential leaders, families and entities worldwide bring disruptive, game changing ideas to life.

In his role, Larry is responsible for implementing internal strategy and overseeing client relationships. The deals he has played a lead role in identifying, negotiating and closing have globally resulted in the creation of thousands of jobs and millions in revenue that continue to exponentially grow.



JOHN OSHODI



John Oshodi is the CEO of Vox Technologies in Richardson, Texas. Founded in November 1997, Vox Technologies, a Relevant Technologies Corporation, has grown into a leading provider of industrial computing, automation, and networking solutions.

Mr. Oshodi is a leader in business development, sales and marketing with substantial experience in business database architecture, business intelligence, web presence and branding.

He holds degrees in economics and finance and a graduate degree in social impact and transformative social change.

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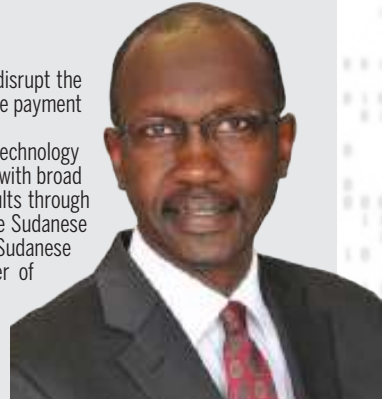
Hempstone Maroria is a serial entrepreneur, innovator, and experienced professional in fintech, mobile payments, eCommerce, and disruptive technologies with skills in software product and platform design and development. Hempstone works to create impactful solutions for emerging markets, to empower underserved people with technology, and revolutionize financial services for people left out by traditional banking channels.

As the Founder and CEO of Wayapay, a global financial technology company providing digital banking, money transfer, and digital payment services, he aims to drive financial inclusion in emerging and frontier markets by providing cutting-edge FinTech products and solutions to the market by connecting people who may not have access to essential financial services – like banking, credit, or lending – to those products, while offering better and more efficient products and solutions to fundamental challenges being faced in the financial services and banking industry.

FAREED ZEIN

Founder and CEO of Universal Toll Tag, Inc (Unytag), a tech startup looking to disrupt the toll road fee payments industry and ease daily toll road commute through a mobile payment solution.

Fareed retired as an IT Planning Manager following a 26-year career in Information Technology with Royal Dutch Shell Plc covering various positions of increasing responsibility with broad experience in enterprise IT systems, a track record of project delivery, and results through teamwork. A community leader, Fareed is co-founder and Board Chairman of the Sudanese American Public Affairs Association (SAPAA), a national non-profit serving the Sudanese American community. Fareed is a Board member of the East Africa Chamber of Commerce (EACC) in Dallas, a non-profit working to promote trade and investment opportunities in East Africa and help realize the goals and ambitions of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).



ROY E KAYIZZI



Roy E Kayizzi MBA, has over fifteen years of investment, Securities, Portfolio, Insurance, financial and credit risk analysis. He has a talent for analyzing financial reporting, marketing and strengthening internal controls to improve business operations. He has worked and Consulted with a number of major Institutions namely: Verizon, Primerica Financial, Capital One, HSBC, Bank Of America and Wells Fargo where he has applied exceptional strategic, marketing, business, operational, and financial skills to effectively offer strategic plans to enhance efficiencies, reduce costs, and increase revenues.

REAL ESTATE PANEL SPEAKERS



ELSA JUKO-MCDOWELL

Since 2003, Elsa has been a licensed Real Estate consultant in Dallas, Texas. She specializes in buying and selling residential, commercial, and investment properties in the Greater Dallas-Fort Worth area, and has recently expanded through partnerships with major companies in the East African Region. Elsa is a professional small business owner with successful strategic leadership, client, centered management, and sales experience. Her experience includes working in real estate as a realtor and in the mortgage servicing industry for the past 18 years. She now owns multiple businesses which include art, real-estate investment. She is passionate about helping her community grow and thrive in business.

DAVID MUTHANI

David's 21 years of global, multi-cultural experiences provide him insight, understanding, compassion and communication skills that few real estate professionals possess.

Throughout his career, David has worked in demanding situations, exercising extraordinary precision to meet project deadlines while maintaining strict client confidentiality. David is comfortable managing projects for and routinely communicating with CEOs, entrepreneurs, doctors, technology gurus, financial experts, and diplomats. Most of David's clients are professionals who appreciate and expect these traits.



DAVID BRYANT

In 2000, David started Coastal Communities in Beaufort, SC. Specializing in residential and Commercial land development. This was a 20 year plus development that is still under construction today. Over 1 billion in sales to date. Named community of the year for 20 plus years.

In the mid 2000's David started an infill condominium development company called Metropolitan Development that converted schools and infill development properties into residential living units

Today, David is a land consultant for Lone Star Land partners, which are the oldest recreational land developers in the USA. David works out of the Austin region and his team was responsible for selling 985 land tracts last year totaling over \$100,000,000 in sales.

David holds the prestigious Certified Commercial Investment Member Designation (CCIM), the Certified International Property Specialist designation (CIPS) and he is also member of the Urban Land Institute.



BRANDON SEBIRUMBI



Brandon is a Managing Partner of Brilliant Silver. He has a background in asset management in multifamily properties. Brandon's real estate journey has taken him from residential into commercial real estate properties primarily focusing on the Texas market. Brandon focuses on financing and acquisitions of new commercial properties along with asset management overseeing property operation efficiency.

Prior to Brandon's experience within real estate, he graduated from Furman University. After graduating, he began a career in professional basketball playing in countries such as Portugal, Spain, Australia, Africa, and Japan. Transitioning his international experience of creating long lasting relationships in different cultures, Brandon has developed enduring soft skills to excel within real estate.

C. STEPHEN TOBIN

Stephen focuses his practice on delivering practical solutions to clients engaged in business transactions, residential and commercial development and construction projects, complex real estate transactions, and related financing activities. Stephen advises individuals and small businesses on a variety of business and consulting agreements, residential and light-commercial construction and real estate contracts, purchase-and-sale agreements, deeds, lien releases, employment agreements, loan documents, and deed restrictions. Stephen also participates in dispute resolution and advises clients regarding the formation and governance of business organizations.



HEALTHCARE PANEL SPEAKERS



NELSON BAMUNDAGA

Nelson Bamundaga is the Director of Information Technology for Premier BH-- a healthcare management provider located in Los Angeles CA. He attended the University of Texas at Austin studying Management Information Systems. He's spent the last decade in Healthcare-- primarily in the skilled nursing sector. Most recently he's led IT teams supporting IT Operations and Hybrid local/cloud Infrastructures in various locations throughout Southern California. He would best describe his role as "a creator of road maps on how our technology can best evolve in the rapidly changing IT landscape."

DR. DANIEL JUMA

Dr. Daniel Juma is a graduate of Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas, Texas. Dr. Juma, earned his Doctorate in Dental Surgery in 2012 from Baylor, having been awarded for his excellence in Periodontology as well as being a recipient of the prestigious W.R Hammond Scholar and Dr. Earl Williams Awards. In addition, Dr. Juma's preceptorship at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester General Hospital and Eastman Institute in New York exposed him to the different specialties of dentistry including Oral Pathology, Oral Surgery and Prosthodontics. Having a focus on complete oral rehabilitation procedures, Dr Juma is an active member of the American Academy of Facial Esthetics, The International Congress of Oral Implantologists and American Academy of General Dentistry.

Dr Juma practices at Mckinney Dental and Implant Center in Mckinney Texas, Dental Place of Plano in Plano, Texas and Penn Dental and Implant Center in Dallas, Texas.



DR. SAM BORE

Dr. Sam Bore is a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor (LPC-S) in the state of Texas specializing in counseling with individuals, couples, families, and teenagers. Dr. Bore holds a Ph.D. in Counseling with a specialization in child/adolescent and marriage/family counseling from Texas A&M University - Commerce. Currently Dr. Bore is an Associate Professor of counseling and Chair of the Counseling Program at the University of North Texas, Dallas as well as in private practice. He is involved in research on immigrants and has extensive experience working with immigrants from diverse backgrounds. A native of Kenya, Dr. Bore is a popular presenter in conferences, churches, workshops, and small groups where he addresses a wide variety of topics of interest to immigrants.



DR. IVAN EDWARDS



Dr. Ivan Edwards (DO, FAAPMR, FRSA) is a physician with over fourteen years of experience in medicine, rehabilitation and pain management. He holds a doctorate in Medicine from Glendale's Midwestern University, with internship training in Internal Medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School, specialty training in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at University of Texas San Antonio, and extra specialized training at the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine.

He is CEO/owner of JOVANA Rehabilitation Medicine & Pain and IEME LLC, both located in San Antonio, TX. He is a military officer who is currently and proudly serving as a USAF Flight Surgeon, at the rank of Lt. Colonel. Dr. Edwards is a board member of a few hospitals' medical executive board committees. He has participated in humanitarian initiatives for childhood education, neurorehabilitation, pain, PTSD and COVID. He is a public speaker, both locally and internationally. He has spoken on topics related to health, resilience, growth, and other relevant topics.



FINANCE PANEL SPEAKERS

DR. RICHARD CHIURI

Robert W. Chiuri is Managing of Global Standards Resources & Institute (USA) a company involved in certifications, manufacturing quality audits and management consulting having worked for many international firms in various senior leadership capacities. Dr. Chiuri is a certified global standards lead auditor, for various accredited audit schemes including Quality Management Systems (QMS), Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS), International Organization of Standardization (ISO), Global Food Safety Initiative GFSI's SQF, PrimusGFS and FSSC among others.

Dr. Chiuri completed a doctorate in Business Administration and Global Management through the School of Advanced Studies University of Phoenix, Arizona USA in 2015 and also has an Executive Masters Degree in International Business and a Masters in Business Administration- Enterprise Development.

Dr. Chiuri has also been involved extensively in community-based organizations as an organizer, counsellor, trainer, speaker, facilitator and leading various initiatives and social enterprises. He leads several non profit organizations and is in the board of reputable institutions supporting community engagements including Global Diaspora One Voice Consortium GDDF. Dr. Chiuri is currently Chief Partnerships and External Affairs with Wayapay, a fintech company serving the diaspora and immigrant populations in money transfers and digital banking.

RICHARD THOMAS

Richard is the founder and CEO of The Present House Hospitality Group, a global company focused on developing "Minority Loved Brands" in the food and luxury vacation space across multiple brands. He has more than 10 years of experience in the food industry and has held leadership roles in business analytics, supply chain planning and commodity procurement.

Richard has been the recipient of the Quest for Success award from the Dallas Black Chamber of commerce and the President's Award for Corporate Leadership & Entrepreneurship from NAACP, Dallas Chapter. He has been featured on the news, in podcasts, and in print demonstrating his knowledge on black entrepreneurship. Richard is a faithful member and elder of Concord Church in Oak Cliff. He is married to Chalon Clark-Thomas, an Equity Partner at Husch Blackwell LLP, who focuses on complex commercial litigation. They are the proud parents of three girls, 6-year-old Aria Taylor Thomas, 4-year-old Alana Grace Thomas, and 2-year-old Ava Clarke Thomas.



DR. DAVID WACHIRA

Dr. David Wachira- Co-Founder and COO, Waya
A fintech entrepreneur, public finance and governance specialist with a technical background and specialization in fiscal and financial issues. Previously, a public-sector specialist at the World Bank; and served as the co-Secretary for the World Bank Group's Youth to Youth. Managed and supported multibillion-dollar programs across 38 countries in Europe, Africa, and Asia. Created and led individual and collaborative research and operational projects.

Possesses extensive and practical knowledge of statistics, data analysis, large database management, and reporting. Dr. Wachira holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and History from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, a master's degree in History from Tarleton State University and a Ph.D. in Public Administration and Management with an emphasis in Public Finance and Public Management from The University of North Texas.





HERBERT AUSTIN

Herbert Austin is currently the Acting Regional Administrator for Region VI that encompasses the States of Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana and Texas. He is also the District Director of SBA's Dallas/Fort Worth Office and has held this position since 2008.

Herb joined SBA in 1989 in the New Jersey District Office; he spent many years in New York and Long Island before moving to Dallas. Herb holds a BS in Marketing from New York University and an MBA in International Marketing and Management from Pace University. Herb is fluent in French and Spanish.

FOOD SECURITY WATER SOLUTIONS PANEL SPEAKER



DEAN ALLEN

Dean Allen – Founder and President of Zontos LLC. Dean Allen was born in Johannesburg, South Africa where he lived for 20 years before immigrating to the United States at the end of 1999. Having grown up in a family who owned their own business Dean saw first-hand how businesses could create real life change not only to those employed but moreover to the country served.

Dean earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Baylor University. During this time, it became apparent that his passion for entrepreneurship and business was rivaled only by his passion for humanitarian relief.

While earning his master's in theology he found himself on a mission trip to Sudan, where not only his heart broke for the suffering, but he was sanctioned to be executed, so began the life altering events that lead to the inception of Zontos LLC - the Hydrogen Water Company™. Zontos is the leader in the hydrogen water industry which is decorated by over 2,000 double blind studies and peer reviewed articles.

AGOA PANEL SPEAKERS

DR. WILMONT ALLEN



Dr. Wilmont Allen is an experienced emerging market entrepreneur, investor, management consultant and political economist. Based in Nairobi, he is Founder of VentureLift Africa (VLA), an investment advisory firm (VLA Capital Advisors) facilitating investment, trade, tech transfer, market entry and expansion for SMEs, startups and corporates. Recent clients include the Healthcare Finance Consortium, USAID, Africa CDC and over 100 SMEs across a broad array of sectors. Wilmot is a Venture Partner with RH Managers based in Johannesburg, a private equity fund investing in healthcare across Southern and Eastern Africa. Related to healthcare, he is a Lead Consultant to the Healthcare Finance Consortium on deal construction projects for medical oxygen, clinics and med-tech. Wilmot was a management consultant to the African Union Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to create the strategy, fundraising and operational plan for its new Africa Public Health Foundation (APHF) which aims to strengthen healthcare systems across the continent.

FINN HOLM-OLSEN

Finn is a seasoned international trade and development expert with 30 years of professional experience, with particular expertise in Africa. Mr. Holm-Olsen is a strategic thinker and program implementer who has worked extensively with public and private sectors in Africa, effectively designed and managed enterprise development and capacity building programs, advanced U.S. trade policy interests, and promoted U.S.-African business ties. During his 14 years living and working in Kenya (2003-2017), he served as AGOA Director for three consecutive USAID Regional Trade and Investment Hubs. In these roles, he designed and oversaw programs that enhanced the competitiveness of key sectors in East Africa and saw AGOA exports to the U.S. grow exponentially. Mr. Holm-Olsen is recognized by colleagues at USTR and USAID as a foremost authority on AGOA and has maintained his strong professional networks in key AGOA sectors in Africa.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING PANEL SPEAKERS



EDWARD SEBIRUMBI

Edward Sebirumbi is a U.S. based Real Estate investor. He is the founding partner of Brilliant Silver Investments which is a grassroots real estate investment company. Edward is part of a Commercial Real estate investment group with a portfolio of more than 200M in asset value and has been actively investing in real estate since 2004. Currently owns a portfolio of rental and Land properties in Texas and Michigan.

Since 2017 Edward has asset Managed multiple multifamily properties and has been an Acquisition Specialist.

Edward has been married to his wife Caroline for 34 years and they are blessed with a wonderful son.

LABAN OPANDE

Laban Opande, Juris Doctor (JD), MBA, BSc, is a Kenyan-American lawyer with over 23 years of leadership, management and executive experience in a unique and vast array of fields including law, business, technology, science, agriculture and the environment, as well as community engagement. Mr. Opande is currently the Principal Attorney at The Opande Law Firm PC, a Texas based legal practice. (www.opandelaw.com). With a team of formidable associate attorneys, paralegals, and legal assistants, he has represented thousands of clients, and continues to, in business law, civil litigation, immigration law, criminal defense, among others. He is also associated with several organizations in the US, including Kenya US-Bar Association, American Bar Association, African Bar Association, Texas Young Lawyers Association, East Africa Chamber of Commerce, Kenya USA Diaspora Sacco, Kenya Houston Community, Mashujaa Awards, Uhuru Soccer Stars.



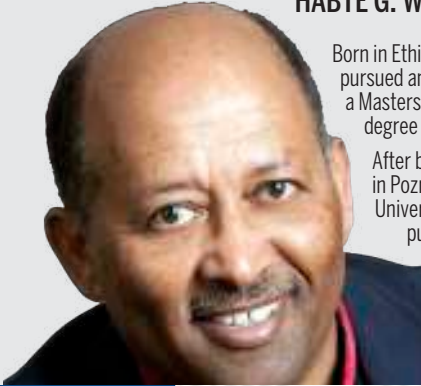
JUDY WANG

Judy Wang is a successful business owner for 25 years, serving as President and CEO of a global commodities firm and President of a residential mortgage lending company. After graduating with a marketing degree, she embarked on her journey toward Entrepreneurship. She managed logistics for international shipping Companies throughout the U.S., Europe, and Asia. Judy's experience includes real estate, mortgage lending, business development, commodity trading, financing, managing cash flow, accounting, logistics, and management. Under her leadership, organizational revenues grew to \$10 million. A true pioneer and transformational leader. Always learning and seeking new ways to serve her clients and her community, Judy's impressive background allows her to coach business owners and executives on strategic planning, leadership training and execution of process improvement. She is fluent in English and Mandarin Chinese.



EDUCATION PANEL SPEAKERS

HABTE G. WOLDU



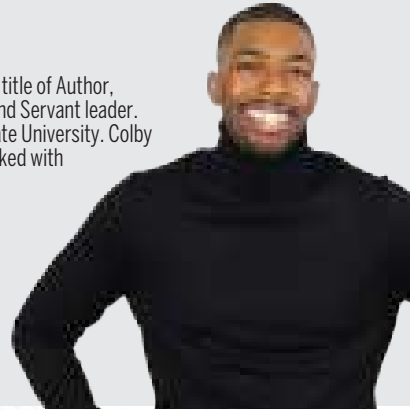
Born in Ethiopia, Dr. Woldu attended Haile Selassie I University in Addis Ababa where he pursued an undergraduate degree program education in social science. He then pursued a Masters Degree program in human resource management followed by a Doctorate degree in Economics from the Poznan University of Economics, Poland.

After beginning his academic career as an Assistant professor at his alma mater in Poznan University of Economics, Dr. Woldu moved to Dallas and joined the University of Texas at Dallas in 1993. He has done extensive research and has many publications in a wide breadth of areas, including comparative management and cross-cultural Studies, empirical analysis of cultural divergence and convergence, international human resource management in Central & East European countries, the role of institutions, resources and culture in African development. Currently, he is working on the impact of elongated and deeper economic crises on divergence and convergence of global cultures.

COLBY BOONE

Colby C. Boone hailing from the Coastal Plains of North Carolina holds the title of Author, Founder, International Speaker, Community Activist, Tech professional, and Servant leader. A graduate of the illustrious North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Colby has landed coverage in print and broadcast outlets such as Fox News, worked with Grammy-nominated artists, and more.

Along with his devout faith he lives by three words "Trust Your Journey"!



VIRGINIA ATEAGA-HAID



Mrs. Arteaga-Haid is an entrepreneur, international business expert, and community supporter for minorities and Women in Mexico and Texas. With more than 35 years of experience in cross-border business relations between Mexico and the United States, she was one of the first few Trade Commissioner of Mexico in Georgia and Texas representing the Mexican Bank for Foreign Trade for almost 20 years, covering more than 16 states of the United States promoting Trade and Investment between Mexico and the United States.

She is currently working for the Dallas College as a Director of the Employer Resource Center, Workforce and Advancement, previously she collaborated as a Managing Director of the Office of Global Economic Development and head of the Small Business Innovation Center. She was one of the founders and President of a non-profit organization in Dallas -AMEP, educating Women from Latin America to start their own business.

ENERGY PANEL SPEAKER

JESSICA CHECKS THOMPSON

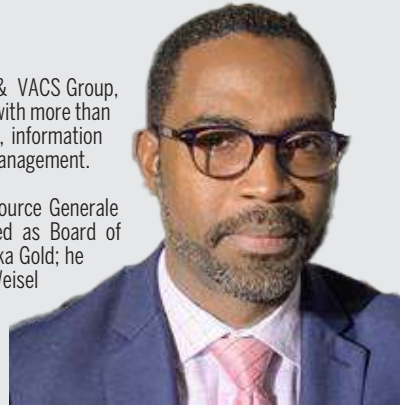


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ANGELO VIARD

Mr. Angelo Viard is the current President of RESSCOP ALTERNATIVE ENERGY & VACS Group, Inc. formerly known as VCS Group; Mr. Viard is an experienced senior executive with more than 26 years of experience in international business development & management, information technologies, government relations, diplomatic relations, compliance, and risk management.

He has held various positions as President/CEO of Sono Global Holdings, Resource Generale Corporation, VCS Mining, Inc, Technology Mondial, VACS Group, Inc., served as Board of Director of Morgan Creek Energy, Mainland Resources, Geneva Resources, Alaska Gold; he also served as IT Management/Consulting for PwC, Bare Escentuals, Thomas Weisel Partners, Inter-American Development Bank and many others... Mr. Viard has a master's in computer science and a Business Management degree. Mr. Viard was appointed as Good Will Economic Ambassador of the Republic of Haiti and has held such position since.





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