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# WORLD BANK GROUP AFRICA FELLOWS

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST FOR AFRICA, AFRICA REGION

### PROFILES OF THE 2021 COHORT



**AFRICA  
FELLOWSHIP  
PROGRAM  
SUMMARY**



CANDIDATE AGE  
**32**  
AND BELOW



TOTAL CANDIDATES  
**3100**

SHORTLISTED  
**123**



FELLOWS SELECTED  
**31**



FEMALES  
**14**

Launched in 2013, the World Bank Group (WBG) Africa Fellowship Program targets young and emerging African scholars who are completing or have recently completed their PhDs in an area relevant to the World Bank's work. The Fellowship program has been very successful since its inception, building a strong pipeline of young African talent interested in a career in development in international institutions, African governments, think tanks, and academia.

The program offers chosen Fellows a six-month assignment at WBG offices in Washington D.C. or in country offices to gain hands-on experience in the operations of the organization. This includes knowledge generation and dissemination, design of global and country policies, and the building of institutions to achieve inclusive growth in developing countries. While benefitting from research and innovation in multiple sectors, Fellows will also work on research, economic policy, technical assistance, and lending operations that contribute to the World Bank's goal of eliminating poverty and increasing shared prosperity.

The Chief Economist Office of the Africa Region processes the recruitment, selection, shortlisting and onboarding of the selected candidates for the various units of the World Bank Group. Matching of the shortlisted candidates within GPs' units is undertaken by representatives from the GPs and global themes within the World Bank.

### The 2021 WBG-Africa Fellows Overview:

- The 2021 cohort attracted 3100 candidates of which 123 were shortlisted as potential Fellows ready for hire, which represents candidates from 23 countries in sub-Saharan Africa.
- 31 finalists were selected, 6 of which are sponsored by the Private Sector Development (PSD) Window of the Think Africa Partnership Program and 10 funded directly by various units of the WBG including the Education, Governance, Health, Nutrition and Population, Urban, Resilience and Land Global Practice Groups and the international financial corporation (IFC).
- 14 of the Fellows are women. This represents 45.16 percent of the 2021 cohort.
- The 2021 WBG Africa Fellows come from Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa and Zambia.
- The Fellows are placed in the following Global Practices and Themes of the the World Bank Group: Education, Sustainable Development, Finance Competitiveness and Innovation, Equitable growth, Finance & Institution, Gender Group, Digital Development, Agriculture & Food, Governance, Transport, Macroeconomics, Trade & Competitiveness, Urban, Resilience, and Land, Energy & Extractives and the Office of the Chief Economist for the Africa Region.
- The Country Economics & Engagement Unit and Development Impact Modelling Unit of IFC are also hosting Fellows.



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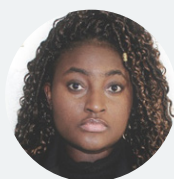
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As a WBG-Africa Fellow with the East Asia & Pacific Office, he will be working on projects focused on health financing and human capital in Vietnam and other South-East Asian countries.

Since 2019, he works as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the School of Medicine, Griffith University in Australia, leading a program of research modelling the health and economic impact of selected World Health Organization 'Best-Buy' strategies for NCD prevention in Indonesia.

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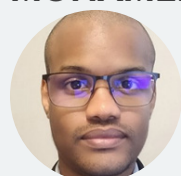
As an WBG-Africa Fellow, she is working on sev-

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As an WBG-Africa Fellow, he is involved in analytical and operational projects related to private sector jobs and economic transformation (PSJET) in the Finance Competitiveness and Innovation Global Practice.

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As a WBG-Africa Fellow, he studies the impact of institutions and regulations on the market-based competition and the private sector development in the Central African Republic in Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment GP.

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As a WBG-Africa Fellow, she is part of a team researching innovative monitoring systems, and providing technical support on the monitoring and evaluation of COVID-19 response in South Africa. She is also working on an E-learning project to strengthen the institutional capacity of public servants in Botswana and neighboring countries.

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As a WBG Fellow, Armel is currently working on the project for the development of inclusive and resilient cities in Cameroon (PDVIR), with the aim of improving living conditions and access to basic infrastructure in seven cities, as well as a major urban mobility project that will provide the city of Douala with some 30 kilometers of BRT. Resilience to climate risks is a particularly challenging aspect to be considered in both projects.

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As a WBG-Africa Fellow, she is working on contributing to the Human Capital Diagnostic in Kenya, focusing on governance and institutional constraints to health and nutrition services and outcomes at national and county levels. She is also working on contributing to operations regarding strengthening governance and institutions to deliver services in health and related sectors, in eastern and southern Africa.

Before her current Ph.D. position at Université de Strasbourg (France) and Strathmore University (Kenya), she completed a Masters Programme in Innovation and Research Development at Université Paris Sud (France), and a BSc. Biochemistry from the University of Nairobi (Kenya).

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