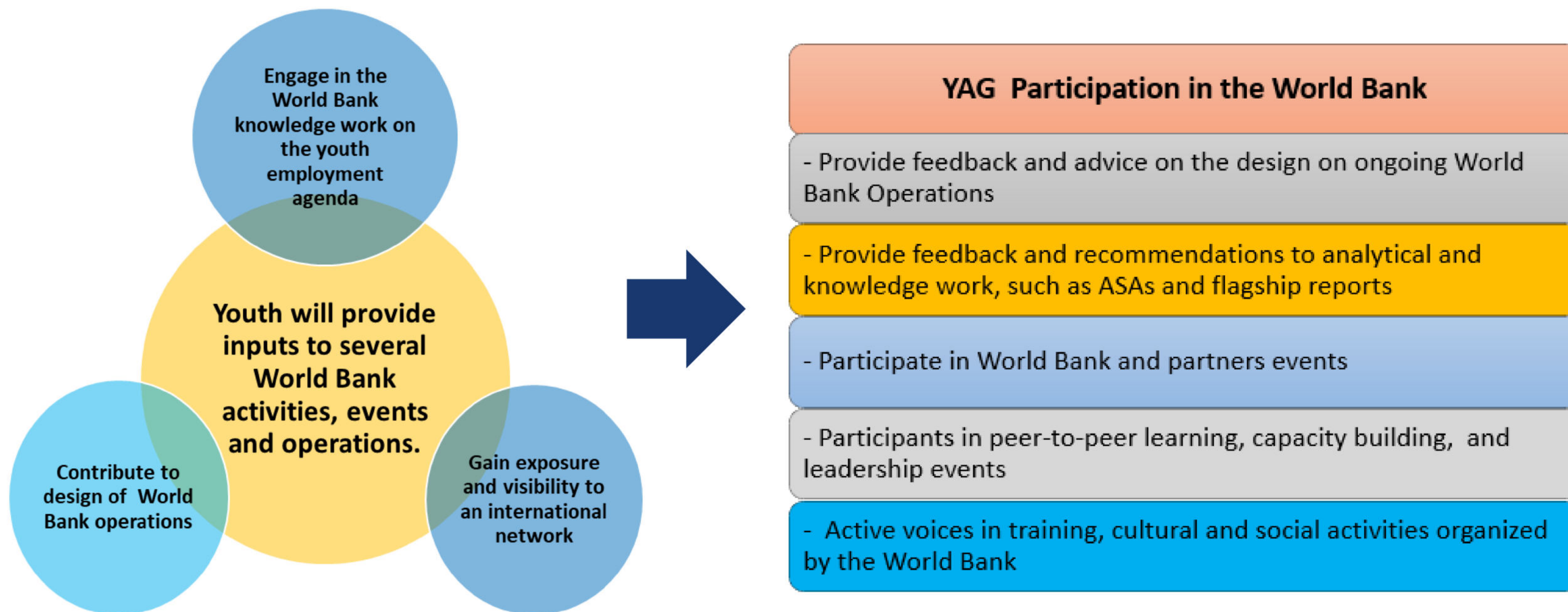


Youth Advisory Group (YAG)



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At S4YE, we believe that to tackle youth unemployment, young people must have a more significant say in the policies that directly affect them. If any World Bank team in any Global Practice would like to engage with youth, S4YE would be happy to facilitate such conversations!!



S4YE Youth Advisory Group (YAG)

Scaling up the YAG from 30 members to 120+ youth leaders from 65+ countries!



Special thank you to our panelists!!

1. Miranda Page, Director of Strategic Communications, **Youth Business International (YBI)**
2. Marija Vasileva-Blazev, Special Adviser, **Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, United Nations**
3. Elie Mandela, Elie Mandela, Youth Engagement Lead, Pan-African Programs, **Mastercard Foundation**

The new 2023 S4YE YAG Cohort

Key stats on nominations, organizations and countries reached.

120 YAG SELECTED

youth leaders selected as part of the S4YE YAG 2023 cohort



COUNTRIES 65+



Low and middle-income countries are represented by the 2023 YAG cohort

50+ ORGANIZATIONS

organizations nominated young leaders



140+ NOMINATIONS

bright youth leaders and advocates were nominated from across the world.



2023 S4YE YAG – Nominating Organizations

We received nominations from 50+ organizations - multi-lateral agencies including multiple World Bank teams, grassroots NGOs, philanthropies, private sector companies, youth groups, and government agencies.



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J-WEL

Abdul Latif Jameel World Education Lab



Solidaridad

J.P.Morgan



Save the Children.



The S4YE team actively is engaging with the YAG core working group to get strategic advice, review inputs and feedback, and design programs and activities for the YAG 2023 cohort.





S4YE Youth Advisory Group (YAG) 2023-24 Cohort





**ESLAM ABO
ALHAWA**

**Co-founder, EduPass
Syria/Lebanon**

“On a mission to create new pathways for refugees to access education and meaningful employment”





**ISHEANESU
NIGEL MISI**

**Software Engineer,
Solidaridad Network
Zimbabwe**

“Supporting farmers through sustainable initiatives, such as the Open Farmer Platform -a web application that allows different organizations share farmer data and avoid replicating interventions in the same area”



**SHWETHA SHREE
RAJENDRAN**

Founder, She As A Virago India

“On a mission to create sustainable ventures that address societal issues. Currently, working towards women's and children's welfare”



ASMA BANNOURI

**Orange Digital Center
Deployment Manager /
Digital Inclusion Advocate
Tunisia/Morocco**

“Working towards creating an ecosystem dedicated to strengthening the digital skills of youth to boost their employability. Also supporting and investing in innovative projects and startups in 17 countries in the Middle East and Africa region.”



**ÁNGELA ISABELLA
PÉREZ REYES**

Impact Development Changemaker, Mexico

“Dedicated to bridging massive financing gaps in emerging economies by mobilizing assets toward key areas such as housing, climate, infrastructure, gender equality, and SMEs, all of which are critical for building long-term, sustainable, and inclusive economic growth.”



**ALOK CHANDRA
PRAKASH**

**Founder , Gram Chetna Andolan
India**

“An entrepreneur and community organizer trying to nurture local leadership and build local constituencies around issues such as climate crisis, economic inequality and polarization. Led a community effort to transform village schools and set up an experimental commune around radical urban community life.”



**NAPHTANA-ZIAH
PHILIPPE**

CEO and Co-Founder, Kaûna Haiti

“Change-maker driven by a passion for waste reduction. Engaging in the transformation of high-value agricultural products, resulting in jobs for youth and small-scale producers. She strives to integrate technology to establish a more sustainable agricultural logistics in her community in Haiti.”



**KATYA ANDREL
PÉREZ ROEL**

**Social Impact Strategist & DEI
enthusiast
Mexico**

“Building strategic alliances in the manufacturing sector that have the potential to shape more resilient, circular, and environmentally conscious societies.”



MARÍA SOL PELÚ

Specialized Attorney in Public Administration and Sustainability Argentina

“A lawyer with a focus on Public International Law and Administrative Law, working toward sustainable public procurement. Supported in implementing public procurement practices with value, with the aim of achieving greater social inclusion.”



MILAGROS MENNA

Social Development Initiatives Leader, Argentina

“Works with local communities to promote a fair, equitable, and sustainable value chains. She focuses on promoting multi-stakeholder dialogues, supporting families in the implementation of climate-smart agricultural practices, and promoting inclusive technical assistance practices to engage communities.”



AYAN KEYNAN

**Founder - Technier School,
Innovation and Education
Advocate, Kenya**

“Works towards upskilling students and young professionals to bridge the gap between the labor force and the market. Her initiatives finding internships for unemployed youth, and training youth on emerging technologies and entrepreneurship.”



**ABDULLAH KAREEM
AL-WARIKAT**

**Environmental Activist
Specialist
Jordan**

“Committed to environmental conservation. Participated in increasing green areas through incentive campaigns, and campaigns to reduce smoke emissions. Currently working on food waste recycling in the rural areas of Jordan ”



**VALERIA MARTÍNEZ
LÓPEZ**

Cemex Ventures Analyst Mexico

“Shaping the digital and communication strategy at Cemex's first startup accelerator - the Leaplab Acceleration Program. Contributes her creative expertise towards designing communication initiatives to advance smart innovations.”



KAUSHIK RAVI

Climate Changemaker India

“Leveraging technology to solve environmental and climate challenges. Built an automatic water overflow controller using sensors to save 3000 liters of water every month in each household. Currently developing a Tree Data Management and Analysis App to help individuals and communities track and protect their local tree cover.”



**LILIANA MARIA
ARAÚJO CRUZ**

Decarb Investment Analyst Spain

“Driven by a strong passion for tackling climate change and driving energy transition. Currently engaged in supporting Cemex Ventures, the open innovation platform and corporate venture arm of heavy building materials company Cemex, in their decarbonization endeavors.”



**BETELEHIM SEYOUM
TESFAYE**

Founder and CEO, Helen Coffee, Ethiopia

“Building Helen Coffee, a coffee roasting company that works directly with 750 Ethiopian small-scale coffee farmers to provide hand-craft coffee for local and international markets. Helen Coffee launched its recycled packaging business, recycling wine bottles to packing jars, creating jobs for 500 youths directly and indirectly.”



**SIMBI WAVINYA
ANZAYA**

Gender Specialist Kenya

“A gender specialist whose focus is social inclusion, youth employment, and the creation of economic opportunities for disadvantaged populations. Led IFC's Women in Renewable Energy in Africa Network to connect young African women in the renewable energy sector to mentors and employment opportunities.”



**NATASHA
KATONDWAKI**

**Co-Founder, Waape &
Tech Enthusiast
Uganda**

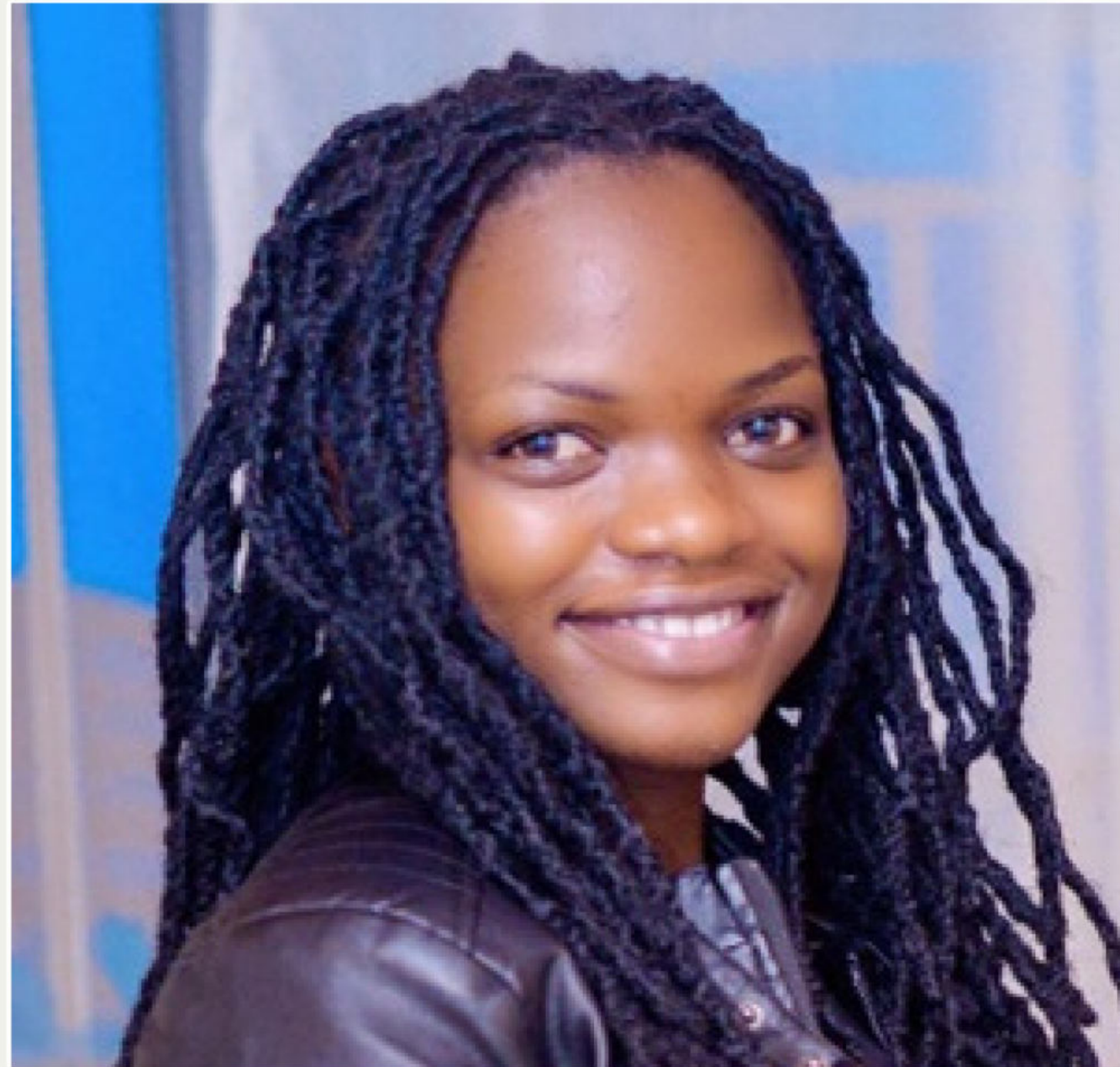
“Co-founder and Team Lead at Waape, a talent matching HR tech startup that matches African talent to roles in and beyond Africa.”



**EMMANUEL VICTOR
KATAMBALA**

Founder, Skillforge Tanzania

“Skillforge's primary aim is to instill confidence and proficiency in technology among young people. At Solidaridad South Africa, he played a pivotal role in developing the tools for assessing and enhancing the climate resilience of small-scale farmers.”



ALICE UWERA

Designer & Youth Advocate, Rwanda

“Serving as a Designer at YLabs based in Rwanda, where she facilitates the Kijana Nahodha Accelerator Program, empowering a diverse cohort of youth-led organizations with tools and knowledge to incubate their innovative ideas into scalable solutions that effectively address challenges faced by youth in Tanzania.”



**ROPAFADZO
SANDRA SHOKO**

StartUpBae, Legal & Incubation Manager, Zimbabwe

“Specializes in the StartUp space, working closely with young entrepreneurs and innovators to transform their ideas into profitable ventures. Aims to create an equity-free fund and is developing the first Zimbabwean StartUp database in pursuit of building a supportive ecosystem for SMEs.”



**ANA FATIMA GUADALUPE
BAUTISTA DIAZ**

Rights Humans Enthusiast, Argentina

“Working of the Ministry of Human Development and Habitat of Argentina leading economic integration projects for vulnerable entrepreneurs. Part of the team that first implemented the Public Procurement Program, which seeks to develop tools for government areas to incorporate entrepreneurs and cooperatives as suppliers.”



**DENNIS AHARI
AYISI OTU**

Founder of DeNiCE Probiotic Yoghurt, Ghana

“DeNice Probiotic Yoghurt seeks to provide high-quality yoghurt to promote the health and wellbeing people, especially children and adolescents by offering the products at affordable prices. Dennis is also deeply engaged in the development of a rooftop garden for Solidaridad West Africa.”



**MARTA VANIA
UETELA**

Industrial Designer & Founder of BioMec Mozambique

“BioMec is a multi award studio that designs and builds prosthetics and wheelchairs based in plastic (PET bottles and nylon fishnets) collected from the sea. By doing so, BioMec reduces plastic pollution also also create a circular economy that benefits coastal communities.”



GARY LAYN

Writer & Behaviour Change Communications Specialist Rwanda

“A published writer and a specialist in social and behaviour change communications, working at Girl Effect and YLabs. Passionate about collaborating with young people, drawing on their insights to tackle their most pressing challenges and to amplify their voices through powerful narratives.”



ZUNAIRA ALI

Youth Leader Pakistan

“Focused on engaging youth groups from around the world via YouthLead, which is designed for young changemakers to make a positive impact in their community through service, activism, advocacy, education, and entrepreneurship.”



**ESTHER MAZIRA
MAGAMBO**

**Co-founder She Can (I'm a
SHERO) & Footballer
Kenya**

“A devoted social entrepreneur and community advocate serving SHE CAN (I'm a SHERO), which advocates for better terms of engagement for girls in sports, and seeks to inspire young girls from grassroots to be the best version they can through training and mentorship.”



RIYAM AL-ZUHAIRI

Youth Advocate Iraq/Canada

“Departing Iraq due to the civil war and threats rooted in religious discrimination, Riyam completed high school upon relocating to Jordan. An advocate for education for refugees, she is working on leveraging AI to create a platform to connect top cybersecurity programmers with employment opportunities.”



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**MOSES WAKABU
WAWERU**

Persons with Disabilities (PwD) Champion, Kenya

“Leads disability mainstreaming campaigns by facilitating Disability Mainstreaming Programmes in the Public and Private Sector to inspire and embrace the Principal of Universal Design and Reasonable Accommodation, and create an atmosphere that accelerates the needs and aspirations of PWDs.”



SIMON SÄLLSTRÖM

**Co-Founder, DirectEd
Development Foundation
Sweden/Kenya/Ethiopia**

“DirectEd is a non-profit dedicated to nurturing high-potential students in Kenya and Ethiopia in coding and entrepreneurship. 50% of their bootcamp graduates, who hadn't written a single line of code just six months ago, have now secured remote paid internships with Western tech firms”



**BRIAN MURITHI
NDIRITU**

Digital Content Officer Disabilities Advocate, Kenya

“Brian is deeply committed to promoting disability inclusion and economic empowerment. He is currently spearheading the development of a groundbreaking financial literacy platform through gaming - a visionary approach to financial education, serving as a potent tool for upskilling youths, preparing them for success in the gig economy.”



ABDELLAH AOUF

Founder & CEO at GO PLATFORM, Algeria

“GO Platform is an AI and data-driven recruitment and skills assessment platform serving the Middle East and North Africa region, enabling young people to showcase their skills, find job opportunities, and receive targeted training. GO PLATFORM has partnered with over 100 employers to enhance their recruitment and training practices.”



**AUNG SING HLA
MARMA**

Youth Climate Advocate, Bangladesh

“An agriculturist working as a crop scientist at the Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture (BINA) and doing research to improve farming system and sustainability on hill tract areas. Also works towards raising awareness on climate action and ensuring climate justice for youth in indigenous communities.”



**DANA NAIM
ABDELHADI**

Youth Advocate and Leader Palestine

“Works in the first Palestinian youth Employment Development Impact Bond (DIB), the first World-Bank results-based youth Employment program, working on generating employment opportunities for youth. Her voice represents not only her own experiences but also the aspirations of countless young people striving for better opportunities worldwide.”



**MUGISHA BORIS
NAHABWE**

Co founder & Chief of Operations, Tubayo Uganda

“Boris is a driving force behind Tubayo, an online marketplace that empowers youth to monetize their skills, passions, and talents, contributing to the reduction of youth unemployment in Uganda.”



**AHIMBISIBWE
PRUDENCE**

Software Engineer & AI Enthusiast, Uganda

“Her mission is to create a world where both physical and mental well-being are accessible to everyone. Helped build the Solace App, which focuses on two main features: Meditation and Therapy. The app was tested through prototypes at universities and secondary schools across Kenya.”



**EMILY OTOO-
QUAYSON**

STEM Researcher & Digital Marketer, Ghana

“A creative marketer with a strong commitment to environmental sustainability. She engineered a zero cooling chamber storage system to combat post-harvest losses for market women, which was recognized as the “best research work at the African Research Academy for Women.”



**DR. TSEDENIA
WORKU**

**CEO - Fargo Education,
Co-founder - Lelije Vehicle
Ethiopia**

“Lelije Vehicle is on a mission to redefine the school transportation experience for parents and students through an innovative platform. At Fargo Education, she works towards revolutionizing learning through a digital platform, fostering accessible and progressive education.”



RAMI KEMAL

CEO - Fargo Education
Director - Lelije Vehicle
Ethiopia

“At Fargo Education, Rami is helping pioneer digital learning, making education accessible and innovative. Lelije Vehicle is working to transform the conventional school transportation system. Through these startups, his goal is: to create opportunities, empower the youth, and bring about positive change..”



**EMMANUEL
FORE**

Tech and Ag Enthusiast Zimbabwe

“Instrumental in spearheading the Farm Impact Project, an innovative initiative developed by Solidaridad Southern Africa. In his role as the Lead Developer, he has played a pivotal role in developing the tools for assessing and enhancing the climate resilience of small-scale farmers ”



**MD. SHAKIL
HOSSEN**

Climate and Youth Champion, Bangladesh

“Team leader of the Green Youth Led Innovation Lab, a one stop digital platform to protect the environment where user, recycler, up cycler, buyer would be in one chain, in which users can sell their sustainable E-waste digitally and offline.”



**ROUA ISRAA
ADEL**

Co-founder and General Director, Aquayate, Algeria

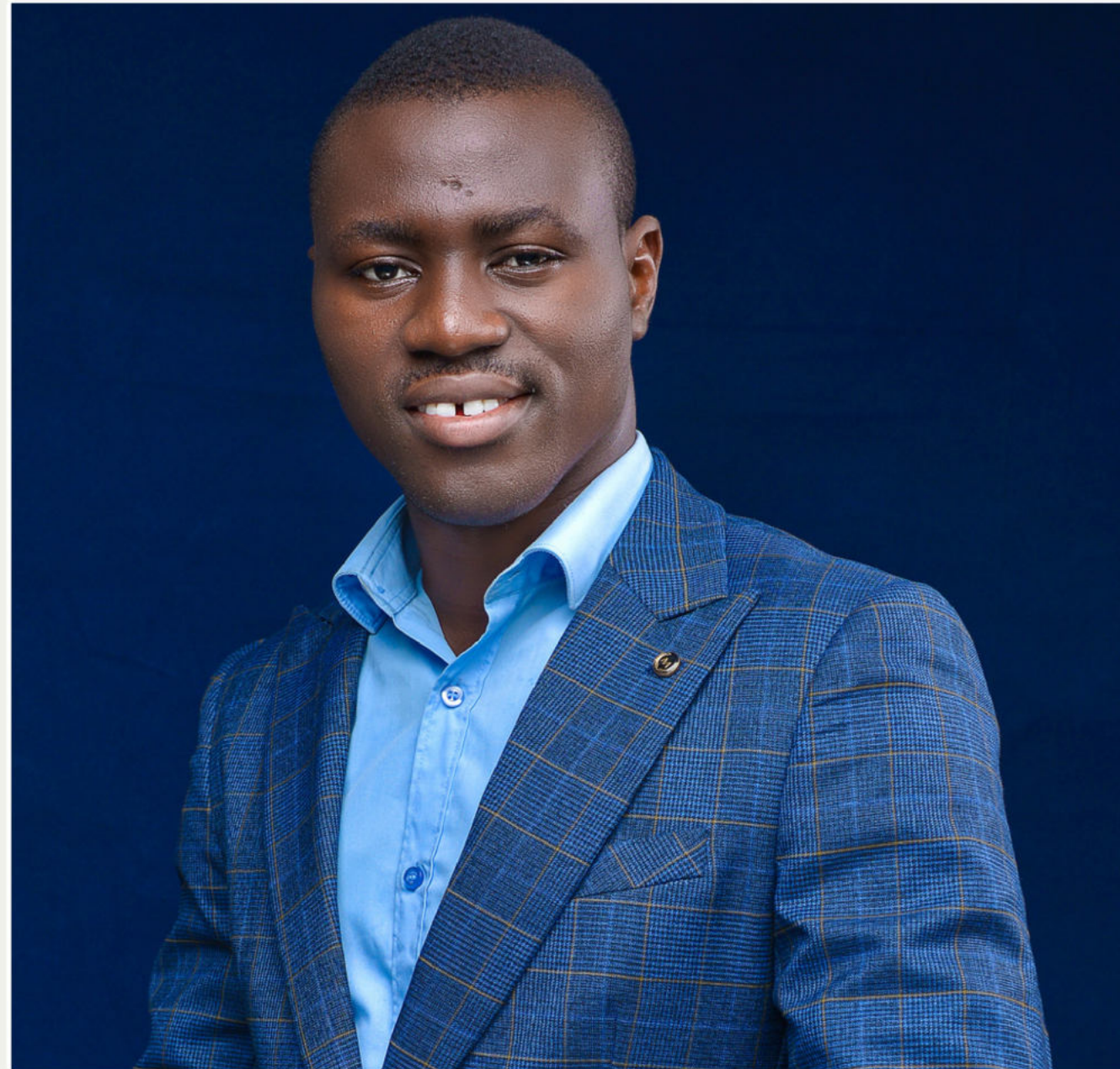
“At Aquayate, Roua works to address the economic challenges in Béchar, Algeria, through spirulina cultivation. This project, aimed at women homemakers, is a transformative tool for community upliftment and introduces cutting-edge techniques such as closed-system production and IoT remote control to ensure growth and sustainability.”



**ROUDHOTUL ESA
MAHARANI**

Climate and Youth Champion, Indonesia

“Esa’s work focuses on preventing violence and child marriage, and intensive education on sexual and reproductive health, including discussions on gender differences, recognizing violence against children and women, understanding reproductive information, and learning about the consequences of child marriage. The program includes educational film competitions and inspirational dialogues addressing issues related to violence and child marriage.”



**EFU KOFFI YOMKO
ANSELME**

CEO, Les Femmes Du Coco, Togo

“The COVID 19 health crisis and the Ukraine war created food insecurity & inflation around the world, during when the price of imported vegetable oil doubled in Togo. Les femmes du coco was set up as a women cooperative to transform coconuts into natural vegetable oil and make oil affordable to all.”



RHODA ESSIEN

Women in STEAM Activist Antigua & Barbuda

“Rhoda is on a mission to break barriers in STEM and healthcare. She is a Youth Parliamentarian for the National Youth Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda, where she amplifies the voices of young people and advocates for policies that shape a brighter tomorrow.”



**OLAJIDE BABATOMIWA
OJENIYI**

Founder, Afrimart Kenya/Nigeria

“Olajide founded Afrimart, an e-commerce platform focused on the exportation and distribution of farm produce, agro-allied products, African antiques and crafts, including traditional music instruments and artifacts. His vision is to boost the incomes of local craftswomen and rural women farmers.”



**JOHN JUNIOUR
MUCHINGAMI**

Inventor, Entrepreneur and Writer, Zimbabwe

“John is an entrepreneur, a published author and a multi-award winning inventor. He designed and invented many devices, including a solar stove, an engine monitor and an intelligent electronic safe. Currently, he is involved in small scale custom milling of mineral ores. As a writer, he recently published a poetry anthology book which covers topics such as romance, motivation, heartbreak, and philosophy.”



MICHAELA SAMANTA

Researcher & Entrepreneur Indonesia

“Committed to the fight against rising temperatures and food insecurity due to global warming by leading a research on heat-stress-resistant crops and improving yields. Also co-founded a tech start up that prioritizes circularity and achieving net-zero waste and carbon emission to confront the environmental impact of the fast fashion industry.”



MANASI GUPTA

Founder, Huesofthemind Foundation, India

“A social entrepreneur and engineer, Manasi is working on revolutionizing mental health services through Huesofthemind Foundation, positively impacting the lives of over young individuals and earning recognition from multiple organisations worldwide including, USAID, Grand Challenges Canada, the Diana Award and more. She is also a TEDx speaker.”



DIMA BUSTAMI

Youth Advocate, Palestine

“Plans, organizes and coordinates training activities and programs that aim to equip young people in joining the job market and minimize the gap between youth unemployment and businesses in need of trained, qualified talent. Also coordinated social transformation and good governance workshops for youth and women from marginalized areas in the West Bank and Gaza.”



ROSE POKA

Youth Advocate & Changemaker, Kenya

“Inspired by a rising number of teenage pregnancies and school dropouts in her community, Rose started a programme to mentor and train young people on life and technical skills that can be translated into entrepreneurial ventures and financial independence. She uses the Designed Ingenuity model to educate young learners - allowing them to wonder, wander, be curious and bring out their creative genius.”



**VIVENS
UWIZEYIMANA**

Founder & CEO, Umurava Rwanda

“Umurava is a Rwandan-based Edtech and HRTech startup on a mission to build and match Africa's large workforce of digital talents with companies focusing on in-demand skills for the digital economy such as digital media & marketing, research & data, and disruptive technology.”



**BRYAN FRANCO
SARATI**

Data-driven Designer & Tech Advocate, Colombia

“Bryan believes that data and digital technology are essential for efficient public policy and social interventions. He is the founder of twodata journalism platforms and has been a member of the USAID’s Digital Youth Council, where he advocates for the use of emerging technologies to mitigate misinformation and digital harm.”



ANOUSHKA SINHA

Human Rights Activist India

“Anoushka continues to empower youth globally through mentorship, peer-to-peer learning and skills training. She launched the ‘My Letter, My Voice’ campaign that allows youth to write letters to world leaders. The letters are collated and presented at global forums including the biggest climate event - COP28.”



**LAURA CUNHA
GOTTSCHALL**

Youth Advocate Brazil

“Laura led projects to equip youth with job market skills, to promote civic education, and foster connections between youth, schools, and businesses to reduce dropout rates. As an active member of Global Shapers, she has been helping develop a training program to prepare university students with AI skills.”



**LUCÍA FARIDE
HIDALGO VIACAVA**

Gender and Social Inclusion Advocate, Peru

“Leading strategies to mainstream gender and social inclusion approaches in Peru’s Solidaridad Network. Responsible for designing, implementing and monitoring projects to improve smallholder families’ livelihoods in agriculture, livestock and mining value chains, while mitigating their climate impact.”



**ALEXANDER KEVIN
DANIEL SAMARA**

Founder, RAMAHIJA Indonesia

“Ramahija is a social enterprise that empowers indigenous communities in Timor Island, Indonesia. Products are sourced in ways that respect the environment and indigenous communities. Sustainable practices are used in the production process by using environmentally friendly materials to reduce waste and lower the carbon footprint.”



**IRENE CLEMENTINA
ESQUIVEL HERMOSILLA**

Anticorruption Activist Paraguay

“Irene promotes the participation of youth in social audits of local governments on the use of public resources for schools. This resulted in an increase of public investment in the neediest schools, the development of effective civic-technological solutions in education; and the reforming of national public policies alone with key ministries.”



PRANAY DASARI

Youth Leader, India

“College Accel has been launched to create necessary support systems to nudge students to actively participate in their environments/context to improve their career outcomes. The org. engaging in buddy programs, interactive games, meet-ups, and individual sessions, where students can learn about different career paths, network with different individuals, and get personalised advice..”



**NEKESA STEPHANIE
WAMALWA**

Youth Leader, Kenya

“Nekesa leads the youth engagement work at Planned Parenthood Global. This includes the implementation of the Billi Now Now! movement in the West and East African region to leverage technology to empower young people to adopt positive steps towards embracing their sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and advocate for their rights.”



**FRANCIS
ODHIAMBO**

**Founder, ChezaCheza (Dance)
Mission Foundation, Kenya**

“Francis is an award-winning youth leader who was born and raised in one of the largest slums in Kenya known as Kibera. He found his voice in dance and started to give children in his community what he lacked growing up – a safe space to express yourself and guidance from a mentor, a chance to dream again and reach your full potential.”



**SMRITHI
RANNORE**

Youth Changemaker & Author, India

“Smrithi Rannore's initiated "Mind Matters," which focused on mental health awareness, destigmatization, and support systems. Through Mind Matters, Smrithi strives to create a space where people can openly discuss their mental health challenges, receive education, and find the support they need”



**KASOZI
NOAH**

CEO & Founder, Kulima's Dry Foods Point, Uganda

“Leading a forestry- based Agro-ecology food enterprise that uses interactive data collection and farmer species mapping "To Identify, Conserve, and Regenerate Neglected Underutilized crop species prone to extinction" and ensure that indigenous people households have food to sustain themselves.”



**SAWSAN
ABDUL-JALIL**

Entrepreneur & Researcher, Sudan

“Deeply committed to bridging the gap between academia and real-world economic challenges, Sawsan established Sudanese Women Economists Association (SWEA) to address the prevailing gender gap in the participation of women economists in Sudan's policy and academic spheres.”



PRIYAL AGRAWAL

Founder and CEO, StandWeSpeak, India

“Social entrepreneur, gender equality advocate, podcast host, and Certified Sexuality Educator driven by the mission to provide millennials and GenZ with easy access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health information and resources, enabling them to make informed decisions about their bodies, relationships, and lives.”



**TANMAY
NAG**

Co-Founder and CEO, Enveave, India

“On a mission to unite communities for environmental action and bridge the critical gaps between environmental projects, experts, volunteers, and funders. He previously built two social communities: one focused on developing social-ed-tech programs for people with disabilities, and another aggregating college resources to promote free knowledge access for economically marginalized students.”



**LOUANGE
AKOSSIWA KOFFI**

Registered Nurse & Youth Advocate, Togo/Ghana

“With a special focus on refugee girls and marginalised communities, Louange’s dedication is driven by one vision: a world where access to quality healthcare and education is a universal right. Louange served as a UNFPA Youth Leaders Fellow and currently serves as a valued member of the Refugee Education Council.”



**YAYO
VUNI**

Youth Advocate Sudan/Canada

“Yayo is passionate about raising awareness of refugee rights in Canada and globally. Yayo works to address pressing issues pertaining to mental health and the challenges faced by South Sudanese youth in Canada, addressing intergenerational gaps as well as the experiences of fragility, conflict and violence associated with migration and (re)settlement.”



MOHAMED BRICK

Public Policy Researcher Morocco

“Mohamed Brick helped develop The Public Policy Lab at the Policy Center for the New South - a dynamic space for collaborative policy analysis, focusing on innovation and inclusivity by bridging the gap between policymakers and those directly affected by development challenges.”



ZHIJUN HE

Economist and Entrepreneur, China/USA

“Zhijun founded the SeeSALT Inclusive Financial Consulting Program, which provides mentoring and skills training to underserved groups in Asia, Ethiopia, and beyond to start businesses and, increase incomes, and access opportunities. Currently, SeeSALT is part of the Clinton Global Initiative.”



**MARÍA DEL
ROSARIO COSTA**

Urban Development Specialist, Argentina

“Rosario worked on urbanization projects led by the Government of the City of Buenos Aires, playing a key role in stimulating the economic development of the neighborhood's inhabitants. Among its most outstanding achievements are formalization of businesses, the implementation of training and job exchange programs, and the promotion of financial inclusion.



**ISABELLA
QUEIROZ PAES**

Entrepreneur & Equal Rights Activist, Brazil

“Isabella applies technology to support the development of young professionals. She leads Feel Print 3D, which offers workshops and courses in electronics, coding, innovation and Maker culture. She was also selected to be one of the first women to become a leader inside the motorsport competition Formula SAE.”



**VICTORIA ANDREA
PAVIOTTI**

Urban Development Advocate, Argentina

“Victoria is deeply involved in the urbanization and integration project of “Villa 31”, the main informal settlement in the Government of the City of Buenos Aires. She works towards resolving urban issues such as informal settlements, housing deficit and homeless people, and informal employment.”



JOMANA

O. ABUNAHLA

Youth & Gender Equality Activist, Palestine

“Jomana is an activist dedicated to advocating for women, people with disabilities, and children's rights. Through work with The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy MIFTAH, she is responsible to document human rights violations against women and girls in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.”



**MARTIN
TUMUSIIME**

Founder and CEO, Yo-Waste Limited, Uganda

“Martin has been working in the waste industry in Africa, leading Yo-Waste Limited - applying tech skills to create new solutions for managing waste. His goal is to make Yo-Waste the biggest waste management company in Africa and make a positive impact on the environment and communities.”



**JOHAN SEBASTIÁN
CHÁVEZ MOSQUERA**

Social Entrepreneur Colombia

“Johan is a rural youth, farmer and social entrepreneur. Johan is co-founder of BEFLY, an organization committed to transforming organic waste into high-quality animal feed using insects. He also is founded BLUECROPS, an organization focused on implementation of digital and technological tools in agriculture.”



**IBRAHIM BABAY
ELDIGEL HUSSIN**

Economic Researcher and Development Practitioner Sudan

“Ibrahim's career is characterized by a blend of consultancy experience at both private and government levels. His work serves as a foundation for policymaking that supports marginalized communities, fosters sustainable development, and youth empowerment.”



**PASCO
TWINAMASIKO**

Climate Champion Uganda

“Pasco works on climate change, livelihood improvement, green job creation through the biodiversity conservation on Ekyishanga wetland and the wetland eco-tourism project. He is a focal contact point for the world wetland network in Uganda, and also a member on the executive committee of Youth Engaged in Wetland (YEW) a global network for young people engaged in wetland conservation.”



**WEVYN
MUGANDA**

Global Youth Advocate Kenya

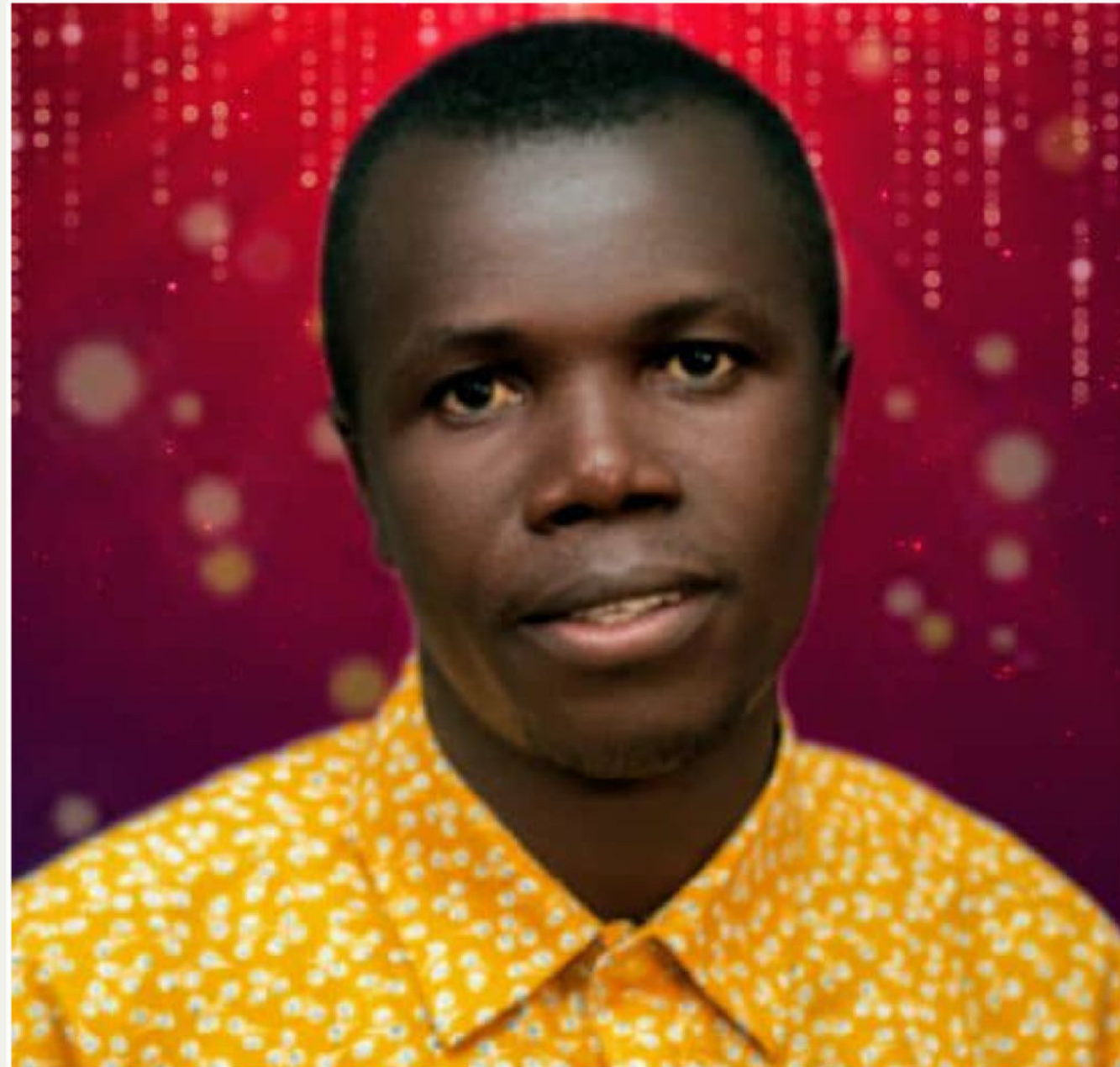
“With extensive experience in peacebuilding, youth inclusion and engagement, movement building, gender equality, and digital technologies, Wevyn’s work focuses on translating complex policies and concepts into actionable practices for diverse audiences.”



**EMERALD
AKHAUMERE**

AI Enthusiast, Founder Afrotechxcel, Nigeria

“Emerald serves as a Women Techmakers (WTM) Ambassador at Google, advocating for diversity and inclusion in the tech industry. She is also a Global Ambassador for the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), championing women's progress in engineering. She founded AfroTechXcel, a non-profit dedicated to training and mentoring young girls in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.”



**AIAH EMMANUEL
GBORIE**

Founder & Climate Advocate Sierra Leone

“Aiah leads the Yormatah Youth Farmers Association (YYFA), with the objective of promoting sustainable livelihood, employment and empowerment of rural young people in a region traditionally dominated by the mining industry. YYFA embraces an integrated Climate Smart Agriculture approach, where youth are trained on sustainable and innovative agriculture practices.”



**KHATIRA ABDUL
SAMAD**

Refugee & Climate Advocate Afghanistan/Pakistan

“Khatira is an Afghan refugee who is an advocate for refugee education and inclusion. She serves as a council member in the Refugee Education Council of Canada, advising the Canadian government on refugee education policies. She works with UNHCR to fulfill pledges made at the Global Refugee Forum. An active climate activist, she serves as an International Youth Climate Delegate for COP28.”



**DANIELLE
MULLINGS**

Digital Transformation Enthusiast, Jamaica

“Danielle aspires to become a world leader in technological representation for the Caribbean and Latin America. Danielle works with UNICEF Jamaica, leading the rollout of a chatbot to teach life and job-readiness skills to out-of-school youth. In addition, Danielle is deeply invested in media and communications, having hosted the popular TV series "GenZed" and produced documentaries that aim to preserve cultural identity.”



VICTOR AYEGBA

Wikipedia Founder - Earth Charter Youth Leader, Nigeria

“Wikipedia was started with an aim of promoting the teaching of sustainable development in 16 public schools in the Kano and Kaduna regions of Nigeria. To date, the program raised awareness among 1,460 young people aged 6 to 15, 46% of these learners are girls, reg. the environmental and climate challenges they face.”



**FRATERIN VITALIS
SHAYO**

Music Teacher at Daraja Music Initiative, Tanzania

“Fraterin was forced to migrate to Tanzania from Kenya, and joined Daraja Music to help bridge music and conservation education. He loves music, and instills drive, discipline, and a sense of curiosity in his students. In addition, Fraterin leads the plantings conservation project mobilizing youth from the local Kilimanjaro area schools.”



**STEFFON
LEWIS**

Digital Transformation Analyst, Trinidad/Tobago

“Steffon works at the Ministry of Digital Transformation and has a keen interest in Data and Internet Governance. He is a member of the CARICOM Digital Skills task force mandated to promote and encourage digital skills and literacy along with increasing the awareness of digital privacy and security.”



AZAM RAHMAN

Social Entrepreneur Brunei Darussalam

“Azam Rahman is leading a social enterprise to address access to e-commerce and improve economic opportunities for micro-vendors in South Asia. Azam is also working on a sustainable agriculture project that will be the first commercial plantation for several orchid species in Brunei. 100% youth-lead and supported by the Brunei Government, this project attempts to be a proof of principle for youth-led sustainable agriculture in Brunei.”



**AUGUSTINE
MARTIN**

Entrepreneur & Public Speaker, Sierra Leone

“Augustine leads The Anti-Glossophobia Academy, where he empowers individuals to conquer their fear of public speaking and master effective communication. Augustine also hosts the TV Series "Quest the Anti-Glossophobia," and is a passionate advocate and Ambassador for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals SDGs, actively promoting social and environmental sustainability.”



THATO MOKWEBO

Social Entrepreneur South Africa

“Thato is a cinematographer, drone pilot and philanthropist that runs a soup kitchen feeding over 700 people daily. His aims to alleviate poverty that many of his peers and community have to endure on the daily, especially in his community. Thato also runs vertical farming to help in these townships with food and sustainence.”



**BALIQEES
SALAUDEEN-IBRAHIM**

Entrepreneur & Climate Activist, Nigeria

“Baliqees established Green Republic Farms that helps empower women and youth break systemic barriers related to poverty, gender inequality, food insecurity, and climate change. As a member of the 2023 Global Centre on Adaptation’s Youth Advisory Panel and a Youth Fellow with the Climate Change High-level Champions, she continues to amplify her voice and expertise in the global climate action.”



**DONALD ANDRÉS
ARRIETA NÚÑEZ**

Sustainable Development Advisor, Costa Rica

“Donald is the youth representative to the Economic and Social Advisory Council of Costa Rica. He co-led the organization of the first National Youth Meeting "A world for all ages", bringing together young people who managed to reach significant agreements the 2030 agenda and framework. The meeting generated recommendations for both the UN system and Costa Rican governmental institutions.



**NONSIKELELO
NKOMO**

Climate Innovation, Champion, Zimbabwe

“Nonsi works as a Climate Innovation Associate where she focused on developing climate adaptation and mitigation strategies to increase the resilience of vulnerable smallholder farmers across Southern Africa.

Nonsi is a 2021 BLUM Development Finance Fellow from the Milken Innovation Centre in Israel.”



**CHRISTIAN BAOBAB
MUKANIRWA**

Storyteller & Refugee Advocate, Democratic Republic of Congo/Kenya

“Christian actively engages with various organizations, individuals, and communities in and around the Kakuma refugee camps. He founded "The Refugee Uplift Network," a platform that empowers refugee storytellers to raise awareness and foster a deeper understanding of the critical issues facing displaced populations and refugees worldwide.”



**TINASHE
MACMILLAN GOKO**

Tech Changemaker Zimbabwe

“Tinashe works with his colleagues in Matabeleland, a marginalised region in Zimbabwe, where he contributed to the development of Jotter education app, an online and offline education application that helps students study and get school notes, mental health services and school registration even in the most remote rural locations in the country.”



**TAIMOOR
SIDDIQUI**

Climate and Youth Advocate, Pakistan

“Taimoor founded Project Clean-Green - an award-winning youth led project on Transformative Climate Education (TCE) and Awareness. Through his climate advocacy & activism, he has trained & engaged with thousands of youth leaders (especially girls) to bring sustainable change at the grassroots level. He also served UNDP, UNFCCC, and other organizations.”



**AMINA GHALIB
BINTALIB**

Sustainability Champion & Social Entrepreneur UK/ Yemen

“Amina founded Plastic Bricks - a social enterprise specializing in upcycling plastic into bricks used in the construction industry. She works with locals to source plastic bottles and recycles them, and then sells her finished products to sustainable architecture projects. She is also part of the Arab Youth Sustainable Development Network.”



**MEROYI
OLAOLUWASUBOMI
VICTOR**

Youth Changemaker Nigeria

“Olaoluwasubomi serves as a volunteer secretary to Sabmer charity and Empowerment Foundation - an NGO that works with youth to advocate for gender equality and women empowerment through entrepreneurship and environmental efforts.”



**PHELIX
OWINY**

Vitiligo Champion Kenya

“Phelix is a Kenyan youth vitiligo model who works with Royal Patches, an organization that enables those living with vitiligo - a rare skin condition which results in loss of melanin, thrive in the modelling industry. Phelix has been able to build a network which nurtures the talents of those with Vitiligo through modelling, dance, acting, and arts.”

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