MS. AMINA J. MOHAMMED
Deputy Secretary-General

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed was Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from November 2015 to December 2016, where she steered the country’s efforts on climate action, protecting the natural environment and conserving resources for sustainable development. Prior to this, she served as Special Adviser to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Post-2015 Development Planning, where she was instrumental in bringing about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals. Before joining the UN, Ms. Mohammed worked for three successive administrations in Nigeria, serving as Special Advisor on the Millennium Development Goals, providing advice on issues including poverty, public sector reform and sustainable development, and coordinating programmes worth $1 billion annually for MDG-related interventions.

MS. BINTOU KEITA
Assistant Secretary-General for Africa, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, United Nations

Ms. Bintou Keita is the current Assistant-Secretary General for Africa. She joined the United Nations in 1989. From 2015 to 2017, she served as Deputy Joint Special Representative for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID). Prior to that, her most recent positions include Ebola Crisis Manager for Sierra Leone, Chief of Staff and Director of Operations for the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response from 2014 to 2015.

Ms. Keita served in several senior management and leadership functions with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) in Chad, Congo, Madagascar, Cape Verde, Rwanda, Burundi and the United States. From 2007 to 2010, she was Deputy Executive Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi. She has also worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Canadian International Development Agency in Guinea.

MS. HABIBATU JALLOH
Diplomatic Meetup Director, Young Professionals Division, United Nations Association of Southern New York

Ms. Habibatu Jalloh is currently a Senior Analyst for Health and Human Services Procurements at the New York City Mayor’s Office of Contract Services (MOCS), where she manages procurement projects for three New York City agencies, from pre-solicitation to the award phase. She also leads training for City agencies (such as MOCS) and community-based organizations. Prior to her current position, she held numerous positions at non-profit and governmental agencies, working in the areas of youth development, education, research, and evaluation of said programs.

She has a passion for social justice, an extensive experience working in government and the non-profit sector, and a close familiarity with the UN and African Affairs. At
Long Island University, as the Head Delegate of the Model UN program, she wrote position papers, oversaw speech writing, and coordinated the logistics for students’ participation in national and international Model UN conferences. Ms. Jalloh is also currently serving on the board of three non-profits, including the board of United Nations Association of Southern New York Division Young Professionals (UNA-SNY YP). As UNA-SNY YP Diplomatic Meetup Director, she leads the Diplomatic Meetup program, where she organizes events and facilitates discussions with Ambassadors, Senior Diplomats and Senior UN Officials on topics relating to peace and security, human rights and sustainable development.

MR. MOULID HUJALE
Freelance Humanitarian journalist

Mr. Moulid Hujale, is an activist and humanitarian journalist that has spent his journalism career reporting on the recent refugee crisis.

What sets Mr. Hujale apart from the rest of the figures in media, is that decades before – he and his family were refugees, living in the camps. Born in a coastal town in Somalia, Moulid Hujale and his family travelled from his war-torn home to Dadaab in Kenya when he was just 10 years old. Dadaab is currently one of the largest refugee camps in the world, housing at least a quarter of a million refugees from Somalia and neighbouring war-stricken countries.

Mr. Hujale has since moved on to become one of the most well-respected journalists, with his work featuring in The Guardian, BBC, IRIN news, the UN and other online publications and international news organisations. In December of last year, Hujale, with the help of fellow reporters, launched a BBC Radio 4 special ‘Rocky Hard Place,’ a segment depicting a personal account of the culture and life in Dadaab. Despite his busy schedule, the former Kingston journalism student spoke to Persist about his work and life since leaving Dadaab.

MS. MARIEME JAMME
Chief Executive Officer, I Am The Code organization

Ms. Marième Jamme is the CEO, I Am The Code organization. She is an award-winning Technologist and pioneer in system change, a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum. In September 2017, she won the Innovation Award at the Global Goals Award 2017 by UNICEF and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as a GoalKeeper for her work in advancing the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals, supporting globally young women and girls.

Marième’s latest venture includes the launch of IAMTHECODE, as the first movement aiming at mobilizing governments, businesses and investors to support girls and young women in STEAMD (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics, and Design). Her goal is to empower 1 million young women and girls globally to become coders by 2030 and to align with the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

Co-Founder of Africa Gathering, one of the leading platform in Europe that enable businesses, governments, investor and entrepreneurs to share ideas about Africa for positive change, she also recently joined forces with a group of African leaders to create Accur8Africa, a new platform aiming at enabling governments, businesses, entrepreneurs and the civil society in Africa at measuring the success of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 with Accurate Data.
Ms. Nomzamo Mbatha is the UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador. She is a South African actress and human rights activist. Since 2017, Mbatha has worked in close cooperation with UNHCR as a High Profile Supporter and advocate for UNHCR’s LuQuLuQu campaign, raising awareness for the forcibly displaced in Africa.

Ms. Mbatha engagement includes visits to experience UNHCR’s life-saving work in camps and settlements in Malawi, Kenya and South Sudan. She also hosted the 2018 Nansen Refugee Award Ceremony, which honoured South Sudanese humanitarian Dr. Evan Atar, and spoke at TEDxKakumaCamp, the first ever TEDx event to be hosted in a refugee camp. In her talk, she reflected on how her deep attachment to helping refugees, particularly women and children, is rooted in her personal life story of overcoming adversity.