



H.E. Ms. Paula Ingabire, Minister of Information and Communications Technology of Rwanda

Paula Ingabire is a Rwandan technology enthusiast, who currently serves as the Minister of ICT and Innovation in the Government of Rwanda. Prior to her appointment as Minister, she served as Head of the ICT Business Development Department at the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) where she led the implementation of National ICT programs notably eGovernment and Cyber Security; as well as the coordinator of the Kigali Innovation City Project, a flagship program of the Government designed to nurture and strengthen a Pan-African Innovation eco-system in Rwanda.

Minister Ingabire coordinated the creation of Smart Africa, an initiative that seeks to leverage broadband infrastructure as a driver for Africa's socio- economic growth.

A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's School of Engineering & Sloan School of Management, in the System Design and Management program and holds a BS in Computer Engineering and Information Technology from the University of Rwanda; Paula was named in 2019 by Apolitical among the Top 20 of the World's 100 most influential people in digital government. She serves on the Global Council of the World Summit Award Board of Directors, World Economic Forum Cyber Security Board, the Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution Global Network Advisory Board and the WEF Board of Trustees. In January 2021, Paula Ingabire has been named founding board member of the EDISON Alliance.



Mr. Raymond Gilpin, Chief, Strategy Analysis and Research Team – UNDP Africa

Dr. Gilpin is the Chief Strategy, Analysis & Research Team. Prior to joining UNDP, Raymond was the Academic Dean at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies in Washington DC and Economics Director at the United States Institute of Peace, where he also chaired the taskforce on business and peace, managed the web-based International Network for Economics and Conflict, and taught resource management courses at the USIP Academy. He

has also held senior positions at the Central Bank of Sierra Leone, the African Development Bank, and the World Bank. Raymond was inducted into the Martin Luther King Collegium of Scholars at the historic Morehouse College in Atlanta in 2015 for his work on economics and peace. Raymond holds a Doctorate in development economics from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom and an Executive Certificate in international finance and capital markets from Georgetown University in the United States.



Mr. Joël Anani, Regional Director for Africa, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)

Joël Anani, is a Medical Doctor and IFMSA Regional Director for Africa. He has been a member of the Togolese civil society since 2009, Joël Anani lead several youth associations involved in leadership, citizenship and governance. He was President of the Association of Medical and Pharmacy Students of Togo with which we contributed to the support and organization of the national health system and Vice President of Alternative Leadership Group, an association specializing in capacity building for youth, the fight against corruption and engagement in governance and citizenship. Currently, he is co-leading a local initiative called "Influence Academy" supported by the U.S. Embassy, the Fulbright program, UNDP to support the training of young leaders capable of meeting the various challenges of their generation in the coming years.



Haroon Bhorat, Director, Development Policy Research Unit, University of Cape Town, South Africa

Haroon Bhorat is Professor of Economics and Director of the Development Policy Research Unit at the University of Cape Town. His research interests cover labour economics, poverty and income distribution. He has co-authored and co-edited a number of books on labour market and poverty issues in Africa. Haroon has published more than 200 academic journal articles, book chapters and working papers. In September 2019, Haroon was nominated to sit on the Presidential Economic Advisory Council (PEAC), established by President Ramaphosa to generate new ideas for economic growth, job creation and addressing poverty.

Haroon has his PhD in Economics through Stellenbosch University in South Africa. He studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was a Cornell University research fellow. He holds the highly prestigious National Research Chair under the theme of Economic Growth, Poverty and Inequality: Exploring the Interactions for South Africa. In October 2020, he was elected as a Fellow of the UCT College of Fellows. The fellowship is awarded in recognition of original, distinguished academic work that merits special recognition. In 2018, he was appointed by UCT Vice-Chancellor Prof. Phakeng as the university's "SDG academic focal point" to help guide UCT's strategic approach to engagement with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. His commitments at UCT include lecturing Advanced Labour Economics (Hons), and supervision to Honours, Masters and Phd students.

Haroon is a Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution affiliated to the Global Economy and Development Program, and the Africa Growth Initiative (AGI), a Research Fellow at IZA, the Institute for the Study of Labour in Bonn, and an Honorary Research Fellow at the Human Sciences Council (HSRC). He sits on the editorial advisory board of the World Bank Economic Review, and is a Board Member of

the National Research Foundation (NRF) and UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), and previously sat on the HSRC Board.



Mr. Mansour Ndiaye, Head of Inclusive Growth, UNDP (Moderator)

Mansour Ndiaye is UNDP's head of Inclusive Growth and has over 24 years of experience in economic and social policy making. He joined UNDP in 2010, as Economic Advisor in Niger. He led the development of the MDG Acceleration Framework in Niger and played a key role in the 2012-2015 Economic and Social Development Plan, which paved the way for a medium-term vision that helped foster inclusive and sustainable growth in Niger. As Team Leader, Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development for the Africa region (2015-2019), he has coordinated a multidisciplinary portfolio covering all sustainable development pillars and led UNDP Africa's work on the SDGs, promoting successful innovative experiences in addressing critical bottlenecks to structural transformation of economies and promoting inclusive growth and economic diversification processes. Prior to joining UNDP, Mansour served as an economist in the African department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and has held several management positions with the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO).