

## Lukovi Seke

### ***African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD)***

Over the past 17 years, the agency has provided African Union Member States with technical support to strengthen the capacity to measure research and innovation through the African Science, Technology and Innovation Indicators program (ASTII). ASTII is one of the most successful African Union flagship programmes, implemented in collaboration with the AU Observatory for Science, Technology and Innovation (AOSTI) and the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), in line with the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa 2015-2024 (STISA2024), soon 2024-2034 (STISA34) and SDG (target 9.5) for the formulation of evidence-based policies and monitoring of targets.

So far, he has trained over 3,000 national officials from 43 AU ministries responsible for STI and statistics offices using international guidelines (OECD manuals) for surveys conducted in the business, government, higher education and non-profit organizations sectors. He played a key role as a member of the drafting team of the recently approved AU-EU 10-year innovation agenda and now a member of its working group.

During India's G20 presidency, Lukovi was one of the co-chairs of the 6th thematic area of Think20: "Agenda 2030, Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) and Partnerships", and is now part of the working group on the development of the G20+ within the framework of Think20, the G20 Think Tank Network.

Lukovi holds a master's degree in economics of trade and investment (University of Pretoria, South Africa) and a bachelor honours degree in mathematical economics (University of Kinshasa). He mentored undergraduate economics students (University of Pretoria) before joining the AU system. In his previous life, Lukovi was a web manager in a private media group and held various leadership positions in academic, national, regional, and continental youth movements focused on peace-making and peacebuilding.