

## BIOGRAPHIES

### TWITTER SPACE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION, RESILIENCE AND NUTRITION

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#### **NONO SEKHOTO**

Commercial Farmer and Entrepreneur

Nono is a commercial farmer, an entrepreneur, and an award-winning youth-in-agriculture advocate, working in South Africa and the region. Nono's work in agriculture leveraged her 8 years background in financial services, 10-year commercial mixed farming experience and a global network of agricultural stakeholders built over the years.

As a former member of the National Executive Council for African Farmers Association of SA (AFASA) she established AFASA Youth engaging youth farmers in South Africa. She is a member of the Women Committees at the World Farmers Organization (WFO) and sit on the board of Agricultural Development Agency in SA. She founded GrowthShoot managing a 2,000ha farm with mixed production and AdvanceAg consulting to corporates to connect South African young farmers to opportunities. She is appointed by the South African Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development to serve as a Ministerial Trustee of Meat Industry Trust and Red Meat Research Development Trust.

Nono leads the AL for Agribusiness network at the African Leadership Academy, connecting youth in agriculture to opportunities across Africa, in partnership with industry stakeholders.

Nono is an alum of Oklahoma State University Entrepreneurs Fellow, the Goldman Sachs Entrepreneurship 10,000 Women programme, African Management Institute, University of Pretoria and Frankfurt School of Finance and Management.



#### **OLAWALE ROTIMI OPEYEMI**

Founder and CEO

Olawale Rotimi Opeyemi is a leading agric entrepreneur, recognised young leader in Africa's agric sector and international speaker who has addressed global audience at high level meetings of various multilateral institutions.

He is the founder and CEO of JR Farms Limited (with operations in Nigeria, Rwanda, Zambia and Netherlands), a leading agribusiness in Africa determined to transform Agriculture in Africa by undertaking opportunities for growth and business that will engender sustainable food production and increased incomes for farmers in Africa.

Olawale champions various agriculture initiatives with focus on creating decent jobs for youth and women and raise the next generation of agrarian leaders in Africa, such initiatives include Green Agribusiness Fund with partnership support

from global partners such as Food Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, International Labour Organization among others.

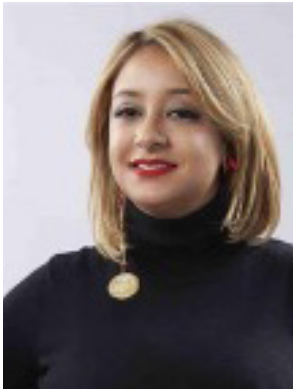
Olawale holds a Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Comparative Religions from University of Ilorin, an executive certificate in Agribusiness Management Programme from the Lagos Business School and currently, an Executive MBA in Food and Agriculture in the Netherlands. He has featured on several global interviews in recognition of his unique approach in the agric sector and rural economy in Africa. He mentors several young people across Africa and beyond.



**SHIKAMA DIOSCORE**  
Founder and CEO

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Shikama Dioscore Bio: Founder and CEO at Food Bundles a digital platform which optimises distribution of fresh food for consumers living in the city, while creating a sustainable market for smallholder farmers.



**WALA KASMI**  
Multi-award-winning Entrepreneur

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Wala KASMI, a multi-award-winning entrepreneur, is the CEO of WeCode.land. WeCode is an EdTech startup providing instructor-led learning experiences to help bridge the skills gap in the workforce. Combining her background as a Youth Advocate and Computer Sciences Engineer, Wala built a unique and scalable learning model and reached more than 13 000 trainees in the last 7 years.



**WEBSTER ISHEANOPA MAKOMBE**  
Youth Leader

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Webster Isheanopa Makombe is a 21 year old 2nd year law student at the University of Zimbabwe and a youth leader for nutrition with the Scaling Up Nutrition movement. Webster started his nutrition advocacy journey after being among the junior parliamentarians trained by the Zimbabwe Civil Society Organizations Scaling Up Nutrition Alliance(ZCSOSUNA) about the importance of nutrition financing, breastfeeding during the first 1000 days amongst other nutrition related topics. He works closely with the ZCSOSUNA in facilitating adolescent nutrition in-school programs, something which he thinks is very vital as he himself was engaged whilst he was still in high school and wishes he had been engaged earlier. Webster has spoken at various conferences and high level meetings about the importance of nutrition as a key component of achieving the #Agenda2030 and need to harness legislative power in the fight against malnutrition. As a core group member of the Act4Food Act4Change campaign, Webster is advocating for food sovereignty and strengthening local food systems championing Action 7 of the campaign.