

## Generation Connect - Africa Youth Group (GC-AFR) Members

### Abdiwahab Abdi Aden



I Have Bachelor Degree of economics at the Puntland State University and acquired international Diploma of Information Technology, Diploma of Risk Management, International Certification Conflict Management and Negotiation among the people and other relevant certifications with this program. I attended and participated different workshops, trainings and Community programs such as Creativity and Activism Workshop held in Accra-Ghana 2020, Disaster Risk Finance funded by World Bank.

### António Braga Fazenda



António Braga Fazenda, is an Activist, Political Consultant and Social Entrepreneur. Co-founder and secretary of Institutional Affairs and Foreign Affairs of the Angolan Youth Parliament. Fazenda is passionate about Civic Leadership and has become a reference and voice of responsible leadership and social entrepreneurship because of its ability to meet the challenges of effectively meeting the development agenda of the African Union and the United Nations. He holds a degree in Accounting and Finance from the Higher Polytechnic Institute of Science and Technology" INSUTEC" and holds a certificate in Civic Leadership from the University of South Africa (UNISA).

From early on he awakened the spirit of activist, leadership and Social Entrepreneur, has extensive experience in civic engagement, as Secretary General of the National Association of Private University Students of Angola and as a volunteer, President of the Students Association of the Higher Polytechnic Institute of Science and Technology" INSUTEC.

## **Abdul Gafaru Dasana Amin**



Abdul Gafaru Dasana Amin is a graduate from the University for Development Studies with a BSc. in Computing with Accounting. Abdul's involvement in his community began in 2013 when he became ambassador for the Youth Action on Reproductive Order, helping build capacity in colleague students and indigenous people through its reproductive rights and hygiene education. This offered the youth ways to take ownership of their reproductive development. Later down the road, he joined a team of like-minded individuals involved with Enactus, serving as a member, he rose to become the public relations officer and subsequently team leader of the group.

Abdul is passionate and dedicated to contributing to the ongoing efforts toward economic empowerment, social justice, and environmental protection in the world by acting within his country, Ghana. "Investing in economic empowerment, especially among young women, sets a direct path toward poverty eradication, gender equality and inclusive economic growth." He says.

Abdul Gafaru Dasana Amin is a Co-Founder of SheaMe, a startup that seeks to empower rural women by employing and integrating them into a sustainable out-grower shea value chain in Ghana and Imperishable LLC, a limited liability company in Sierra Leone that uses solar fruit drying technology to aid in reducing post-harvest losses in fruits and vegetables. He is an Alumnus of the Ford Community Impact Fellowship, The Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI)- West Africa, a Global Finalist of UNICEF Generation Unlimited Youth Challenge and presently serves as a National Service Personnel in the Office of the Deputy Minister for Finance through the Emerging Public Leaders Fellowship.

## **Bandile Ngidi**



Bandile Ngidi is a genetics and entomology student at the University of Pretoria, one of the most prestigious universities in South Africa with keen interests in the environment and public health. She is an advocate of human and women's rights, a proponent of climate justice and an environmental activist. In addition, she is an alumni of the Asia World Model United Nations, a global youth conference aimed at the development of youth leadership, negotiation and diplomatic skills.

Moreover, she is a mentee at the Kuongoza Mentorship Program for Women and Girls in STEMi in Africa and Asia.

Bandile has a long history of service to underprivileged communities. Some of the projects she has been involved in include sanitary towel drives for women and girls from these particular communities as well as providing access to information and resources related to higher education and career options post matriculation.

Bandile is a social entrepreneur who aims to use technological advancements for the betterment of society by co-opting them into conventional methods of doing things. Bandile is the founder of Hlomuka Entomological Services, a food waste management company aimed at diverting food waste from landfills by using insects to transform the food into high value biomaterials that can be used by different industries.

### **Bongani Dlamini**



Bongani Dlamini is a BA Politics and International Relations graduate from the University of Johannesburg (UJ). He was a 2019 participant of the UJ Young Leadership Development Programme, earning him a certificate in Organizational Leadership; he is also the former Under-Secretary for outreach programs in one of the societies at the university, namely UNASA (United Nations Association of South Africa). Bongani's passion for environmental and gender issues has led him to becoming a member of the Youth Policy Committee, under Youth@SAIIA (South African Institute of International Affairs). He is also UNICEF Africa Generation Unlimited youth reporter. Bongani has certificates in Artificial intelligence, Sustainable Development, as well as African Insights.

As part of his volunteering experiences, he has produced and directed a series of short films working with GSMA and UNICEF. He was also a speaker at the MWC Barcelona 2020, as well as the Internet Governance Forum, child safety online. Lastly, he is the co-founder of an NPO called 'The Council – South Africa'.

## Elson Mungani



Elson Mungani is a Zimbabwean with a promising career in agriculture. He recently graduated from Africa University with an Honors degree in Accounting, he also holds a keen interest in Agriculture. Currently, he is working on Digitalization in Agriculture specializing in remote farming. He started his career in farming 2 years ago. The young entrepreneur aims to be contributing to the agricultural revolution in Zimbabwe as the world incorporates artificial intelligence in agriculture. In his time at Africa University he held various leadership positions, he was elected Enactus Africa University (AU) President. Elson is also an active member in the community; in 2019 he was elected to be the Organizing Secretary for the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe Choir (Mabelreign Circuit). He is a participant of the Young African Leaders' Initiative Regional Leadership

Centre Southern Africa Cohort 10.

## Emmanuel Ganse



I am Emmanuel GANSE, blogger, digital enthusiast, fact-checker, and digital communication consultant. The place of digital technology today in programs aimed at the fulfillment and development of young people no longer needs to be demonstrated. Not only does digital technology make it possible to fill the gaps of underemployment, but it also constitutes a particular means of expression to allow young people to be active, to give more echoes to their causes and

to cause the biggest changes.

### **Emmanuella Able**



I am Emmanuella Ablé. I have a Bachelor's degree in computer networks and telecommunications. I have a deep interest in technology and also the internet. I am a member of the internet governance forum of Côte d'Ivoire where I have been involved in activities such as: safer internet day, internet governance forum at national and international level, <we, the internet> program and so on.

I am also a beneficiary of the West African School of Internet Governance (WASIG) 2020 fellowship.

### **Gouro Amadou Kamissoko**



Mr. Gouro Amadou Kamissoko is Engineer of Software Engineering and Engineer of GIS (specialized in Remote Sensing) formed in the University of Laval and after the University of Douala and ENSG of Paris (School of Geomatics). He is Entrepreneur CEO-FOUNDER of Startup SAMBA Development Application Mobile for MALI. My startup develops the solutions digitals the mobiles applications of smartphones and the solutions of the images satellite and the drones (UAV) to resolve the problems of my community Mali and Africa. I'm Alumni of the program Tony Elumelu Foundation and I participated of the Big Forum of Entrepreneurs Africans for the foundation Tony Elumelu in ABUJA in July 2019. I'm Delegate for the Youth Summit of the world Bank Group in Washington DC in 2-3 December

2019.

### **Nyama Gusona Celestina Marvel**



Nyama Gusona Celestina Marvel is a 23-year-old award-winning young leader and blogger. She began her work within the United Nations system at 21, as a youth advocate, supporting UNICEF's Generation Unlimited and other youth engagement projects in Sudan. Prior to joining the UN system, Marvel volunteered with GreenPeace Africa and Amnesty International as a human rights activist. She was elected vice president of her university's Commonwealth Student Union, making her the first woman to hold this title. Marvel also received an award from the Women Economic Forum for her outstanding achievements

in the development sector. In 2019, she founded her website which hosts 2 blogs. Both blogs

focus on amplifying the achievements and voices of African youths especially refugee and internally displaced youths. Marvel holds a bachelor of laws degree and is currently undertaking a master's degree in human rights and humanitarian Law at Aberystwyth University, UK.

### **Inyangat Francis Xavier**



Francis Xavier Inyangat is a member of Generation Connect Africa (GC-AFR) Youth Envoy at the International Telecommunications Union - Africa Telecommunications Union (ITU-ATU) rising to the role of facilitator Cybersecurity and Policy.

Xavier is a Bachelor of Computer Engineering holder from Busitema University with undying passion for digital technology, innovation and youth activism.

He is a fellow at Digital Opportunity Trust (DOT), Digital Youth Radio Ambassador at Youth Equality Centre (YEC) Uganda, and an avid youth innovator and mentor at STEMi Makers Africa. Prior to joining DOT, Xavier volunteered with Google and Andela as a mentor for Web developers at the Accelerated Learning Community (ALC) program. He is an alumnus of the Design & found fellowship by United social ventures, Youth Work Readiness Program (YWRP) by Mastercard foundation & Makerere University Innovation and Incubation centre(MIIC). Xavier believes by building a pool of erudite and digitally elite innovative youths, Africa would be in position to engineer solutions for her problems such as cybersecurity, climate change, poverty, unemployment, health and education.

### **Ian Makamara**



Ian Makamara is a 22-year-old Kenyan lawyer with an interest in digital rights and gender equality. He possesses a bachelor of laws degree from Strathmore University, a Certification in Gender Analytics from the University of Toronto and a Certificate in Human Rights from The Hague Academy. Ian has previously worked in the Microsoft Policy Innovation Centre as a Legal Intern and with various international organizations that are focused on youth empowerment such as UN-SDSN Youth and The Joint SDG Fund Youth corner. Currently, he is a policy assistant at the Lawyers Hub, an organization that is focused on the nexus between law

and technology. He also serves as one of Africa's regional representatives for the CIVICUS Youth Action Team and is undertaking a fellowship with the International Republican Institute that is based on leadership, accountability and civic action. Due to the impactful work he has done over

the past few years, Ian was selected as a top 30 under 30 changemaker in 2019 and he hopes that with the Generation Connect Africa group, he will continue to positively impact the lives of those around him.

### **Jacqueline Mukarukundo**



Passionate about Environment, youth empowerment, and entrepreneurship and digital technology. Determination drives her. Jacqueline Mukarukundo is the co-founder and Chief Marketing Officer at Wastezon, a Rwandan cleantech startup that is leveraging technology to create a waste-free world. Her zeal in Marketing led Wastezon to emerge as the best E-waste Solution Provider-East Africa in 2019 Build Magazine's Recycling and Waste Management Awards. She oversees Wastezon's marketing strategies and manages the Clientele, including over 155 users including Recycling Industries and Households.

Before joining Wastezon, she immersed in a marketing career at Realmez Ltd, and she worked at a student run-platform called Campeedia as Social Media and brand manager. Her work earned her recognition such as SDG Competition Award at SDG Summer School, Geneva and Learning Planet Assembly Award, Paris. During her time in Geneva, she co-founded Healplus.info, an SDG Education Awareness startup that promotes awareness on SDGs.

Jacqueline is an alumni student of the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) University, a global leadership development program initiated by President Clinton. Jacqueline is pursuing International Business and Trade at the African Leadership University. Later more, she received many more social and entrepreneur awards.

### **Karimot Odebode**



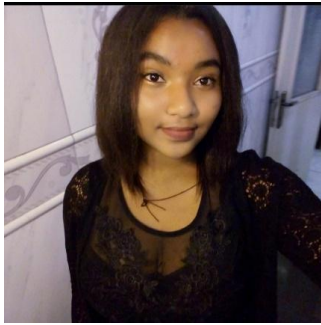
Karimot Odebode is a Poet, Writer, development worker and Youth activist from Ibadan Nigeria, who is driven by her commitment to social justice.

She was a two time Youth Champion for ONE Campaign where she advocated for a world free of poverty and inequality.

Karimot is a graduate of Law. She is the founder of Black Girl's Dream Initiative – a youth led organization that is bridging the gender gap in local communities through education, art, technology and advocacy.

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### Lannie Uwu-khaeb



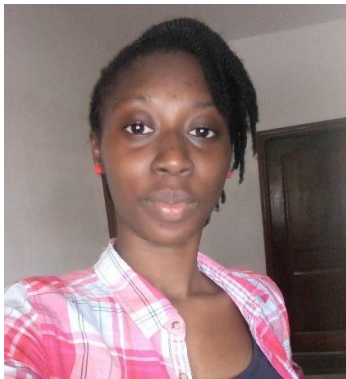
Lannie Uwu-khaeb is a 20 year old Computer science student with passion for using technology to improve the lives of African people. Also Co-founder of an international student-led team called Dream Team([dreamteam.utu.fi](http://dreamteam.utu.fi)). Loves to travel and teach local people how to use technology. Working with the University of Namibia and University of Turku they go around Namibia to inspire young school going kids by showing them potential careers and projects in the ICT industry (Robotics Engineering and computer science).



### Lidya Berhanu

Passionate and eager to know new things, hardworking and good in team work. I have good communication skills and I really value leadership. High school diploma, Assai primary and high school, Addis Ababa

### Mylène Esperance Kachy Akaffou



Je suis étudiante en informatique, plus précisément, je suis développeuse web et mobile. Les nouvelles technologies sont une passion pour moi. Je m'intéresse au numérique car pour moi c'est un univers sans limite qui donnent à chaque jeune l'occasion de s'exprimer, de partager et de réaliser des projets innovants pour sa société.

Les technologies numériques ont permis la montée en puissance des startups, du e-business, sans oublier le e-learning. Le numérique est donc un outil indispensable pour tout entrepreneur de nos jours. Le numérique est créateur d'emploi.

Je suis soucieuse des problèmes que rencontre ma communauté, c'est pourquoi j'ai décidé de m'engager en tant que bénévole pour aider mon entourage. Je suis Jeune Blogueuse (une activité



bénévole de l'UNICEF Cote d'Ivoire). Ma tâche est de produire du contenu en ligne pour contrer les fausses informations et mettre fin à la violence en ligne.

Je suis Messagère digitale de la bonne information en période de crise sanitaire, crise humanitaire et de conflits. Je courtois régulièrement d'autres jeunes pour échanger sur l'importance de tenir des discours de Paix sur les réseaux sociaux.

Je suis également membre du FGI-CI de mon pays (Forum de la Gouvernance de l'Internet – Cote d'Ivoire).

### **Miranda Ekema Ndolo**



Miranda is a 25 years old youth activist and advocate for community-centered movements and she believes in their power to change the world. She is an advocate for the inclusion of young people in decision making, volunteerism, and gender equality.

She is currently serving as the Global Fund HER Voice Ambassador for Cameroon and founder of a youth led initiative known as; Thriving Youth Leaders Initiative, which

is aimed at contributing to the achievement of the Agenda 2030's SDGs. She is also a Commonwealth Women's Mentor. Moreover, Miranda served as the Youth representative at UNICEF's High level panel on internal displacement.

Miranda is also Global Youth Ambassador for Their world and an advocate for Education in Emergencies and was the youngest delegate among government ministers, UN agency chiefs, policymakers, teachers and students who led the online UN General Assembly event hosted by Education Cannot Wait (ECW), the fund for education in emergencies.

She has previously served as the Regional Focal Point for West and Central Africa at the Migration Working Groups of the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth (UN MGCY).

Miranda holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Nursing Degree (BSN, Honors) and has a Diploma in Computer Science and is currently pursuing a Master's in Public Health Degree. She has been trained in Civic Leadership by the Obama Foundation Initiative (YALI RLC) Accra, Ghana and has also been trained by the International Governance Institute of the United Kingdom in Cameroon, in Conciliatory-Peace-making and Democratic Governance and she's an expert in Countering Violence Extremism.

As a nurse and HER Voice Fund Ambassador, Miranda works on the front lines of HIV prevention and care in Cameroon. She is a passionate feminist and advocate for community-centered movements and has coordinated events and advocacy efforts related to the HIV and SRHR response for adolescent girls and young women.

Miranda uses her expertise as a healthcare professional to inform her advocacy for improved health systems and services, particularly for young women. She has led counselling sessions on HIV prevention, provided health services to rural communities where access to information about HIV, TB and malaria are limited, and has also worked with these communities by providing communication strategies for organizations and stakeholders.

### **Naoufal Allam**



My name is Naoufal, born and raised in Morocco, I study computer engineering. I entered this field to explore my passion for computer systems and artificial intelligence. In addition to my main studies, I also practice sports and read a lot of books

### **Noha Abdel Baky**



Noha Abdel Baky is the Africa Group Representative at the Youth Coalition on Internet Governance Steering Committee and is a Senior Storage Engineer at Dell Technologies.

She holds a BSc. in Communication Systems Engineering from Ain Shams University in Cairo

She was selected as a 2017 ISOC Youth@IGF Fellow in Geneva, and afterwards, she co-founded Digital Grassroots with other fellows, a youth-led initiative to promote digital citizenship.

In 2018, she was selected as a fellow to both Middle East SIG in Cairo and AfriSIG in Zanzibar. Later, she was selected as a 2018 ISOC IGF Ambassador in Paris and was selected by the MAG members as a main speaker in the closing ceremony representing youth & civil society.

She was a member of the Working Group on Sustainable IG, part of Youth4DigitalSustainability Program and graduated from the first Egypt SIG as part of Policy and Regulation Initiative for Digital Africa (PRIDA) Program.

She is very interested in being a part of shaping the future of the IGF and increasing the role of youth, women and marginalized groups in shaping the Internet.

### **Providence Baraka**



Providence Baraka is a computer Scientist working on digital human rights and internet governance related issues in DR CONGO and beyond the African Continent.

He is passionate about engaging with youth in solving internet issues at the Grassroots level through: Digital literacy, mentorship, community engagement and activism.

He actively contributed to discussions addressing Digital policy, Digital sustainability and so many other issues surrounding access, accessibility and inclusion in Internet Governance.

### **Quinsly Neh-Bih Chi**



Highly creative content creator and blogger with excellent communication skills. I am a B.Sc. graduate in Physics with a high drive towards problem-solving and seeing things through to completion.

I am experienced in a variety of leadership positions which has contributed greatly to me having a clear and logical mind in dealing with people. I am flexible, I adapt quite well to change and I have a fascinating interest in modern technology.

I am presently a master's student in Environmental Engineering continuously committed to improving and learning skills through effective teamwork and modern technology that will result in a great impact on my environment and a great multitude of people.

### **Rejoice Amutenya**



Rejoice Amutenya is an 18 years old Computer Science student at the Namibian University of Science and Technology who is the founder and editor-in-chief of Afterbreak Magazine. She was selected as the Namibian Ambassador for the Microsoft African Digital Council in 2019.

"I am very passionate about digital technology and everything surrounding technology. I am an advocate for #WomenInTech and #InternetSafety. I am ready to change the world digitally!"

## **Sophiyat Sadiq**



In August 2014, I remember being at General Electric and the concept of programming was introduced to me. HTML? What's that? I was curious to know and I got my answers. I wrote my first line of code and no, it wasn't "Hello World". As a young girl from a low income background writing about my learning experience and seeing it on a web page was magic to me. A spell was cast and my career was sealed.

My love for technology and helping people stems from my lived experiences. From learning HTML, I went on to add Javascript, python and now Artificial Intelligence to my portfolio. I use these skills to create exciting projects and assist teams to bring their deepest desires to life!

I have served in various positions as a youth leader locally and internationally. I find organizations and offer value by building structural change, bringing an appealing light to teams while also directly increasing impact.

When I'm not attempting to right the wrongs of the world, I'm in the Dojang trying to move to a green belt in Taekwondo or admiring pictures of cats on the internet

## **Samwel Nassary**



Samwel Nassary is a junior economist, community project expert and academician in Africa. He is a hardworking, passionate and resourceful economist with an extensive understanding of economic theories together with practical implications. He has worked in community projects and vast experience of doing analytic work and research projects with minimal supervision and team working ability. He has been mentoring and teaching fellow youth in areas of information systems, ICT and statistical software. He has been

representing the community in different dialogues at national and international levels. Nassary possesses the ability to communicate complex and sensitive information in an understandable form to colleagues. He is passionate about youth engagement programs and the role of the digitalization process in the agricultural sector.

## Valerie Waswa



I am a Kenyan national, a lawyer, young changemaker and emerging leader, passionate about sustainable development in Africa. I am specifically interested in promoting gender equality, decent work and economic growth, reducing poverty and inequalities. I believe the tools that will drive this agenda are digital technologies, better leadership, economic empowerment and better laws and policies.

For 4 years now, I have worked with several organizations that seek to promote sustainable development and Empowerment of the underserved in the community to seek to bridge the inequality gap.

I am also the Founder of a nonprofit organization called Village Pillars Empowerment Project (VIPEP), a youth and women led organization that seeks to promote gender equality through providing innovative and sustainable solutions for women.

My vision is to have a society that is free from poverty, inequality, discrimination and injustice. I endeavor to focus my legal expertise, my strengths, skills, talents, and career to seeing this a reality.