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## Africa's Future in a Changing Global Order: Agency in International Relations

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### Speakers' Biographies

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**HE Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete** was President of the United Republic of Tanzania from 2005 to 2015. During his presidency he also served as Chairperson of the African Union from 2008 to 2009, and as Chairman of the Southern African Development Community Troika on Peace, Defence and Security from 2012 to 2013. Prior to assuming the presidency, President Kikwete served as Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation for ten years. President Kikwete is credited for his leadership on sustainable development and governance during his tenure, making him one of the continent's most visible advocates.

**HE Professor Robert Dussey** is the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Togo. He has held this position since September 2013, before which he served as a diplomatic advisor to President Faure Gnassingbé. Between 2017-2018 he served as Chairman of the Council of Ministers of ECOWAS. He was formerly a professor at the University of Lomé and ENA Togo, where his research focused on issues such as peace, management and conflict resolution. He has extensive mediation expertise and has previously worked for the Community of Sant'Egidio.

**Dr Alex Vines OBE** has been Head of the Africa Programme at Chatham House since 2002 and became Research Director for Risk, Ethics and Resilience in 2019. Previously, he has held roles at Chatham House as Director for Regional Studies and International Security, and director for Area Studies and International Law. He chaired the UN Panel of Experts on Côte d'Ivoire from 2005 to 2007 and was a member of the UN Panel of Experts on Liberia from 2001 to 2003. He worked at Human Rights Watch as a Senior Researcher on its Africa, Arms and Business and Human Rights programmes, and has served as a consultant including for the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); JICA, DFID, USAID, the EU and for the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). He is an Assistant Professor at Coventry University.

**Dr Aderemi Ajibewa**, is the Director of Political Affairs at the Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS). He is a regional security, conflict resolution, diplomatic relations and post-conflict recovery specialist with two decades' experience in intergovernmental and international non-governmental organisations. Dr Ajibewa was formerly a Senior Research Fellow and Co-ordinator of Research at the Centre for Democracy & Development in London, a Researcher at the Association of Community Organisation for Reform Now (ACORN), and Adjunct Visiting Professor of Political Science at Indiana University in the United States. He has also served as an Associate Professor of International Relations at the University Malaysia Sarawak, a Senior Lecturer and Programme Manager at the International Centre for Development & Environmental Studies (ICDES) of Edge Hill University College in Lancashire, and Lecturer at the Department of International Relations of Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria.

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**Treasure Maphanga** was the Director for Trade and Industry at the African Union Commission from 2012 to April 2019, where she pursued the establishment of a Continental Free Trade Area. Prior to joining the African Union Commission, she was the Deputy Country Director for ICAP, Eswatini. She previously worked as the Chief of Office for Africa – International Trade Centre, a joint venture of the World Trade Organization and the United Nations, in the Geneva Office. She had the role of coordinating the ITC's strategy in Africa through policy reform. She holds a BA Economics from Trent University in Canada and an Executive Master's Degree in International Negotiation and Policy making from the Graduate School of Geneva, Switzerland.

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**Philip Thigo** is a technology, data & public policy expert. He is a Senior Advisor on Data & Innovation at the Office of the Deputy President of Kenya, and Director for Africa at the Thunderbird School of Global Management. He has previously held executive positions, notably at Infonet Africa and the Foundation El

Taller, with experience across Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Philip has previously supported the African Union Commission and the African Governance Architecture (AGA), where he co-created the first ever AU digital engagement through #DGTRENDS. He currently serves as the Point of Contact for Open Government Partnership (OGP), leads philanthropic engagement on SDGs with private sector foundations, and acts as national focal point for the Global Partnership on Sustainable Development Data, which he co-founded. Philip is credited on working with NASA, GPSDD & Amazon Web Services on the Africa Regional Data Cube.

**Gabriel Negatu** is the African Development Bank Director General for Eastern Africa. He has over 25 years of senior level investment program design, finance and implementation; extensive portfolio management and results achievement, including 18 years at the Bank. His distinguished career at the Bank includes service as Senior & Principal Program Officer, Chief Program Officer and Sector Director. He is credited with establishing the first Economic & Financial Governance Department; mainstreaming the use of Budget Support in fragile states and successfully steering the ADB's response to the global financial crisis. Negatu is credited with influencing opinion makers and market players through impactful dialogue. He currently leads the largest Regional Center, covering 13 countries with a portfolio valued in excess of US\$9bn.

**Giza Gaspar Martins** is the Director of the Cabinet on Climate Change at the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Angola. He was elected to chair the African Forum of Designated National Authorities and subsequently selected as co-chair of the Global Forum of National Designated Authorities in 2011 and chaired the Least Developed Countries Group in negotiating the Paris Agreement on Climate Change in 2015. Giza Gaspar Martins formerly served as Senior Advisor for Economic and Financial Affairs at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations in New York and was a Senior Associate at Africa Global Partners in Washington DC.

**Martin Bwalya** is Head of Programme Development and Strategic Planning in NEPAD's Planning and Coordinating Agency (NEPAD Agency), the African Union's implementing agency. He is a Machinery Design and Management Engineer by training. He has worked many years in machinery design, specialising in research-and-development of farm reduced tillage equipment within the context of conservation agriculture. Mr Bwalya has worked in several international organisations specialising in the field of development, agriculture, food and nutrition security. He joined NEPAD in 2008 as lead specialist on land, water, and farm machinery, moving on to head the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).

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**Séraphin Dedi Nadjé** is the Secretary General of the Fishery Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC), having been appointed to lead the organisation on its formation in 2007. Séraphin has overseen the organisations participation in a range of regional and international projects from EU funded ACP FISH II, the FAO EAF Nansen Project; he led on the Conference of African Ministers in charge of Fisheries and Aquaculture (CAMFA) in 2010 and 2014. Prior to this, Séraphin served as National Director of Fisheries of Côte d'Ivoire in 2002. Séraphin was an active member of the AU-NEPAD Team to establish the "African voice in fisheries" at FAO COFI and has also served as Vice-chair of Stop Illegal Fishing (SIF) from 2013 to 2017. Séraphin initiated the West Africa Task Force (WATF) as a regional tool to combat IUU fishing and associated crimes by promoting cooperation, collaboration and communication among all national and regional agencies dealing with fisheries Monitoring Control and surveillance at sea and ports in the Gulf of Guinea region.

**Elizabeth Donnelly** is Deputy Head of the Africa Programme at Chatham House. She has published widely, particularly on Nigeria, and is a regular commentator in the media. She has given briefings in Europe, Africa and the US, including to the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee and the European Parliament. In addition to her research, Lizzy has oversight responsibilities for the Africa Programme including fundraising, project management, editing and outreach.

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**Audu Maikori** is the founder of Chocolate City Group, a media and entertainment company which includes Chocolate City Music – one of the biggest record labels in Africa. Audu sits on the boards of Recycle Points, Copyright Society of Nigeria, (COSON), Nigerian British Chamber of Commerce, Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) and he recently joined the board of Unanimous Games, an Esports company based in New York.

**Dawit Abraham** is the CEO and Co-founder of Qene Technologies, an award-winning game development company based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Kukulu, a 3D mobile game, which was released by Qene on April 2018, went on to win the AppsAfrica Innovation Awards for Best Entertainment Solution. Dawit also worked as the lead game developer on this year long project. Qene Technologies is now working on creating more premium standard African mobile games for the international market.

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