

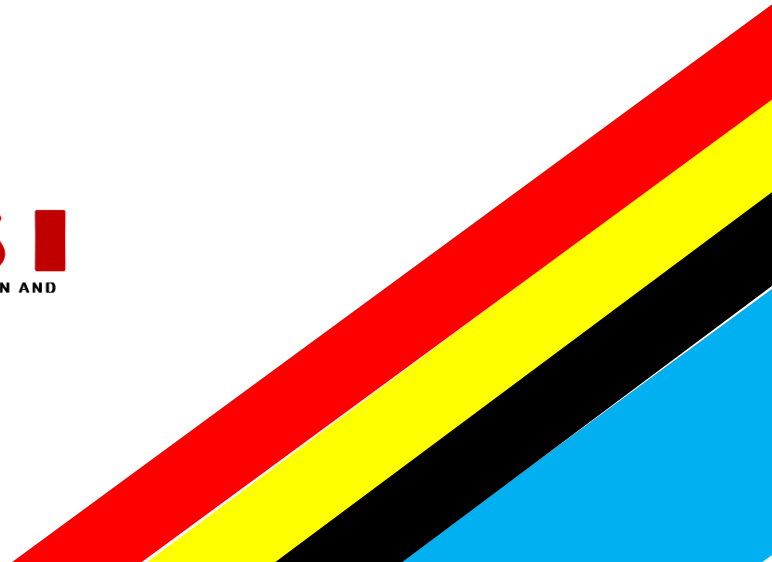
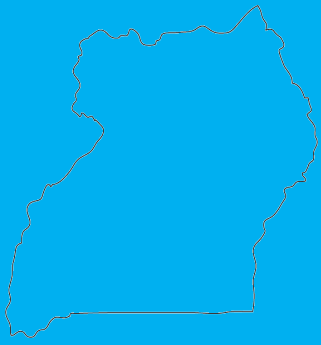


MANDELA
WASHINGTON
FELLOWSHIP
FOR YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS

Young Leaders from

Uganda

2014-2019



PREFACE



When Barack Obama was elected and sworn in as 44th President of the United States of America on January 20, 2009, many black people, all over the world, celebrated. This was partly because he was the first black-American to assume high office and many black people, both in the US and Africa looked at him both with pride and hope. There was overwhelming hope that he will be able to craft favourable policies towards Africa. It is importantly to state that Obama's dad was a Kenyan and he visited his relatives both as U.S. Senator and as President.

Although Obama's record and legacy in the White House is debatable, what is clear is that one of his programmes, the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young Africans has been extremely successful. Started in 2004, nearly 4,400 young leaders from every country in Sub-Saharan Africa have participated in the Fellowship¹.

In Uganda, the fellowship started in 2014, and many young people have benefited from it. Overall, 149 Ugandans have benefited from the Mandela Washington Fellowship. The fellowship has 3 tracks: Public Management, Civic Leadership and Business. But in 2016 and 2017, there was the Energy track.

I applied for this fellowship in the last quarter of 2018 and I was selected in April 2019. I was selected to attend the civic leadership institute at University of Delaware, Newark. The preparation was hectic, with many online activities to complete before travel. On June 18, I set off from Entebbe International Airport, via Amsterdam, Atlanta and finally to Philadelphia. We were then picked from Philly (as it is called) by car and taken to UD (University of Delaware). The experience of the whole fellowship is awesome, and unforgettable. I learnt so much in 6 weeks and met so many people. I visited famous landmarks and places. In short, one of the best moments of my life.

In my view, I believe Obama's idea of empowering young Africans, instead of donating millions of dollars to their countries, which end up being stolen, has produced lasting outcomes & impact on the continent. I am now, more than ever before, committed to working for my country and Africa. It has given me many connections, friends, and opportunities. The fellowship has given me skills, exposure, and energy to participate in development of my community & country. We have compiled this book to inspire other young people (especially in northern Uganda) to work hard, and to grab life-change opportunities like this.

Emmanuel Angoda
2019 Mandela Washington Fellow

¹ <https://www.mandelawashingtonfellowship.org/about/>

FOREWARD



“Young Leaders from Uganda - Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders” **Wow!!!** this is a great initiative, the first of this kind.

The book is a compilation of all the Mandela Washington Fellows from Uganda from 2014 to 2019 and the specific programs they attended while in the United States. Each Fellow has their biography well elaborated as by the time of participation in the fellowship. This, I believe is a good way to start assessing the current ventures and progress of the fellows in civic engagement, public management and business in

comparison to when they attended the Fellowship.

I am convinced beyond doubt that the information in this book will not only ignite memories from the Fellowship, but also serve as a major reunion for all the fellows. It is for this cause that I appeal to all the Fellows in this book to look out for each other, support each other, and collaborate towards creating a positive impact in their respective communities, all aimed at sustainable development for our motherland **Uganda**.

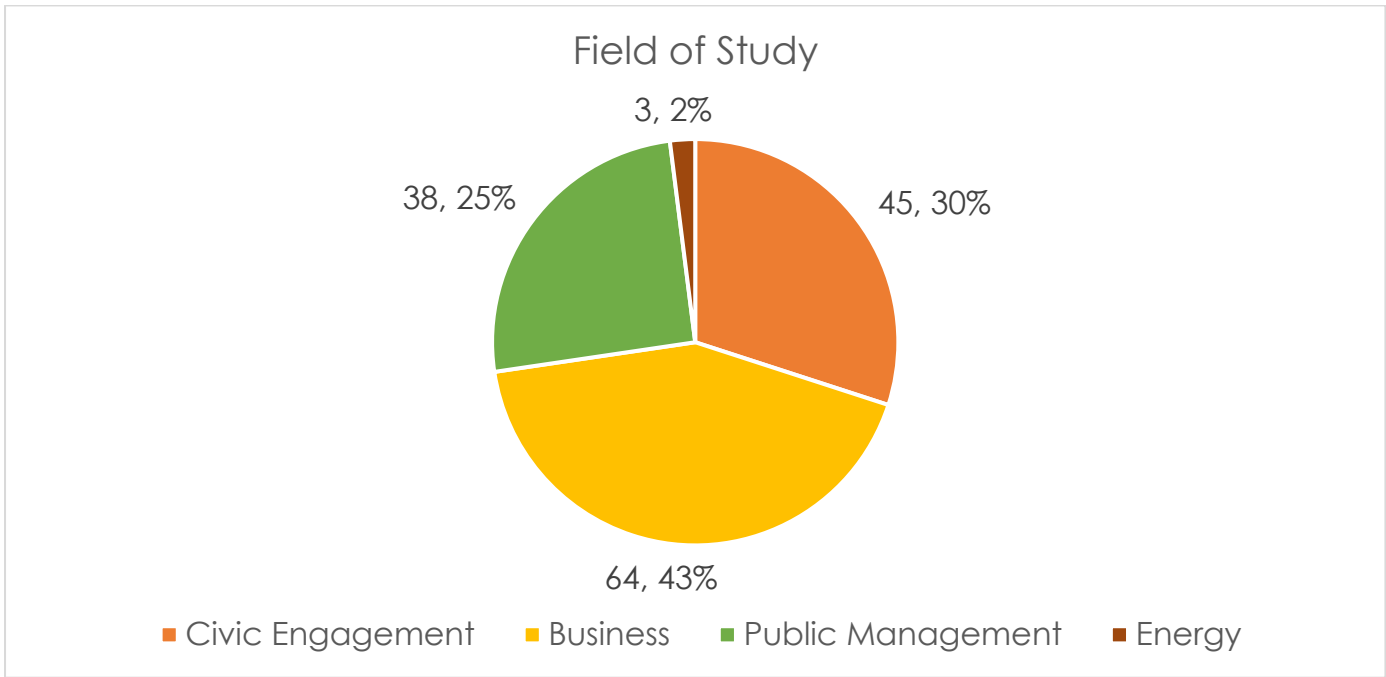
I specially commend Mr. Emmanuel Angoda, for the efforts to come up with such an amazing compilation. Kudos!!!!!!

Desire Asimwe
SUSI (Women Leadership) Alumnus, 2019
Founder, Unaweza Initiative.

SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Total Number – by year & gender.

Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders – Uganda			
Year	Female	Male	Total
2014	10	09	19
2015	12	07	19
2016	16	17	33
2017	17	13	30
2018	14	10	24
2019	13	12	25
Total	82	68	150



Leadership Institutes

#	University	Number of Fellows (2014-2019)
1	Appalachian State University	03
2	Arizona State University	08
3	Boise State University	01
4	Bowling Green State University	01
5	Bridgewater State University	08
6	Case Western Reserve University	01
7	Clark Atlanta University	06
8	Dartmouth College	05
9	Drake University	04
10	Drexel University	01
11	Duquesne University	01
12	Florida International University	01
13	Georgia State University	04
14	Howard University	02
15	Kansas State University	03
16	Lehigh University	01
17	Lincoln University	01
18	Morgan State University	01
19	Northwestern University	07
20	The Ohio State University	03
21	Oklahoma State University	02
22	Portland State University	01
23	The Presidential Precinct	05
24	Purdue University	01
25	Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey	06
26	Syracuse University	02
27	Texas Tech University	02
28	Tulane University	02
29	University of California - Berkeley	02
30	University of California - Davis	04

31	University of Delaware	06
32	University of Georgia	01
33	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	01
34	University of Iowa	05
35	University of Maine	01
36	University of Minnesota	02
37	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	02
38	University of Nevada – Reno	07
39	University of New Mexico	01
40	University of Notre Dame	07
41	University of San Diego	01
42	The University of Texas at Austin	02
43	University of Wisconsin-Madison	04
44	University of Wisconsin-Stout	05
45	Virginia Commonwealth University	02
46	Wagner College	05
47	Yale University	01

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2014 FELLOWS: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



Brian Kasule Kalule

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2014

Brian Kalule is a multifaceted professional with slightly over five years of work experience as an Occupational Therapist and Community Organizer. He is interested in human rights with a focus on disability and children's rights. Brian has served as the co-founder and Director of Hope for the Disabled Uganda (HODU), a community-based organization created in 2009 that caters to the needs of persons living with disabilities. He has also served as an Occupational Therapist with Watoto Child Care Ministries where he helps Ugandan children transform into future leaders. Brian holds a diploma in Occupational Therapy from Mulago Paramedical School, a certificate in Community and Home-Based Rehabilitation from Karolinska Institute in Sweden and a degree in Biomedical Science from Makerere University. After the Washington Fellowship, Brian wants to concentrate on lobbying and advocating for the promotion of inclusive education as a tool to social inclusion of special needs children.



Cyrus Salabwa Kawalya

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2014

Cyrus Kawalya is a visual development strategist with a deep passion for the creative arts of film and photography. He has been a photographer for 10 years and has worked with clients such as African Woman magazine, Zenji magazine, British High Commission, GIZ, World Bank, and the European Union. He is currently the founder and Team Leader of Vision I, an organization that offers workshops to young people who are interested in pursuing a career in film or photography. He has conducted youth empowerment and development projects for youth from slum and urban communities to provide them a platform to

tell their stories the way they want them heard. He created the Youth innovation Hub, a platform to help youth who have pioneered business ventures to earn a living. Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship program, Cyrus will continue to offer workshops

and trainings and will also create a new multimedia platform that will amplify and bring together many voices and stories.



Catherine Anite

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2014

Catherine Anite is a pro-bono human rights advocate focusing on the promotion and defense of freedom of expression, media rights, and access to information in Uganda and at a regional level. She is currently head of the legal department at the Human Rights Network for Journalists in Uganda, where her responsibilities include defending and representing journalists, analyzing and publicizing laws and policies that impede on freedom of expression, publishing work on media rights, training journalists on professional standards, and spearheading advocacy campaigns to fight for the rights of journalists and media practitioners in Uganda, most especially the rural areas. She was selected by Avocats Sans

Frontiers and the East African Law Society in an EU Human Rights Defenders project to constitute a pool of human rights lawyers to defend rights in East Africa and the Great Lakes Region. Catherine holds a bachelor's (hons) degree in Law from Makerere University and a postgraduate diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre in Kampala. Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship, she plans to continue working towards creating a conducive environment for enjoyment of freedom of expression in Uganda through defending journalists' rights, litigation, advocating for legal and policy reform for media, and training journalists in media law and professional ethics.



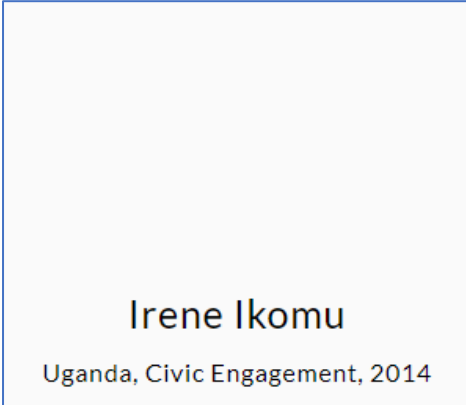
Musiime Christopher Byaruhanga

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2014

Musiime Byaruhanga has three years of experience spearheading an Extractives Governance project at ActionAid Uganda. He also manages Oil in Uganda, a website and newsletter that promotes transparent, constructive, and well-informed public and policy debate to promote oil management that is fair, prudent, accountable, and beneficial to all Ugandan citizens. He also oversees various interventions in the Albertine Region of Uganda that

seek to empower women and youth by equipping them with the knowledge and skills to defend their rights to land and other natural resources. Chris earned a bachelor's of arts

degree in Environmental Management from Makerere University, a postgraduate diploma in Financial Management from the Uganda Management Institute, and a certificate in Mining and Regional Development from the University of Western Australia. Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship, Chris plans to mobilize local communities in oil-producing areas into small business associations that can lobby to supply goods and services to Uganda's oil industry alongside the current international service providers.

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Irene Ikomu

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2014

Irene Ikomu has five years of experience working in governance and democracy in Uganda. She manages Parliament Watch Uganda, an initiative that monitors ongoing parliamentary processes and disseminates this information to the Ugandan public through various online platforms. She currently sits on USAID Uganda's Democracy, Rights and Governance Advisory Board. In addition, Irene has been recognized as an outstanding young leader by the U.S. Embassy and selected to serve as a Generation Change Fellow representing youth perspectives at policy

and political analysis dialogues. She has been behind diverse social change start-ups that have empowered young people in Uganda to become active citizens like the National Debate Council, Early Life Online Radio and the Green Light Movement. Irene holds a bachelor's degree in Law from Makerere University. Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship, she plans on getting more young people engaged in the policy and legislative discussion, particularly targeting law students that will be future legislators and policy analysts.



Martin Muganzi

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2014

Martin Muganzi is a serial social entrepreneur who is passionate about creating economic opportunities for young people. In the last 6 years he has co-founded the following several organizations, such as Youth Rising, a community center in Kawempe that employs a 360-degree youth development approach designed to empower youth, aged 14-30, holistically and economically. In the first year alone, Youth Rising directly trained 170 youth in baking and culinary arts, digital literacy, fashion and design, business development and urban farming. Martin is currently the Director of Programs

at Youth Rising. He also founded the All Star Mentoring Academy, a life-changing and professionally managed leadership building intensive online program focused on youth entrepreneurship and career development for young entrepreneurs and final year university students. The Academy has worked with the Madhvani Foundation Scholarship Program, MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program and Windle Trust Uganda, enabling young people supported by these organizations to connect with mentors and get the support they need to grow in their careers. Furthermore, Martin founded Akalimu.com, a social enterprise that connects people that need immediate help with everyday tasks with young people that are unemployed and are looking for job opportunities. With Uganda's

high youth unemployment rates, young people often have no access to formal sector jobs yet there are several informal jobs that are never advertised, a need which Akalimu.com tries to meet. With all this combined, Martin has reached and impacted over 10,000 young people in aspects of human development and job opportunities. He is a 2014 Mandela Washington Fellow, a 2016 Tony Elumelu Entrepreneur and a graduate of Global MBA in Impact Entrepreneurship, a joint university program of Uganda Martyrs University and Catholic University of Milan, Italy.



Nulu Naluyombya

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2014

Nulu Naluyombya has over three years of experience working in personal development and women empowerment. Currently, Nulu is the founder and Executive Director of Success Chapter, a local non-profit organization that focuses on leadership and entrepreneurship development for young people, especially young women. In this capacity, she facilitates trainings and designs programs such as the Girls Leadership Academy that empowers young women in schools and less privileged communities. Nulu holds a bachelor's degree in Procurement and Supply Chain

Management and is finalizing her master's degree in Business Administration, both from Makerere University Business School. Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship, Nulu plans to expand the Girls Leadership Program to other Ugandan schools as well as African countries to empower young African women through leadership, entrepreneurship, and personal development.



Faith Nassozi

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2014

Faith Nassozi has six years of experience working in the area of behavioral health communication specifically related to the use of telephone hotlines. She currently works with Marie Stopes Uganda where she sets up and manages a telephone hotline that provides health services to over 4,000 clients on a monthly basis. In addition she is a sexual reproductive health (SRH) rights advocate who has written various articles in the press and participated in both national and international advocacy campaigns on SRH. She

holds a bachelor's degree in Social Work and Social Administration and is currently studying for her master's degree in Public Administration and Management. Upon her return from the Washington Fellowship, Faith plans to ensure that the young people who call the hotline

on a monthly basis receive an electronic voucher which will entitle them to discounted family planning and SRH services. She also plans to setup clubs in schools to promote SRH.



John Ilima

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2014

John Ilima has over five years of experience working in education in Uganda. Currently, he is a visiting lecturer at Gulu University where he is helping to nurture careers through teaching, assessing, supervising, and mentoring students, as well as lobbying for their internship placements. He has a passion for working with underprivileged children and youth and co-founded and currently serves as a volunteer Executive Director of Integrated Response, a non-profit entity that works to advance the interests of disadvantaged children and youth in Katakwi district through increasing access to meaningful education and training. He is charged

with the responsibility of providing general oversight in planning, organizing, coordinating and controlling activities and processes to lead the organization to its vision directions. Upon return from the Washington Fellowship, he plans to initiate a fundraising drive for a Scholarship Fund to support poor yet highly talented young women and men to build gainful careers through vocational training and skills-based tertiary education. He also plans to establish an ICT resource center at his organization's secretariat to be an information and training hub, as well as a gateway to online learning platforms and other related resources.

2014 FELLOWS: BUSINESS



Andrew Amara

Uganda, Business, 2014

Andrew Amara is a registered architect and urban planner, with a wealth of construction experience ranging from large multi-storey commercial and institutional projects to modest community developments. He has worked with underprivileged groups to develop better housing and environment plans in the townships of Johannesburg, Kampala, and Vancouver and has also volunteered with Planning Aid England in the UK. He is the founder of studio.flame, an ICT consultancy and architecture/engineering practice that is currently

working on several projects including a treatment center for children with nodding disease in Gulu-Uganda, a library for an orphans school in the Amor-Tororo, and a community

hospital in Iganga-Uganda. Andrew plans to extend his work in creating shelter planning solutions for the usually neglected and slum population in selected towns of Uganda. Andrew has a bachelor's degree in Architecture and a master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Manchester.



Mildred Sara Apenyo

Uganda, Business, 2014

Mildred Apenyo created a Facebook page called Fitclique256 in response to accounts of rape and molestation in Uganda's media and the comments that leaders in Uganda were expressing about women's bodies, sexuality, defilement, and rape. Fitclique256 empowers women and girls on both a physical and psychological level with the creation of a women's gym. The gym provides a variety of classes including strength training, Afrikan yoga, dance, and self-defense, with self-defense being heavily

discounted to draw more women to the class. When she is not running Fitclique256, Mildred is a columnist, copywriter, and writer. Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship program, she intends to organize self-defense workshops for women who work in high risk areas around Kampala city as well as for those who have been victims of molestation. She also intends to implement self-love and body acceptance programs to be implemented in primary and secondary schools.



Lucy Mary Athieno

Uganda, Business, 2014

Lucy Athieno has had over three years of experience working with youth, with a special emphasis on girls and women. As part of this work, she has created Eco-pads, which are environmentally friendly, cost effective, and comfortable sanitary kits for women and girls to ensure increased retention of girls in school. She also serves as the Project Coordinator of Kadama Widows Association, an organization that supports families living and affected by HIV/AIDS to enjoy longer and

productive lives. Lucy is a graduate of Industrial and Organizational Psychology with

postgraduate training in topics related to project planning and management, monitoring and evaluation, leadership and governance, and entrepreneurship. On her return from the Washington Fellowship, she plans to launch Eco-pads, mentor young girls to ensure they stay in school, and continue to sensitize the communities on the importance of girls' education.



Anne Kakurugusi Kabahuma

Uganda, Business, 2014

Anne Kabahuma is a practitioner with over ten years of experience working with communities in both urban and peri-urban areas focusing on women's empowerment and girl's education. She is the Operations Manager for Rwenzori Sustainable Trade Center where she focuses on design, development, and marketing of local handcrafts made by women from the Rwenzori region in western Uganda. She has excellent communication, mobilization, and training skills and is competent at project planning, development,

assessment, designing, and monitoring and evaluation. Her main goal is to work collectively with disadvantaged communities in developing strategies to improve their welfare. She is interested in acquiring additional experience and academic qualifications that enable her to have a career in social, public, and community development. Anne holds a master's degree in Business Administration from Mountains of Moon University. Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship, she plans to work on creating empowerment workshops for women and girls in the Rwenzori region that provide skills in business, entrepreneurship and marketing.

Immaculate Katushabe

Uganda, Business, 2014

Immaculate Katushabe has over three years of experience in green house production and management. She is skilled in plant protection, gene bank management, breeding, selection and seed processing of chrysanthemum. Currently, she works with Xclusive Cuttings U Ltd and volunteers as the Crop Production Advisor with a women farmers group in the Bupai, Wakiso district. Immaculate received her bachelor's of science degree in Horticulture from the Department of

Agricultural Production at Makerere University in Uganda. Upon the completion of the

Washington Fellowship program, she plans to start Agritec Grain Milling, a company that will equip rural women and youth with necessary skills required for commercial agriculture and increased income in the Masheruka Sheema district.



Martin Mugabi

Uganda, Business, 2014

Martin Mugabi has over sixteen years of experience developing and executing business ideas. He is a founding Managing Director at Future Investments Group Ltd (FIG) where he produces food and provides seasonal employment to women and prisoners. He is also a Director at Twinkle Industries Ltd, a cleaning products manufacturing company, based in Nakawa Kampala. Martin has worked for Uganda's national water utility entity, the National Water and Sewerage Corporation developing marketing concepts and monitoring business performance. He has also worked with a World Vision affiliated micro-finance company evaluating the credit worthiness of small scale businesses and ensuring credit

recovery. He has a bachelor's of business administration degree in Marketing. Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship, Martin will assist Twinkle Industries Ltd diversify into the refinery of cooking oil in order to increase supply and improve the quality of oil provided to urban poor communities and populations living in rural towns. At FIG, he plans to improve efficiency and diversify to goat breeding and multiplication.



Diana Nalwoga

Uganda, Business, 2014

Diana Nalwoga has over six years of experience in the financial services sector. She is the co-founder and Director of Tumaini Microfinance Limited where she focuses on strategy formulation in areas of budgeting, auditing, and funding. She also facilitates training of local women and conducts women empowerment groups in business management skills in Mukono, Uganda. On completion of the Washington Fellowship, she plans to use the technical capacity built and strategic partnerships formed to expand the outreach

of Tumaini Microfinance to all of Uganda and empower and transform lives by providing affordable, progressive, and sustainable financial services.



Belinda Okumu-Ringa

Belinda Okumu-Ringa is a medical professional who is passionate to help transform the health sector in the world, starting with Uganda. She is currently part of the Medical Concierge Group (TMCG), a team that uses mobile technology and social media to provide free healthcare consultation services to the Ugandan people. Her responsibilities are broad but include running the social media, marketing and sales departments while also sharing responsibility in the operation of the business development department. Belinda volunteers with Uganda's National Regulatory Body

for Pharmacists to develop training materials for pharmacists. She holds a Bachelors' degree in Pharmacy from Mbarara University of Science and Technology in Uganda and is currently taking a French language course at Alliance Française Kampala. Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship, Belinda plans to run a pioneering website that will offer the east African community quality preventative healthcare information for free and also be used as a tool for practical information such as region-wide hospital locations, contact information, and a customary health blog.

2014 FELLOWS: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



Humphrey Anjoga

Uganda, Public Management, 2014

Humphrey Anjoga has over seven years of experience in ICT, project management, capacity building and accounting. Currently, he is the co-founder and Chief Operations Officer of the Uganda School of Professional Development. He previously served as a Teaching Assistant with the Makerere University Business School where he chaired the Academic Staff Association to champion staff interests and welfare. He later joined the National Information Technology Authority, where he managed and provided support in initiating, planning, and executing various national IT projects including

the National Backbone /E-Government Infrastructure, Video Conferencing, VOIP Telephony, and National Data Centre. Humphrey has a bachelor's degree in Business

Administration and a master's degree in Information Technology from Makerere University. Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship program, Humphrey plans to work on setting up regional ICT centers and mobile ICT units to empower the rural vulnerable communities in Uganda with hands-on ICT skills to increase their access to online public services and to enhance their knowledge of agriculture, rural affairs, community development, and life skills.



Robert Nkwangu

Uganda, Public Management, 2014

Robert Nkwangu has seven years of experience working in issues related to children, youth, and people with disabilities (PWDs). Currently, he is working with the National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda (NUDIPU) representing youth with disabilities, the Uganda Society for Disabled Children (USDC) and the Kampala Capital City Youth Council. His tasks are to ensure that youth with disabilities are given equal opportunities at all levels, both in government and in civil society. He also chairs the Finance Committee of the NUDIPU Board of Directors. He previously worked as a Job Support and Political Officer with Handicap International. Nkwangu has been

deaf since the age of six and uses sign language and interpreters to communicate but can do some lip reading. He finalized the research thesis for his master's degree in Social Sector Planning and Management from Makerere University, Kampala. Upon his return from the Washington Fellowship, he hopes to mobilize young people, especially the marginalized PWDs to raise their voice, advocate for inclusiveness, promote their Human Rights and form groups with unique initiatives so as to benefit from the many opportunities available to them.

2015 FELLOWS: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



Cinderella Anena

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2015

Cinderella Anena has three years' experience in researching democracy, governance, sexual and reproductive health, and projects development. She currently works as a program assistant at the Uganda office of the Institute for Reproductive Health at Georgetown University (US) where she supports research, programming, and communications through gender transformative interventions including the Gender Roles, Equality and Transformation (GREAT) Project. Cinderella's passion for women's rights is drawn from Irene Gleeson, an Australian philanthropist whose foundation supports over 6,000 war-affected people in

Northern Uganda and who Cinderella supported volunteering for the fundraising drive to complete Gleeson's last project, a women's hospital. She holds a first-class Bachelors' degree in Social Work and Social Administration from Makerere University and co-founded the Young Acholi Girls Initiative (YAGI), a social movement mentoring young women on alternative and transformative leadership. Upon completion of the Fellowship, she plans to advocate for popularization of Women's' Agenda and Gender Equality.



Emily Rubooga Kaakyo

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2015

Emily Kaakyo Rubooga is a grass-roots advocate and gender activist with seven years' experience in pioneering to ensure the voices and experiences of children and communities influence decision-makers. She's worked in Liberia and Tanzania on child poverty, human rights, environmental conservation, and gender. Recently, she served as technical advisor for Save the Children Uganda to ensure laws, policies, and resources work for children, push children up in the political agenda, utilize monitoring mechanisms to raise concerns, work on accountability and transparency in public income and expenditure, and see economic justice

and redistribution, including tax advocacy and social protection. She holds BA Social Science, and postgraduate diploma in Public Administration and Management, and possesses research, strategic analysis and participatory programming experience. Upon completion the Fellowship, she will advocate for new campaign strategies to strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations and promote use of social accountability mechanisms.



Benjamin Mugema

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2015

Benjamin Mugema has been working towards community and social improvement for over six years, particularly in education, health care, youth empowerment, climate change, and agriculture. Benjamin is an associate at professional services firm, Deloitte & Touche with a focus towards building better livelihoods and communities through improved business practices and socially responsive entrepreneurship merging private and public sectors. He is an award-winning poet and essay writer who uses language to highlight youth issues in the community. He is the co-founder of a health care crowdfunding startup, Nelapact.org. His background is a myriad of experiences

in climate change advocacy as a UNEP youth ambassador and youth empowerment and inspiration as a Ugandan representative to several international conferences and forums and working in an international, multi-cultural and multi-lingual landscape. After the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Benjamin plans to continue his broad community-centered focus on agricultural improvement and food security through innovative financing initiatives.



Peace Sasha Liz Musonge

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2015

Peace Musonge has over five years' expertise in research, finance, computer programming, environment, and rural development. As founder of Uganda Artemia Fish Farms Enterprise, she works with vulnerable fishing communities and researches on developing innovative green technologies to diversify aquaculture, and offers dietary advice to malnourished children and mothers. Peace has a BS with honors in Food Science and Technology from Makerere University, a MS in Human Nutrition and Rural Development from Ghent University, and an advanced MS in Water Technology and Integrated

Management from Antwerp University. She is currently a PhD student at Ghent University, developing a cost-effective water quality index. She is fluent in Dutch and French. On completion of the Fellowship, Peace will continue to engage with communities and utilize her leadership skills to contribute towards Uganda's socioeconomic and technological advancement, through private-public sector partnerships and the provision of evidence-based support for policy-making.



Rose Sylvia Nakafu

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2015

Rose Sylvia Nakafu has over four years' progressive experience working in grass-roots mobilization, enterprise development, empowerment, and capacity building for smallholder coffee farmers in Uganda. She represents the youth at a farmers federation where she advocates for youth involvement in agriculture to combat unemployment. Rose Sylvia currently works as the membership and advocacy officer at the National Union of Coffee Agribusinesses and Farm Enterprises (NUCAFE) where she coordinates lobby and advocacy activities, evaluates coffee related policies, and conducts advocacy with government

to ensure it offers an enabling environment for the coffee farming business. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Population Studies from Makerere University and upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, plans to continue raising awareness about the national coffee policy, to eventually lobby for the enactment of the coffee law, as well as facilitating the farmer field schools to increase practical knowledge regarding the coffee farming business.



Charity Namara

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2015

Charity Namara has seven years' experience in gender equality programming, children's rights, and advocacy. She is an advocate for girls' and women's rights currently taking the technical gender lead in the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) funded NI-YETU Youth Program with Plan International Uganda. Charity provides gender and GBV technical support in the program and gives the program a policy and advocacy technical leadership. Charity nurtures relationships between organizations and manages various teams in the project. Outside of professional work, she is a youth leader in her community, empowering young girls to

question gender inequalities. She is completing a Master's degree in Human Rights at Makerere University, with gender and women's rights as one of the course units. Upon completion of the of the Mandela Fellowship, she plans to continue working with Civil Society organizations and other development partners in designing, implementing, and evaluating projects that address gender inequalities.



Hassan Ndugwa

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2015

Ndugwa Hassan has over seven years' experience in community development and peace promotion and specifically in countering violent extremism in Uganda and East Africa. Hassan is a senior programs coordinator with the Uganda Muslim Youth Development Forum, an organization he co-founded after surviving the July 11, 2010 Al-Shahab bombings in Kampala. Hassan's work involves managing programs, idea generation, conceptualization of projects, implementation of activities, and monitoring the

impact and outcomes of activities. He also mentors his peers by building their capacities to effectively participate in public life as well as empowering Muslim clerics to be champions of the message of peace. Hassan holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from Makerere University, Kampala where he focused on Political Science and Public Administration. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he plans to expand his work in countering the violent extremism that's become a continuous scourge in the East African region.

2015 FELLOWS: BUSINESS



Dan Edoma

Uganda, Business, 2015

Dan Edoma has over five years' experience in finance and investment industry, predominantly in investment banking. Currently, he is the head of corporate finance at African Alliance Uganda, where he focuses on the unit's strategy development and implementation, deal origination, negotiation, structuring, and execution among other things. He is also the director and co-founder of Afrinovate, a social enterprise that focuses on alleviating financial illiteracy amongst the youths in Uganda, also supporting young aspiring entrepreneurs through its incubation program. Additionally, he is the chairman of LXG Group Capital, an investment club for the

agricultural sector. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Dan plans to roll out the financial literacy program of Afrinovate to Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, and

Tanzania with goal of reaching out to 10 million youths by 2020. Additionally, he plans to launch a private equity firm within five years, focused on small-scale farmers in Uganda.



Emmanuel Mike Kweyunga

Uganda, Business, 2015

Emmanuel Mike Kweyunga is professional agriculturist working directly with youth in communities in Uganda, focusing on empowerment and job creation through commercial gardening. As a specialist plant propagator he has trained over 43,000 youth and assisted them to register groups that later accessed capital from Youth Venture Capital Fund. He is currently involved in production into industry agriculture, for food security and employment. Upon completion of the

Mandela Washington Fellowship, as founder of Keirere Green Africa Agency (KEGRA), and the Young Farmers Coalition of Uganda (YOFACO), plans to establish an agribusiness incubation center to transform the lives of young farmers.



Miriam Kyasiimire

Uganda, Business, 2015

Miriam Kyasiimire has over three years' experience working in tourism. She is the founder and CEO of Kagera Safaris, and a safari guide. She is involved in product development, marketing, and sometimes guides clients. She serves on the committee of Uganda Safaris Guides Association and also volunteers with Transforming Nations Alliance where she mentors young people to influence their communities using local resources. She is skilled in fundraising, coordinating conferences,

communications, and social media. She holds a BS in Quantitative Economics from Makerere University in Uganda and a certificate in Cross-cultural Communication and

International Work from HALD International Centre in Norway. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Miriam plans to develop tourism products (including a cultural village) that will directly benefit communities that are far from national parks and will continue mentoring young people in business and community development.



Andrew Salema Ludigo

Uganda, Business, 2015

Andrew Salema Ludigo has over five years' experience running his own company and volunteers with different non-governmental organizations in Uganda and Tanzania. He is the creative director of Ludgiocreations where he is in charge of planning new projects, building branding campaigns, developing concepts for new product lines, and establishing relationships with partner agencies and organizations. He is a painter, printmaker, storyteller, curator, actor, writer and peer educator, and a committee member of the annual LABA festival - the biggest art event in Uganda that takes place on the

streets of Kampala. He has exhibited his work in Uganda, Australia, and Hong Kong (where he has also been an artist in residence). Upon completion of the Fellowship, he plans to build his company further with an emphasis on building capacity to stir more employment opportunities for young people and to establish international partnerships and advocate more for children (especially the homeless).

Jamila Mayanja

Uganda, Business, 2015

Jamila Mayanja has 6 years' experience as a professional marketer, she is the CEO of Smart Girls Uganda a company that empowers young girls and women through trainings to build their self-esteem. Through smart girls she started a franchise company called J Mobile Laundry Services that has contributed to curbing unemployment among the youth in Kampala suburbs, where she works as the team leader. The company moves door to door providing domestic laundry services, through J Mobile Laundry services ltd she employs strictly youth with a plan to give them simple work while training them in entrepreneurship skills and employability skills

with an aim to keep them employed or save their salary to start their own enterprises that

they will use to employ more youth. After the YALI program, Jamila will continue her work of empowering young women and work to have more than 1000 youth working or owning enterprises each year.



June Samalie Nkwenge

Uganda, Business, 2015

June Nkwenge has served as operations manager of Smart Oils fuel station and general manager of Smart Farm, a poultry breeding farm, for the last four years. As part of her duties she oversees marketing, human resource management, accounts, production and logistics. In her free time, she volunteers with Writing Our World, an organization that mentors young people to develop their talents in writing, public speaking, critical thinking, and leadership

through writing seminars, competitions, and debate. Once a month, June organizes workshops and seminars for poultry farmers to facilitate education in, and sharing about poultry farming practices and marketing. June holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Makerere University. Immediately after the fellowship, she is slated to pursue a Master's degree in Development Practice to better understand how to implement everything she will learn in the business and entrepreneurship program back home in Uganda and the rest of Africa.



Martin Ssali

Uganda, Business, 2015

Martin Ssali has over eight years' experience in the agribusiness sector in Uganda. He has devoted his early career practice to the introduction of new soy foods and the development of the soya value-chain, which involves stimulation of soya production, market chain improvement, and household and industrial soybean utilization. Martin is the chief executive officer of National Soybean Network, the director of Smart Foods Limited, and also works as a strategy and business development consultant with the Presidential Initiative on Banana Industrial Development, aiming at the commercialization of novel food products. Martin holds an MSc in Technology Innovations and Industrial

Development and a BSc in Food Science and Technology, from Makerere University,

Kampala. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he plans to further deepen his work as a consultant in strategy and inclusive business development, and strengthen his entrepreneurial efforts in his company and several rural farmer groups.



Sherifah Banana Tumusiime

Uganda, Business, 2015

Sherifah Tumusiime is a fiery entrepreneur and independent thinker with proven abilities in web development, project management, communications, and IT services. She is the founder of the babystoreug.com, the first specialty retail eCommerce website for baby products and apparel in Uganda. In addition, she is currently the CEO of Zimba Group Ltd, an ad-tech company providing technical and software solutions for SME's. Zimba's flagship project, ZimbaWomen, seeks to establish a socio-economic business

environment that provides full support of women entrepreneurs using technology. She is passionate about building strong SME's and believes in development driven by the private sector. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Sherifah plans to continue her work in technology with a focus on promoting more women to participate in technology and the economy, as well as pursue an MBA with a focus on small and medium enterprises.



Evelyn Zalwango

Uganda, Business, 2015

Evelyn Zalwango has over eight years' experience working in different areas of marketing, information technology, and community development through skills. She is the founder of the Awaka Foundation for landmine survivors' victims, women groups, and youth and works at Awaka Limited as the managing director where she is responsible for directing all company activities. Evelyn holds a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology from Sikkim Manipal University of India and a diploma in Interior Designing. Upon

completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Evelyn intends to continue her work

with the landmine survivors' victims around the country and to work with different organizations to skill women and the youth to fight unemployment.

2015 FELLOWS: PUBLIC MANAGEMENT



Angela Anyolo Ameso

Uganda, Public Management, 2017

Angela Ameso has ambitions to work as a human rights activist for an international organization for gender equality, education, and public health. She has over three years' experience in community development, focusing on education. She is the co-founder of the Kitabu-Buk Project, an NGO focused on initiating, designing and implementing activities for the neediest children in the community. Currently, Angela is a Global Youth Ambassador for A World at School, a UN initiative launched by the

then UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon and UN Special Envoy for Global Education. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Angela intends to use the acquired skills to continue advocating for education and creating awareness for women in the socio-economic context.



John Bosco Kyabaggu

Uganda, Public Management, 2015

John Bosco Kyabaggu has seven years' experience in public management and cultural diplomacy and at 28 years old was appointed as production manager of The Uganda National Cultural Centre, becoming the youngest person to serve in this senior management position in the institution's 56 year history. Together with his partners he runs FourSum, a media entity deploying arts as a means of delivering social change strategies and the creation of a sustainable stream of edutainment. FourSum's work

addresses child trafficking and reintroduces young people to creative arts as a viable employment option. He also serves with Uganda's Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development and ardently researches the intersection of culture, natural resource management, and regionalism in Africa. Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship, he will continue dedicating time to mentoring youth-led ventures in the creative industries and finding scalable solutions to youth unemployment and underemployment in East Africa.



Stella Anne Oloo

Uganda, Public Management, 2015

Stella Anne Oloo is a medical doctor and has been involved in health advocacy since her days at the Makerere University College of Health Sciences in Uganda. She successfully advocated for free Hepatitis B vaccinations for medical students and has also been involved in training paramedical students on health advocacy. She is the founder and director of Faith Medical Centre, a budding health facility in Northern Uganda that provides basic health care to

people affected by the war in the region. Currently, she is a lecturer at the University of Namibia's School of Medicine and is involved in mentoring medical students at the institution. She holds a Master's degree in Internal Medicine from Huazhong University of Science and Technology, in China. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, she hopes to mobilize funding to improve the health care services provided at Faith Medical Centre.

2016 FELLOWS: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



Priscilla Diana Aling

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2016

Priscilla D. Aling works at Land and Equity Movement in Uganda, an NGO that promotes land tenure security among rural communities. As the legal officer, her nearly three years of promoting land justice involves sensitization, facilitating individuals and communities to document their land rights, conflict resolution and legal representation, and advocacy and research. Priscilla is also a member on the board of Legal Aid Service Providers Network, a coalition of legal aid service providers that link the contributions of legal aid providers in Uganda. Priscilla enjoys community outreach, especially simplifying the law for laymen and writing about learnings. Upon her completion of the

Mandela Washington Fellowship, she will continue promoting land justice and plans to develop a program that helps the youth in Northern Uganda utilize the resources available to them for social and economic development to reduce vulnerability.



Pearl Karuhanga Atuhaire

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2016

Pearl Atuhaire has six years of experience in the field of women's rights advocacy. She worked with the Eastern African Sub-regional Support Initiative for the advancement of women (EASSI) by increasing the participation of women in challenging areas of conflict. She is the founder of an empowerment project called Mume Kwa Muke, which was initiated to reduce gender-based violence in Kyaka II refugee settlement, Uganda. She has also worked with Peace Corps Uganda on a youth project as a regional facilitator on gender issues. Pearl is a doctorate student at Durban University of Technology,

South Africa, studying peacebuilding and holds a master's degree in International Relations and Diplomatic Studies from Makerere University, Uganda. As a researcher, Pearl has published on issues of gender, human rights, peace, and security. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Pearl plans to continue her advocacy for women's rights at all levels in Uganda.



Joseph Ssekitto Ddungu

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2016

Joseph Ddungu Ssekitto has over four years' experience as a social activist and is an active participant in health and development issues affecting children and the youth. He is the founder and executive director of Haven Anti-Aids Foundation, an NGO providing HIV/Aids education and awareness through the use of community theatre (music, dance, and drama), with the aim of inspiring, empowering, and educating the youth and achieving zero new infections. Joseph has also partnered with other organizations for the Annual Youth Aids Walk in Uganda, which encourages the youth to disclose

their HIV status early while also fundraising for mobile community ambulances. Through Haven, he has trained over 1,500 HIV-infected youths in entrepreneurial and employability skills so that they are able to sustain themselves. After the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Joseph will continue his work to empower, educate, and create HIV awareness in the youth to bring about zero new infections.



Mark Kaweesi

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2016

Kaweesi Mark is a social artist who uses his skills to empower and uplift communities. He has eight years' experience in working with children, youth, and adults across a broad spectrum of arenas, including community centres, orphanages, prisons (juvenile and adult), drug rehabilitation centres, ghettos/slums, and on the streets, and also in local and international schools and colleges. His tools include dance, creative facilitation, interactive/participatory discussions, leadership training, organizing community events and exchange programs, beat-boxing (vocal percussion), and integrating other art forms

(<http://kaweesimark.com>). Mark is involved with the Breakdance Project Uganda and is a founding chairman of Break-Fast Jam (www.break-fastjam.com), an annual break-dance event. The Mandela Washington Fellowship will help to advance Mark's leadership and entrepreneurship skills and to expand his network. He believes that it will build his capacity and multiply his impact in many more communities and organizations.



Francis Birabi Manana

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2016

In 2009, Manana Francis Birabi founded Milege, an organization involved in the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage through the arts, offering entertainment-related services and running projects geared towards discovering, promoting, and empowering unique non-conventional artists. In addition to heading Milege's management team, Birabi runs a world music festival that hosts regional artists in the fields of music, dance, fashion, visual arts, poetry, and storytelling. The Milege festival is held in a rainforest on the shores of Lake Victoria. Manana has also worked as a fitness coach with Kampala Serena Hotel. Manana holds a Bachelor of

Sports Science degree and is currently doing a master's degree in Business Administration. After the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he plans to initiate an anti-littering drive championed by artists, to further grow the Milege world music festival, and to set up an artist's resource center to support young artists.



Shamillah Namakula

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2016

Shamillah Namakula has two years of experience in the civil service and NGO sectors specializing in LGBTI issues, community development and food security for low-income communities. Currently, Shamillah is the programs associate/grants manager for Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG), an LGBTI-led and -focused organisation. She works to help meet income targets by managing a portfolio of assigned donors, and proactively seeks to grow income through the identification, research, cultivation, solicitation

(including written applications), and stewardship of donors. She also attends to development issues faced or raised by the different units/departments in the organization. Shamillah works in a community-based organization aimed at promoting food security for low-income earners. She also volunteers for the Abu Mayanja Foundation as a peer educator. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Shamillah will continue working for SMUG and volunteering for the protection/promotion of food security for low-income earning families in rural areas.



Irene Ndagire

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2016

Irene Ndagire has over eight years experience in various aspects of physiotherapy and cardiac rehabilitation. She is the founder of Women's Health Foundation (WHF), a registered NGO in Uganda, and is currently the executive director. Irene and her team strive to support and advocate for women's pre- and post-reproductive health in Uganda, with the core objective of celebrating healthy women! With her professional background as physiotherapist, Irene has been able to run a physiotherapy clinic that

funds WHF activities within different communities of Uganda. Irene has a bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy, a diploma in Physiotherapy and a certificate in Cardiac Rehabilitation. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Irene plans to pass the skills obtained on to her team, thus continuing to reach out to the different women in Uganda and improving their quality of life.



Solophina Nekesa

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2016

Solophina Nekesa has two years' experience in sustainable architectural design and is passionate about designing 'climate smart' schools and environments, especially in rural communities. Currently, Solophina is an architectural assistant with Cotton On Foundation, a nonprofit organization aiming to construct 20,000 learning spaces in south western Uganda. She also volunteers at an agro-heritage permaculture farm, Busaino Fruits and Trees. Solophina holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Makerere University, Kampala, and has interned at Renzo Piano Building Workshop, Italy, an international sustainable design practice. She has

design conceptualization and detailing skills, design software, woodworking and project-management experience, report writing, good communication and team playing skills. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Solophina plans to focus on designing 'climate smart' housing and environments through Busaino Fruits and Trees, and empowering vulnerable groups like children and women to sustainably design and maintain their environments.



Allan Nume Ogwang

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2016

Ogwang Allan Nume has a track record of over 14 years in the disability movement in Uganda. Ogwang works with the Gulu Women with Disabilities Union as a program manager, and is responsible for overall management of the organization. He signs all donor agreements and contracts, and implements programs for women and girls with disabilities, including programs on gender, health, education, agriculture, economic empowerment, girl-child welfare, and political participation. Ogwang holds a

bachelor's degree in Development Studies from Gulu University, with specialization in Urban Issues. After the end of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he intends to improve the efficacy and effectiveness of these programs in empowering and dignifying women and girls with disabilities across northern Uganda and, with funding and resources, to reach other regions in west and eastern Uganda.



Deo Sekandi

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2016

Deo Sekandi has five years' experience working to empower vulnerable people with disabilities. Deo had an accident when he was 13 years of age. Throughout his life he didn't know what was affecting his speech and mobility until he won a university scholarship and learned that he had brain damage leading to cerebral palsy. He is a Queens Young Leaders award winner 2015, a member of the Youth board of the National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda, and the founding executive director of

Uganda National Association of Cerebral Palsy. He has managed to mobilize over 800 people with cerebral palsy, and trained them in life skills, independent living, and income-generating activities. Upon returning from the Fellowship, Deo plans to carry out advocacy campaigns that ensure all people with disabilities enjoy their rights and have equal access to and benefit from social, economic, political, and cultural development programs.

2016 FELLOWS: BUSINESS



Violet Engeu Acumo

Uganda, Business, 2016

Violet Engeu Acumo is an organizational psychologist turned businesswoman. She has eight years' experience in business, with over five years in retail. Currently, Violet is the executive director of DTV Holdings Uganda Ltd, an organization involved in the retail and distribution business. She manages business relations with various stakeholders, and oversees operations. She offers pro bono counseling and mentoring to women and teenage girls who are victims of physical and sexual abuse in her community. Violet is the founder of Mama's Jewels, an organization that rehabilitates abused women and girls, particularly in rural Uganda, teaching them

life skills and empowering them to appreciate life after abuse. She is pursuing a master's degree in Management Science focusing on Marketing Management. She hopes to continue her work and launch a business line that packages fresh bananas, giving them extended shelf life without losing their freshness.

Kamru Amin

Uganda, Business, 2016

Karima Amin Kamru is a Ugandan pharmacist, entrepreneur, and health blogger. She is the founder, CEO and chief pharmacist of GasoPharm Company Ltd, a community pharmacy providing pharmaceutical solutions and medicines to communities. Alongside handling managerial duties, she oversees pharmacy activities and interacts with patients, enabling them to receive the best choice of medicines. Karima's main responsibilities have included developing and

implementing high-level strategies, making major investment decisions and managing the overall operations and resources of the company. As a fully licensed pharmacist with over three years' experience in pharmaceutical care, pharmacotherapy and health promotion, Karima also lends her skills to GasoPharm by managing patients, training staff members and ensuring regulatory compliance to the rule of law. Karima graduated with a Bachelor of pharmacy degree from Mbarara University of Science and Technology, one of Uganda's most prestigious universities.



George William Bakka

Uganda, Business, 2016

George William Bakka is a passionate Afrocentric entrepreneur who over the last five years has led initiatives geared towards providing finance and business development support to small and medium enterprises in East Africa. Currently, George is the chief executive officer at Angels Initiatives, an enterprise-finance firm that raises capital to provide flexible financing to small and growing businesses in Africa. He focuses on fundraising, strategy and providing leadership to

the company team. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Bakka plans to further expand Angels Initiatives' work in providing flexible financing to small and medium enterprises in East Africa. His vision is to build the most impactful finance house in the region.



Favourite Driciru

Uganda, Business, 2016

Favourite Driciru has two years of experience in running a privately owned microfinance company, which she founded. Currently, Favourite works as the managing director for Favourline Financial Solutions Ltd. The company has grown into a registered microfinance limited company that offers low-interest loans to unemployed youth in the Arua District, Uganda. She has employed a number of young people as staff in the company. She is also the chairperson for a local youth group in her

community. Favourite holds a bachelor's degree in Public Administration and Management from Gulu University, where she specialized in Human Resources Management. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Favourite plans to continue expanding her micro-finance company and reaching out to more youth. She also plans to introduce more financial services (such as money transfers) that will offer more jobs to many more unemployed youth.



Carolyn Ekyarisiima

Uganda, Business, 2016

Carolyn Ekyarisiima is a social entrepreneur, computer scientist, and founder of Apps and Girls, an organization working to bridge the tech gender gap in Tanzania by empowering girls with computer skills. She believes in girls' capacity and innovation power to change the community and build an innovative generation. Carolyn holds a bachelor's in Computer Science, a master's in Information Systems from Kampala International University, and has four years'

experience in lecturing. After completing the Fellowship, she's determined to continue empowering and mentoring girls, and plans to create a Girls' Tech Hub, establish regional mobile hubs and labs on digital buses, and create a powerful girls' code school. She aims to give girls in Tanzania and neighboring countries the opportunity to use information and communication technology beyond their individual lives by creating community tech solutions and startups. She'd like to see them becoming tech leaders, and role models in Africa.



Brenda Katwesigye

Uganda, Business, 2016

Brenda Katwesigye has over five years' combined experience in software development, systems analysis, project management, IT risk, and assurance and internal controls review. Currently, Brenda is the co-founder of InstaHealth, a company in Uganda that builds web and mobile applications to improve healthcare delivery in the country. Their flagship product, the InstaHealth mobile application has enabled more than 1,000 Ugandans in rural areas to obtain quick access to

doctors, ambulances, and health centers via basic mobile phones. Brenda is also a business analyst at Deloitte in Uganda where she performs assignments around IT audit, governance, and assurance. She has served clients both in Uganda and Kenya. Brenda holds a bachelor's degree in Telecommunication Engineering from Makerere University. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, she plans to continue her work with InstaHealth and focus on growing it further to create impact in more locations within Uganda, South Sudan, and Nigeria.



Alex Kawooya

Uganda, Business, 2016

Alex Kawooya has over eight years of experience in the field of information communications technology, providing hardware and software solutions to individuals, organizations, and government bodies. Alex co-founded and currently holds the positions of operations director of Rackmount Ltd, and chief operations officer of Vunlimited. His expertise is in management, sales and marketing, business strategy, innovation, and teambuilding. He also volunteers as the general secretary of the Wireless Applications

Services Providers Association of Uganda (WASPAU), and does small-scale commercial farming on a 60-acre farm in Mityana District. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Alex plans to return with the partnerships, skills, and connections he's made to build his companies. He will focus his strategies in areas with the best opportunities to grow and prosper within the budding information and communication technology market. Alex holds a bachelor's degree in Information Technology from Makerere University, Kampala.



Abdul Kinyenya

Uganda, Business, 2016

Abdul Kinyenya is an educator, choreographer, and entrepreneur with over 10 years' experience managing dance and arts businesses. He is the founder of Batalo East, a nonprofit organization, which develops well-rounded youngsters through traditional-urban dance education, festivals, workshops, theater, and social entrepreneurship. He developed the Urban Market, an offshoot of Batalo East, which markets recycled and redesigned clothing to support sustainable programming. He is the artistic director of Tabu Flo Dance Company, which won the young achievers award in 2011. In addition, Abdul works as a grant advisor for the Pollination Project, a seed fund

organization. Abdul holds a bachelor's degree in International Business. He is a part-time enrichment program teacher at Ambrosoli and Gems Cambridge International School, and a committee member of the annual Laba Arts Festival. His goal is to set up accessible community arts centers with relevant arts education and linkage between grassroots, professional and government institutes.



Julius Muwonge

Uganda, Business, 2016

Julius Muwonge is founder and team leader of YoHomu ('At your convenience') Ltd, a company that offers convenient shopping and pick-and-deliver services, and runs errands for individuals and organizations. With his background in Management from Makerere University, Julius started YoHomun to challenge himself by providing a solution to the high unemployment levels in his country. He now offers employment to the youth while also providing services for busy people. Together with his team, in 2016 Julius launched the website

www.yohomu.com, which integrates all major shops in Uganda. Customers can log on and shop from their favorite store (paying the same price as if they were at the store) and at checkout they pay using mobile money or Visa. He runs errands for a fee. After the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Julius plans to expand Yohomu all over Africa and help other new entrepreneurs.



Sylvia Nakajubi

Uganda, Business, 2016

Sylvia Kawalya is a professional make-up artist and entrepreneur with 10 years' experience in the industry. Her mission is to use her experience and passion for beauty and art to inspire, empower and educate African women and girls to mold their own identities while honoring their dignity and humanity. In 2015, Sylvia successfully set up the first professional make-up studio in Kampala, which not only acts as a sales and service center, but also trains young women and single mothers in self-employment, self-empowerment, and make-up

skills. In 2013, Sylvia founded Paramour Cosmetics Ltd, a make-up line with an expanding range of high-quality make-up products designed specifically to cater to the beauty needs of African women. By 2026 she hopes to have expanded into other African countries with a chain of make-up studios.



Simon Ojok

Uganda, Business, 2016

Ojok Simon is a partially sighted Ugandan from a rural community who has been practicing beekeeping and marketing for over 10 years. Ojok has a bachelor's degree in Development Studies from Makerere University, Kampala, where he learned about environmental protection, rural development, international relations, and inclusive development. Ojok has completed short courses in leadership, democracy and development, HIV/Aids counselor training, advocacy, organization management, and social entrepreneurship. He has worked as a disability advocate, community mobilize, and local leader and has skills in training, rural development, inclusive

development, and sustainable environmental conservation. He is the managing director and co-founder of HIVE Uganda Ltd, where he applies his knowledge, skills, and experience in empowering rural blind and low-vision people with skill in organic beekeeping, honey harvesting, and wax production. After the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Ojok would like to establish a bee resource centre with training and honey- and wax-processing facilities.

2016 FELLOWS: PUBLIC MANAGEMENT



Isabella Epiu

Uganda, Public Management, 2016

Isabella Epiu is a NIH Global Health Fellow from the University of California Global Health Institute. She is a medical doctor and has been passionate about reducing maternal and infant mortality in Africa. Through her multi-national research, she identified bottlenecks to provisions of safe anesthesia in the East African community. Isabella is the founder of Health Solutions International that sources new approaches to emerging global health challenges, and is currently working on a campaign to end obstetric fistula. She is a consultant registrar at the Aga Khan University in Nairobi, Kenya. She holds a Master of Medicine in Anesthesiology and Critical

Care from Makerere University in Uganda, and has training in Management of Health from the University of Washington. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Isabella plans to implement several global health solutions, continue advocating for quality improvement in health care, and mentoring young women in Africa.



Davina Kako

Uganda, Public Management, 2016

Joanita Kako is a dedicated human-rights defender and human-rights educator who has spent most of her career espousing the cause for gender equality and women's empowerment. She is currently working with the Center for Women in Governance (CEWIGO) as a program officer (women's leadership development) as well as an acting communication and advocacy officer. CEWIGO is a women's rights NGO established in 2006. She has over 6 years of experience in program and project planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, resource mobilization, and the research and

writing of reports. She holds two first-class degrees: a post-graduate diploma in Public Administration and Management from Uganda Management Institute, and a Bachelor of Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Makerere University. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Joanita plans to continue her work in gender equality with a focus on strengthening women's influence in leadership and decision-making for gender responsiveness and political accountability.



Patience Kente

Uganda, Public Management, 2016

Patience Kente is a young professional that has over seven years of experience in various fields in the public management sector at national and international levels. At present, Patience is a policy officer at the African Union Commission Headquarters in Addis Ababa where she among many other duties, assists the secretary general's office in monitoring the implementation of decisions taken by heads of state. She has a passion for empowering and mentoring youths

and mostly young women, through social media platforms. Patience is currently pursuing her master's degree in International Development at the University of Birmingham. After completion of the Fellowship, she hopes to start a pilot project to popularize the African Union and its initiatives to the grass root youths in Uganda e.g. the African Union Agenda

2063. She plans to continue to empower young people with a view to promoting pan-Africanism ideology and positive transformation of mindsets.



Wesaka Henry Kuloba

Uganda, Public Management, 2016

Henry Wesaka Kuloba is a lawyer, having obtained a Bachelor of Law degree from Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, in 2007 and a diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Center, Kampala. Currently, Henry is an assistant administrator general in the office of the Administrator General of Uganda, where he strives to protect and defend the rights of widows and children under the law of inheritance. Having hailed from the mudslide-prone eastern region of

Uganda, Henry is engaged in community tree-planting projects in his home village as one of the ways of combating the dangers of climate change. Henry plans to use the skills and connections acquired during the Mandela Washington Fellowship to champion the rights of vulnerable groups through policy and legislative reforms while advocating for environmental preservation.



Job Lakal

Uganda, Public Management, 2016

Job Lakal holds a degree in Economics from Makerere University. He has a bias in research, monitoring, and evaluation. Job has spent the last three and a half years working as a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) officer designing and building monitoring and evaluation systems for governance projects in Northern Uganda. He has considerable experience in the design of M&E systems for learning and accountability, participatory monitoring, and evaluation, research, data analysis, and presentation. He is also proficient at motivational speaking and speech writing. Job initially worked for Lira NGO

Forum, but is now taking on a new role in a similar position at the National Association of Women's Organization in Uganda (NAWOU). After the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Job plans to focus on building a national M&E system for NAWOU, which will support evidence-

based policy research and advocacy, and attract development programs for young Ugandan girls and women.



Shallon Mugabe Atuhaire

Uganda, Public Management, 2016

Shallon Moreen Mugabe has edited the proceedings of the Parliament of Uganda for the last 10 years. She oversees the recruitment and training of new editors, supervises the staff of the editorial section, and does the final edit and compilation of the daily Hansard. Shallon is a graduate of Literature from Makerere University, a subject she has taught at the same university. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Business Leadership at the University

of South Africa. Married with two daughters, Shallon volunteers with her husband to coach and mentor university students in life skills and personal development. On return from the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Shallon hopes to expand her project of publishing civic education booklets for primary- and secondary- school students. She also hopes to continue working on her Fruitful Me program, which seeks to train and equip corporates and university students for increased personal and corporate productivity.



Rashida Nakabuga

Uganda, Public Management, 2016

Rashida Nakabuga is a social scientist by training with a master's in Development Studies majoring in Governance, Policy, and Political Economy from ISS Erasmus University in the Netherlands. She previously worked for NUCAFE, a coffee-farmer organization, and currently assumes the role of country representative for UTZ. Her main role is to develop initiatives and programs to tackle issues affecting farmers, such as boosting their market access. Rashida has 10 years' experience implementing projects on gender, trade, advocacy, and climate change, among others. Her interest is in transforming societies through contributing to improved livelihoods. After the

Mandela Washington Fellowship, Rashida will continue to serve communities with a special

focus on promoting women and youths to participate equitably and enhance their access to opportunities.



Brenda Shenute Namugumya

Uganda, Public Management, 2016

Brenda Shenute Namugumya has seven years' experience in supporting various government sectors to integrate nutrition into service delivery and public management. She currently works as a senior technical officer with the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance III Project (FANTA), providing technical assistance in strengthening multi-sectoral nutrition leadership, policy, and programming in the ministries of Health, Agriculture, Finance, and Community Development, as well as Local

Government and the Office of the Prime Minister. Brenda Shenute is rigorously involved in the technical design and overseeing of the Uganda Nutrition Fellowship program. She also voluntarily mentors nutrition students in career guidance and soft skills, and manages an e-sharing list for current nutrition information. Benda Shenute holds a Master of Science in Applied Human Nutrition from Makerere University, Uganda. After completing of the Fellowship, Brenda Shenute plans to continue her work in multi-sectoral nutrition, with specific engagement with youth in the field of nutrition.

Emmanuel Odama

Uganda, Public Management, 2016

Emmanuel Odama is an agricultural soil scientist by training, and currently works for the National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO) of Uganda. Serving currently as a research officer at Abi Zonal Agricultural Research and Development Institute under NARO, Emmanuel has over seven years' experience in agricultural research, development, and administration. Part of his work involves training farmers and extension workers on soil and water conservation, crop agronomy, and post-harvest handling, and heading the Institute's natural resource management program. He also

volunteers as an associate pastor in his local church, where he conducts weekly Bible-study

classes. Emmanuel holds a master's degree in Soil Science from Makerere University, Kampala. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he plans to promote sustainable and climate-smart agricultural production in his community, with a focus on small-scale farmers who derive their livelihood solely from agriculture.



Jacob Oluka

Uganda, Public Management, 2016

Jacob Oluka is an industrious agriculturalist with seven years of experience. Jacob is a senior agricultural officer in the Ngora District's local government in eastern Uganda. He has contributed to agricultural development by facilitating the sensitization and implementation of national policies on sustainable food and nutrition security, promoting agribusiness for rural development, and conducting demand-driven farmer training. During weekends and annual leave, Jacob facilitates his rural community in setting up development priorities and guides in process management. After the Mandela

Washington Fellowship, Jacob plans to establish and manage an agricultural development center to foster research on appropriate technologies and guide farmers on national agricultural policy implementation. Jacob holds a master's degree in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security from Royal Agricultural University, UK.



Daniel Tuli

Uganda, Public Management, 2016

Daniel Tuli has over four years of experience in various fields in the public management sector, and community services in particular. Currently, Daniel is a tax administrator at the Uganda Revenue Authority. He is attached to tax audit unit examining taxpayer financial affairs in order assesses compliance to tax laws, and also providing innovative ideas towards revenue mobilization. He also volunteers in his local community's Rotary Club, serving as the club's sergeant-at-arms and as a project board member involved in community needs assessment and the implementation of projects. Daniel holds a bachelor's degree in

Business Administration from Makerere University. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Daniel plans to continue his work at the Uganda Revenue Authority advocating for integrity and better management of public offices. As an empowered YALL Fellow and Rotarian, he will encourage the youth towards self-sustainability.

2016 FELLOWS: ENERGY



James Kakeeto

Uganda, Energy, 2016

James Kakeeto for the past eight years has worked in the area of energy access, managing and developing sustainable enterprise-based projects aimed at increasing access to modern energy in communities. He has skills and experience in climate change, including carbon markets, developing and monitoring emission-reduction projects under various financing mechanisms. Currently, James is the CEO of Creation Energy, a company he founded in 2010 with the mission of promoting the use of renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies. The company is involved in the provision of renewable energy and energy-efficient products and services. James has a bachelor's degree

in Economics from Makerere University, where he focused on Environmental and Resource Economics. He has also done various sector-specific courses in energy and climate change. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, James plans to continue promoting renewable energy, and climate change.

2017 FELLOWS: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



Jennifer Achiro

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2017

Jennifer Achiro has four years of experience working with marginalized people in her community, with her main focus being on the economic empowerment of young mothers. Jennifer is the Founder and Director of Child Mothers Initiative Uganda, a not for profit organization that aims to economically empower rural teenage mothers in Uganda. Its aim is to increase access to better education for children and enhance the standard of living and quality of life through income generating activities by using the locally available resources. Child Mothers Initiative Uganda recycles paper from which they make jewellery, handbags, clutches, and other items. The products are environmentally friendly and are 100%

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handmade by teenage mothers and sales from the products are used to send their children to school and take care of their families. Jennifer holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from Makerere University in Uganda, where she focused on equality. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Jennifer will continue with her work of economic empowerment of young mothers, women's rights, and advocate for equal education opportunities for both boys and girls.



James Kaggwa

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2017

James Kaggwa has over five years of experience in strengthening health systems. Currently, James is a Nurse Team Leader at LifeNet International where he focuses on capacity building and mentoring health workers in different regions of Uganda. He is a 2014-15 Global Health Corps fellow, where he oversaw the establishment of five primary care health facilities in the Mount Elgon region. James holds a Bachelor of Nursing Science degree from Makerere University and Midwifery Training from Karolinska Institute. He is passionate about providing healthcare access to underserved communities to greatly reduce mortality and morbidity rates. Upon

completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, James plans to continue with health systems strengthening and to diversify his approach to healthcare access through community health insurance and other public health initiatives.



Barbara Birungi Mutabazi

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2017

Barbara Birungi Mutabazi is a ground-breaking innovator dedicated to promoting gender equality and the economic empowerment of youth, especially girls and women, by encouraging greater youth participation in STEM fields and actively contributing to the budding STEM innovation and entrepreneurship sectors in Africa. She is a Co-Founder and Director of Hive Colab, Uganda's first technology, innovation, and business accelerator and incubator for East African startups. She is also the Founder of Women in Technology Uganda (WITU), which encourages, inspires, and trains women in STEM. Barbara's

has over eight years' expertise is in the community development and IT sectors, focusing on business development by managing and establishing relationships among entrepreneurs, incubators, venture capitalists, and angel funders from Uganda and abroad. Barbara holds a degree in Business Computing from Makerere University Kampala, a post graduate

diploma in Project Planning and Management from Uganda Management Institute, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Information Systems from University of Salford Manchester, UK. Upon completion of the fellowship, she plans on continuing with her work fostering economic empowerment for women through technological innovations around education, fin-tech, agriculture, and health.



Jacquelyn Mulucha Natocho

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2017

Mulucha Jay is a Ugandan transgender man who has over five years of experience in human rights activism for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer people. Jay is currently the Executive Director and founder of Fem Alliance Uganda, an LBT/WSW organization. Jay has roles in many organizations. He works on the security committee at Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG), and the oversight committee of the Most at Risk Populations (MARPS) Network. He also sits on the steering committee of East

Africa Trans Health & Advocacy Network (EATHAN) and is a board member at Pan Africa ILGA (PAI). He acts as Alternate Trans Secretary at the Trans Secretariat of ILGA world. Jay is a basketball player, qualified basketball coach and referee, and also manages the only queer basketball team in Uganda. Jay holds a certificate in leadership skills as well as a degree in Computer Science from Kampala International University. Jay derives passion from trying to make Africa a friendlier place for the current and future LGBTIQ individuals. Upon the completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Jay plans to continue doing his work of activism and fighting for the human rights of LGBTIQ community in Uganda, Africa and the world at large.



Susan Tusabe

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2017

Susan Tusabe is a literacy advocate and a youth mentor with six years' experience in engaging communities in social mobilization for literacy activities. Susan is the founder of Art of aChild-Uganda and is currently the Partnership Coordinator for the HerStory Campaign in Uganda, where she focuses on launching, planning, and managing literacy clubs in under-served areas of Kampala that foster the power of story, support girls' learning journeys, and engage communities in supporting children as they learn and

grow. Susan holds a bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Makerere University with a focus in Finance. She is motivated by work that utilizes her personal competences and professional experience to make communities' lives better. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Susan plans to continue collaborating with communities to build stronger structures such as literacy and art centers and providing resources for educational achievement.



Sharifu Kiragga Tusubira

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2017

Tusuubira Sharifu is the Executive Director of the Uganda Sickle Cell Rescue Foundation, a non-governmental/non-profit organization that was formed with the aim of promoting awareness and sensitization to fight sickle cell disease in Uganda. Sharifu has over four years' experience advocating for people living with sickle cell disease as well as trying to address the associated social stigma around the disease. Sharifu lives with sickle cell and provides a firsthand narrative

that addresses issues of care, behavior, stigma, and discrimination. He intends to champion case study research showing the gendered dynamics and interplay of how the disease affects men and women differently in both rural and urban settings. Sharifu plans to continue advocacy while engaging and inspiring communities to join in the fight against sickle cell disease and its associated stigma within their localities.

2017 FELLOWS: BUSINESS



Okumu Whitney Achieng

Uganda, Business, 2017

Whitney Achieng Okumu has four years' experience working in tourism, travel and customer care operations. She is currently a Customer Care Representative at M-kopa Uganda Limited where her work focuses on ensuring customer satisfaction through motivation, effective speech, creative thinking, as well as the ability to analyze situations and offer solutions. Previously, she worked with Pinnacle Africa Safaris where she arranged to travel to Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi. Whitney is the CEO of James Safaris Africa, a company that organizes events and short tours in Uganda and Kenya. She is also the

founder of Girl Tomorrow, a social media campaign that encourages girl development and retention in education. Whitney volunteers with Atlas Corps, an organization that promotes innovation, cooperation, and solutions through skill exchange across the world. Upon her return from Mandela Washington Fellowship, she intends to expand Girl Tomorrow to include tourism, mobile based applications and technology, events, dance and skills development to engage and mentor young girls. Whitney has a Bachelor's degree in Tourism Management from Makerere University, where she spearheaded the trailing of tourism products at Makerere University in conjunction with the Kampala City Council Authority in 2013.



Charles Amaku

Uganda, Business, 2017

Amaku Charles Andresile has over eight years of experience in health services leadership and management with special focus on private medical care practice. Charles is the founder and Director of Carlos Medical Centers, where he focuses on establishing a chain of private medical care centers and healthcare leadership training institutions. Charles won the Pakasa Young Entrepreneur Award in 2016 and was recognized by Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation Uganda as the Best Treatment and Care

Officer 2015 for its West Nile Region HIV/AIDS Program. Currently, Charles is completing his Master's Degree in Public Health from Uganda Martyrs University, where he is majoring in Population and Reproductive Health. Charles has a very strong passion for the health of the community and he would like to see healthy communities with economic liberty. Upon

completion of Mandela Washington Fellowship, he plans to continue his work in increasing access to affordable and quality medical care services in rural areas and identify more opportunities to invest in the healthcare services delivery.



Lucy Amaniyo is a medical doctor, public health practitioner, and entrepreneur with over four years experience in maternal and child health, with a particular focus on child health. Currently, she is the medical officer in charge of the Sickle Cell Clinic at Mulago National Referral Hospital where she focuses on diagnosis, management, and research among children affected by sickle cell disease. Lucy is the proprietor of Dr. Lucy's Medical Clinic, a private health facility in a rural area focused on providing quality and affordable health care and subsidized medical services to women and children. She has recently completed a masters degree in public health from Makerere University, where she

focused on epidemiology, biostatistics and maternal and child health. Orphaned at a tender age, Lucy hopes that her story will inspire others, especially girls. She is driven by a strong desire to help others, promote child health, eliminate child suffering and help children to achieve their full potential in life. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Lucy hopes to expand her business, provide more high-quality services, continue her work at the National Referral and to make a difference in the lives of mothers and children.



Muhumuza Francis Iranga has over six years of experience in organic garlic farming. Francis is the owner, founder, and director of Fort Garlic Farm in Fort Portal, Uganda. Fort Garlic Farm focuses on growing garlic and training subsistence farmers to produce zero carbon footprint foods, to grow garlic in their small farms profitably, and to use garlic to offset the negative effects of crop raiding in and around national parks in Uganda. Currently, the

organization serves 457 registered subsistence organic farmers. Francis holds a diploma in electrical and electronics engineering. He is highly committed to producing the best garlic and to penetrating the African garlic market currently dominated by imported Chinese non-organic GMO garlic and garlic products. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Francis plans to train more young people to grow commercial

organic foods for the African market and to stop the imports of Chinese garlic and foodstuff to Uganda and Africa.

Jackline Bayoa

Uganda, Business, 2017

Jackline Bayoa has over five years of experience in the business and entrepreneurship sector. Currently, Jackline owns and operates a restaurant called Hot 7. She previously worked as a welfare probation officer. Jackline is a member of the Uganda Rotary Club, where she helps bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services and to advance goodwill and peace in her country. Jackline holds a bachelor's degree in Development Skills from Gulu University. Jackline is committed to inspiring girls in Africa to succeed through business and entrepreneurship by being an example from whom

people can learn from and also through participating in training to impart skills to business people. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Jackline plans to continue her work in business and entrepreneurship to make Hot 7 one of the top dining restaurants in the Arua district. She is intent on expanding her culinary expertise and open a franchise. As a budding entrepreneur, she plans to share her YALI Mandela Washington Fellowship experiences and keep training youth on creating and running their own businesses to reduce unemployment and fight poverty.



Sandra Ejang

Uganda, Business, 2017

Sandra Ejang is a Telecommunications Engineer by profession; a farmer; and the mother of two beautiful girls, Antonia and Zoya. Sandra's farming journey started in 2014 when she acquired bee hives while working with Jetpatcher Uganda, a road repair company. By late 2016, she had engaged 10 families in the neighboring community in Kaduku, Kigumba in beekeeping and was buying honey to package and resell to friends in Kampala. In addition to beekeeping, Sandra also grows vegetables, spices and herbs,

strawberries and oyster mushrooms. She works with several farmers from whom she gets fresh organic vegetables for a door-to-door delivery service called Bountiful Basket

Uganda. When she is not making deliveries or doing farm work, she loves to read and spend time with her daughters.



Simon Eroku is an inclusive Communications Specialist, Filmmaker, and Disability Activist. He is the founder of OpenSigns Impact Innovations, a start-up social innovation, and inclusive design enterprise. Simon is currently working on an ICT4Dev't project developing digital learning content for Uganda Sign Language. He aspires to create a world free of barriers for youth with disabilities through his passion for innovation and assistive technology.



Nicholas Kamanzi has over four years of experience in building technology startups and software development communities. Currently, Kamanzi is a co-founder at PayNext, a financial technology marketplace for Small and Medium Enterprise businesses, and Yoza Tech, which connects single mothers to work. Kamanzi has a Bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering from Busitema University where he focused on building software to connect communities. Kamanzi is driven by using technology

to better people's lives whether it be providing access to financial services or connecting

women in Urban cities to work. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Kamanzi is committed to reducing poverty by increasing access to financial services and providing work for the underserved in urban Uganda.



Elizabeth Kasujja

Uganda, Business, 2017

Elizabeth Kasujja has over five years of experience in the health sector of Uganda. Currently, she's Co-Founder and CEO at Clear Your Mind, where they build technologies focused on mitigating the mental health illness of depression before it becomes chronic. They also raise awareness about mental health within Ugandan communities to contribute to reduction of the stigmatization of mentally ill or depressed people. Elizabeth has certifications in Public Health from John Hopkins and Bloomberg University of Public Health and is currently pursuing a diploma in Psychology. She is passionate about technology and the power it has

to transform the health sector. The bulk of her work as Clear Your Mind CEO involves development, review and refinement of the company's business strategy and execution of that strategy to obtain a leading position in the marketplace. She has chosen the path of entrepreneurship within the health sector because health is what makes everything else relevant. In that regard, she desires to make a big difference where it matters most. She's an innovative business leader and upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Elizabeth plans to continue her work raising awareness of mental health.



Francis Xavier Asiimwe

Uganda, Business, 2017

Francis Asiimwe Xavier is an agricultural researcher, businessman, and health rights advocate. He's previously been a pharmaceutical biochemist and has also held various agricultural research and extension roles in private and public sectors. He founded Kaaro Rural Healthcare Fund, where he currently serves as CEO. KRHF is an asset finance company that provides rural healthcare entrepreneurs with medical and renewable energy equipment

leases and management support to improve treatment outcomes for poor patients in the Global South. Asiimwe's mission is to ensure that rural communities are able to access high quality secondary and tertiary medical care by making rural healthcare entrepreneurship

possible, profitable, and low-risk. Asiimwe has also founded other companies with interests in agriculture, groundwater engineering, and medical crowdfunding. He holds a BSc in Biochemistry and an MSc in Crop Science from Makerere University.



Gerald Katabazi is a social and economic entrepreneur passionate about coffee farming. In 2008, he founded Volcano Coffee Ltd with a mission of improving coffee quality, promoting domestic consumption behaviors, offering skills developments to the young people and to act as a marketplace for Ugandan coffee products. His goal and mission are to see the coffee production shift from the current 4% domestic consumption rate to 20% by the year 2020 in Uganda.



Rodney Nganwa has over five years of business experience. His current focus is in the transportation sector where he has founded a company called My Boda Guy. His company seeks to create a new and improved generation of commercial motorcycle riders in Uganda. Rodney holds a Bachelor of Laws from Uganda Christian University where he recently graduated among the top 10 of his class. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Rodney plans to pass on the skills and knowledge

learned to riders he works with and members of his community.



Ronald Nyakahuma

Uganda, Business, 2017

Ronald Nyakahuma has over six years of experience in building technology products from scratch, especially working in small teams of young entrepreneurs and software engineers. His efforts gave birth to three startups, namely Mikolo, ToyotaMobi, and Tickeem. Currently, Ronald is the co-founder and Team Leader of Visipo, a tourism startup that enables visitors arrange a safe tour in minutes and in four steps with verified hosts. Here, he focuses on product and business strategy, user experience, and removing all hurdles that stop his team from building the best product customers have ever imagined. Ronald holds a bachelor's degree in Information Technology from

Makerere University where he focused on software development and management. Ronald is passionate about technology and believes most African problems can be solved by technology. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Ronald plans to continue his work of building technology solutions and start a monthly workshop called 'How to Start a Start-up in Uganda' to help Ugandan founders bring their solutions to life.



Manuela Elizabeth Pacutho

Uganda, Business, 2017

Manuela Elizabeth Pacutho has 10 years work experience with children. She is a Marketing Professional and founder and CEO and of The Cradle; Uganda's first ever 24-hour workplace infant and toddler care center. The Cradle was created to give mothers the opportunity to flourish both in the workplace and at home knowing their children are safe and in turn address the employer challenges of mothers' absenteeism and turnover. At The Cradle, she is responsible for leading the development and execution of the

company's business strategies. She is an alumna of FAWE- Uganda, program ambassador with the RAISE program and was a finalist in the business entrepreneurship TV show 'Inspire Africa'. Manuela envisions a Uganda where mothers can actively participate in political, social and economic growth, and play a role in the governance and democratic processes where their parenting concerns are addressed. Upon the completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Manuela plans to set up on and offsite workplace childcare centers at company premises and around the country.



Ben Wokorach

Uganda, Business, 2017

Ben Wokorach is lead Co-Founder and CEO of Fruiti-Cycle Limited, a startup with the mission to reduce 45% post-harvest losses in fruits and vegetables in Uganda. He graduated from Makerere University and was awarded as Best Final Year Student in the Architecture program by Uganda Society of Architects; however, he realized his passion is not in corporate architecture, but rather as a social innovator and a leader to inspire millions of youths across Africa. In 2016, he was selected as 100 Brightest Young Minds in Africa by Amalgamated Banks of South

Africa and 250 global young leaders by the 14th United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

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Emily Akullu

Uganda, Public Management, 2017

Emily Akullu lives and works in Uganda. She is an Economist by Profession, a Public Administrator by Practice and a Politician. Emily holds a Social Science Bachelors Degree from Makerere University, a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration from Uganda Management Institute and A Masters of Arts Degree from Makererere University. She has worked for the Government of Uganda for 10 years. She served 3 years as an Assistant Secretary at State House, posted to the Office of the First Lady, followed by 3 years as Deputy Resident District Commissioner of the Busia District and 4 years as Deputy Resident District

Commissioner of the Moroto District. In the 2016 General Elections, Emily contested for the Position of District Woman Member of Parliament, but lost. She is the Vice Chairperson of her party at the district level and is also working on building a Policy and Advocacy Consultancy Firm, which she is hopeful will take off after the Mandela Washington Fellowship. Emily is looking forward to being part of the YALI team 2017.



Angela Anyolo Ameso

Uganda, Public Management, 2017

Angela Ameso has ambitions to work as a human rights activist for an international organization for gender equality, education, and public health. She has over three years' experience in community development, focusing on education. She is the co-founder of the Kitabu-Buk Project, an NGO focused on initiating, designing and implementing activities for the neediest children in the community. Currently, Angela is a Global Youth Ambassador for A World at School, a UN initiative

launched by the then UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon and UN Special Envoy for Global Education. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Angela intends to use the acquired skills to continue advocating for education and creating awareness for women in the socio-economic context.



Jacquiline Amongin

Uganda, Public Management, 2017

Jacquiline Amongin has over 6 years' experience as a legislator in the Parliament of Uganda and is Uganda's representative to the African Union Pan African Parliament. She is also a founder of an NGO, Amongin Jacqueline Hope Development Foundation (AJAHFOD), focusing on empowering rural communities of Eastern Uganda on areas of education, health, hygiene, access to water sanitation as well as addressing climate change and economic empowerment. She holds a bachelor's degree in Environment Management from

Makerere University Kampala. She is ambitious to replicate good practices to improve on the legislative framework of Uganda, especially in areas of environmental sustainability, cultural issues such as addressing girl child education, and general improvement on the rural infrastructure set up to be environment complaint. She is passionate about networking with other like-minded personalities, entities, organizations, and international bodies in achieving her objectives.



Joel Kiconco Ankunda

Uganda, Public Management, 2017

Joel Kiconco Ankunda has four years' experience as a lawyer, offering access to justice to persons who cannot afford lawyers. Currently, Joel is the Director of Know the Law Prison's Project, an initiative geared towards helping inmates that can't afford lawyers get access to justice through legal representation. Joel holds a bachelor's degree in Law. He is determined to restore hope, dignity, and reformation to inmates through legal education and human rights to ensure that justice prevails. Additionally, Joel serves as a member of the board of directors of Senior Citizens AgeCare Foundation - Uganda and is a co-founder of a

community-based youth project called Agarihamwe nigatta-eiguffa in Kayonza, Kanungu District, which trains youth to become job creators rather than job seekers through tea planting as a form of sustainable income generation in agriculture. Joel is passionate about community transformation, rule of law, public policy advocacy, and access to justice as a human right. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he intends to engage in activism for the realization of human rights for the most disadvantaged people. Joel aspires to be a legislator in Parliament in order to influence policies that advance a better criminal justice system.



Elizabeth Musoki

Uganda, Public Management, 2017

Elizabeth Musoki is a Community Development and Probation Officer with Kasese District Local Government, where she advocates and protects the rights of marginalized women, youth, and children. Growing up in a highly patriarchal rural society, she witnessed children and women suffer abuse and decided to commit her life to fighting for social justice. Elizabeth holds a postgraduate diploma in Public Administration and Management and bachelor's degree in

Development Studies. She has established a Youth Innovation and Production Center in Kasese district, which extends vocational skills training to youth and women for self-employment and aims to reduce high unemployment among the youth and women from 80 percent to 20 percent by 2025.



Kalule Flavia Nabagabe

Uganda, Public Management, 2017

Flavia Nabagabe is a teacher, activist, politician, motivational speaker, and trainer. She has over ten years of experience in community advocacy and social work in fields such as education and women's rights. She believes that women's concerns are development issues and, if neglected, can be a huge setback to economic empowerment for any nation. For the past six years, Flavia has worked with the Forum for Women in Democracy, a national women's rights organization in Uganda. Her work includes analyzing and developing gender policies,

laws and budgets, training women legislators, Members of Parliament, and Local Government Councilors in effective legislative engagement, designing, and implementing community empowerment programs. Flavia ran for Women's Representative in Parliament for the Mubende District constituency, Uganda in 2016, emerging second in a four-way race and is currently running for Women's Representative in Parliament for Kassanda District Constituency, Uganda. In addition to her political engagement, Flavia is currently pursuing a master's degree from Makerere University.



Winnie Nansumba

Uganda, Public Management, 2017

Winnie Nansumba has over 6 years of experience in the field of youth and community engagement, especially focusing on sexual reproductive health and rights of young people. Currently, Winnie is a project Assistant at Mildmay Uganda where she focuses on administrative project roles and coordinating girl's engagement forums for adolescent girls and young women. Winnie holds a bachelor's a degree in Guidance and Counselling from Ndejje University in Uganda. Winnie is driven by her passion for working with young people and willingness to be a change agent in her community. She would like to contribute to the growth and development of her

country and improve her well-being and that of others. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Winnie plans to continue her work of promoting human respect, understanding, and tolerance with a focus on healthy habits in young people and engaging in collective and mutually beneficial development activities.



Annet Aketoko Onzia

Uganda, Public Management, 2017

Annet Aketoko Onzia is a doctor with great passion for sexual and reproductive health and rights of young adults and marginalized members of society. At the Infectious Diseases Institute in Uganda, she is the Head of the Sexual and Reproductive Health department and runs specialized clinics for adolescents, pregnant women and marginalized members of society to whom she provides quality services while conducting research. Annet holds a bachelor's degree in medicine and surgery, a post graduate diploma in tropical medicine and hygiene, and an international certificate in sexual reproductive health research. With over three years'

experience, she envisions becoming a public health specialist and advocate, carrying out research that transforms policy in Africa. Her dream is to see an Africa where everyone receives effective sexual health services, irrespective of race, religion, and sexual orientation, for an HIV-free Africa. A great believer in voluntary work, she is an active member of her local rotary club. Upon returning to her home country, Annet plans to continue her work as a cutting edge clinical care provider and researcher at the clinic. This will help best understand the challenges and ultimately find solutions to effective sexual and reproductive health and rights in Africa.

2017 FELLOWS: ENERGY



Julius Magala

Uganda, Energy, 2017

Julius Magala has over nine years of experience in developing markets for renewable energy in East Africa. Currently, Julius works with Energy 4 Impact as the Country Manager for Uganda. He supports businesses to deliver energy access to off-grid communities through innovative business models and offers strategic technical advice. The organization works to finance and expand local markets. Julius holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Renewable Energy Development from Heriot-Watt University where he focused on the economics of renewable energy, renewable energy generation, integration and environmental policy and risk. Julius is driven to reduce

the burden of energy poverty and contribute to universal access to affordable and clean energy, especially in under-served markets. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington fellowship, Julius plans to continue supporting businesses to deliver energy access.



Evelyn Habumugisha Mugisha

Uganda, Energy, 2017

Evelyn Habumugisha Mugisha is an Architect and Project Manager with wide ranging experience in architectural design, and managing portfolios of construction and energy projects both in Europe and Uganda. She has been practicing in East Africa for nine years, including executing projects in post conflict areas and remote locations for diverse clientele in the public and private sector. Evelyn works at UMEME Ltd., the largest electricity distribution company in Uganda, as Portfolio

Manager for CAPEX projects within the Capital and Contracts Division. As Portfolio Manager, she provides technical and program support services for the CAPEX program. Evelyn's dreams to provide every household and school in Africa access to safe and clean energy. It is her long term goal to develop strategies to facilitate rural electrification. This would improve livelihoods and increase the gross domestic product of economies with cross sectoral benefits in health, agriculture, education, water and information and communication technology. With combined experience in construction and the energy sectors she established Green Energy Enterprises (GREET) Ltd. as a social enterprise in response to the energy shortage in Uganda. GREET works with communities, schools and businesses to scale up renewable energy generation and put local power in the hands of local people. GREET is poised to start a revolution in the way energy is developed and utilized in Uganda.

2018 FELLOWS: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



Fardosa Ahamed

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2018

Fardosa Ahamed holds elected office as a youth council leader and deputy speaker for the Kaabong District local government in Uganda. She is also a treasurer for the Uganda District Councilors Speakers Association. Fardosa has two years' experience in youth engagement and community development. She runs Keep My Dream Alive, an organization aiming to support underprivileged children in accessing secondary school. The organization supports students through the Strengthening Education in Karamoja project focused on social entrepreneurship. The organization also

addresses the abuse faced by female students at school. She holds a bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management from Kampala International University. She is passionate about education and believes that education can lift communities out of poverty. Upon the completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, she will apply her acquired skills and knowledge to realize her dream of a community where girls and boys have guaranteed access to education.



Adrian Jjuuko

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2018

Adrian Jjuuko is a Ugandan human rights lawyer, researcher, and activist, with twelve years of experience. He is the founder and executive director of Human Rights Awareness and Promotion Forum (HRAPF), an organization that operates the only specialized legal aid clinic for LGBTI persons in Uganda, and advocates for legal change in favor of marginalized groups. Adrian coordinated the Civil Society Coalition on Human Rights and Constitutional Law, which led civil society opposition to Uganda's Anti-Homosexuality Bill, 2009, and for this, won the U.S. State Department's Human Rights Defenders Award 2011. Adrian successfully opened

the door for LGBTI persons and other marginalized groups to access Uganda's Equal Opportunities Commission through a successful legal challenge. In recognition of his work, he received the Vera Chirwa Award 2016 from the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, and he was the first runner-up for the European Union's Human Rights Defenders Award 2017. Adrian holds an LLM in Human Rights and Democratization in Africa from the University of Pretoria, and he is currently pursuing his LLD at the same university. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he expects to generate more knowledge on LGBTI rights in Uganda and to continue using the law to enable effective protection of LGBTI persons.



Agnes Kabonesa

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2018

Kabonesa Agnes has over four years of experience in the community development sector focusing on child protection, peer education, gender-based violence, domestic violence, life skills, education, and child marriage. She is currently working as an advocacy assistant, peer educator, life skills trainer, and ambassador of child marriage at World Vision Uganda, where she focuses on advocacy campaigns, community education and mobilization, child protection, and child and youth engagement activities in Uganda and internationally. She is driven by her passion for gender equality, ending violence against children, leadership, child and youth

empowerment and engagement, and community involvement. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Agnes plans continue with her work in community development with a focus on gender equality, advocacy campaigns, health, education, and counselling. She aims to train young girls on how to make reusable pads, among other projects.



Barbara Kemigisa

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2018

Barbara Kemigisa is an HIV activist in Kampala, Uganda who is passionate about sharing her story after being molested as a child and infected with HIV as a teen, through Pill Power Uganda. This organization recycles empty ARV bottles into artifacts to engage, support, and inspire youth living with HIV and to use their stories to change the face of HIV and AIDS in Uganda.



Gloria Mutyaba

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2018

Gloria Mutyaba has over five years' experience in grassroots activism and community mobilization, specifically for gender and sexual minorities in Uganda. Currently, Gloria is the program officer at Freedom and Roam Uganda, a lesbian, bisexual, and queer (LBQ) women's rights organization. She is a radical feminist, human rights defender, and LGBTI and gender rights activist, passionate about addressing violence faced by LBQ women. She is a member of the Africa Sex Rights Network and SRHR Africa Trust. She is an alumna of the Tuwezeshe Dada program on improving the rights and amplifying the actions of young African women against all forms of

gender-based violence. Gloria holds a bachelor's degree in mass communication from Makerere University. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, she wants to open the first LBQ women's reference center to better respond to the psychosocial needs of the LBQ community. The center will provide advocacy, generate evidence-based knowledge, and offer free psychosocial programs to LBQ women in Uganda.



Esther Nakajjigo

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2018

At the age of 17, Esther Nakajjigo was named Uganda's Ambassador for Women and Girls. She leads a popular reality television show on teenage pregnancy called Saving Innocence Challenge, currently a world-renowned and female-led movement financed by local girls for local girls. Esther advocates for a decent life for refugee women and girls through her participation in the Global Girls Movement (Lift up her Voice). Esther has won five national awards and a Geneva Women's World Summit Prize, and she is passionate about giving migration a human face.



Joram Ndagga

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2018

Joram Ndagga is an education activist with six years' experience promoting skills development of girls and women in rural Ugandan communities, improving their economic opportunities and success. He founded Bussi Community Solutions, an organization which keeps girls in school by equipping them with practical entrepreneurial skills in mushroom growing, beekeeping, and poultry raising. These projects diversify their livelihood options through agriculture. He is a driving force in group projects, as he translates plans into practice, exhibiting a professional attitude and a perseverance for developing

African communities. He volunteered as the vice president for AIESEC in Uganda, an international student organization which trains and develops youth to engage in community leadership roles. Joran was also a community mobilizer, training rural women to develop the Lunch for a Child project that feeds 200 children on Bussi Island, Uganda, therefore, keeping them in school. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he will apply his newly gained knowledge to bridge the gap between poor communities and the wealthy elite through promoting quality education.

2018 FELLOWS: BUSINESS



Nancy Linda Alwedo

Uganda, Business, 2018

Linda N. Alwedo is an economist with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Makerere University. She is also an informally trained fashion designer and entrepreneur with a strong sense of social responsibility. Since 2012, Linda has been the managing and creative director of Highline Fashions. Highline Fashions is a fashion house that not only operates as a business, but also offers training in tailoring and designing to housewives, vulnerable girls, and young mothers. Since 2017, she has been a chaperone and the official designer of the Miss Madi beauty pageant, which is a local pageant that focuses on addressing social and economic issues

affecting the Madi community. She intends to harmonize her professional training as an economist with her skills in fashion in hopes of expanding her business locally and internationally.



Anthony Ayebare

Uganda, Business, 2018

Anthony Ayebare has over eight years of experience in nonprofit leadership with a focus on smallholder farmer empowerment, defending indigenous minority rights, education, healthcare, and community development. Currently, Anthony is the CEO of Kanara Maize Farmers Ltd; a company focused on feeding the world's growing population with nutritious agricultural commodities like grains and flour meal. Anthony also transforms subsistence farms into profitable businesses through helping smallholder farmers access good training, affordable capital, quality inputs, and better crop prices. Anthony holds a bachelor's degree in Human

Resource Management from Makerere University. He is driven by the desire to fight for economic justice, poverty alleviation, and equal rights for everyone. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Anthony plans to continue feeding the world by connecting farmers to customers, ensuring food security, better nutrition, and economic improvement through agribusiness.



Karugaba Douglas Baguma

Uganda, Business, 2018

Douglas Baguma has over six years' experience working in the renewable energy industry, focusing on solar energy. He is an internationally trained renewable energy engineer with a bachelor's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Makerere University. He also holds a first class post graduate diploma in Business Administration from the Uganda Management Institute.

Douglas is currently the managing director at Innovex, a Ugandan business, which provides energy access to low-income populations and rural communities by providing essential pay-as-you-go and solar monitoring technology to solar contractors. He is driven by his dream of global access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Douglas will continue to promote energy access to eradicate poverty and advance health, education, rural enterprises, and agribusiness through solar irrigation.



Aidah Bukubuza

Uganda, Business, 2018

Aidah Bukubuza has six years of experience designing technology information systems, research, and marketing information communications technology (ICT) solutions. Aidah is passionate about gender inclusive technology, maternal mental health, and advocacy. She believes that every woman has the potential to thrive and deserves to be fully empowered through science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Currently, Aidah is the founder and lead operations manager of AYDIA Technology; a Uganda consulting firm focused on the participation of youth and women in ICT for education, business, agritech, fintech, health innovation, and

advocacy. She is a member of Bernice Women, an NGO fighting to end violence against women. She is also a founding partner at DigiHealth Limited, which designs and develops software applications to improve health sector service delivery. Aidah holds a bachelor's degree in Information Technology from Makerere University and a postgraduate diploma in Applied ICT in Health from Clarke International University. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Aidah plans to continue empowering youth and women in technology through innovation in education, health, and advocacy, to bridge the digital gender gap.



Irene Ruth Mirembe Nakakebe

Uganda, Business, 2018

Irene Mirembe Kiguba has over eleven years' experience in accounting and financial consulting and six years in managing community retail pharmacies. Currently, Irene is the managing director of two Joy Pharmacy Limited branches and Hope Pharmacy Limited, where she is responsible for financial performance, human capital development, and strategic growth. She served on the finance and investment committees and the board of a reputable savings and credit

cooperative organization in Uganda. Irene is passionate about promoting access to pharmaceutical care in underprivileged rural Ugandan communities with limited access to essential medicine and good quality healthcare. She is partnering with her church to organize free medical campaigns. Irene is also interested in empowering youth, especially women, to become business leaders. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration from the Makerere University Business School. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Irene plans to partner with individuals and local and international organizations to expand her community retail pharmacies and grow the pharmaceutical manufacturing sector in Uganda. With her acquired skills, Irene will continue to mentor young business leaders in building successful businesses.



Francis Iranga Muhumuza

Uganda, Business, 2018

Muhumuza Francis Iranga has over six years of experience in organic garlic farming. Francis is the owner, founder, and director of Fort Garlic Farm in Fort Portal, Uganda. Fort Garlic Farm focuses on growing garlic and training subsistence farmers to produce zero carbon footprint foods, to grow garlic in their small farms profitably, and to use garlic to offset the negative effects of crop raiding in and around national parks in Uganda. Currently, the organization serves 457 registered subsistence organic farmers. Francis holds a diploma in electrical and electronics engineering. He is highly committed to producing the best garlic

and to penetrating the African garlic market currently dominated by imported Chinese non-organic GMO garlic and garlic products. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Francis plans to train more young people to grow commercial organic foods for the African market and to stop the imports of Chinese garlic and foodstuff to Uganda and Africa.



Milly Namwanje

Uganda, Business, 2018

Milly Namwanje has over six years of experience in agribusiness and enterprise development training. Currently, she is co-founder and executive director of Eco Development Initiatives; a social enterprise focused on youth and women's entrepreneurship development and economic empowerment. Milly focuses on organization strategy development, designing business management modules, facilitating training, and mentoring and coaching youth and women on how to start and run a business. She also runs an agricultural value addition business focusing on mushrooms, coffee, and bananas. Milly holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from Kyambogo

University. Milly is also a certified trainer of the United Nations International Labour Organization's Start and Improve Your Business Program and the Bank of Uganda's financial literacy program. She is driven by her belief that if youth and women receive support, enormous opportunities become available to them. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Milly plans to equip more youth and women with business management practices to start businesses, improve business performance, and create jobs thereby improving their livelihoods.



Martha Nandagire

Uganda, Business, 2018

Martha Nandagire has four years' experience in social entrepreneurship, specifically in transforming communities through connecting them to solar energy. Martha is the founder and director of Power for the Poor, an initiative which aims to reduce the use of kerosene for lighting among rural communities. They do this through working with rural women and connecting them to solar energy. Martha holds a bachelor's degree in Development Studies from Makerere University. Upon completion of the

Mandela Washington Fellowship, Martha plans to continue supporting the transformation of rural communities through connecting them to solar energy, focusing on vulnerable women and advocating for their economic rights. Martha will also use her international network gained from the Fellowship to benefit rural women in the Kayunga district of Uganda.



Jean Anthony Onyait

Uganda, Business, 2018

Jean Anthony Onyait is the founding CEO of Akellobanker, a Ugandan based fintech that uses mobile tools to facilitate access to inclusive credit services and products. At Akellobanker, Jean focuses on the strategic growth of the organization, but he also provides training for farmers and traders on the usage of the system since he loves engaging in the community. Jean's ten years' experience in electronic microfinance systems, telecom mobile money payment systems, and digital finance literacy prepare him to work with communities to build resilience and overcome shocks through improved access to services and products. Upon completion of

the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Jean plans to continue leveraging technology to facilitate access to credit services and products for farmers and small-scale traders, specifically by utilizing data to generate credit scores that will facilitate credit and insurance underwriting for less privileged communities.

Arthur Woniala

Uganda, Business, 2018

Arthur Woniala has over four years of experience in renewable energy and bioenergy systems. Currently, Arthur is a co-founder of Khainza Energy Limited, which improves access to clean, affordable cooking fuel among low-income populations. They also train youth and women to harness the potential of bioenergy to enhance their quality of life. Arthur is committed to reducing excessive reliance on solid fuels (firewood and charcoal) and its associated dangers to health and the environment. He believes that impoverished

communities have a right to access clean, sustainable, and affordable energy. Arthur holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he plans to set up a large-scale biogas production facility where they will package biogas in cylinders for distribution to 25,000 homes.

2018 FELLOWS: PUBLIC MANAGEMENT



Joseph Benedict Dr. Etonu

Uganda, Public Management, 2018

Joseph Benedict Etonu is a medical doctor in a challenging rural area with a poorly functioning hospital. He has worked at this remote facility for over three years, supervising 13 smaller health facilities. Joseph transformed the facility he worked in as a superintendent to a functional unit, and it is currently one of the best health facilities in eastern Uganda. He believes that to improve a place, one must start with the right attitude. Upon completion of the Mandela

Washington Fellowship, he plans to continue working at his hospital so that the people in the rural area he serves continue to access good, affordable health care.



Anna Lawino

Uganda, Public Management, 2018

Anna Lawino has over eight years of experience as a medical doctor in the public and private health sector. Her work is focused on clinical and public health implementation projects focused on HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria, nutrition, maternal and child health. Anna is a quality improvement advisor for the ASSIST project at University Research Co, LLC, where she focuses on building capacity for the Ministry of Health in Uganda, implementing partners, district health management teams, and

health facility teams to adopt modern approaches to improve health care services. Anna holds a master's degree in Public Health, a bachelor's degree in Medicine, and a bachelor's degree in Surgery. She is committed to improving health systems and better health outcomes and hopes to one day witness a fully functional health system in her country. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Anna hopes to continue her work in health system strengthening, policy formulation, and research for improved health outcomes.



Racheal Mpiriirwe

Uganda, Public Management, 2018

Racheal Mpiriirwe is a youth activist with five years' experience working with youth to advocate for good governance. Currently, Racheal is a team leader of Youth Initiatives for Peace Building, an organization which promotes peace through conflict resolution, economic empowerment, and good governance. She aspires to shape the future of public management as a legislator in parliament. Racheal intends to involve more youth in policy decision-making processes by creating platforms for youth to run for political office. Currently, many youth are locked out of the process due to the monetization of politics in Uganda. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship,

Racheal plans to continue building a network of economically empowered and informed youth who will become effective political leaders, speaking volumes through their community development actions. With this aspiration, she hopes to run for elected office in 2021, along with other young people, and change the course of politics and public service in Uganda.



Rose Mary Nakame

Uganda, Public Management, 2018

Rose Mary Nakame is a public health specialist with over five years of experience in health, gender, and water, sanitation, and hygiene programming. Currently, Rose is an executive director at REMI East Africa, which increases access to quality healthcare for impoverished populations. She is responsible for project development and implementation, monitoring and evaluation, human resource management, building partnerships, grant writing, resource mobilization, and representing the organization. Rose also serves as the CEO of Afriwaste Solutions, a social enterprise addressing the regional

waste management crisis. She advises a number of local and international boards and committees, including Irise Uganda, the Uganda Chapter of the Africa Health Accountability Platform, and the International Youth Committee (as its female ambassador to Uganda). She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and completed an advanced nursing care exchange program in Finland in 2014. She shares her knowledge as a part-time teacher in the rural area of Hoima and by building the capacity of grassroots public health organizations. Rose is passionate about health equity, gender equality, and sustainable development. She hopes that health disparities will be non-existent in the future. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Rose will continue to promote health equity through her various roles, empower more young women to take leadership roles in the health sector, and launch a village health insurance program.



Elone Ainebyoona Natumanya

Uganda, Public Management, 2018

[Elone Natumanya Ainebyoona](#) has over ten years' experience in public policy administration, advocacy, leadership development, research, policy analysis, citizen mobilization, community development work, activism, communication for development, sub-national civic work coordination, and events management. Currently, she is the coordinator of the Uganda Parliamentary Forum on Youth Affairs, a youth advocacy platform that brings together over 150 members of parliament to focus on youth affairs. She holds a

master's degree in Public Administration of International Development from the University of York in the United Kingdom. She is passionate about social justice, democracy, and good governance and hopes to influence the adoption of these values by the leadership of her country. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, she plans to continue building an effective legislative advocacy platform in parliament and supporting youth leadership development, especially for young women, in pursuing positions of influence.



Shaban Senyange

Uganda, Public Management, 2018

Shaban Senyange, a self-proclaimed nature boy, is a conservationist and travel journalist from Uganda. Shaban is the creator, host, and producer of ECOZONE, a wildlife and travel show that seeks to create awareness about environment and wildlife conservation through travel. By merging travel and conservation themes, the show was recognized as the 2016/2017 Best Tourism Program at the Uganda Tourism Excellence Awards. Shaban was honored as the 2016/2017 Best Tourism Supporting Journalist at the Ekkula Tourism Awards. In addition, Shaban has worked with a variety

of organizations at the forefront of biodiversity and environmental conservation, public health, and community development in Uganda. He currently works on several campaigns, including Hike for Maternal Life, an initiative providing support to mothers in remote hospital facilities, and Greening Schools, of which he is an ambassador, a campaign which works with schools to restore forest cover in Uganda. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Health and a Master of Science in Safety, Health, and Environment. Shaban believes that human health and environmental sustainability are interconnected. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he plans to continue working at the human-wildlife nexus, especially with communities most affected by human-wildlife conflicts, public health, and climate change in Uganda and beyond. He will continue to use media as a platform not only to inform and create awareness but also to empower communities.



John Kasiita Ssemulema

Uganda, Public Management, 2018

John Ssemulema Kasiita is an environmentalist with over five years of experience in international development cooperation, focusing on strengthening the capacity of institutions to plan and implement environmental management interventions of sound community impact. Currently, John works with the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) as a climate change expert to provide policy and technical advice to the Ugandan government regarding effective mobilization of funds to implement projects against climate change.

John holds a master's degree in Environment and Natural Resources Management from Brandenburg University of Technology in Cottbus, Germany. John's realization that development gains in food and water security, infrastructure, health, education and poverty eradication are at risk of being reversed by climate change, prompted him to align his education and professional practice towards empowering national institutional structures to plan for climate change in order to protect millions of vulnerable lives and the economy from its impacts. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, John pledges to continue working on interventions against climate change and hopes to establish a think tank focused on environmental management and sustainable development.

2019 FELLOWS: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



Emmanuel Angoda

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2019

Emmanuel Angoda is a teacher at Lira Town College, in northern Uganda. He is a technology innovator, STEM activist, and mentor with seven years of experience in the education and ICT sectors. He involves his students in ICT activities such as Robotics, the Technovation Challenge, Africa Code Week, and essay writing competitions, from which he has won several national awards. From 2013 to 2017 Emmanuel served as the Regional Ambassador for Technovation Challenge, a global technology entrepreneurship program for girls and young women. Emmanuel is the founder of Walktrack Edu Platform, an educational website that provides free online open

educational resources for teachers and students. He also runs the Career Assistance Program (CAP), an initiative that helps young people obtain vital career information and support after high school. In 2017, Emmanuel was the recipient of the Teachers Making a Difference award and was rewarded with an educational trip to Dublin, Ireland. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he plans to continue his work in development education with a focus on girls' education and eLearning resources.



Jimmy Awany

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2019

Jimmy Awany has seven years of experience managing governance, peacebuilding, and developmental programs in South Sudan, Uganda, and Kenya. Currently, he is the program coordinator for Justice Africa, an organization based in South Sudan, where he manages a peacebuilding program aimed at stabilizing and transforming South Sudan. Jimmy holds a Master of Science in Development Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington

Fellowship, Jimmy plans to continue to promote the participation of civil society in peace and governance processes across the continent.



Rhoda Nakungu

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2019

Rhoda Nakungu has two years of experience in public interest litigation, human rights advocacy, and alternative dispute resolution. Currently, she is an externship lawyer in the Public Interest Law Clinic of the School of Law at Makerere University. In this role, Rhoda works in the post-conflict district of Bundibugyo, where she offers legal aid to vulnerable and indigent people and promotes legal literacy among indigenous tribes and immigrants from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Rhoda also uses her position to advocate for women's and girl's rights, mainly focusing on those from minority and marginalized groups. Rhoda holds a law

degree from Makerere University and a post graduate diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Center Uganda. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, she plans to continue offering legal aid to vulnerable and indigent people in post-conflict areas and to sensitize local communities about harmful cultural practices, mainly against women and children.



Victo Nalule

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2019

Victo Nalule is a differently-abled woman who embraces a positive "can do" attitude, and a human resource professional with strong leadership and managerial experience. Victo is the executive director and founder of the Tunaweza Foundation, a non-governmental organization that works towards creating an inclusive world where disadvantaged people achieve their maximum potential and contribute to society. Additionally, she works as a health and safety environmental administrator in an

electricity distribution company. Victo is a member of Lions Clubs International and is the third vice president for Kampala Host Lions Club, which assists with global and large-scale local humanitarian projects. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Victo plans to continue her work advocating for inclusivity for all, with a focus on women and girls with disabilities.



Zaharah Namanda

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2019

Zaharah Namanda has over four years of experience in community development, focusing on women and girls' education. She is a Country co-director for the Africa Education and Leadership Initiative (Africa ELI), a non-governmental organization that provides educational opportunities for young female refugees from South Sudan. At Africa ELI, Zaharah provides leadership and strategic direction while working closely with her fellow co-director to implement programs, coordinate logistics, and monitor and evaluate student performance. Zaharah holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Makerere

University in Kampala, and previously she assisted the National Planning Authority on the review of the universal primary education policy. Zaharah is driven by her commitment to empowering young women and girls through education and aspires to belong to a community where young girls and boys have equal access to education. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Zaharah will integrate learned skills to strengthen her education advocacy work and empower young women and girls in Uganda.



Drake Ssempijja

Uganda, Civic Engagement, 2019

Drake Ssempijja has ten years of experience in the aquaculture industry, spanning across academia, research, consultancy, and civil service sectors. Drake works directly with organizations that focus on aquaculture development for food security and economic development with an emphasis on vulnerable youth groups. His passion is driven by the rampant youth unemployment in Uganda, which he believes can be solved by active involvement in the aquaculture sector. Currently, he is a lecturer of fisheries and aquaculture at Makerere University, College of Natural Sciences,

Department of Zoology, Entomology and Fisheries Sciences. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Drake also mentors youth groups interested in aquaculture value chain. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Fisheries and Aquaculture from Makerere University, a Master of Science in Aquaculture from Ghent University, and postgraduate certificates in Aquaculture from Iceland and South Africa. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he plans to use the skills and knowledge gained to enhance the efficiency of his community outreach programs, and to bridge the gap between academia and society for sustainable aquaculture development.

2019 FELLOWS: BUSINESS

Rita Anyango

Uganda, Business, 2019

Rita Anyango has ten years of experience in customer relationship management in the area of sales and customer retention in the banking, telecom, and creative industries. Currently, Rita works as head of customer service at Guaranty Trust Bank Uganda Limited. She is also a content writer, creative director and 'See it Be it' alumna of the Cannes Lion's International Festival of Creativity. Rita co-founded the non-profit social enterprise, Women in Animation (Uganda), to give African women and girls a platform to learn and master

creative technology and share equally in the benefits of the animation industry. Rita holds a bachelor's degree in Drama and a Master in Business Administration from Makerere University. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Rita plans to continue

her work in customer relationship management, with a keen focus on public-private partnerships and inclusion of women and girls.



Gerard Iga for the last six years has promoted tourism in the West Nile region of Uganda. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Education but has shifted industries to work as a freelance tour guide before joining Oasis 24 Seven Ltd in 2014 as a tour manager. In this job, Gerard plans, markets, and executes both group and custom tours for the company's clients. He has also managed events for the company and been a valuable local contact for researchers and volunteers from other countries.

Gerard believes tourism is a critical driver for rural economic development and can facilitate the conservation of natural resources. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Gerard plans to grow his newly founded company, Lado Tours and Travel LTD, to help bolster communities beyond Uganda in South Sudan, the DRC, and across the continent.



Razaki Omia Iganachi has over two years of experience in agribusiness development, connecting small farmers to reliable and profitable opportunities to help improve their livelihoods. Omia currently works as the managing director for the Omia Agribusiness Development Group LTD where he plans, implements and evaluates all business operations for the firm. He holds a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Sciences from Makerere University and a diploma in Agriculture

from Agrostudies in Israel. Omia's mission is to. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Omia will continue to promote the use of advanced technology so that farmers can access quality, genuine, and affordable agricultural inputs, services, and links to profitable markets.



Ambrose Kamyia

Uganda, Business, 2019

Ambrose Kamyia has over four years of experience in agriculture innovation and social entrepreneurship programs that combat violence against women and girls. Currently, Ambrose is the team leader at SafeBangle, where he focuses on developing technologies that will help protect women and girls from violence. He is also the CEO of Wolfarm Technologies, a startup that focuses on developing technologies to connect small scale organic farmers to the marketplace. Ambrose holds a bachelor's

degree in Agricultural Sciences with a specialization in Animal Science from Makerere University in Kampala. He is passionate about creating resilient communities using innovative, evidence-based methods. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Ambrose plans to utilize the skills, knowledge, and network gained to end violence against women and girls and to empower women engaged in sustainable agriculture to promote inclusive development in Uganda.



Isma Kayiza

Uganda, Business, 2019

Isma Kayiza is a conservationist and co-inventor of Sparky Dryer, a machine that uses biofuel to dry food. He won the Resolution Social Venture Challenge in 2017 in South Africa and is currently the CPO of Sparky Social Enterprise Limited, a company he co-founded that addresses hunger and malnutrition through the preservation of food. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Management at Makerere University and specialized in community-based conservation. During his time at Makerere, he served as president of the university's wildlife student association and has since remained committed to utilizing natural resources sustainably, to ensure the preservation of the

remaining wild flora and fauna in his country. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Isma hopes to leverage the skills and connections gained through the program to continue to create simple, accessible, and effective methods for growing and preserving food, and help tackle hunger among poor communities in Uganda.



Phyllis Nek Kyomuhendo

Uganda, Business, 2019

Phyllis Kyomuhendo is a passionate social entrepreneur and innovator with two years of experience in the social-innovations sector. Phyllis is a master's degree in Public Health candidate, a medical radiographer by profession, and the director and co-founder at the startup, M-SCAN Uganda. Through M-SCAN Uganda, she and her team develop low-cost mobile ultrasound devices to combat maternal and neonatal mortality in low

resource settings. Phyllis hopes to return to Uganda after the Mandela Washington Fellowship to empower her peers in the entrepreneurship space to take their businesses to the next level through strong leadership; she also hopes to pass on the entrepreneurship and leadership skills she learns to the young girls she mentors under the STEM Queens program.



James Kiganda Lutaaya

Uganda, Business, 2019

Lutaaya James Kiganda has over ten years of experience in clinical microbiology, immunology, and genetics. James is the founder of Medicalshed, a Digital Health company that incorporates the latest technology and best human practices to improve service delivery, and accessible healthcare for all. He is also the co-founder and CEO of MAYA Group Limited, a Ugandan firm that leverages technology to promote the participation of women and young people in the business, education, health care, and advocacy sectors. In his spare time, James serves as a

volunteer, youth/peer counselor, and trainer with the Uganda Youth Development Link, an organization that promotes sexual reproductive health and rights. James holds a bachelor's degree in Medical Laboratory Science from Clarke International University and is a fellow at the University of Leeds, where he studied global challenges in bacterial resistance and food security. He believes that women and young people deserve equal opportunities to harness their full potential to thrive, compete, and create relevant and innovative solutions to the most pressing problems facing Africa. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, James plans to continue working on digital healthcare solutions, empower youth, women, and help build more inclusive businesses that help his country reach the sustainable development goals.



Rachel Precious Lwantale

Uganda, Business, 2019

Rachel Lwantale has nine years of experience as an entrepreneur and has a firm insight in working within the complex markets in emerging economies and identifying future gaps and investment opportunities. Rachel specializes in agribusiness as the CEO and co-founder of Imali Limited, a social enterprise that financially empowers people through sustainable partnerships and market access. She has a bachelor's degree in guidance counseling from

Kyambogo University and is certified in agribusiness from the Open Impact Institute. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Rachel plans to continue her work by using agriculture to empower women in rural communities while training women and youth on personal empowerment.



Joshua Musasizi

Uganda, Business, 2019

Joshua Musasizi is a social entrepreneur with over six years' experience in agribusiness, technology innovation, community rehabilitation, and infographics development. A professional researcher, Joshua holds a bachelor's degree in Commerce from Makerere University and has trained extensively with world leaders in the areas of leadership, documentation, social entrepreneurship, and team building. He is the co-founder of TIFAT Uganda Ltd, a social enterprise that harnesses the use of technology to uplift and improve livelihoods of small and medium scale farmers, especially in rural Uganda. He is also the country director of Matendo International, an organization that

works with rural communities in Uganda to help people solve daily challenges with a focus on child education, poverty alleviation, and community health campaigns. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Joshua plans to continue his work in agribusiness and post-harvest loss reduction with a focus on connecting farmers to buyers with real-time market information.



Pauline Namutebi

Uganda, Business, 2019

Pauline Namutebi is a social entrepreneur focused on clean energy generation and environmental protection. She has over three years of experience in business development, marketing, and sales. Currently, Pauline is the CEO and founder of Fireball Energy (U) Ltd; a company focused on producing eco-friendly bioenergy solutions in the form of briquettes and biogas from organic agricultural waste. Pauline holds a bachelor's degree in Petroleum Geoscience and Production from Makerere University

and is driven by her passion for environmental conservation. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Pauline plans to continue her work in clean energy generation by focusing on scaling and product quality improvement to serve both the local and global markets.



Brendah Nantongo

Uganda, Business, 2019

Brendah Nantongo has over six years of experience in agribusiness and developing impact focused initiatives. She is currently the founder of Water Access Farms Ltd. (WAFL), a company that embarks on empowering rural women in Uganda with skills, training, and farming support. Brendah is also an ambassador for Thought for Food, a global platform that embarks on ensuring food security. At WAFL, Brendah concentrates on developing organization strategies and designing farm skills training curriculums. She also runs an agricultural value addition business. Brendah holds a Bachelor of Science Technology in Physics from Kyambogo

University and a postgraduate diploma in Project Planning and Management from the Uganda Management Institute. Brendah believes that when you empower women in farming with better skills and resources, yields are improved, and therefore, there are increased incomes and improved livelihoods. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, she plans to pass on the knowledge acquired to train the rural women in Uganda in financial management and better farming methods by encouraging them to create cooperative saving groups.



Rosette Twizerimana

Uganda, Business, 2019

Rosette Twizerimana holds a diploma in Accounting from Mukono YMCA College of Commercial Studies and has three years of experience in open footwear design and production. Rosette is a founder of Tandika Uganda, focusing on training women and girls on how to make open-toe shoes as an income generating activity. Since 2016, Rosette has trained over 223 women in manufacturing leather sandals, slip-on, and lace-up shoes that are hand-crafted from recycled tires and an

assortment of locally sourced materials. As a trainer, Rosette is equipping young people with the knowledge to start their shoemaking cottage industries and start making money to reduce dependence and unemployment. Her goal is to make shoemaking skills easy to learn and accessible without the use of complicated heavy machinery. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Rosette plans to continue her plans of empowering women and girls to be financially independent.

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Duncan Abigaba

Uganda, Public Management, 2019

Duncan Abigaba has over four years of experience in public administration at the managerial level. He is a manager at Government Citizen Interaction Centre. The center serves as the primary contact point for citizens in government. He was the acting head of the center between April 2017 and September 2018, where he relentlessly drove open government initiatives and pushed for increased citizen participation in government planning. He previously served in the Office of the President, as deputy presidential assistant in charge of research and information. He closely monitored the

performance of government agencies and regularly prepared briefs for the president on the same. He holds a bachelor's degree in Commerce from Makerere University and a post graduate diploma in Project Planning and Management from Uganda Management Institute. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Management from the Uganda Management Institute. He also holds several post-graduate certificates in management from both Makerere University and Uganda Management Institute. He is very passionate about public administration, management, corporate affairs, communication, open government, and public accountability. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington

Fellowship, Duncan plans on lobbying the government of Uganda to adopt an open government policy among other public accountability initiatives.



Catherine Asiimwe

Uganda, Public Management, 2019

Catherine Asiimwe has over seven years of experience in the public sector, specifically in finance, tax, and audit. Currently, Catherine is a manager of financial audits at the Uganda National Roads Authority where she focuses on providing value-adding assurance on the efficiency and effectiveness of an entity's risk management, internal controls, and governance processes. She assesses compliance with relevant laws, regulations, and best practices, including accountability and value for money in doing business. Catherine volunteers as a member of the internal audit panel and conducts mentorships for trainee

accountants and other young people. Catherine is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and received the "2017 Young Accountant of the Year Award" for her contribution to the accountancy profession in Uganda. She has completed her Master of Business Administration in Finance and is soon attaining a Certification in Project Management (PMP). She is inspired by good governance and accountability in public entities. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Catherine plans to continue her work at the Uganda National Roads Authority and expand her mentorship programs for young people.



Brenda Allen Kawala

Uganda, Public Management, 2019

Brenda Kawala is a medical doctor at Kakira Sugar Limited hospital in Jinja, Uganda where she serves a community of over 30,000 people. Brenda completed her medical training at Mbarara University, and currently works as the Deputy Secretary General of the Uganda Medical Association (U.M.A.). U.M.A brings together over 7,000 medical doctors from Uganda and the Diaspora communities to advocate for a better Ugandan healthcare system. Brenda is also the

secretary of public affairs for the Association of Uganda Women Medical Doctors, which advances maternal, child, adolescent, and elderly healthcare initiatives. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Brenda hopes to continue to advance her career and hold positions of leadership within the Ugandan healthcare system.



Elizabeth Nabakooza

Uganda, Public Management, 2019

Elizabeth Nabakooza is a passionate communications professional with over eight years working for different public and private sector organizations ranging from energy to financial services. She has a bachelor's degree in Communications and currently works with National Water and Sewerage Corporation as a public relations and engagement lead. The corporation is a government agency whose mandate is to provide safe water and sewerage services while ensuring environmental sustainability. Elizabeth is passionate about mental health and is a

champion in the mental health space. Elizabeth aspires to create sustainable change on the African continent and believes in empowering people on the continent to develop their own transformative change by creating African solutions to African problems. For this reason, she chose to join public service. Elizabeth is highly skilled in brand communications, network creation, and creation of strategic partnerships across the continent. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Elizabeth intends to use her experience and knowledge to spark dialogue and change around the effective implementation of public policy within her different areas of interest such as climate change, mental health, and water, sanitation, and hygiene.



Adam Nyende

Uganda, Public Management, 2019

Adam Nyende has five years of experience in community development in Uganda. Currently, Adam works with the Ministry of Gender, Labour, and Social Development as a culture officer. At the Ministry, he is working to support several community-based programs aimed at eradicating gender-based violence through the reversal of harmful cultural practices. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Adam plans to continue his work on personal and community

development, human rights, and policymaking in Uganda.



Christopher Okidi

Uganda, Public Management, 2019

Christopher Okidi is an environmental health specialist with eight years of experience in the public health and community development sector. Christopher works at the Ministry of Water and Environment as an environmental health officer tasked with ensuring communities maintain water and sanitation health standards. Christopher also supports local farmers in his village, through market linkage programming for their produce. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship,

Christopher will continue working for the Ministry of Water and Environment and focus on preventing water-borne diseases safeguarding clean drinking water for rural areas in Uganda.



Annie Margaret Ihoreere Wagana

Uganda, Public Management, 2019

Annie Margaret Ihoreere Wagana has 12 years of legal experience in humanitarian and human rights, corporate governance, criminal, and civil law. She has served as a judicial officer for the last seven years and is currently a Ph.D. Fellow at Antwerp University IOB, Belgium where she studies Refugee Law and Policy. She is also a co-founder of Uganda Pixels

Ltd, a graphics design and advertising company. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, she intends to continue growing Uganda Pixels, and open a legal aid clinic catering to low-income clients.

