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Headliners



His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta,
President of the Republic of Kenya



Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina,
President of the African Development Bank



Mr. Tony Blair,
Former UK Prime Minister and Executive Chairman for the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change (TBI)



Dr. Fred Matiang'i,
Chief Minister and Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government

Dr. Fred Matiang'i is the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government and the Chairperson of the National Development Implementation and Communication Cabinet Committee. Previously, he was the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communication and Technology (ICT), Lands and Physical Planning and the Ministry of Education. Prior to his Cabinet appointment, Dr. Matiangi was the East Africa Regional Representative, Centre for International Development, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, the State University of New York (SUNY/CID). He has also served as Chief of Party for Kenya's Parliamentary Strengthening Program. Dr. Matiangi held research and program implementation positions in various civil society organizations in Kenya. He conducted research and training for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, the World Bank Institute, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) among others. Dr Matiang'i also taught at Egerton University and the University of Nairobi. He holds a PhD in Communication and Comparative Literature from the University of Nairobi, a Master of Arts degree in English from the University of Nairobi, and a Bachelors of Education degree from Kenyatta University. His portfolio in the National Development Implementation and Communication Cabinet Committee entails overseeing the coordination of all national government development programmes and projects. His responsibilities include, providing supervisory leadership throughout the delivery cycle, offering guidance on mitigation of challenges, monitoring and evaluating progress and ensuring proper resource utilization and realization of the targeted outcomes and reporting on the same to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya.



Eng. (Dr) Karanja Kibicho CBS

Principal Secretary Permanent Secretary Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government, Kenya

Dr (Eng). Karanja Kibicho, CBS is the Principal Secretary, State Department of Interior & Citizen Services in the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy Degree (PhD) in Mechanical Engineering (University of Cape Town), a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering (University of Nairobi) and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering (University of Nairobi). Dr. Kibicho has a long and distinguished experience in public service. He has previously served as the Principal Secretary in the ministries of Foreign Affairs and International Trade as well Industrialisation and Transport. He was a senior lecturer and chairperson, department of Mechanical Engineering at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, a lecturer at Central University of Technology in South Africa and University of Cape Town and an External Examiner at the University of Dar es Salaam. He has been recognized internationally for his research on alternative fuels.

Moderators



Nzioka Waita,
Chief of Staff, Executive Office of the President,
Government of Kenya

Mr. Nzioka joined the public service in April 2015 as the Founding Head and Secretary, President's Delivery Unit. The primary role of PDU is to improve the co-ordination of National Government flagship programs, monitor, evaluate and report on and the timely fulfilment of H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta's development priorities.

Mr. Nzioka was later appointed as the Deputy Chief of Staff. His mandate included but was not limited to the delivery of flagship projects, performance contracting, managing the co–ordination of the president's fiscal priorities and effective oversight of state corporations. He held this position until January 2018, when he took up his current role as the Chief of Staff.

As a champion of the President's 'Big Four', Nzioka is keen to ensure that President Kenyatta's administration implements its flagship projects and delivers key services to the public under the Big Four agenda.

Nzioka is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya and is a member of the Law Society of Kenya's ICT Committee. He is a graduate of Law (LLB) from the University of Sheffield in the UK and holds a Masters degree (LLM) in Computer & Communications Law from Queen Mary, University of London.

He has held several senior leadership roles in the private sector with the most recent being the Director of Corporate Affairs at Safaricom, a position he held for four years. Waita has also held a number of non-executive director roles on the Boards of Alpha Africa Asset Managers and The East African Marine Cable System.

Moderators



Andrew Wakahiu,
Secretary President's Delivery Unit,
Government of Kenya

Mr. Andrew Wakahiu is the Secretary, the President's Delivery Unit. The position vests in him the duties and responsibilities of the accounting officer and the day-to-day leadership of PDU. The Secretary maintains an inventory of the Government priority projects, resource requirements and the achievements of key programs.

The Secretary who is also a member of the National Development Implementation Technical Committee (NDITC) tracks in real-time monitoring of the implementation of priority projects and programs. He initiates liaisons with relevant Government ministries, agencies and institutions to en sure effective delivery of projects and programs takes leadership in the documentation of priority projects. He undertakes regular and periodic status reports on projects and programs for H.E. the President.

Mr. Wakahiu has a wealth of management experience in both the public and private sectors. He held critical roles in the successful election teams of H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta and his predecessor, Mr. Mwai Kibaki. He has served in senior roles in publicly listed and highly successful private firms including Equity Bank, Safaricom Ltd and East Africa Breweries.

A certified arbitrator, Mr. Wakahiu is a Business Management graduate of Moi University, Eldoret.

Moderators



Armand Nzeyimana,
Manager of the Delivery and Implementation Support Division
of the African Development Bank

Armand Nzeyimana a Burundian national, is the Manager of the Delivery and Implementation Support Division of the African Development Bank. With over 25 years of experience in various development organizations, Armand has a solid track record leading financial controls, organizational effectiveness and performance management activities in Africa, Latin America and the Caribeean.

In recent years, Armand has spearheaded the African Development Bank's support to Government Delivery Units and the establishment of the African Delivery Units Network (ADN), a platform for sharing knowledge, experience and expertise among Delivery Units established on the continent.

Armand holds a Bachelor degree in Finance and Accounting from Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC) of Montreal and an MBA in Finance from Western Michigan University.

Moderators



Anand Pillai,
Centre of Government and Delivery Director,
Tony Blair Institute for Global Change (TBI)

Anand is a public sector delivery and transformation specialist. He has advised Heads of State, Minister's and local governments across Central Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa on the delivery of their political priorities and on how to put in place systems in the center of government to drive ambitious reform agendas. He currently a Co- leads the Center of Government and Delivery Practice at the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, and prior to his current role spent 10+ years as a management consultant. Anand holds a graduate degree from the University of Oxford where he completed his thesis on delivery unit's in emerging markets, and is also an engineering and management science graduate Northwestern University, Chicago where he completed his undergraduate studies.

Speakers



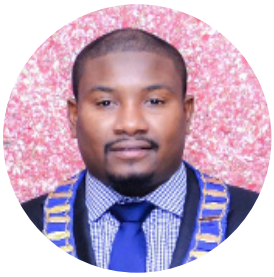
Yvonne Aki- Sawyerr,
Mayor of Freetown, Government of Sierra Leone

Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr OBE was sworn in as Mayor of Freetown in May 2018 with a commitment to transform Freetown using an inclusive, data-driven approach to address challenges in the city. Launched in January 2019, the 3-year Transform Freetown plan details 19 concrete targets across 11 sectors and covers issues ranging from waste management and housing, to improving urban planning, tackling environmental degradation and facilitating the creation of jobs in the tourism sector.

A finance professional with over 25 years of private sector experience in strategic planning, risk management consulting and project management, Mayor Aki-Sawyerr's public sector engagement began with her work as the Director of Planning at the National Ebola Response Centre during the Ebola epidemic of 2014-2015 and her subsequent role as Delivery Team Lead for the President's Recovery Priorities - the second phase of a multi-stakeholder programme to drive socio-economic recovery in Sierra Leone post Ebola.

Mayor Aki-Sawyerr is a Chartered Accountant and holds an MSc in Politics of the World Economy from the London School of Economics and a BSc Hons in Economics from Fourah Bay College.

Speakers



Lord Mayor Talib Ahmed Bensouda,
Lord Mayor of Kanifing Municipal Council,
Government of the Gambia

Lord Mayor Talib Ahmed Bensouda of Kanifing Municipal Council is the youngest Mayor in the history of The Gambia. In 2018, he was elected at the age of 31 years. The University of Toronto Economics graduate has made significant impact in under two years as Mayor, including his most notable project, 'Mbalit', which re-introduced residential and commercial waste collection throughout the municipality with a brand-new fleet of 24 garbage trucks. Other achievements include: (i) Introducing 500 street bins; (ii) Employing 200 personnel in new projects; (iii) Boosting the image of the Council through various street cleaning exercises and flood preventions clean-ups; (iv) Leading staff restructuring exercises and improving the financial health of the Council; (v) Improving market infrastructure and sanitation; and (vi) D100m small business loan package for women and D20million loan package for the youth. Additionally, Talib is a businessman and a family man with a beautiful wife and two children.

Speakers



Dr. David Moinina Sengeh,
Minister, Basic and Senior Secondary Education and Chief Innovation Officer for the Directorate of Science, Technology and Innovation, Government of Sierra Leone

Dr. David Moinina Sengeh is Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, and the Chief Innovation Officer for the Government of Sierra Leone. Hon. Minister Dr. David Moinina Sengeh provides strategic and policy leadership for both the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE) and the Directorate of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI). Hon. Dr. Sengeh is a biomechatronics engineer and data scientist who holds several patents and is widely published across the education, healthcare, AI and policy domains. He is an afrobeat music rapper, and clothing designer.

Speakers



Usta Kaitesi,
Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Governance Board

Dr Usta Kaitesi is the Chief Executive Officer of the Rwanda Governance Board (RGB). She is also a commissioner in the Rwanda Law Reform Commission. Kaitesi previously served as the Deputy Chief Executive officer of the RGB, the Principal of the College of Arts and Social Sciences of the University of Rwanda and served in different capacities at the UR law school. She was the Vice Chairperson of the technical support commission to the parliament of Rwanda for the Review of the Constitution of the Republic of Rwanda in 2015. Kaitesi was a member of the Rwanda Bar Association and the East African Law Society.

Dr Kaitesi holds a PhD in Law from the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, a Master of Laws from the University of Ottawa, Canada and a Bachelor's degree from the then National University of Rwanda. She has published in the areas of law, human rights and gender including the book entitled *Genocidal Gender and Sexual Violence: The legacy of the IC TR, Rwanda's ordinary courts and Gacaca courts*. She serves and have served on different Board of Directors and Advisory boards both locally and internationally.

Speakers



Thule Lenneiye,
Agriculture Transformation Office,
Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Kenya

Thule (pronounced too-le) Lenneiye is the Coordinator for the Agriculture Transformation Office (ATO) under the Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives of Kenya. As ATO Coordinator, Thule is charged with driving the transformation agenda in the Agriculture sector by fostering the embracing of digital platforms that can make a tangible difference in how the ministry operates and interacts with the wider community; as well as private sector engagement for increased investments in the sector in Kenya. Thule began her career in Zimbabwe as part of a start-up that implemented the first e-Voucher program on the continent – the precursor to the very successful. Zambian e-voucher program.

Speakers



Mamo Mihretu,
Head of Policy and Performance Management Unit,
Prime Minister's Office of Ethiopia

Mamo E. Mihretu is a Senior Advisor on Policy Reforms to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Ethiopia's Chief Trade Negotiator. Prior to taking his post in 2018, Mamo was a Senior Project Manager at the World Bank Group from 2010 to 2018 and has more than sixteen years of experience in Economic Policy Reforms. His past roles include Lecturer at Addis Ababa University and other Ethiopian academic institutions. Mamo studied Leadership, Public Administration, and Economic Development at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Additionally, he completed his postgraduate studies in Law at the Universities of Pretoria and Amsterdam.

Speakers



Dr. Priscilla Ibekwe,
Deputy Director, Special Duties under the Office of the Director General at the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Government of Nigeria

Dr. Priscilla Ibekwe is a Consultant in Public Health and Disaster Management with over 25 years' experience in public health and health systems strengthening. She is the Deputy Director, Special Duties under the Office of the Director General at the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC). She also serves as the Programme Coordinator, Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) at the NCDC and leads on the NCDC Partnerships & Funding and Strategy delivery. Dr Ibekwe has interfaced with a broad spectrum of stakeholders in the private and public sector to support the COVID-19 response in Nigeria. She is skilled in participatory engagement, wealth creation, service sustainability, negotiation and effective communication at all levels.

Speakers



Khalid Bomba,
Chief Executive Officer,
Ethiopia Agriculture Transformation Agency

Khalid Bomba is the Chief Executive Officer of the Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA), an independent government agency tasked with catalyzing the transformation of Ethiopia's agriculture sector. Prior to joining the ATA, Khalid worked at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation where he developed and managed grants in the agriculture sector. Prior to that, Khalid served as the Regional Director for Africa at the Global eSchools and Communities Initiative, an organization founded by the United Nations ICT Task Force. He has also held senior level and executive positions in other public and private sector institutions and began his career at JP Morgan, where he spent ten years as an investment banker working on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and sovereign debt issues. Khalid received his BA from Swarthmore College in the United States an MSc from Oxford University and a second MSc from the London School of Economics in the United Kingdom.

Speakers



Martin Alessandro,
Buenos Aires City Delivery Unit

Martin Alessandro, an international consultant on performance management, led the Delivery Unit in the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina, between 2015 and 2019. Previously, he worked for the public management division of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington, DC and in Buenos Aires; and as Research Director at the National Institute of Public Administration (INAP) of Argentina. His books and articles on public management and delivery have been published by the IDB, the OECD, the World Bank, CAF and the Latin American Policy Journal, among others. He holds a Master of Public Policy from the University of Maryland, College Park, where he attended on a Fulbright scholarship.

Speakers



Djiby Diagne,
Deputy Director General, Bureau Operationel de Suivi
du Plan Senegal Emergent (BOS), Government of Senegal

Djiby Diagne is a bilingual professional (French/English) with 15 years of experience in economics, financial analysis, and project management. He is currently the Deputy CEO of the Delivery Unit of the Senegal Emerging Plan (BOS-PSE), Cabinet of the Presidential Office. Before returning home to Senegal in 2013, he held several positions as an economist and financial analyst at the French Ministry of Economy and Finance, the African Development Bank, the French Embassy in Cameroon and Barclays Capital in London. He graduated from Sorbonne University in Paris, in 2005 with a Masters in Development Economics, and from Sciences Po Paris with a Masters in Finance and Strategy. He received an executive certificate from "LeAD" Campus in 2016, and from Cape Town University as part of the 2017 cohort of "Leading in Public life" program. Finally, in January 2020, he obtained the advanced Prince2 "Practitioner" certification in project management.

Speakers



Simon Mizrahi,
Delivery, Performance Management and Results Director,
Africa Development Bank

Simon is a seasoned senior executive with more than twenty-five years' experience delivering strategic leadership on development and development policies. Simon is currently the Director for Delivery, Performance Management and Results at the African Development Bank Group; as well as the acting director for the Bank's Operations' Committee. In these capacities, he has oversight over the Bank's $10bn annual investments across the African continent. And engages on the full complexity of the Bank's development challenges.

Previously, Simon was Deputy Head at the OECD in charge of aid effectiveness. He authored the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the Accra Agenda for Action—Two landmark agreements adopted by 110 countries and organisations across the world. He has a Master of Philosophy from Cambridge University and graduated from l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.

Speakers



Eden Getachew,
Centre of Government and Delivery Africa Lead,
and #ADX20 Coordinator, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change (TBI)

Eden Getachew is an Ethiopian national and currently serves as the lead for TBI's centre of government and delivery strengthening work in Africa, which currently spans 15 countries. Eden has 13 years of experience, primarily as a strategy consultant in development and effective government across Africa. She has supported Heads of State, Ministers and local governments across Africa to put in place the systems, strctures and skills needed to deliver on their development agenda and drive impact for citizens. Prior to TBI, Eden was a consultant at Ethiopia's Agriculture Transformation Agency (ATA). She is an economist by training.

She leads the #ADX2020 project, responsible for successful delivery of the conference coordinating across the Government of Kenya, Africa Development Bank and Tony Blair Institute.