

BANK- CIVIL SOCIETY COMMITTEE 2024-2026

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES



Julien Colman AGBESSI
**Regional Network of West Africa
NGO Platforms (REPAOC)**
**Representative-West African
region**

Julien Colman AGBESSI has been the Regional Coordinator of the Regional Network of West Africa NGO Platforms (REPAOC) since September 2019 and is a member of various continental and global networks. He has held senior positions in several international organizations and the United Nations. He was a facilitator representing Togo for the training of National Officers as part of Africom's West Africa Disaster Preparedness Initiative (WADPI) Program in the aftermath of the Ebola crisis.



Masheti Masinjila
**East African Civil Society
Organizations Forum (EACSOF)**
Representative-East Africa region

Masheti Masinjila is a social policy researcher with a bias for gender responsive analysis. He has been on the faculty at universities in Kenya as well as a visiting lecturer at Dartmouth College on a (US) National Endowment for Humanities fellowship. He is currently the Executive Director of Collaborative Centre for Gender and Development (CCGD), a gender policy research, advocacy and capacity-building NGO. In this capacity he is the co-chair of the national (multisectoral) Gender Based Violence Working Group convened by the State Department for Gender.



Guy-Christian MOUSSAVOU
**Organisations de la Société Civile
pour la Paix et la Prévention des
Conflits en Afrique Centrale
(COPAC)**
**Representative-Central African
region**

Guy-Christian MOUSSAVOU holds a degree in philosophy, as well as a Masters in Interculturality and Globalisation from IFRAMOND, Lyon 3, and a D.E.S.S in Anthology and Tourism (Master professionnelle, Université nationale du Gabon). He is well versed in public management based on development results, having served as a research officer in four different ministerial cabinets between 2007 and 2017. He is also quite familiar with Gabon's volunteer sector, having been involved from an early age in organisations such as the Jeunesse Etudiante Chrétienne, the NGO Formations Nouvelles, and the Réseau des Organisations et des Projets Associatifs, Gabon's main multi-sectoral platform, for which he was the first Executive Coordinator (2014-2016), the first Chairman of the Board of Directors (2017-2022) and Chairman of the Maison de la Société Civile Gabonaise (2020-2023). Given this experience, he was elected Deputy Secretary of the Coalition of CSOs for Peace and Conflict Prevention in Central Africa (COPAC).



Monametsi Richson Sokwe
**Southern African Council of Non-
Governmental Organizations (SAF-
CNGO)**
**Representative-Southern Africa
region**

Monametsi Richson Sokwe is a seasoned leader with a strong background in civil society, characterized by a commitment to excellence and a passion for community development. His professional experience includes impactful leadership roles, demonstrating his ability to drive change and achieve results with renowned institutions such as USAID. Prior to his current role as the Executive Director of the Southern African Council of Non-Governmental Organizations (SAF-CNGO), formerly SADC-CNGO, he served as the Executive Director of the Botswana Council of NGOs and Caretaker Executive Director of the then SADC Council of NGOs. He excelled in building strategic partnerships and mobilizing communities for development.



Ahmed Fathy
Youth Love Egypt Foundation
Representative-North Africa
Region and Youth Thematic

Ahmed Fathy is a visionary leader, renowned for his unwavering commitment to climate and sustainable development issues. As the Founder and CEO of the Youth Love Egypt Foundation, based in Cairo, his passion for the environment goes beyond theoretical knowledge, enriched by his extensive field experience locally and internationally. Ahmed established the Youth Love Egypt Foundation to promote environmental awareness and advocacy. Leading a team of experienced professionals, Youth Love Egypt has achieved remarkable milestones, gaining accreditations from prestigious organizations such as the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

THEMATIC REPRESENTATIVES



Sefora Kodjo
SEPHIS Foundation
Representative-Gender thematic

Harvard University graduate **Sefora Kodjo** has mobilised more than 5.4 million euros in credit lines through her SEPHIS Foundation, facilitating access to bank financing for women in sub-Saharan Africa. Through its training programmes, the SEPHIS Foundation has become a major player over the past 14 years, in the growth of SMEs run by women in sub-Saharan Africa, helping to create hundreds of new jobs. The first African woman to sit on the Bioforce Board of Directors and a United Nations Champion, Sefora Kodjo held key positions in various ministries in Côte d'Ivoire before concentrating on her international commitments. She chairs the Côte d'Ivoire chapter of the African Women Leaders Network, an initiative of the African Union and UN Women. A recognised international consultant, she recently joined the African Development Bank's Civil Society - Banking Committee, contributing her expertise on gender issues.



Ibrahima Coulibaly
Pan African Farmer's Organization (PAFO)
Representative-Agriculture thematic

Ibrahima Coulibaly is a distinguished agricultural leader, a pan-Africanist and an active farmer in the region of Koulikoro, Mali. He has been a prominent figure in the farmers' movement since the early 2000s. He is the founder of the National Coordination of Farmer Organizations in Mali, created in 2005, and currently serve as PAFO president, underscoring his influence and impact as an effective advocate for family farmers on a continental level.



Richard Houessou
AFROBAROMETER
Representative-Governance thematic

Richard Houessou holds a Master's degree in Economics and Statistics from the Institut de Recherche Empirique en Economie Politique, Benin and a degree in mathematics from the Université d'Abomey Calavi, Benin. His fields of research are economic development, political economy and a specific focus on the use of experimental methods. With roughly 15 years of experience conducting field research on the continent, Mr Houessou has demonstrated expertise in both quantitative and qualitative methods. As the Afrobarometer project manager for Francophone Africa since 2012, Houessou has been working in francophone countries in West Africa, as well as in Cameroon and Gabon.