

Speakers' biographies

Sulyna Nur Abdullah

Mulomba Hameja

Mulomba Hameja is an Assistant Director, Change Management at SMART Zambia, Cabinet Office. He is responsible for ensuring a coordinated Approach to providing and Developing Strategies for Embracing and Utilisation of Information Computer Technology (ICTs) Systems and Applications being Deployed and Implemented across Government of the Republic of Zambia.

He graduated from the University of Zambia with a meritorious Degree in Development Economics and public Administration. He is also a holder of a Diploma in Human Resource Management. He has wide experience in Public Sector Management and provision of support to ICT based Transformational Programmes across Government spanning over 20 years.

He has held various Middle and Senior level portfolios in Government from a Human Resource Management and Change Management perspective.

Mohamed Alfie Hamid

Alfie Hamid is Cisco's Corporate Affairs Senior Manager for Global Partnerships, focused on Networking Academy and Skills for All. He joined Cisco as Manager of the Networking Academy program for the Southern Africa Region, being promoted to Regional Manager for Africa over the years. He received numerous awards from Cisco.

Prior to this experience, he was Acathi17ricrmaETq.000mcw62 92 r8 lse nBT/F4 11.04 Tf1 0.00

Kasia Jakimowicz



Kasia Jakimowicz is a global lead for the ITU's International Centre for Digital Innovation (I-CoDI) that uses co-design methodologies to accelerate innovative solutions for connectivity.

She is a strategic policy advisor and entrepreneur, guiding the design, development, and implementation of global policies and programs on technology and entrepreneurship in multinational and public service consulting companies, think-tanks, the UN, the European Commission, and the World Bank. Amongst others, she was a Senior Program Advisor for the European Innovation Council, responsible for designing a blended finance accelerator program for 41 countries, as well as Senior Investment and Digital Innovation Expert setting up the EU Fund-of-funds for Strategic Digital Technologies. As an Associate Director at the Lisbon Council think-tank, she supported the VP of the European Commission, Andrus Ansip, at the Working Group on Digital Entrepreneurship at the UN Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development. Prior to that, she worked in multinational corporations developing and launching brands (e.g. PepsiCo, L'Oréal, Mars, Henkel). She also founded a successful social enterprise in education. She is a public speaker and moderator, and co/authored numerous publications.

She is a graduate of Harvard Kennedy School, Master in Public Administration (MC/MPA) and an Innovation in Government Fellow²¹ at the Harvard Kennedy School Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation as well as a former visiting mentor at MIT Media Lab Global Ventures (Data and AI for the post-COVID world) where she focused on exploring how technology can solve global challenges.

She also holds a master from Warsaw School of Economics (SGH) and an M.Sc. in Economics and Business Administration from Aarhus School of Business.

Yuyo Nachali-Kambikambi



Yuyo Nachali Kambikambi is a Communications Specialist with almost 30 years' experience having first launched her career as a journalist and thereafter moved into the human rights space and eventually the corporate world.

She is the Head of Corporate Communications at Zambia's largest Telecommunication Company, Airtel Networks Zambia Plc, a position she has held for the last 8 years. Yuyo has worked for all three segments of the employment sector starting with Government, then NGO and now the Private Sector.

She has a passion in sharing life nuggets with young people.

Yuyo holds a Masters' Degree in Media Leadership from the University of Cumbria in Manchester, UK and a Degree in Public Relations from Cavendish University in Zambia.

Varya Meruzhanyan

Varya Meruzhanyan works in the Strategic Partnerships Division at the World Food Programme (WFP) headquarters in Rome. Prior to joining WFP, she worked with UNICEF and the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Armenia, as well as did brief deployments to UNDP in the Regional Hub in Istanbul and Kyrgyzstan.

Before her engagement with the UN system, Varya worked in various international organizations, including the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the United States Agency for International Development in Armenia. Varya was also actively engaged in the civil society in Armenia by managing large-scale projects focusing on civic education, youth engagement and civil society engagement.

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Abena Nyamesem

Abena Nyamesem is the Head of Sustainability and Partnership at GIFEC. She is a Development and Training Consultant with specialization in developing Sustainability Models, Compliance, facilitation and training in Entrepreneurship and ICTs as well as Universal Access and Service principles. She is responsible for developing innovative models that ensure compliance, value and sustainability of

Marian Pletosu

Marian Pletosu is Digital Skills Officer within the Capacity & Digital Skills Development Division of the Bureau of Telecommunications Development of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). He is currently coordinating implementation activities of the ITU Digital Transformation Centres (DTC) Initiative from the ITU Headquarters in Geneva. Prior to joining ITU, he worked on ecommerce and e-trade development related issues for least developed countries (LDCs) within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Marian Pletosu has a Masters' Degree in International Relations from the University of Geneva, Switzerland.

Karine Sonigo

Karine Sonigo has recently joined the International Labour Organization Skills Branch as a Skills Digitalisation Specialist to support ILO constituents in the digitalisation of their national TVET and skills systems. Before joining the ILO, Karine had extensive international experience in the private sector as a Learning & Development Specialist. She spent 8 years as Head of Content working with language learning companies, in charge of the design and implementation of online learning programmes. Karine is passionate about Skills development and Lifelong learning, as well as Technologies applied to

Education.

Susan Teltscher

Ms. Susan Teltscher is Head of the Capacity & Digital Skills Development Division (CSD). She is responsible for ensuring the delivery of ICT related capacity building activities and projects, with the objective to enhance knowledge and capabilities in the field of ICT, in particular in developing countries. This includes the direction and coordination of the ITU Academy and of the ITU Centres of Excellence network, working in partnership with Government, industry and academic institutions. Before joining CSD she was Head of the ICT Data and Analytics Division where she was responsible for ITU's work on the collection, harmonization, analysis and dissemination of ICT statistics worldwide, and for the production of analytical reports on