



Profiles of participants taking part in the mission to Abeokuta



Professor Abdoulaye Bathily

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Professor Bathily is the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the United Nations' Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA). As such, he has monitored political affairs, mediation, human rights and civil affairs in Mali since July 2013.

A Senegalese national, Professor Bathily has undertaken numerous official and unofficial conflict/crisis management missions throughout Africa, including Mali, Liberia, Sierra-Leone, Guinea Bissau, Niger, Madagascar, and Guinea. From 2012 to 2013, he served as Senior Minister in the Office of the President of Senegal, overseeing African Affairs. Professor Bathily was African Union Team Leader for the Observation of General Elections in Nigeria (2004) and Algeria (2005) From 1975 to 2013, Professor Bathily was a tenured professor of History at the Université Cheikh in Dakar, Senegal, where he taught general history, focusing on Sahel countries from pre-colonial period to decolonization, and post-colonial history and liberation struggles in Africa.



His Excellency Chief Lucky Nosakhare Igbinedion is former Governor of Edo State, Nigeria, and Deputy Chancellor of Igbinedion University, as well as the Igbinedion University Teaching Hospital and Research Centre, Okada. Prior to these he served as the Chairman of Oredo Local Government Area of Edo State, Nigeria and was awarded Best local government Chairman in Nigeria for his developmental efforts in the municipality. During his tenure as Governor, he established a lot of institutions across Edo State and was elected Chairman of the Nigerian Governors' Forum.

Chief Lucky Igbinedion believes in African home-grown solutions and is passionate to see equitable and universal access to vaccines and vaccination as well as healthcare in Africa.

He established and funded several orphanages, rehabilitation facilities, centres for disabled persons and other less privileged members of the society. His footprints are conspicuously visible in such organizations as Project Charilove, the Ossiomo Leprosy Centre and Idia Renaissance Project, which have achieved remarkable success in curtailing the trafficking of young girls for prostitution in foreign countries and the rehabilitation of those returned from countries where they were trafficked.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from the University of Wyoming, a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Jackson State University, Mississippi, and an honorary doctorate degree from Igbinedion University, Okada and Ambrose Alli University, Edo State.



Akere T. Muna is the founder and former President of Transparency International (TI) Cameroon. Called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1978, he is a lawyer by training. In 2007-2008, he was appointed a member of the independent High-Level Audit Panel of the African Union. From 2008 to 2014, he was President of the African Union's Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC).

He is a former President of the Pan African Lawyers Union (2005-2014) and former President of the Cameroon Bar Association. He is a former member of the IMF (International Monetary Fund) Advisory Group for Sub-Saharan Africa (2010). In January 2010, he was elected for a 4-year term to the Panel of Eminent Persons, which oversees the African Peer Review process; he later became the Chairperson until the end of his term in 2014. He is currently the first ever Sanctions Commissioner of the African Development Bank. He was actively involved in the TI working group that helped draft the AU Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption. He authored a guide to the Convention. He was elected Vice-Chair of TI's Board in 2005 and again in 2008 and 2011. His term ended in 2014. Since then, he serves as Chair of the Council of the International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC). The IACC is the

	<p>world's premier anti-corruption global forum for bringing together heads of state, civil society, the private sector and more.</p>
	<p>Prof. Arthur Mutambara is former Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Zimbabwe and an independent technology and strategy consultant, based in Sandton, South Africa. An expert in technology, community leader, global strategist and entrepreneur, Prof. Mutambara is an adviser to many senior managers and business leaders. He is extensively involved in socio-economic and political issues globally.</p> <p>As a professor of robotics and mechatronics, his focus is on the opportunities and challenges of the fourth industrial revolution in Africa, particularly the impact of artificial intelligence, intelligent algorithms, augmented reality, big data, internet of things, and internet of everything on mining, manufacturing, e-commerce, media, and medicine. He provides advisory services on operations management, strategy, implementation planning, project execution and management, monitoring and evaluation. Prof. Mutambara was President of the African News Agency, Africa's first syndicated, technology-driven multimedia news platform.</p> <p>He was Director of Electronic Payments at Standard Bank, South Africa, and in the United States, he was Research Scientist at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Visiting Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Professor at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University-Florida State University College of Engineering, and a Management Consultant with McKinsey & Company.</p> <p>In 2007, he received the World Economic Forum Young Global Leader award and subsequently participated in the World Economic Forum events from 2007 to 2013. Prof. Mutambara holds a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering, Master of Science degree in computer engineering and a PhD in robotics and mechatronics and has authored some engineering books and a biography as well as refereed journal articles. He is a chartered engineer, a Fellow of the Institute of Engineering and Technology, a Fellow of the Zimbabwe Institute of Engineers, Fellow of the Zimbabwe Academy of Sciences, and Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering.</p>



Dr. Philip Onyebujoh is a dynamic, senior level international health expert with extensive experience in health systems delivery; clinical, operational and basic science research; and health policy development and advocacy. He is recognized for developing and implementing effective, innovative programs involving public-private partnerships, civil society, and multisectoral national and international institutions to optimize the control of infectious diseases.

From 1998 – 2001, he was Director for Clinical and Biomedical TB Research at the South African Medical Research Council. He subsequently joined the special program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases at WHO Geneva from 2003 – 2012 to coordinate TB/HIV research before joining WHO Regional Office for Africa in Zimbabwe from 2013 – 2017 as Regional Laboratories Focal Point for WHO's 47 member states in Africa. He championed the creation of the visionary Global Laboratory Initiative for Africa to strengthen TB diagnostic standards.

During his tenure, as the first-ever senior technical and policy adviser to the Director Africa CDC from 2017 – 2019, he contributed to laying the groundwork for the Regional Integrated Laboratory and Surveillance Network to improve surveillance capabilities and alignment with the Regional Collaborating Centres. His current work focuses on the exciting, cross-cutting field of Applied Health technologies for infectious disease outbreak preparedness, mitigation, and control which combines various surveillance methods, advanced molecular diagnostic tools, AI, and machine learning to tackle antimicrobial and multidrug resistance, and to inform detection and treatment of infectious diseases of public health significance, including SARS-CoV-2. These activities speak directly to the use of genetic epidemiology, phylogenetic analyses, and disease modelling to improve real-time diagnoses and patient outcomes, particularly in public health settings in LMICs. Dr. Onyebujoh's background is in internal medicine (MD), infectious diseases (FRCP, MSc, and DTM&H), and clinical immunology of mycobacterial diseases (PhD). He has received several prestigious awards, including the Wellcome Clinical Fellowship. He is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Lond) and a Legend of the Academy of Science of South Africa, an honor reserved for Academy members whose work has made an impact in their chosen fields of endeavor.

His medical research and publications have informed healthcare policy and guidelines as well as implementation practices worldwide.



Ms. Souad Aden-Osman is the Executive Director for the Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CoDA). She also heads the secretariat of the African Union High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) from Africa (HLP on IFFs). In this capacity, she serves as the Coordinator of the Consortium to Stem IFFs from Africa. Under her leadership, CoDA fostered the work of AFREXIMBANK and the African Union Commission towards the establishment of the African Business Council (AfBC). She recently coordinated the preparation and adoption by the AU Assembly of the Common African Position on Asset Recovery (CAPAR).

Prior to her current roles, she was the Head of the Joint Secretariat Support Office (JSSO) for the African Union, African Development Bank and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). Ms. Aden-Osman served in the office of the Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist of UNECA. In this role, she worked with the leadership of continental pan-African institutions that led the establishment of the African Climate Policy Center (ACPC) and the African Mineral Development Center (AMDC). Ms. Aden-Osman was part of several reform teams in the UN and directed the implementation of major institutional activities including the African Development Forum (ADF VII and ADF VIII). Ms. Aden-Osman has more than two decades of varied senior titles within the United Nations system, Canadian government and several private sector institutions. Souad Aden-Osman is a Djiboutian-Canadian and holds an M.B.A (University of Ottawa).