

Profiles of the CoDA Delegation, meeting the Esama of the Benin Kingdom, H.E Chief Gabriel Igbinedion



Professor Abdoulaye Bathily

Board Member of CoDA

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,

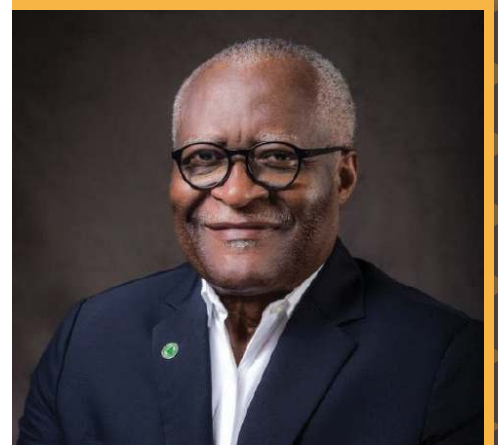
Niger, Madagascar, and Guinea. From 2012 to 2013, he served as Senior Minister in the Office of the President of Senegal, overseeing African Affairs. Professor Bathily was African Union Team Leader for the Observation of General Elections in Nigeria (2004) and Algeria (2005) From 1975 to 2013, Professor 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.

Akere T. Muna

Board Member of CoDA

Mr 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 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 world's premier anti-corruption global forum for bringing together heads of state, civil society, the private sector and more.





Dr. Amany Asfour

Board Member of CoDA

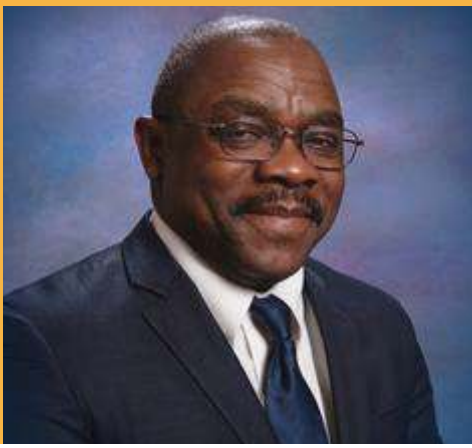
Dr. Amany Asfour graduated from Faculty of Medicine – Cairo University and had her Master Degree & M.D. degree in Pediatrics at the National Research Center of Egypt. She joined the private sector since she was a student at the Faculty of Medicine. Within a few years she was able to establish her company for Health Care Management and Medical equipment with more than 30 brands. She established the Egyptian Business Women Association in 1995 with the objectives of promoting young generations of Women Entrepreneurs & giving guidance to women business owners of Small & Medium enterprises, increasing role of women in the value chain and value addition. Dr. Asfour then established The Federation of Business & Professional Women BPW – Egypt and subsequently founded the African Alliance for Women Empowerment which has focal points all over Africa & its main target is Women Empowerment in Africa & establishing projects and marketing of products for women entrepreneurs and women owners of small & medium enterprises in the African continent for Africa's economic Growth and increasing Intra Africa Trade. Dr. Asfour is the founder and Chair of the African Congress for Women Entrepreneurs. Dr Asfour is also elected as the Chair of the FEMCOM-Egypt Federation of Business Women Associations in the COMESA Region (Common Market for Eastern & Southern African) .Dr Asfour was also elected as the Chair of the COMESA Business Council the apex Body of Private sector in COMESA and she is the first Woman to chair this organization for 2 terms till 2018. She currently serves as the Chairperson of the Interim Executive Bureau of the African Business Council (AfBC).

Engineer Mansur Ahmed

Chairman, African Manufacturers Association
and Executive Director, Dangote Group

Engineer Ahmed is the 10th President of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria and the Chairman of the African Manufacturers Association. He is an Executive Director at Dangote Group. Engineer Ahmed has a first degree in Mechanical Engineering from Nottingham University and a Masters degree in Industrial Engineering and Administration from Cranfield Institute of Technology (now Cranfield University). He also has a post graduate certificate in Investment Appraisal and Management from the Harvard Institute of International Development. He has over 40 years' experience across many Industries in both the Public and Private sectors of the Nigerian Economy. Between 2008 and 2012, he was the pioneer Director General of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission. Before his appointment to the ICRC, the Director General of the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG). Prior to his stint at the NESG, Engr. Ahmed had spent 15 years at the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation where he served in various capacities, including over seven years as the MD of the Port Harcourt Refinery and about five years as the Group Executive Director (Refining and Petrochemicals). Engineer Ahmed is a fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers and the Nigerian institute of management and a Member of the Institute of Directors Nigeria. He has served on many Boards as well as many National Committees including the National Economic Management Team; the Economic Management Implementation Team and the Technical Committee on Privatization; the National Competitiveness Council (NCCN) and the Advisory Board of the Centre for Infrastructure Policy, Regulation and Advancement (CIPRA) of the Lagos Business School, among others. He has also at various times sat on the Boards of several other organizations including Glaxo Smithkline (GSK); Dunlop Nigeria Plc; Union Bank of Nigeria Plc; the Cement Company of Northern Nigeria and Kaduna Textiles Ltd. His passion for education and remarkable service to humanity has Engr. Ahmed serving as the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Sacred Heart Primary School, Kaduna, since 1984 and also on the Board of Teach for Nigeria! (a private not- for- profit) institution.





Professor Sylvain H. Boko

Senior Consultant of CoDA

Professor Boko, previously of Wake Forest University (USA), holds a PhD in International Economics and Development Economics from Iowa State University of Science and Technology (USA), and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Grinnell College (USA). He currently serves as a Senior Consultant and Expert on economic development and policy. He previously served as the Principal Regional Advisor for Development Planning at the UN Economic Commission for Africa, based in Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia.

His expertise spans many areas including, International Trade and Finance, Development Planning and Statistics, Decentralization, Institutional Reform... He is the author of several publications, including, "Trade, Institutions, Income, and Human Development in Africa" (with Mina Balamoune) in the Journal of African Economies, March 2013; Back On Track: Sector-Led Growth in Africa and Implications for Development (with Diery Seck), Africa World Press, 2009; NEPAD and the Future of Economic Policy in Africa (with Diery Seck), Africa World Press, 2008; Decentralization and Reform in Africa (Kluwer/Springer, 2002). A former Fulbright Scholar and National Science Foundation grantee, Prof. Boko served, in 2010-2013, as the RTI Chief of Party and Country Representative in Mali.