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HOWARD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CHARLES R. DREW PROFESSOR OF SURGERY

June 7, 2022

Dear Mandela Washington Fellows,

Congratulations on being selected for this prestigious program, and welcome to Howard University! It is a pleasure and a privilege to host you on our campus in Washington, D.C. The Mecca, as Howard is known to those inside and outside our community, is a perfect setting for the journey you are about to embark upon, where you will develop your skills as future civic leaders in our globalized world.

Since Howard's founding in 1867 by federal charter with a particular mission to educate the freed slaves moving from the South to the North, our institution has been tasked with leading the caravan of social justice – not only to enhance opportunities for the Black community in the United States, but for oppressed and marginalized people all over the world. Howard has truly been a mecca for aspiring leaders and civic servants to empower themselves with skills and knowledge and to discover their unique purpose in life.

In our efforts to cultivate a more just and equal world, Howard has emphasized its connection with Africa. Individuals from African countries have been core members of our community for generations. From student leaders to illustrious faculty members, our African peers and colleagues have sought out Howard to further their personal missions. We have also cultivated numerous partnerships throughout the continent of Africa that enhance the educational opportunities of our students while giving them a chance to serve communities and people who are most in need of their support.

Howard's motto is "truth and service." This seemingly simple directive – to discover the truth and use that knowledge to serve our communities – also guided Nelson Mandela, who unapologetically proclaimed the truth for the world to hear and advocated for the best interest of all citizens of South Africa. Now, you are poised to follow in that path.

You were selected for this program because of your talents as well as your passion to cultivate a more prosperous future for Africa and the Diaspora. In this program, you are joining a long list of Howard University trailblazers who have been inspired by their surroundings at the Mecca to do good in the world.

I wish you great success this summer, and throughout your career.

Excellence in Truth and Service



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June 6, 2022


Dear Mandela Washington Fellows,

It is my great honor to welcome you to the Mandela Washington Fellowship (MWF), and in particular to the historic Howard University! Congratulations on your selection to participate in this cohort! Howard University was founded in 1867, and has been providing educational opportunities of exceptional quality to men and women from the United States and throughout the African Diaspora since our establishment. We truly live in an interconnected global world. This is demonstrated by the many faculty, staff and students at Howard University who are African natives. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has also demonstrated our global connectedness, and how rapidly we can be adversely impacted by disease, especially if governments, people, and institutions do not work collaboratively towards the greater good. Your participation as an MWF Fellow is evidence of the need for us to partner together to create greater opportunities for the people of Africa, share ideas and vision, and also plot a dynamic course for the future of the continent. It is my goal that you will not only learn and benefit from the courses, site visits and from each other, but that we will learn just as much from you, and the experiences and talents that you bring.

As the Provost, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to our colleagues at the Department of State, IREX, and each of you for your participation. Additionally, many individuals including administrative staff, as well as the faculty and volunteer students have contributed to the experience that you will share. The success of our program would certainly not be possible without the combined contributions of volunteers from various departments and schools at the University, as well as other organizations who are assisting us.

We invite you to take this opportunity to share our excitement, enjoy our historic campus, renew old friendships and establish valuable new networks. Welcome, and I trust that you each will have an interesting, challenging, and fruitful experience that will positively impact your lives. God bless.

Excellence in Truth and Service,



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MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS

The Mandela Washington Fellowship (MWF) for Young African Leaders, is the flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) that empowers young leaders from Sub-Saharan Africa through academic coursework, leadership training, and networking opportunities. The Fellowship, which began in 2014, has already engaged 3,000 young leaders from every country in Sub-Saharan Africa. Through this initiative, young African leaders are gaining the skills and connections they need to accelerate their own career trajectories and contribute more robustly to strengthening democratic institutions, spurring economic growth, and enhancing peace and security in Africa. The Mandela Washington Fellowship is a program of the United States Government. The U.S. components are administered by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and supported by IREX, a U.S. non-governmental agency.

The Fellows have established records of accomplishment in promoting innovation and positive impact in their organizations, institutions, communities, and countries. The first four classes of Fellows represented all 49 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and included equal numbers of men and women.

The 2018 class of Mandela Washington Fellows arrive in Mid-June 2018 for five weeks of intensive executive leadership training, networking, and skills building, followed by a 3-day Summit in Washington, D.C. that all 700 fellows will attend.

Host institutes focus on skills development in one of three areas:

- Business and Entrepreneurship
- Civic Leadership
- Public Management

Howard University (HU) is a comprehensive research university, unique and irreplaceable, defined by its core values, the excellence of all its activities in instruction, research and service, and by its enduring commitment to educating youth, African Americans and other people of color in particular, for leadership and service to our nation and the global community. Howard University offers the Public Management track. This is drawn from the university's unique set of expertise and resources. Public Management Institutes are tailored to those who work, or aspire to work, in all levels of government, regional or international organizations, or other publicly minded groups and think tanks. The Institutes introduce Fellows to U.S. models and best practices while building technical and leadership capacity in areas such as citizen engagement, human resource management, public financial management and the intersection of government with business and civil society. The overarching objective of the Mandela Washington Fellowship Institute in Public Management is to provide a culturally diverse experience to Young African leaders to assist in the building of capacity as it relates to public management on the African continent.

Historically, policies encouraging the use of information, technology (home grown through education/ research or through technology transfer and adaptation) through competition and inclusiveness (diversity) has been the key to sustained economic growth. In this program, this aspect alongside the understanding of the importance of growing small business for economic growth will be emphasized through case discussion and open discussion using research papers/ case studies to place the dialogue in context. Academic study is augmented by workshops, mentorship, peer collaboration, and networking opportunities with recognizes leaders in their perspective fields. The academic content addresses topics such as good governance, female leadership in government, woman and girl empowerment, gender stereotypes, Ethics and Value Based Leadership, the role of technology and social media in re-shaping governance. Fellows will be prepared for an academically and professionally challenging program.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY: AN OVERVIEW

In November 1866, shortly after the end of the Civil War, members of the First Congregational Society of Washington considered establishing a theological seminary for the education of African- American clergymen. Within a few weeks, the concept expanded to include a provision for establishing a university. Within two years, the University consisted of the colleges of Liberal Arts and Medicine. The new institution was named for General Oliver O. Howard, a Civil War hero who was both a founder of the University and, at the same time, commissioner of the Freedman's Bureau.



The University charter as enacted by Congress and subsequently approved by President Andrew Johnson on March 2, 1867, designated Howard University as "a university for the education of youth in the liberal arts and sciences." The Freedmen's Bureau provided most of the early financial support of the University. In 1879, Congress approved a special appropriation for the University. The charter was amended in 1928 to authorize an annual federal appropriation for construction, development, improvement and maintenance of the University.



Howard University as one of the nation's leading research universities is dedicated to educating students from diverse backgrounds at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional level, with a particular focus on African-American students, as well as those of all other racial and ethnic groups from the United States and around the world. The University received its first accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in 1921 and has had its accreditation reaffirmed by the Association at every required interval thereafter.

Howard is a unique university with a special mission that addresses the higher education needs of the nation and the world. Since its founding, Howard has been open to men and women from all racial and ethnic groups. The University has awarded more than 100,000 degrees in the arts, sciences and humanities. Howard ranks among the highest producers of the nation's Black professionals in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, engineering, nursing, architecture, religion, law, music, social work and education. The University has long held a commitment to the education and advancement of disadvantaged persons in American society and throughout the world. The goal is the elimination of inequities related to race, color, social, economic and political circumstances.

The University's academic programs are offered by 14 schools and colleges: the College of Arts and Sciences; the School of Business; the School of Communications; the College of Dentistry; the School of Divinity; the School of Education; the College of Engineering and Architecture; the School of Law; the College of Medicine; the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences; the College of Pharmacy; the School of Social Work; and the College of Fine Arts.



Howard's motto, Veritas et Utilitas, or Truth and Service, is woven throughout its academic, student, faculty and research programs. Students, faculty, and staff are actively involved in community, local, national and global service efforts to create awareness and provide solutions to help improve the quality of life in many communities.

Howard University Hospital, has over the course of its 145-year history of providing the finest primary, secondary and tertiary health care services, a Level 1 Trauma Center, and has become one of the most comprehensive health care facilities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

The College of Medicine is internationally regarded for its illustrious legacy of training students to become competent and compassionate physicians who provide health care in medically underserved communities at home and abroad. The College is a national leader in studying health disparities among people of color and is one of America's top institutions for training women surgeons. The Howard University Health Sciences division includes the Howard University Hospital and the Colleges of Dentistry, Pharmacy, and as well as Nursing and Allied Health Sciences.

For more than 140 years, the Howard University School of Law has served as an advocate for social justice and as an architect of social change. It has produced more than 4,000 social engineers including the first African-American Supreme Court Justice, noted legislators, civil rights attorneys, mayors and public officials across the United States. In 2012, the Law School was ranked among the top 20 public service schools by National Jurist magazine.

Howard is a leader in STEM fields. The National Science Foundation has ranked Howard as the top producer of African-American undergraduates who later earn science and engineering doctoral degrees. The University also produces more minority doctoral graduates in computer science than any other university in the nation and boasts nationally ranked programs in social work, business and communication sciences and disorders. In 2013, The Washington Post named Howard "An Incubator for Cinematographers."

The University library system, typifying Howard's commitment to research, contains more than two million volumes and is a member of the Association of Research Libraries. Among the system's many resources are the state-of-the-art, Louis Stokes Health Science Library and the Law Library, both of which opened in 2001. In addition, the Moorland-Spangarn Research Center houses one of the world's largest and most comprehensive research collections dedicated to documenting the history and culture of people of African descent throughout the world.

The University has an array of media outlets that address the educational, social, economic, and informational needs of the academic and wider communities. Its radio station, WHUR-FM, and television station, WHUT- TV, a PBS affiliate, serve the Washington metropolitan area and beyond. Each provides training laboratories that assist in preparing students for professional broadcasting and other careers.

Howard University Television, WHUT-TV, was founded in 1980, and was the first African-American-owned public television station in the nation. It is also the only university-licensed public television station located in the metropolitan Washington viewing area, which includes more than three million households. www.whut.org.

The University's commercial radio station, WHUR-FM, has been broadcasting from more than 34 years and is a leading station in the Washington metropolitan area. It is also the first and only station in the area to broadcast high-definition radio. www.whur.com and www.whurworld.com. Celebrating over 30 years on air, WHBC Howard University's student operated radio station is a major media outlet for the student body. WHBC Channel 51 has the campus' ear and is a part of the Howard student collegiate lifestyle.

The University's main campus is located in Washington, DC, within five miles of the United States Capitol and consists of more than 57 buildings on more than 89 acres of land. It also maintains a 22-acre West Campus in upper Northwest Washington, which houses the Law School; a 22-acre campus in Northeast Washington; and a 108-acre Beltsville, Maryland research campus, which houses a major atmospheric science research facility. The 450 licensed-bed university hospital (Howard University Hospital) provides services for a significant segment of the Washington, DC metropolitan community, in addition to providing a clinical setting for training physicians, nurses, and other healthcare providers.

The University fields teams in 19 varsity sports including basketball, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track, and volleyball. Howard has more than 10,000 students from virtually every state, the District of Columbia and more than 70 countries.

Today, Howard University is one of only 48 U.S. private, Doctoral/Research-Extensive universities. Its students enjoy academic pursuits in more than 120 areas of study leading to undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees. Over the last 20 years, the University has produced four Rhodes Scholars, 11 Truman Scholars, two Marshall Scholars, over 80 Fulbright recipients, 22 Pickering Fellows and one Schwarzman Scholar. The University continues to attract the nation's top students and produces more on-campus African- American Ph.D. recipients than any other university in the United States.

Achievements and Accolades include:

- Howard University is the leading producer of African American students entering medical schools in the U.S.
- The National Science Foundation cites Howard University as the top producer African American undergraduates who later earn PhDs in natural sciences
- Ranked No. 34 on U.S. News & World Report's list of 2019 Best Undergraduate Teaching Programs.
- The School of Business earned the number 1 spot by Princeton Review as the "greatest opportunity for minority students."
- The No. 1 producer of African Americans earning degrees in communications and journalism by Diverse Issues in Higher Education.
- The School of Law is the No. 2 law degree producer for African American by Diverse Issues in Higher Education.
- Highest number of HBCU Rhodes Scholars to study at the University of Oxford.
- The only HBCU to be ranked in the top 100 on U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges list.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Howard University, a culturally diverse, comprehensive, research intensive and historically Black private university, provides an educational experience of exceptional quality at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels to students of high academic standing and potential, with particular emphasis upon educational opportunities for Black students. Moreover, the University is dedicated to attracting and sustaining a cadre of faculty who are, through their teaching, research and service, committed to the development of distinguished, historically aware, and compassionate graduates and to the discovery of solutions to human problems in the United States and throughout the world. With an abiding interest in both domestic and international affairs, the University is committed to continuing to produce leaders for America and the global community. (Approved by the Board of Trustees, June 2009.)

The University's Core Values include: Excellence, leadership, service, and truth are our core values. Howard's aim is to forward the development of scholars and professionals who drive change and engage in scholarship that provides solutions to contemporary global problems, particularly ones impacting the African Diaspora.



Meet Our 2022 Administration Team:



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**Anicet Ntumbwa,
Burundi**



Anicet Ntumbwa has more than three years of experience in public health management, particularly in working to bridge the gaps between global health research, policy, and intervention to achieve a strong health system in Sub-Saharan Africa. His research interest is the connections between climate change, food security, and noncommunicable diseases in the context of sustainable development in low-income countries, including Burundi. He has a doctorate in Medicine from the University of Burundi. Currently, he is program director at Ubuntu Village of Life project. There he contributed to the opening of Ubuntu Medical Clinic, which offers a holistic healthcare program in southeastern Burundi. He also contributed to the establishment of a vocational training center, which focuses on empowering unemployed rural youth by teaching them English, computer science, and agribusiness. He is working with his teammates to expand Ubuntu Medical Clinic to serve more people by building a green hospital and agroecology research and learning center in Mugamba Commune. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, he will apply his new skills and network with hospitals, non-governmental organizations, companies, and universities in the United States to advance the Ubuntu project across Burundi and beyond.

Décio Duvane is a computer science and software engineering professional with more than 10 years of experience. Currently, he is solutions architect and digital solutions manager at Village Reach, where he fosters eHealth and leads digital solution initiatives in Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, Malawi, Mozambique, and other countries. His role enables him to work collaboratively with multiple stakeholders, including governments, non-governmental organizations, donors, and the private sector. For several years, Décio has volunteered as a youth mentor in the Maputo and Gaza provinces of Mozambique, where he lectures on the basics of computer use and computer science. Décio holds a bachelor's degree in ITC (Information and Communications Technology), majoring in Software Engineering. He has found that shortcomings in the health sector can be addressed by the use of digital solutions, which helps build stronger, tech-enabled access to primary healthcare and the use of people-centered health systems. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Décio plans to use his acquired knowledge and experience to improve the quality of work he provides to the countries he serves, as well as to ensure the replication and sustainable use of the solutions he develops.



**Dericio Agostinho Duvane,
Mozambique**





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Douglas Osoro Bosibori,
Kenya



Douglas Bosibori is a healthcare practitioner in Kenya, specializing as a pharmacist. Currently, he is director of education, infection prevention and control coordinator, and deputy chief pharmacist at Naivasha County Referral Hospital. As director of education, he focuses on clinical education for young pharmacists and pharmacist interns and oversees the training and education of all cadres of healthcare workers at the hospital. Douglas holds a bachelor's degree in Pharmacy and a postgraduate diploma in Advanced Clinical Pharmacy Practice and is pursuing a master's degree in Advanced Clinical Pharmacy Practice. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, he plans to apply his acquired leadership skills to the healthcare delivery system in Kenya to ensure accuracy and efficiency of services and to provide excellent clinical care to the underserved.

Etieno Udoh is a lawyer with over eight years' experience in the legal profession in Nigeria. She currently serves as a senior legal officer at the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital, representing the hospital in court cases, providing legal advice, and ensuring compliance with national laws. She began her career as a legal officer at Federal Medical Centre, Keffi in 2014, where her passion for the protection of women's and children's rights was enhanced. Etieno's desire to empower women and children to positively advance peaceful coexistence and contribute meaningfully to society has inspired her ongoing campaign to educate women in rural Nigerian communities on their rights. Etieno holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from Madonna University, and is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, the International Federation of Women Lawyers Nigeria, and the Institute of Health Service Administrators of Nigeria. Upon completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship, she plans to use her skills, experience, and network to foster widespread awareness of women's and children's rights throughout rural Nigeria, and to advocate for the implementation of these rights across the country.



Etieno Ime Udoh,
Nigeria



Fatou Angelique Bessin
Kounouyini,
Burkina Faso



Fatou Bessin Kounouyini has more than nine years of experience in diplomacy and international relations. Currently, she is foreign affairs adviser at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso, where she focuses on developing and maintaining good relationships between Burkina Faso and its partners. In addition, she is Gender team leader at the ministry. Fatou holds a master's degree in Diplomacy and International Law. She holds certification in International Relations and Affairs and in Gender and Peacekeeping Operations. Fatou is motivated to bring efficiency and pragmatism to the functioning of public administration. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Fatou plans to progress in her career as a diplomat and to continue advocating for women's involvement and leadership in the field of diplomacy. In partnership with other Fellows, she plans to establish a foundation for the well-being of girls and women in different countries. Eventually, she plans to be the representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations.



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Fikile Lengene,
South Africa



Fikile Dikolomela-Lengene is a qualified primary healthcare clinician and a nurse activist with more than 17 years of experience. Currently, Fikile is a nurse for the Gauteng Department of Health and an advocate of advanced clinical care in antiretroviral management. She has been involved in several public health campaigns at the community level. She holds a bachelor's degree in Nursing. Fikile believes in active community participation for better health outcomes. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, she plans to mentor young leaders in nursing on leadership and public governance for the promotion of organized and ethical public administration.

Hana Bakhit is an election practitioner at the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (I-IDEA). Hana has led the planning and organizing of multiple regional-level election reform dialogues that aim to enhance stakeholders' abilities to participate in reforming the legal framework of election in Sudan. The stakeholders include political parties' members, civil society organizations, and armed movements. Previously, she was a project intern at the United Nations Development Program in Sudan and a volunteer for the United Nations Children's Fund. Hana holds a bachelor's degree in Management Studies from the University of Khartoum. She is passionate about inclusivity and public policies, and after completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, she aspires to promote the engagement of women and youth in policies that touch their lives.



Hana Monafal Elnour Bakhit,
Sudan



Kipkurui Ngeno,
Kenya



Kipkurui Ngeno has more than seven years' experience as a medical laboratory officer and close to five years as a quality assurance officer. Currently, Kipkurui is medical laboratory officer at Tenwek Hospital, where he focuses on ensuring the accurate, reliable, and prompt reporting of test results. His major achievement in the field is that he led the Tenwek Hospital laboratory to attain accreditation on ISO 15189:2012 (medical laboratories requirements for quality and competence). Kipkurui holds a bachelor's degree in Medical Laboratory Sciences from Technical University of Kenya. Outside his clinical work, Kipkurui volunteers as chair of the Board of Management at a primary school, where his main mandate is to enhance good governance and development in the school. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Kipkurui plans to use the knowledge acquired during the Fellowship to strengthen his clinical work and to continue with his community support work.



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**Laura Nicol,
Sierra Leone**



Laura Nicol has more than five years of experience in the legal field. Currently, Laura is head of the legal unit and company secretary of the Sierra Leone Maritime Administration, focusing on providing in-house legal advice and liaison with external legal consultants. She is secretary to the board of directors, management meetings, and disciplinary committee meetings. She volunteers at Legal Access through Women Yearning for Equality Rights and Social Justice (L.A.W.Y.E.R.S.) an all-female organization that provides pro bono legal representation for women and girls in Sierra Leone. She provides legal defense to women in detention through representation in court and liaises with agencies and organizations that work with vulnerable groups. Laura holds a Bachelor of Laws degree, a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree (Honors), and a Barrister-at-Law certificate. She is committed to improving Sierra Leone's governance structure and advocating for women's and girls' rights. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Laura plans to continue working with women and girls and to raise a strong voice against the issues surrounding gender equality and sexual and gender-based violence. She intends to be at the decision-making level to advise the government on policy development.

Manuela Bokpaka Mobanze has more than nine years of experience in conflict management, facilitation, administration, and finance. Currently, she is executive assistant to the deputy resident representative of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in the Central African Republic, where she ensures the effective and efficient functioning of the Office of the Deputy Resident Representative, supports the communications of the office, and facilitates capacity building and administrative and financial management of program activities. Previously, as a volunteer with the United Nations, Manuela supported the administrative and financial management of projects implemented by the UNDP to support sustainable income-generating activities. In addition, she worked as a mediator and facilitator in social cohesion and conflict management at the Danish Refugee Council and as a community mobilizer at Solidarity International. Manuela holds a bachelor's degree in Economics and Management and a master's degree in Humanitarian Action and Development. She is committed to developing and advocating for policies and social changes to contribute to the development of the Central African Republic. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Manuela plans to move into management positions to build on the skills acquired and develop expertise in public governance.



**Manuela Bokpaka Mobanze,
Central African Republic**





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**Menfret Melk,
Namibia**



Menfret Melk has more than five years of experience in the banking industry. Currently, Menfret is an anti-money-laundering monitoring officer at Capricorn Group Limited, where he oversees internal anti-money-laundering policies and controls to ensure they remain compliant with regulations. In addition, he is committed to ending modern slavery and human trafficking, as well as ending illegal wildlife trade. Menfret holds a bachelor's degree in Applied Economics, specializing in Econometrics. He earned his certification as an anti-money-laundering specialist from the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS); he is also a member of ACAMS. Menfret is committed to eradicating money laundering and corruption. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Menfret plans to start the Namibia Anti-Money-Laundering Institute. He also plans to continue his work to end illegal wildlife trade, as well as human trafficking and modern slavery.

Meyan Kabaso Kachenga has more than nine years of experience in public health. Currently, Meyan is tuberculosis (TB) and HIV program officer for Zambia's Ministry of Health under the Lundazi District Health Office. Meyan is responsible for coordinating TB prevention and for case identification, implementation of TB and HIV treatment programs, and monitoring and evaluation of TB and HIV programs as well as capacity-building programs. Meyan has made significant contributions to public health issues (TB and HIV/AIDS) in Zambia through advocacy and engagement of gatekeepers. She has been instrumental in HIV prevention response among young women and adolescents by conducting radio talks and engaging civic, traditional, and business leaders on the plight of adolescents. Meyan holds a bachelor's degree in Public Health and a postgraduate diploma in HIV/AIDS Management and is concluding her studies for a Master of Philosophy in HIV/AIDS Management at Stellenbosch University. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Meyan plans to strengthen the promotion of public health for marginalized Zambian populations, especially young women and adolescent girls.



**Meyan Kachenga,
Zambia**



**Moustapha Batrane,
Chad**



Bachar Moustapha Batrane has more than five years of experience in youth empowerment and community development issues. Currently, he is an African Youth Charter Hustler with the African Union and focuses on promoting youth inclusion in governance and progressive youth policies. Previously, Bachar served as a campus director and then country lead at Hult Prize Foundation in Chad. Bachar holds a bachelor's degree in Public Law and a bachelor's degree in English Language. He is committed to youth inclusion in governance at the continental level. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Bachar plans to advance the youth agenda locally and internationally.



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Mukhtar Maigamo has more than 13 years' experience in public policy, public finance, conflict resolution, development communication, project management, advocacy, and community relations. As finance special assistant to the governor of Kaduna State, he works to implement financially inclusive policy to create jobs, digital skills, and income for the people of the state. Previously, as public affairs special assistant, he helped implement laws that ensure rights for women and children. Also, a leading advocate for social change, he led a vanguard of anticorruption through an organization that he co-founded. He campaigns against violent extremism in Nigeria. As a public policy expert, he organizes many policies and programs and has used his position to improve the lives of people, especially women and children. Maigamo holds master's degrees from Ahmadu Bello University in Policy and Development, Public Administration, Conflict and Peace Studies, and Development Communication and a Bachelor of Science in Development Studies, and he is an Alumnus of the School of Politics, Policy, and Governance in Nigeria and a lecturer at Kaduna State University, teaching governance, criminology, and conflict analysis. After completing Mandela Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Mukhtar will vigorously endeavor to make society better.



**Mukhtar Maigamo Garba,,
Nigeria**



**Prince Mel Gautier Mboundou Batantou,
Republic of the Congo**



Prince Mel Gautier Mboundou Batantou has more than six years of experience in the banking sector. Currently, Prince is an accountant at the Bank of Central African States, where he focuses on regulatory frameworks for the extraction industry. He also volunteers at a non-governmental organization that empowers young people through training in leadership, entrepreneurship, and business. He is also an author and coach in personal finance and holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Prince is passionate about improving the Republic of the Congo's public sector, so it performs well and is more results oriented. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, he plans to apply for a higher position in his organization and use the new knowledge and skills he has gained to further his work.

Ruth Bambesa has more than 7 years of experience in administration, finance, logistics, and human resources. Currently, Ruth is office administrator and executive assistant to the country director of Tearfund. There she helps internal staff get legal documents to work in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As part of her work at Tearfund, she is a volunteer for Women's Voice, an organization that aims to help women recognize their abilities and use them to benefit their community despite the context of war in which they live. She is also a board member of Kiros Africa, a local organization that works to promote women's leadership and to educate poor children. Ruth holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Sciences. She is committed to serving the community through Tearfund, Women's Voice, and Kiros, helping children get scholarships and motivating young women to be leaders. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Ruth plans to be an advocate for women's rights, especially those of single mothers, helping them know their rights. She also plans to be an international human resource professional and to continue to serve the community through that endeavor.



**Ruth Bambesa,
Democratic Republic
of the Congo**





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Sarah Mutheu Mutune,
Kenya



Sarah Mutheu Mutune is a licensed attorney with over 10 years' experience progressively aligning Kenya's criminal justice system to international best standards. Previously, Sarah worked as the Africa legal and policy consultant for the World Prison Research Program, which recommended reducing the use of imprisonment in 10 countries, including Kenya. Sarah took the initiative to implement the global report locally by representing wrongfully convicted inmates who account for 42.7% of the country's prison population. Notably, her pro bono initiative has recorded an over 86% success rate for death row inmates at Kenya's top security prison. In less than five years, Sarah has successfully overseen the reversal of 25 convictions at Kenya's Court of Appeal. In addition to her work as a public defender, Sarah is equally passionate about helping victims of police brutality and sexual assault access justice. Through her partnership with non-profits such as the Independent Medical Legal Unit and the Federation of Women Lawyers of Kenya, Sarah has rallied fellow Kenyans to join protests in solidarity with victims of police brutality and has marched to protect women's rights. Recently, she started the Kazibure Project, which aims to protect African immigrants (particularly domestic workers) against labor exploitation and human trafficking in the Middle East. Over the next five years, Sarah hopes to collaborate further on this project, and intends to be a key player in ending modern-day slavery in the Middle East and North Africa region.

Kwame Asiemoah is a public health specialist, social activist, and entrepreneur with more than eight years' experience in community development and public health. Currently, Kwame serves as communications associate at Healthy Heart Africa's Ghana program, a hypertension intervention program. Through his work there, more than a million Ghanaians in the Ashanti and Bono East regions have been screened for hypertension. Kwame is also the founder of CHeCK Health, a health management company working to bring health services to people in hard-to-reach communities. Kwame holds a Master of Public Health degree from the Ensign College of Public Health and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. After losing both parents from complications of hypertension and diabetes, Kwame was motivated to pursue public health to prevent morbidity and premature deaths, especially in rural communities. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Kwame intends to assume a greater leadership role in his organization and use his passion for health to drive health outreach to rural communities in Ghana. He also intends to develop tailored trainings for community health workers to improve healthcare delivery in rural settings.



Semanu Kwame Asiemoah,
Ghana





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Semira Seid has more than six years of experience in public health. Currently, she works as state minister adviser at the Federal Ministry of Health in Ethiopia, where she provides senior political and strategic support services for a wide range of subject areas within the minister's portfolio, as well as providing coordination, facilitation, and analysis services to the minister. She also serves at the health hotline, which provides telephone counseling services to callers from all regions of Ethiopia. Semira is co-founder of Biz Technology Ethiopia. The company's main objective is to use the latest information technology, enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of all kinds of businesses and governmental and non-governmental organizations to develop Ethiopia and Africa. She volunteered full-time at Meseret Humanitarian Organization and she has participated in fundraising and the delivery of services to at-risk women and children. Semira holds a master's degree in Public Health Nutrition. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, she envisions herself coordinating government, media, technology, and private businesses to educate and assist people throughout Ethiopia and to address health for all.



Semira Ahmed Seid,
Ethiopia



Solange Eunice Graciano Teixeira,
Angola



Solange Teixeira is a fashion design and founder of the Negrah_pipi brand, which provides textile customization services. Solange also volunteers with the Human Project, teaching about human rights and acceptance of sexual orientation in children and teenagers. She is currently pursuing a degree in cardiopulmonary issues and is passionate about continuing to acquire skills to work with various populations, especially transgender women. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Solange plans to further develop her fashion brand and be the first designer in her community to provide swimsuits for transgender women.

Thato Mabe has more than eight years of experience in policymaking, politics, writing, and activism. He has been named the 2019 African Union Youth Leader of the Year and Mail and Guardian Top 200 Young South African in Politics and Government, among other awards. Thato is a Parliamentary Monitoring Fellow in Research and Policy at Triangle Project in Cape Town, South Africa, and his work focuses on the political inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in South African politics. Thato studied Medicine at the University of the Free State and holds a degree in Governance, Administration, and Development from the University of South Africa; an advanced certificate in Policymaking and Analysis from the University of South Africa; and an advanced certificate in African Human Rights Systems and an advanced human rights certificate in Comparative Perspectives from the University of Pretoria. Thato is passionate about building a South Africa that is equal and diverse in the fight for economic freedom. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Thato plans to be an ethical political leader who puts South Africa and Africa first and hopes to end poverty, discrimination, gender-based violence, femicide, and corruption in South Africa.



Thato Maxwell Mabe,
South Africa





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Tifoumnaka Koubodena
Togo



Tifoumnaka Koubodena has more than nine years of experience in diplomacy and international affairs. Currently, Tifoumnaka is head of the diaspora projects division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Togo, where she conceives and implements government projects for Togolese abroad. She is a volunteer consultant and trainer with several Togolese associations, where she provides training on women's rights, the education of children, nonviolence, reading, and writing. She has a degree in Public Law from the University of Lomé and holds a master's degree in Diplomacy from the National School of Administration in Togo. Tifoumnaka is dedicated to promoting women's rights and leadership, the education of children, and nonviolence. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Tifoumnaka plans to continue working in diplomacy and promoting peace, education, reading, and writing.

Tumeyo Kangabala has more than two years of experience in the medical field in Zambia. Currently, Tumeyo is clinical officer general and volunteer at the Kabwata Urban Health Center, where he provides high-quality general and mental health services to the community. He offers mentorship to adolescents and youth at the health center by encouraging them to be good citizens and help better their communities. Tumeyo is also administrative coordinator for the Phenomenal Youths Association, a non-profit that advocates for people living with HIV. In this role, he oversees all provincial programs and activities, established offices and departments, and new member reports and registrations. Tumeyo is committed to building a stigma- and discrimination-free society for people living with HIV and mental illness and to providing equality in healthcare services. Tumeyo holds a diploma in Clinical Medicine and certificates in HIV and Tuberculosis Prevention and Management. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Tumeyo plans to provide educational programs that will help disseminate information and support vulnerable and underprivileged people. He also hopes to integrate other fields of knowledge, such as agriculture, with high-quality health delivery and to place mental health centers in various parts of the community.



Tumeyo Kangabala,
Zambia





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**Yassin Hamed,
Sudan**



Yassin Hamed is a member of the Sudan Bar Association. Since 2014, Yassin has worked as an advocate before all courts in Sudan, and he was awarded the authority of commissioner for oaths from Sudan Judicial in 2021. He is the owner of Yassin Hamed Advocates and Legal Services. Currently, he works as a volunteer with the Department of Law at Heavenly Culture, World Peace, and Restoration of Light. Yassin is founder and chief executive officer of Achievers Organization for Development. He is a member of the Young African Leaders Network and an Alumnus of African Changemakers Initiative Fellowship cohort 2. He worked as teaching assistant and lecturer of law at the University of Nyala from 2013 to 2017. Yassin holds a Master of Laws in Public Law and a Bachelor of Laws (with honors first class) from the University of Nyala. He is passionate about human rights, transitional justice, the rule of law, peace, professional development, and legal research. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Yassin plans to apply the skills and experience he gained to his community in Sudan, particularly in the areas of legal reform, transitional justice, peace, and democratic transformation.

Zubeda Sakuru has more than 10 years of experience in public policy and public administration. Zubeda is a former member of parliament in Tanzania who served as a deputy shadow minister for health, gender, community development, and the elderly and later as a shadow minister for water and irrigation. Currently, she chairs the Umoja Tanzania Initiative, which focuses on mentoring young leaders in a variety of leadership roles and tracks. She also engages in policy reforms advocacy for youth and women. Zubeda holds a master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Warwick, United Kingdom, and is currently a doctoral degree candidate in Public Administration at the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. She is driven to lead young men and women to acquire basic skills 'particularly soft leadership skills' by engaging them in mentorship and coaching programs. After completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Zubeda plans to run for parliamentary office and engage in more public work that will track, nurture, and develop potential future leaders in public offices.



**Zubeda Hassan Sakuru,
Tanzania**



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