

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE 5 - Members Profiles

MULTI- STAKEHOLDER EMPLOYMENT DIALOGUE AT REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ES FOR YOUTHS

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I am a learning and development professional who has a passion for human potential. I lead a social enterprise in Botswana called Career Coaching with the mission to inspire people to achieve professional excellence.

I have an avid belief in the concept of lifelong learning. For the past 10 years, I have spent my time developing and implementing training programs on self-mastery, leadership, team-building, communication, work readiness and entrepreneurship. The work I do involves interactions with individuals, public and private entities, civil society and international organizations.

My dream is to see every individual positively contributing towards the development of their nation and taking the lead in making the world a better place. I strongly believe this can be achieved if individuals are empowered in unleashing their potential for the greater good of humanity.

CoP 5 Tendum

Itumeleng Mphure – South Africa



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I am from Katlehong (South Africa) and passionate about development, particularly African and youth development. I am an avid blogger/writer, who has written and contributed for UNICEF's Voices of Youth blog, Freedom House's Speak Up Mzansi Online portal, She Leads Africa and The Tiger Brands Foundation.

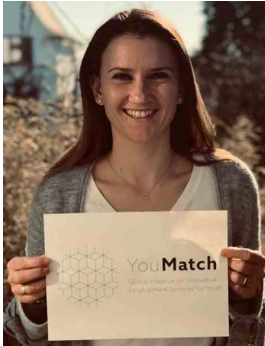
I graduated from University of the Witwatersrand in 2013 with a BA degree majoring in International Relations and Media Studies and participated in the International Human Rights Exchange Programme during my studies at Wits. I am currently enrolled at the University of the Witwatersrand for a Post Graduate Diploma in Public Management: Public and Development Management.

I am passionate about African development and strive to make small contributions by being an active citizen which leads to being part of Ekurhuleni Ward 60's ward committee, representing youth, between 2014 and 2016. I have been part of a number of youth programmes which seek to drive social change on the continent which includes volunteering at Youth Vision Zambia in Lusaka in 2013 as part of the Southern African Youth Exchange Programme by the Southern Africa Trust and also served at the African Union Commission as a Communications Officer as part of the AU Youth Volunteer Corps.

I am currently a Youth Programme Officer at the South African Institute of International Affairs and have provided training to young people at a national and continental level on various platforms. I believe that a defined African regional identity and regional integration is the beginning of building a prosperous continent.

CoP 5 YouMatch Focal Point

Lisa Walter – Germany



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As an international development professional, I strongly believe in the added value of international networks and knowledge exchange. Having worked in different projects in the field of economic development and employment promotion, I was always excited to see how international exchange can lead to very concrete change on the ground. Before joining YouMatch, I was engaged with a Berlin based NGO in building up a mentoring programme for young entrepreneurs from the MENA region to support job creation. With the YouMatch Communities of Practice (CoP), I very much hope that we will be able to improve employment services in Africa and the Middle East and thereby contribute to giving youth a better perspective for their future.

Within the GIZ YouMatch team, I am responsible for the coordination with the African Union institutions. In addition, I am a focal point for the CoP 5 on “Multistakeholder employment dialogues at regional and local level for the development of employment services for youth” and for CoP 6 on “Public-private partnerships for employment services for youth”. I am very excited to work with such experienced partners from so many countries and look forward to the impact we jointly will achieve!

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I am an employment and career counselling expert who has a passion for human potential and loves the development and service of marginalized communities

I am currently a project manager in the ILO-Jordan , where I run and supervise 13 employment centers that provide employment services for Jordanians & Syrian refugees in order to create decent work opportunities for all.

I have a strong belief in the concept of love of work, leadership and learning. I spent my time in developing myself to raise my competence and transfer my expertise to the team who I love and develop a practical team to provide the best service to refugees and host communities.

In terms of decent work and social justice for all, I have passion and love to help people to start a new life by linking them to training opportunities, and educating them about their rights and duties at work to enhance decent work for all and have good income, especially women, to make life better in their eyes.

David Momanyi – Kenya



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Mr. David Momanyi is currently Executive Director of the Africa Youth Trust. David has previously served AYT in different capacities. He joined the organization when he was serving as a volunteer. David later led economic empowerment program before becoming Program Coordinator and Team Leader with the Africa Youth Trust. David has also served as the Nairobi City County Youth Advisor and he was involved in developing the legal framework and permanent structures within the county government to manage and promote youth friendly policies and programs.

David's work and life reflect his commitment to making a positive impact on young people and the Kenyan society at large having played a key role in the promotion of employment programs at the Africa Youth Trust through youth and women social enterprise development, empowering them through innovative opportunities.

David holds a Bachelor of Arts in Community Development Degree from St Paul's University and has been certified by Cornell University and the University of British Columbia Vancouver, Canada for his distinguished services in community work in the role he played in UNESCO Growing Up in Cities action research Program in Kenya, a project currently hosted at the Colorado States University.

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I am currently holding the position of Employment Advisor in the Rwandan - German bilateral Programme for Promotion of Economy and Employment (GIZ/Eco-Emploi) since 2014. I am working mainly on supporting the Public Employment Service Centres and the Rwanda Development Board, the national institution in charge of Employment Services.

Previously I worked for a Private Employment Agency (Job in Rwanda) in the early years of its establishment. I also worked for 4 years with the European Agency for the Development in Special Needs Education (Belgium).

I am holding a Master's degree in Political Science/ International Relations from the Universite Catholique de Louvain (Belgium).

Enjoying working in multicultural environment, I am looking forward to cooperating with the group in the Multi- stakeholder employment dialogue at regional and local level for the development and implementation of ES for youths CoP.

Emmanuel Nkhukuzalira MAGOMERO - Malawi



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I have 10 years of work experience, 3 of which in teaching and 7 in project management and effective 1st January 2019 as Deputy Executive Director for the Employers' Association of Malawi (ECAM).

This background has made me develop a clear logical mind with a practical approach to problem solving and a drive to see things through to completion assigned tasks. It has also presented me with an opportunity to interact and learn from peers from different institutions and countries, thus opens up my application of global perspective to local solutions.

I do develop, facilitate and or coordinate training sessions as part of service delivery to the membership of ECAM from time to time.

I am eager to learn, I enjoy overcoming challenges, and I am an excellent team leader and player. It is with this understanding that I believe together we will complement our knowledge and skills for the good of our respective institutions and countries.

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I am the Director of Projects at the Nigerian Employers' Consultative Association (NECA). My primary assignment is to coordinate and implement the Technical Skills Development Project. I have been in the Learning and Development space for the past 20 years having worked at the Industrial Training Fund, the Apex Training organisation in Nigeria as Area Manager and rose to become the Director of Administration and Human Resource Management and Director, Research and Curriculum Development Department.

My passion is providing empowerment for unemployed youth of my country. My vision is to contribute to the reduction of youth unemployment in Nigeria and Sub-Sahara Africa. This is why I have worked tirelessly in the past 2 years with African Union, NEPAD, Skills Initiative For Africa and Business African in the Africa Talks Job and Africa Creates Jobs Projects.

I believe, very strongly that job creation through Skills Development is the solution to gross unemployment in Africa. All hands must be on deck to actualise this objective.

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I am a Civil Engineer that is currently specializing in Construction Management. I am currently a Vocational Skills Development Officer with the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) which is the lead Federal Government agency charged with creating decent employment opportunities for the nation's teeming unemployed persons.

Since 2015, I have worked as a Public Works Officer, Rural Employment Promotion Officer, and now Vocational Skills Development Officer in the Directorate. During this period, I have implemented and monitored programmes in the public works sector that organizes skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled persons to gain employment in utility, environmental, infrastructural development, sanitation works as well as attachment of qualified graduates to willing employers; programmes designed to combat mass unemployment in the area of agriculture and its value chain; and programmes that bequeath productive, functional and marketable vocational skills to the unemployed.

My dream is to see a peaceful world where children can grow to achieve their full potential. This can only be achieved through educating and provision of gainful employment for the populace.

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Currently Commissioner for Employment Services in the Ministry of Gender, labour and Social Development, I am a Development/policy economist by training and experience, with 25 years' extensive working experience in economic and social policy and operations. I am a passionate supporter of social development as a vehicle for poverty reduction. I worked with governments, trade unions and employer organizations in designing and implementing a number of programmes and projects on, *inter alia*, social protection, youth employment and entrepreneurship, migration, poverty reduction, climate change, economic literacy, etc.

As a global citizen, I am a self-motivated team player, who easily fits in any diverse and/or new environments and work situations.

I look forward to being part of this network.

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I am the Executive Director of Federation of Uganda Employers (FUE) and an Executive Council member of the East African Employers Organisation (EAEO). I hold a Master of Business Administration, a Bachelor of Development Studies, a Diploma in Education Secondary and a post graduate diploma in Private Sector Growth.

For the past ten years, I have been working on labour and employment matters both locally and internationally. I am also the founder of DO Group Company Limited, a company dealing in ICT, micro lending, real estates and consultancy. I am keen to facilitate job creation through provision of mentorship, career guidance and counseling, building strategic networks, inspiring young people to create their own solutions and influencing national policy dialogue on job creation.

I am a guest lecturer at Kyambogo University fostering gender equality in the world of work. I also deliver various kinds of training including human resource development, business development (Start and Improve Your business) and strategic thinking for companies in Uganda. I am a strong proponent of sustainable growth in employment through private sector led innovations.

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TWAGIZIHIRWE Valence holds a Master's degree of Business Administration (MBA) and the Bachelors degree of Business Administration (BBA). He has vast experience of more than 10 years of working with public institutions, private sector, local and international non-government organizations as a program/Project Manager.

Over the past 5 years, TWAGIZIHIRWE focused on capacity Building of SME, MFIs and Cooperatives. Currently, Valence TWAGIZIHIRWE is the Executive Director of AKAZI KANOZE ACCESS, a local NGO that empowers youths with soft skills (Work Ready Now & Be Your Own Boss), technical skills and other support services to enable them connect to economic opportunities (jobs or self- employed).

I believe every human being has equal right to a sustainable livelihood. This can be achieved only when employment opportunities are accessible to all including youth

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Youth Expert with over 16 years of experience in employment promotion, youth initiatives, training and entrepreneurship.

My previous experience focused on designing and implementing employment promotion activities to increase employment opportunities for unemployed youth from different Jordanian governorates, in addition to initiating capacity building program to equip job seekers with the competencies required to succeed in the work environment. Event management, local employment dialogues and advisory services for local partners was also part of my assignments.

Working in development projects always inspire me as I believe I am not only supporting youth towards a better future but also contributing to the local community and the development of the economy.

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Sewit is a young, dynamic and bold master communicator with exceptional leadership, integrity and dynamism. She is the president of the Association for Women in Boldness (AWiB), for the year 2019, currently working as a Strategic Communications Analyst for Enterprise Partners/DAI. Sewit is a trained Economist and holds a master's degree in Gender Studies in Addis Abeba University. She is a supportive team player with expertise in partnership development, event management, concept development, speech writing, planning, strategic communications, social media management, partnership management and program design. She has experience as a journalist, consultant, gender expert, lecturer and researcher with international NGOs, higher educational institutions and the UN bodies including IRC, UNDP's EDP and Addis Ababa University.

She is certified by Toastmasters International on leadership and communication as well as holding a certificate from the Caux Peace and Leadership Program in Caux Switzerland. Sewit also had the privilege to take part in the consultation for Agenda 2250 for Youth, Peace and Security. She was invited to both the regional consultation for East and Southern Africa, which took place in Johannesburg, South Africa and again in the validation consultation in New York. The exposure among the most diverse, and intelligent young people on the planet played a considerable part in her professional development the past year. She was also subsequently attended the Stockholm Peace and Development forum as the guest of the Dag Hammarskjold Foundation, Sweden, an engagement she continues to this day. Her eclectic work experience makes her a dynamic force to be reckoned with.

Sewit is a natural communicator with passion in her work on social justice and leadership development. She believes that that exclusion can be rectified through critical reflection on the intersecting dimensions of inequality. She is familiar with strategic communications, industrial development, entrepreneurship, economic development and social science research. Sewit has a BA Degree in Economics and a Master's Degree in Gender Studies from Addis Ababa University. Her professional and research interests include leadership development, sustainable development, communications, peace, exclusion, labour, work, governance and social justice. Sewit is the recipient for the P4P in SOAS university grant as part of a team working to research youth political participation in Ethiopia.

See below sample writing by Sewit Haileselassie.

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