



Introducing our **Board of African Women Leaders**



DR. MAGGIE KIGOZI (UGANDA)

Dr. Maggie Kigozi is a medical doctor by profession, a business consultant, a farmer and an avid motorcycle rider! She brings to the Chairperson position over 20 years leadership experience at the helm of Crown Beverages Uganda and Uganda Investment Authority. Dr. Maggie is a celebrated trailblazer for women and girls in Uganda in the advancement of their social justice and provides mentorship and support for young women leaders in entrepreneurship, climate change, scouting and sportswoman-ship. She is currently a member of Uganda's National Dialogue Process.



CLAIRE MATHONSI (ZIMBABWE)

Claire Mathonsi is currently the Deputy Executive Director at the Advocacy Accelerator, where she focuses on advocacy capacity strengthening to support locally driven advocacy agendas to ensure durable and sustainable change in Africa. Her particular focus is on feminist advocacy capacity strengthening. Claire brings extensive experience in women's rights and gender equality in a global context with strengths in feminist transformation and integration for development. Claire works to see a feminist world where the transformation agenda for African women in all their diversity is set by African women in all their diversity. She is also focused on the recognition of African Women's diverse voices in global and sub regional policy processes not as recipients and subjects of development agendas but as drivers and knowledge creators of their own solutions for feminist societies. Her passions include sustainable domestic funding of improving the quality and status of life of women and girls in all their diversity and bringing a feminist lens to narratives of development and neo capitalism. She joins the board as the Vice Chairperson and represents Southern Africa.



ABISAGI NAMUGENZE MUGENYI

(UGANDA)

Abisagi Namugenze Mugenyi is the current treasurer of the Board of Directors of Akina Mama wa Afrika. She is a Chartered Accountant with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a banker by profession with Stanbic Bank Uganda. Abisagi brings over 8 years' experience in accounting and also provides a local presence on the Board to ensure accountability and support. Previously, she served as a member of AMwA's Finance Committee. She is enthusiastic about equality in all its forms.



ALISON NGIBUINI (KENYA)

Alison Ngibuini is an award winning communication and media entrepreneur with over twelve years' experience. Recognized two years running as a Top 40 under 40 female entrepreneur in East Africa, Alison has a strong background in advertising and is the CEO at Al Is On Production LTD. She brings an in-depth understanding of Africa having worked in East, West and Southern Africa and distributed content across the continent and has been involved in public education, sensitisation and awareness raising campaigns such as Siri and Shuga starring Oscar winning Lupita Nyong'o. She is passionate about equipping individuals with strong skills for oration, presentation and media appearances. She represents the East African region.



MMABATHO MOTSAMAI

(GABORONE/BOTSWANA)

Mmabatho Motsamai is a believer in African development through leadership, community engagement and the power of pen. Her work in developmental issues lies in citizen blogging, human rights rapporteuring, facilitating conversations, moderating discussions and providing leadership on projects. Mmabatho is the founding editor of The Afrolutionist, a blog that stimulates dialogue on holistic, inclusive African development through a human rights lens. She is the cofounder of the Botswana Youth Jobs Fair, an annual fair that stimulates real time job readiness training and employment activity through multi-stakeholder engagement. She was previously a key correspondent for the Positive Vibes KPReach program, documenting the lives of key populations in Southern Africa. She represents key populations.



RAINATOU SOW (GUINEA)

Rainatou Sow is the founder and Executive Director at Make Every Woman Count, a young African woman led organisation based in UK. Since the age of 12, she has been working and advocating to promote African women and girls' rights and continues to be a resilient campaigner for a peaceful and equitable world. Rainatou envisages a future where young African women are leaders in their own rights able to speak out about issues that concern them. She believes that Africa's challenges will not be effectively addressed unless the exclusion faced by women and girls is tackled across the board so that they can fully participate in the economic, political & social development of the continent. Rainatou was awarded as the "Most Inspirational Woman of the Year 2012" by Women4Africa. She represents West Africa



ZONEZIWOH MBONGULO (CAMEROON)

Zoneziwoh Mbongulo is an award winning feminist storyteller and researcher with over ten years of experience in gender activism, policy advocacy and youth leadership. She is the Executive Director at Women for A Change in Cameroon where she designs, directs and executes programs for the advancement of women and girls sexual and reproductive health rights, leadership, and empowerment. Her advocacy involves creating spaces for women and girls to engage with policy and decision makers at the highest levels including the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), and translating and raising awareness on national and international women's rights protocols and frameworks including the Maputo protocol and the Beijing Platform for Action. She brings aboard an in-depth understanding of women's rights at regional and global level. She represents Central Africa.



EUNICE MUSIIME (UGANDA)

Eunice Musiime is the current Executive Director of Akina Mama wa Afrika. She is a Feminist lawyer, activist, author and an enthusiast of young women's participation in leadership and decision-making. Eunice is an ardent policy analyst with over 17 years' experience working to promote gender equality, human rights and social justice at national, regional and international level. She has a commendable track record in Feminist and Transformational Leadership Development, Strategic Planning, Research, Advocacy and Movement Building and has actively engaged in influencing the following critical policy processes including: Sustainable Development Goals; the Commission on the Status of Women, the Maputo Protocol on Women's Rights, the Development Effectiveness Agenda and Financing for Development. Eunice holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law from the University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, and a Masters in Business Administration from Birmingham University in United Kingdom. She is an ex officio member of the Board.