



# AMwA Feminist and Transformational Leadership Development Fellowship 2021



Young Women Leadership  
for Climate Justice

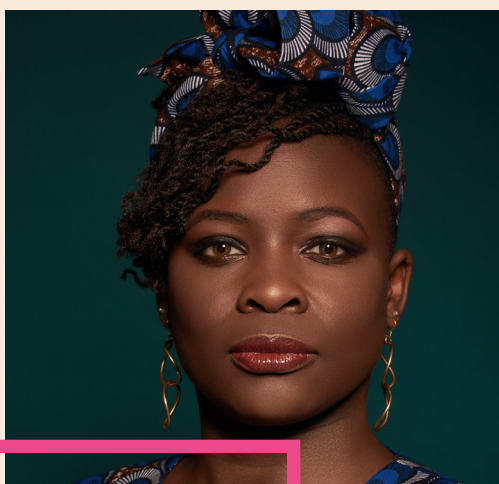
## Faculty Members



**Chipo  
Bangira**

Zimbabwe

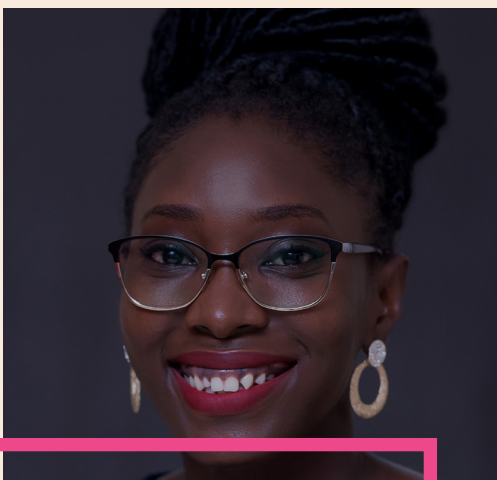
Born and raised in Zimbabwe, **Chipo** brings experience in feminist activism, youth engagement, movement building and strategies on building organizations with a soul. Chipo is dedicated to nurturing networks of solidarity for women and youth leaders advancing for a feminist society. She draws her extensive knowledge and experience from community organizing, coordination, network building, strategic facilitation and mentorship. She has worked with organizations such as ActionAid International- Uganda, Care International and Plan International Zimbabwe enhancing the leadership capacities of young people. She holds a Master of Science in Media and Society Studies from Midlands State University. She finds motivation in the power of building community and solidarity as forms of resistance against oppressive systems.



**Felogene  
Anumo**

Kenya

**Felogene** is a pan-African feminist activist who is passionate about using her creativity, politics and intellect to strengthen feminist movements to build collective power. She leads AWID's #FeministBailout and economic recovery plans which aims to bring together feminist and social justice movements to rethink, reimagine and demand the re-centering systems of care in our economies and ecologies. Twitter: @felogene



**Twasiima Patricia  
Bigirwa**

Uganda

**Patricia** is a feminist lawyer and organizer from Uganda working to articulate the multiplicities of identities by teaching, writing and advocating for change in small and big ways. Passionately driven by the need to protect human rights for those currently marginalized. Interested in teaching and changing mindsets along with documentation of various violations and using the law as a legal basis for ensuring justice. She serves on the FRIDA| The Young feminist fund advisory committee, is an active member of the Uganda Feminist Forum and serves on the Board of Trustees for Womankind Worldwide. Twasiima has several years' experience focused on advocacy, program and fundraising development with international and national non-profit organizations working on civil and political rights, women's rights, and public interest litigation. She is also a writer and uses her writing to draw attention to the different inequalities she observes particularly against the most minoritized in communities.

She has specialist expertise in International law, Human rights law, and Gender and the law. She continues to write on the human rights situation in Uganda, gendered inequalities, contemporary feminism among others, and purposes that her writing both informs and teaches. Twasiima has an LL.B. from Makerere University and an LL.M. from Georgetown University – Law Center.



**Rudo  
Chigudu**

Zimbabwe

**Rudo** is an African feminist, activist-scholar and artist fiercely committed to social justice and community self-determination. Rudo has worked at both local and international levels combining feminism, decoloniality and the creative arts to advance dialogue, expression and radical transformation. Rudo has deep experience in movement support in Africa across various themes including land, climate justice, and sexualities. Her approach draws linkages between archival histories of resistance with contemporary modes to show the ways in which African womxn across time continue to resist with their creativity and innovation.

Rudo holds a PhD from the University of Pretoria's School of Law. She is popularly known as a V warrior for her engagement in the struggles surrounding bodily autonomy and sexual diversity. Her work as a researcher, popular educator, facilitator and strategist has focused on learning from and supporting feminist funds, movements and young women's organising through strategic and organisational development processes over the past decade.





**Syeda Re'em Hussain**  
Kenya

**Syeda** is an International Relations scholar who is passionate about bridging the gap between the Academy and policy spaces. She holds a PhD in International Relations and is currently Adjunct Faculty at the United States International University-Africa; as well as Program Director at Afresist and Coordinator at the Nala Feminist Collective.

Re'em has focused her career on exploring and cultivating safe spaces for learning, reflection and empowerment. She has designed spaces from youth dialogues to intergenerational forums. Her current research and teaching interests include postcolonial theory, decoloniality, spatial theory, public space, resistance, intersectional feminism, decolonial environmentalism, Pan-Africanism and transnational activism. Re'em has served on the National Council of the Kenya Girl Guides Association, and is currently a Board Member at the African Legal Think Tank on Women's Rights.

## Participants



**Ann** is an African Eco Feminist, Writer, Podcaster and a Gender Rights Specialist based in Zambia. She Co-founded the Sistah Sistah Foundation, a feminist Organization that works with underprivileged children and SGBV victims. She is also a FRIDA FUND Global advisory member. Her work greatly focuses on ending period poverty, dismantling rape culture, ending SGBV, SRHR advocacy and Climatic change.

**Ann Kazhinga Holland**  
Zambia



**Christine** is the founder of Let's Do It Kenya – the Kenyan chapter of Let's Do It World that aims to raise awareness on and create innovative approaches to waste management. She is passionate about community driven initiatives to combat climate change and in particular the role of women and girls in leading conservation efforts in Africa. A communications professional, Ms Sayo uses her communication skills to amplify Let's Do It Kenya's programs. In 2021, Ms Sayo was named as one of the top 100 young conservation leaders in Africa for her work. Ms Sayo was also recognized as one of the most proactive leaders in the Let's Do It Network during the 2021 Clean Conference held in Germany.

**Christine Sayo**  
Kenya





**Edith** is an award winning writer. She is a feminist that believes the only way to get heard is to speak up and leave the world no choice but to listen. Edith, currently serves as the Vice-chairperson at DadaPower Initiative. She is passionate about matters governance, climate justice and women's rights and is working towards a future where more young women will hold positions of influence and impact change in communities in Kenya and in Africa. Edith holds a Bachelor of Science Botany/Zoology degree from the University of Nairobi and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA K) who currently works as a project management professional.

### Edith Wanjiku Macharia

Kenya



**Emna** is an agronomist engineer graduated from the National Agronomic Institute of Tunisia. She began her professional career in Tunisia in the field of climate policy. This experience started in 2017 with the organization RAJ-Tunisia as a project coordinator in its Environment and Climate department and continued with the Heinrich Böll Foundation as a climate change consultant to support its Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development department. During her professional experience, she focused on climate policy work at the international, regional, national and local levels. Thus, this professional experience was an opportunity to work on several themes related to climate change.

### Emna Fourati

Tunisia



**Jackline** is a highly motivated professional in project support and with a strong understanding and relevant work experience in development projects. She is currently a Project Officer at the World Agroforestry (ICRAF). She is a Bachelor of Arts graduate from the University of Nairobi where she majored in communication and sociology. She is passionate about youth leadership and mentorship, gender equality and advocacy as well as community development and humanitarian aid activities. Her professional goal is to influence development through effective leadership and communication.

### Jackline Kinya

Kenya



**Juliet Nangamba**  
Zambia

**Juliet** was born in Lusaka, Zambia. She got her Bachelor of Science Degree (BSc) in Agriculture Sciences at the University of Zambia. She is also qualified in Monitoring and Evaluation and conversant with the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). She is currently working for a non-governmental organization called Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT), where she is working as a Programs Manager.

Juliet has worked on a number of projects in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Oxfam Netherlands, Oxfam Zambia, Bread for the World (BfW), HIVOS and the Seed and Knowledge Initiative (SKI). She is actively working on global and local issues related to climate resilience that includes adaptation and mitigation. She has also pioneered programs on gender and policy change advocacy. Her other areas of focus include Plant Genetic Resources and their sustainable utilization for food and nutrition security. She has worked very extensively with marginalized communities to ensure that rural households achieve food and nutrition security in difficult climatic and economic environments through supporting Farmer Managed Seed systems.

She has served as the chair of the Zambia Food and Seed Festival and also a board member of the Zambia Alliance for Agroecology and -biodiversity. She also loves to travel and appreciate nature from where she derives inspiration and passion for her work.



**Khadija Fumo Khalifa**  
Kenya

**Khadija** comes from Lamu Island in Kenya. She studied Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Nairobi and later joined Deloitte as an associate consultant. She was with Deloitte for 5 years but left employment in May 2021 and decided to volunteer with Lamu Women Alliance as a response to her keen passion for empowering women. Charity begins at home, and the first woman she wants to positively influence is the one in Lamu and then replicate the same to other women far and beyond. She dreams to see sovereign women in our world!





**Lawreen** is a graduate from Masinde Muliro university(Kenya). She studied Social Work. She has a passion for working with the community and impact change in them by empowering them to use the available resources to make their lives better. She works with Zawadisha as a data entry personnel and through the vision of Changing Lives In Rural Kenya, She enjoys working here because it fulfils her passion. She is aspired to get resources to help people by teaching them about environmental conservation because her locality is quite dry.

**Lawreen Kanjira Nyae**

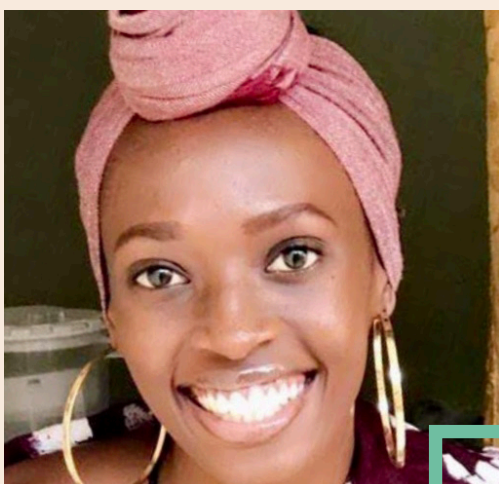
Kenya



**Luse** works for the Zambia police service. She is a mother of a 7yr old girl. She is passionate about women and children rights because she knows how it feels like to be helpless and not have anyone to help you out. She also loves learning new things because she believes you can never get tired of learning new things.

**Luse Mwila Chanda**

Zambia



**Patricia** is a twenty-three year old intersectional feminist currently pursuing a law degree at the Makerere University School of Law in Uganda. She is passionate about women's political, economic and sexual liberation and is studying to become a human rights defender for marginalized and minoritized groups in society who are often on the fringes of decision making in the country. She also believes in community organizing through a feminist lens to effect positive change, and placing women and gender relations at the center of collective action to promote women's engagement with societal issues.

**Mworozzi Patricia**

Uganda





**Mitchelle** holds a BSc. In Environmental Science from the University of Nairobi. In addition to this, she holds a Certification in Global Energy and Climate Policy from the SOAS University of London.

She has wealth of Knowledge on environmental matters spanning over seven years having worked both nationally and internationally under various standards. Michelle takes pride in environmental sustainability advocacy.

During her free time, Ms. Mugudo, pay it forward to the environment by taking part in environmental cleanup activities, environmental awareness creation, and game counts through the various group she actively participates in.

**Mitchelle Mugudo**

Kenya



**Natasha** is from Zambia, currently heading the Women's Life and Wellness Foundation. She is a very enthusiastic and self driven person who believes greatly in teamwork. she has a very strong passion for women empowerment and economic justice and using her media background, She's very much involved in highlighting the plight of women in her country, Zambia.

**Natasha Sakala**

Zambia



**Doreen** is a young Kenyan changemaker that is passionate about telling stories about social issues of equality, gender, women empowerment, and climate change and how they contribute to/ affect tourism development through her writing. She has published work that has been featured in Utaliihora and TravelDudes blogs among other online platforms. When not writing, she enjoys traveling to experience and explore various destinations that expose her to new ideas.

**Nyamweya Doreen Moraa**

Kenya



**Sharon**, a student leader from Kenyatta University. She pursued tourism management and in her final year of studies. She's also part of the lead team at STTA young change makers, Kenya. Her interest are in the areas of climate change and tourism nexus and more curious is understanding how climate change influence women's rights in tourism. She's a strong advocater of climate change and Gender equality currently working on a mentorship project for Young women in kibra slums where we nature, mentor and inspire women and girls socially and economically. We uplift women's voices in marginalized areas and fight for their safe spaces.

**Sharon Akoth Rombo**  
Kenya



**Stella** is a feminist and gender governance enthusiast, working with Dadapower Initiative ([www.dadapower.org](http://www.dadapower.org)) to empower teenage girls and young women in rural areas in Murang'a County-Kenya, on civic engagement and climate justice. She is a speaker and writer on gender inclusion, and enjoys discourses on feminism and women's engagement in politics. She is the convener of 'Gender Justice in Public Transport', an initiative by the Political Leadership and Governance Programme (PLGP) Alumni Network in Kenya. She is a politics and public policy Masters scholar at Cardiff University.

**Stella Nderitu**  
Kenya



**Sarra CHOUKAK**  
Tunisia

**Sarra** has a Ph. D. in Biological Sciences and Biotechnology. Her work and publications are focused on plant breeding for adaptation to climate change, and lately, she's interested in marine species and biodiversity reduction due to crisis climate. Currently, she's the Expert on biodiversity in the Environmental Studies department of The Tunisian Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, and she's the Team Manager of the 'Mo.S.Ca.Clim Kairouan' project and she has got a certificate after getting a session in climate change, climate justice, advocacy and lobbying.

It's important to mention also that she was in the organisation committee of the event Carthage Digital Economy for Africa in 24/25 September 2021 in the Higher Institute of Biotechnology Monastir, Tunisia.





## Teresiah Wambui Warui

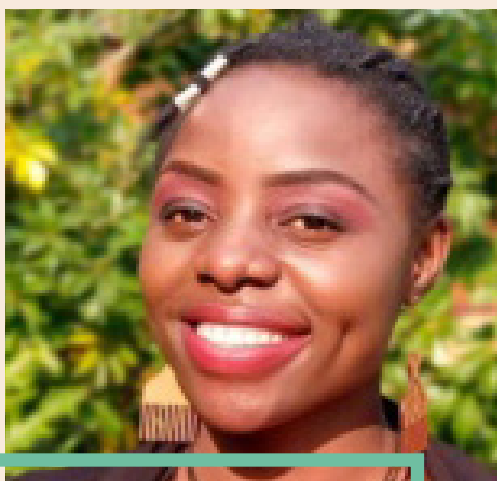
**Teresiah** is a professional gender and development expert with 5 years of working experience from Kenya and the United Kingdom. She holds a Masters degree in Gender and Development Studies from the number one world-ranked Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex.

Teresiah was voted the most influential female leader of the year at the university and currently awarded the prestigious Chevening scholarship. She continues

to be a passionate advocate for meaningful engagement of women and young people who are excluded and marginalised in development. She believes equality, inclusion and diversity are key to meaningful social change.

Teresiah has a specific interest and experience in economic and social empowerment, climate change, learning and impact coordination, research-based advocacy, project planning and management. She would like to impact development projects by bringing an enquiring mind enriched with experience and knowledge to generate approaches that are gender innovative, transformative, future-facing and impactful.

Teresiah is currently a research associate at the University of Portsmouth. In her previous work and consultancies, she has worked with organizations like ActionAid Kenya, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, German Doctors and Bridge Networking association to train youth and women entrepreneurship, Violence Against Women and Girls and transformative leadership among other thematic areas. In 2019 International Youth day, Teresiah was featured by Common Wealth Youth Council as one of the youth impacting on education by making it more inclusive through mentorship.



## Thresa Bwalya

Zambia

**Thresa** Bwalya is an environmental and gender advocate currently working with Zambia Alliance of Women. Her hobbies are: Singing, Writing, Acting, Humanitarian work, Reading and Travelling.



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