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Anabela Marcos | HR Consultant | Angola



Anabela Marcos is founder and managing director of Gestão Profissional (GP) and has over 10 years' experience in human resources and administration in global companies. Among other projects, GP conducts career guidance for young people and is developing a platform that is intended to contribute to inspiring and developing young professionals, and increasing their opportunities on the labor market. Anabela intends to leverage these projects upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship. She holds a Master's degree in Organizational Psychology, having focused her studies in analyzing the impact between global management models and local contexts. Currently, she raises and guides her projects around the need for rethinking management practices by incorporating a conception of work beyond the boundaries of the organization, and through development of research, which allows a breadth of understanding of the local challenges and ensures a constant rethinking of daily practices.

Phenyo Moroka | Radio and TV Broadcaster | Botswana



Phenyo Moroka has ten years' experience working in Botswana's private sector. He is currently the morning show anchor on Botswana's most popular radio station, Yarona FM where his main focus is to deliver news and content with a slight bias towards business and politics. He has hosted Doing Business In Botswana, a business television show on CNBC Africa. He is also a businessman and Shell Brand Ambassador for Botswana. Phenyo is co-founder of KEMO Trust, aimed at empowering bright and ambitious young Botswana from disadvantaged backgrounds, in rural Botswana through the KEMO Trust Scholarship. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management, majoring in Organizational Psychology and Political Science, from the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Phenyo plans to continue his work with KEMO Trust focusing mainly on administration and fund raising for the trust.

Abdoul Nasser ZONGO | Agribusiness | Burkina Faso



Abdoul Nasser Zongo has six years' experience in agriculture, rural development, and business development. He holds a Master's degree in Agricultural and Environmental Economics from the University of Koudougou. For two years, Nasser has been founder, manager, and business development consultant at AgriGrowth Management (AGM), a company offering business development services to micro, small, and medium agribusinesses. Their vision is to create systemic changes to attract more private investment in local agriculture. Previously, Nasser worked as technical assistant at Business Development Services Africa, agro-economist at Agricultural Rural Entrepreneurship Project and factory manager at SeedRock Agriculture. He is a member of the University of Koudougou Farmer Student Friendly Group where he assists young graduates better integrate into professional life. Back home after the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he wants to make AGM the most innovative company in delivering development services to local agribusinesses.

Morfaw David | Social Entrepreneur, Banking/Finance | Cameroon



David Morfaw has 12 years' experience in the field of entrepreneurship and social development. He is the founder and managing director at Poult Vault, with active roles in strategic planning, management, marketing, and customer relations. He is a small business consultant and volunteers in community organizations for health, education, and gender equality. David has a Bachelor's degree in Banking and Finance from the Catholic University of Cameroon, where he focused on micro-finance for the poor. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, David plans to grow his business into a major brand both nationally and internationally while creating more social, economic, and environmental solutions for the communities in which he works.

Angèle Traoret | Entrepreneur, CEO, Consultant | Gabon | Internship



Angèle Traoret has over 10 years' experience in the communications and sales sectors. Since 2008 she has been the chief executive officer of Unik Africa, a communication and publishing agency where she manages a team of five people and is responsible for delivering comprehensive communications consulting services for its customers. She recently pioneered a book collection, 100% in African languages, that allows children to learn and apprehend their cultural identity with a modern flair. She also volunteers in an association of young entrepreneurs where she focuses on building a new generation of African creative entrepreneurs. Angèle holds a MBA in Marketing and Communications from Toulouse Business School, France. Upon completion of the Fellowship, Angèle plans to extend her action to safe-guard local languages and cultures by bringing together traditional artists and augmented reality technology.

Alieu Jallow | Social Entrepreneur | the Gambia



Alieu Jallow founded the Young Entrepreneurs Association in 2012 to improve young Gambians' entrepreneurial capacities and move them from being job seekers to job providers. He has over three years' experience initiating, designing, and implementing robust business support services. He is currently project manager at the American Chamber of Commerce where he is working to setup the first startup incubator. His end goal is to help build the next generation of entrepreneurs in the Gambia and he holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of the Gambia. He also volunteers as the coordinator for Generation Change Gambia, American Corner's, and Partnership in Employment. His interests include engaging with fellow Gambian youth to explore entrepreneur focused opportunities. Upon completion of the Fellowship, Alieu plans to continue his work in entrepreneurship development with a focus on trainings, capacity building, access to finance, and business support services.

FELIX KLUTSE | Entrepreneur (media) | Ghana



Felix Dela Klutse is a multi-award-winning journalist with over 13 years' experience. He is currently the editor-in-chief and publisher of Business Day, a business and financial newspaper in Ghana and leads a youth association in Accra that works to harness the energy, talents, and potential of over 200 youth through activities and training. Felix has a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and an Executive MBA from University of Ghana Business School. He is an alumnus of journalism

and executive management courses at several prestigious institutions including the International Institute for Journalism in Germany, Wharton Business School in Pennsylvania, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in the USA, and the Institute of Commercial Management in the UK. He is passionate about job creation for the youth and intends to return home with fresh ideas and great leadership skills to continue with the good work he has started.

Christine Gathecha | Entrepreneur (communications) | Kenya



Christine Wangari Gathecha has over 10 years' experience in development communications and three years' experience as an entrepreneur. She is the founder of Baby Natural Kenya, a company that manufactures and sells cloth diapers in the East African market. Christine holds an MSc in Communications and uses her experience and skills in communications to conduct public awareness campaigns about the benefits of using eco-friendly and economical cloth diapering options. She plans to make good use of the training in business management and leadership skills to achieve greater impacts in her business and career in communications.

Muthoni Nduhiu | Entrepreneur (CSR) | Kenya



Muthoni has over three years' experience in enterprise development and is currently the founder and chief executive officer of Mastermind Africa Alliance, a consultancy that engages corporations and investors in conceptualizing, designing, implementing, and monitoring of responsible models for business and initiatives that are inclusive of youth and women, and offer them access to economic opportunities. A lawyer by profession, she is also involved in legislative and policy consultancy including analysis, drafting, research, and implementation. She has worked with the private sector in formulating and implementing corporate social responsibility initiatives. As CEO of Mastermind Africa Alliance, she is responsible for executing the organization's vision and mission, developing new and existing partnerships, and overseeing the organization's growth. Upon completion of the Fellowship, Muthoni plans to implement lessons learned at the fellowship as well as engage the networks formed to continue her work in creating economic opportunities for youth and women.

Edith Greene | Entrepreneur (fashion) | Liberia



Edith Massa Greene has four years' entrepreneur experience as owner of Turquoise House of Style, and deals cloths for men, women and children. She is also the founder of M2 Logistics, which provides support by procuring goods and materials, locally and internationally, for businesses. She is the president of Girl Up—Liberia, a local NGO that encourages young girls and women to focus on education and use their minds to foster leadership and entrepreneurial ability. She is a senior at Stella Maris Polytechnic studying a BSC in Economics, and holds an AA Degree in Accounting as well as a diploma in graphics, web design and database management. She is certificated with entrepreneurship and leadership ability by the US Embassy and University of Maryland. Upon her return, she intends to expand M2 Logistics by providing trucking and shipping services, and creating a sustainable program reaching young girls and women in rural Liberia.

Adrienne ANDRIANTSIALONINA | Educator | Madagascar



Adrienne Andriantsialonina is a language instructor currently working at the English Teaching Program in collaboration with the American Centre of Madagascar that provides English teaching to professionals as well as high school and university graduates. For seventeen years, she has been designing and delivering tailored training for specific purposes. Adrienne holds a Bachelor's degree in Traductology from the University of Antananarivo, a certificate in Teaching English to Young Learners from the University of Maryland, and another certificate in Practical Applications for Listening and Speaking Skills from the University of Oregon. In 2014, she created WE, a magazine aiming to provide information, tips, and advice for women in their lives as wives, mothers, and citizens. Upon completion of the fellowship, her plan is to start a primary school that will have a more student-centered approach and a curriculum that will help learners explore and go beyond their potential.

Charnelle Fortuin | Metallurgical Engineer | Namibia



Charnelle Andrenne Fortuin has three years' experience as a metallurgical engineer at Namdeb Diamond Corporation, where she provides process quality assurance and has been most notably involved in a project focused on extending the life of a mine. She was previously a junior engineering consultant, holds an honors degree in Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Pretoria, South Africa, and is also a certified Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt practitioner. She has been involved in mentoring high school learners in career guidance with exposure to the opportunities within the mining industry. Upon completion of the Fellowship, Charnelle plans to further her endeavors by setting up a formal mentorship program and securing funds for bursaries and industry stints. Her dream is for young Namibians to become leaders within their chosen professions. She hopes to use her training in entrepreneurial and management skills to implement her own ventures.

Rilwan Hassan | Entrepreneur | Nigeria



Hassan Rilwan has over 16 years' experience in entrepreneurship, media, and farming. Currently, he is the managing director of Focal Point with interest in cleaning, construction, agriculture, publishing, and printing. He served his country as a member of a ministerial committee on Madrasah Education which helped build the current blueprint used in creating access to both Western and Islamic education. He has a foundation which caters for the education and general wellbeing of orphans taken off the street to the classrooms in Northern Nigeria. Hassan was nominated by Nigeria's President to serve as a delegate to the 2014 National Conference. He holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Lagos Business School. Upon completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Hassan plans to create value and jobs through entrepreneurship and to later join government as a technocrat. He also hopes to engage the youth in entrepreneurship and skills acquisition.

Omotola Oni | Entrepreneur (media) | Nigeria



Omotola Oni is executive director of the Oludehin Nigeria Company, a printing and publishing firm he established a decade ago immediately after graduating from University. He also founded The Business Support Company, a platform through which he advises, mentors, and guides youth-owned startups. He has trained and mentored over a hundred youth in the art of printing and entrepreneurship, respectively. In 2003 he was the best graduating student from the Department of History at the University of Ilorin in Nigeria and currently runs a Master of Arts program in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution with the National Open University of Nigeria. He is an awardee of the Youth with Enterprise and Innovation in Nigeria (YouWIN) program and also received the National Youth Service Corps Entrepreneurship Development Project Award. Upon completion of the Fellowship, Tola will continue his work on the establishment of an entrepreneurship development hub for youngsters in Nigeria.

Jean Bosco Nzeyimana | Entrepreneur (environment) | Rwanda | Internship



Jean Bosco Nzeyimana is the founder and chief executive officer of Habona Ltd, a company that produces affordable and environmentally friendly products in the form of biogas, biomass briquettes, and organic fertilizer. He has been working for his company for over two years, and so far has created over 20 permanent jobs (and 40 temporary ones). He volunteers in his local community's Cooperative for Environment and Biodiversity Conservation as the head of the capacity building department. Jean Bosco was crowned as the 2014 Top Young Entrepreneur of Rwanda and has received plenty of prizes including the African Innovation Prize and Indiafrica. He is finalizing his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Rwanda. Upon completion of the Fellowship, Jean Bosco will continue working on his company with a focus on increasing business activities to create more jobs and ultimately uplifting the lives of marginalized people in his community.

Aissatou SENE | Entrepreneur (fashion) | Senegal | Internship



Aissatou Sene was working as an associate for a French cosmetic company for several years before starting her fashion activities and becoming a designer. Although an autodidact in the fashion industry, she succeeded in creating her brand, Bélya which focuses on handmade and high quality African products. She sells worldwide, through physical and online shops, and leads several employees. She also provides technical training to young men to give them skills, including sewing, and sets up meeting with young girls to talk about issues like sexuality and rape prevention. Aissatou has skills in design, marketing, management, and events organization and in her free time she volunteers with local organizations that help women. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, she plans to build a factory where women can acquire skills like sewing and dyeing fabrics and take literacy classes.

Abdulai Kpakima | Business Analyst | Sierra Leone



Abdulai Tamba David Kpakima is an experienced business executive with over six years' experience in telecommunication and banking with global players like Zain, Airtel, and Standard Chartered Bank (SCB). He joined SCB as manager of marketing and service quality in 2013 and transmogrified into various roles including head of client experience and currently, head of brand and marketing. He drives CSR projects like Diversity and Inclusion, where he advocates the rights of gay, lesbian,

and transgender in corporate communities. For Project Adopt a Child, he facilitated fundraising activities to support underprivileged children with access to education, transforming lives through blogging - www.dkpakima.com. He holds a BSc honors in Business Administration from the University of Sierra Leone, and is pursuing a Bachelor's degree with honors in Law, University of London. On completion of the Fellowship, Kpakima plans to start a BPO firm with strategic focus on service delivery, marketing, and legal services.

Phumudzo Madzhie | Restaurateur | South Africa



Phumudzo Madzhie is a young businessman, an investor, a restaurateur, philanthropist, motivational speaker, and a financial literacy activist from South Africa. He has just over ten years of experience in business, is the youngest franchisee in the history of the Mike's Kitchen Group, and runs one of the biggest Mike's Kitchens in the country where he is responsible for all major investment decisions, strategic planning, and organizational development. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management, a Global Business Management certificate, an honors degree in Business Management, and is concluding his MBA. Upon completion of the Mandela Fellowship, Phumudzo plans to use the experiences he will have acquired, as well as the networks, to walk into the doors of opportunities opened by the program, and to continue to create not only a sustainable repetitive income business but also to continue to create investment opportunities for his stakeholders.

Daphne Hallatt | Marketing Professional | South Africa



Sara Hallatt started her career in below-the-line marketing in 2003 with Blackmagic Communications, after completing her BADA at WITS. Since then she has produced events locally and internationally including the opening and closing ceremonies for the Confederations Cup '09 and FIFA World Cup '10 (for the VVW Group). In 2011 she left VVW to take up the directorship of one of South Africa's foremost visual arts NGOs, the Fordsburg Artists' Studios (more fondly known as the Bag Factory). Sara believes that NGOs need to find better business strategies to deal with the ever-changing social and economic environment and enjoys using her creative background to search for innovative solutions to problems. She has recently completed her post-graduate diploma in Business Management and is looking forward to using the knowledge gained during the Fellowship to drive job creation, using the arts as a vehicle.

Siphiwe Ngwenya | Entrepreneur (civic engagement) | South Africa



Ngwenya Siphiwe has 13 years' experience in civic engagement and entrepreneurship and 15' in the professional arts field. Keeping to his philosophy of the home being the epicenter of cultural affairs, Ngwenya has found himself turning more than 80 people's homes in townships around South Africa into galleries, a feat that is sure to be bringing character, identity, and a new sense of where the arts should be heading and going. Siphiwe has completed various leadership and arts management courses, and speaks at engagements with institutions such as Business Arts South Africa, Red Bull Social Entrepreneur Academy, Common Purpose, Arts and Culture Trust, and many more.

Raymond Magambo | Entrepreneur (leadership) | Tanzania



Raymond Magambo is the founder and owner of Global Light Company (www.globalight.co.tz). His company offers professional leadership development trainings to organizations, institutions, and individuals in Tanzania and was founded in 2012. Raymond is skilled in leadership training, as well as entrepreneurship. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the University of Dodoma and was the president of the students' government in the largest University in East and Central Africa. He simply decided to turn his leadership passion into profitable business. Raymond volunteers to train small local entrepreneurs in town, and rural areas in Dodoma, Tanzania. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, he plans to continue offering leadership trainings, expanding his business outside Dodoma region, and finding ways to partner with the Tanzanian government in offering leadership trainings.

Dan Edoma | Financial Analyst | Uganda



Dan Edoma has over five years' experience in finance and investment industry, predominantly in investment banking. Currently, he is the head of corporate finance at African Alliance Uganda, where he focuses on the unit's strategy development and implementation, deal origination, negotiation, structuring, and execution among other things. He is also the director and co-founder of Afrinovate, a social enterprise that focuses on alleviating financial illiteracy amongst the youths in Uganda, also supporting young aspiring entrepreneurs through its incubation program. Additionally, he is the chairman of LXG Group Capital, an investment club for the agricultural sector. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Dan plans to roll out the financial literacy program of Afrinovate to Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Tanzania with goal of reaching out to 10 million youths by 2020. Additionally, he plans to launch a private equity firm within five years, focused on small-scale farmers in Uganda.

June Nkwenge | Operations Manager | Uganda



June Nkwenge has served as operations manager of Smart Oils fuel station and general manager of Smart Farm, a poultry breeding farm, for the last four years. As part of her duties she oversees marketing, human resource management, accounts, production and logistics. In her free time, she volunteers with Writing Our World, an organization that mentors young people to develop their talents in writing, public speaking, critical thinking, and leadership through writing seminars, competitions, and debate. Once a month, June organizes workshops and seminars for poultry farmers to facilitate education in, and sharing about poultry farming practices and marketing. June holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Makerere University. Immediately after the fellowship, she is slated to pursue a Master's degree in Development Practice to better understand how to implement everything she will learn in the business and entrepreneurship program back home in Uganda and the rest of Africa.

Patience Chisanga | Producer (radio and TV) | Zambia



Patience Chisanga is a Bachelor of Arts graduate in Mass Communication with over five years' combined practical experience in media communication, radio and television production. She is currently working for Zamtel as a researcher, scriptwriter and television presenter for the company's weekly documentary series, Today with Zamtel, documenting Zambia's culture and history. A part-time radio presenter for Hot FM, and a member of the Global Shapers Community (a network of young people who are exceptional in their drive to make a contribution to their communities), she volunteers in her community to speak to young people about career choices and health education. She plans on utilizing her opportunity at the Fellowship to start up, learn and share knowledge to encourage young people to take charge of their future by being a part of today's development through entrepreneurship, in addition to raising awareness on various social issues affecting communities through new media.

Tangai Murangari | Investment Professional | Zimbabwe



Tangai Murangari has over seven years' experience in Corporate Finance and Advisory Services. He is an Associate with a Diversified Fund (GEM), and seconded as executive director of a stock-exchange listed company. He is tasked with the strategic turnaround of the firm and has skills developed through transactional practice including landmark deals such as The Series 1 2012B Infrastructure Development Bond. Tangai participates in the community through involvement in rugby and the support of low-income generating women through manufacturing recycled paper products. He has a keen interest in arts and is the co-founder of Spring Strings, an outdoor picnic celebration. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Finance from the University of Cape Town, South Africa and is studying towards the CFA designation. Upon completion of the Mandela Washington Fellowship, Tangai plans to focus on growing new and existing businesses by focusing on innovative and effective management.