

# Cambridge Africa Together Conference 23

Ekhaya: Milestones and Representations of Our African Identity



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## ...a heartfelt message for an amazing community

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I have often thought of our community as a beautiful tapestry, a rich and diverse fabric woven with the threads of our shared heritage, unique experiences, and unwavering commitment to progress. Today, we gather here to enrich that tapestry further, to learn from each other, and to forge stronger bonds that will help us shape a better future for Africa.

The theme of this conference, our shared vision, is a testament to the power of unity and collaboration. We aim to create a space that fosters dialogue, exchange of ideas, and mutual growth. A space where we celebrate our achievements, address our challenges and chart a path forward with optimism and resilience. A space where every voice is heard and every story matter.

Our conference is a manifestation of that vision, an embodiment of our collective aspirations. Each panel, each fireside chat, and each keynote address has been carefully curated to inspire, provoke thought, and promote a greater understanding of our shared identity, our potential, and our place in the world.

Thank you once again for being a part of this incredible journey. I am excited to see the growth, the connections, and the transformations that will emerge from our time together.

*Nathan Odiase*

President

African Society of Cambridge University

# CONFERENCE TEAM



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*Director of  
Communications*



# Profiles

## Alasan Ceesay

Alasan Ceesay is a Gambian-born British serial social entrepreneur on a mission to create positive change through his ventures. He is currently studying at Cambridge Judge Business School for an MSt in Entrepreneurship, Business and Management. As a seasoned leader and business founder, Alasan has a proven track record of success in diverse fields.

Alasan is the founder of two businesses: a growing food commodity business in West Africa and a social enterprise tech start-up that provides smart tech training for the elderly and less-abled individuals in the UK and globally. He is also a former soldier in The Queen's Company, 1st Battalion, The Grenadier Guards Regiment, one of the oldest and most experienced infantry regiments in the British Army.

## Muhammad Rabiou Balarabe

Muhammad is a Mastercard Foundation Scholar studying MPhil in Population Health Sciences University of Cambridge. He is also an Early Career Researcher with the Global Diet and Activity Research Group at the MRC Epidemiology of the university. His area of specialisation is Global Health with a special focus on the social justice approach to understanding the social, economic, environmental, and commercial drivers of health inequity and the influence of stakeholders acting beyond geographic borders.

As the secretary of the CambridgeATC 2023, Muhammad brings his wealth of experience in student leadership and pan-African ideals to see the successful implementation of the conference.

## Paula-Peace James-Okoro

Paula-Peace is a first-year Clinical Biochemistry PhD student at the Institute of Metabolic Sciences from Nigeria. At Cambridge, she is funded by the Gates Cambridge scholarship and the Doctoral Training Programme in Medical Research (DTP-MR) PhD studentship at the School of Clinical Medicine. Her research focuses on elucidating the mechanisms that control body weight and blood sugar levels, especially in the gut-brain-pancreatic axis, and how they can be harnessed to develop treatments for metabolic diseases like obesity and type 2 diabetes. She is an aspiring medical research scientist keen on contributing to the development of biomedical infrastructure that can alleviate the metabolic disease burden in Africa.

Prior to her PhD, Paula-Peace earned her Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from Covenant University, Nigeria. Outside academics, she enjoys volunteering with community development programs to improve the lives of others through education and health campaigns.

As the logistics chair of the Africa Together Conference, Paula-Peace is excited to collaborate with other committee members to ensure the successful execution of the ATC and build a strong network of highly talented scholars that are committed to effecting positive change in the African continent.



# Profiles

## Emmanuela Bonglack

Emmanuela recently joined the Department of Public Health and Primary Care as a postdoctoral researcher, following completion of her PhD in Pharmacology at Duke University (Durham, NC USA) in 2022. As a 2022 Schmidt Science Fellow, Emma is conducting research at the intersection of global health, genetics, and data science, hoping to understand the unique genetic differences that influence risk for cardiovascular diseases in African and other non-European populations worldwide.

In her spare time, she enjoys participating in various community outreach efforts in both her faith and scientific communities. She also mentors younger students interested in pursuing STEM-related careers, and loves to dance from time to time. She's excited about presenting the vision for the Cambridge Africa Together Conference through her efforts as part of the Marketing Team.

## Fortune Isoka-Onwordi

Fortune is a penultimate year Land Economy student at Magdalene College, Cambridge. He is interested in the role of finance and entrepreneurship in Africa's progression. This has led him to develop his financial acumen via the investment banking industry with him receiving offers from bulge bracket banks and securing a summer internship within the Global Markets division at a top investment bank. He is also a recipient of the competitive Bloomberg bursary. Extending from this, Fortune was previously a member of the Bank of England's Youth Economic forum within the digital currencies team. Along with his team, he launched a national survey and developed strategies to increase youth interaction with digital currencies, one of such being a podcast series featuring industry experts. Currently, Fortune works as a consulting project leader for Bridges for Enterprise leading a pro bono consulting engagement with a Nigerian financial education start-up.

## Inioluwa Afolabi

Inioluwa is a Nigerian and a member of the first cohort of MasterCard Scholars at the University of Cambridge. She is currently pursuing her MPhil in Chemistry in the ICE research group. Her research focuses on using machine learning techniques and density functional theory to investigate the properties of materials for effective carbon capture. Before joining the University of Cambridge, Inioluwa had her undergraduate degree in the Department of Chemistry at the Ladoké Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH).

In her undergraduate research, she developed activated carbon from agricultural wastes for the adsorption of Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals from wastewater. Inioluwa is passionate about environmental sustainability with an interest in climate change, waste management, and green hydrogen technology. She aims to harness the power of machine learning and chemistry to solve environmental issues to make the world a better place for all. Inioluwa is happy to assist in logistics planning to ensure the smooth delivery of this year's conference.



# CONFERENCE TEAM



**Blessings Doherty**

*Director of Program*



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*Director of Logistics —  
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*Strategy Team*



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*Logistics Team  
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*Logistics Team  
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**Chukwuebuka**

**Obetta**

*Logistics Team  
(Volunteer)*



**Aishat Alaran**

*Logistics Team  
(Volunteer)*



# Profiles

## Tanatswa Chikaura

Tanatswa Chikaura is the Founder and Director of Ndinewe Foundation, a youth led mental health organisation that seeks to promote good mental health and wellbeing for children, adolescents and youths; the organisation launched a mental health booklet in July, 2022 which was endorsed by Allied Health Practitioners Council Zimbabwe. Tanatswa's research interests lie primarily in cognitive neuroscience. She is interested in the underlying mechanisms of mental illness, as well as neurodegenerative and neurodevelopmental conditions, paying particular attention to diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment. Tanatswa is currently pursuing an MPhil in Basic and Translational Neuroscience at Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge.



## Ruth Jepkemoi

Ruth is a conservationist from Kenya whose significant interest is in the inclusion of women, youth, and indigenous communities in the conservation of natural resources. Growing up with her grandmother, who is a traditional herbalist, Ruth gained her love for nature. She enrolled for a bachelor's in environmental science in Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology where she gained her skills as a wildlife biologist.

With drive for environmentalism, Ruth Co-founded Kang4Nature in 2019, a volunteer youth group that runs environmental restoration projects such as tree planting and clean ups around Nairobi, Kenya. This leadership potential gained her a role as programs manager of CHD Conservation Kenya, a grass root organization that promotes public participation in conservation through education and awareness programs at Amboseli National Park in Southwest Kenya.



## Oladimeji Shotunde

Oladimeji is a current MPhil Candidate in Innovation and Strategy at the Cambridge Judge Business School. As an incoming PhD Candidate, his research seeks to explore Afrocentric isomorphism, local innovation, decolonization, social strategy, and market-creating innovations. He is interested in how local innovation can transform and create inclusive prosperity for emerging economies.

Previously, he obtained his M.Sc in Innovation from University College London (UCL), and bagged his Bachelor's from Lagos State University, Nigeria. In the social impact space, he founded Excel Minds, a foremost student-led academic platform that caters to the academic welfare of over 12,000 members. Additionally, he currently serves as a YouthLead-USAID Peer Advisor, where he supports the project implementation of Ambassadors from three African countries. Professionally, he had a stint with KPMG as a strategy consultant and has undertaken a handful of independent consulting engagements; cutting across inclusion strategies and sustainability.



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## Chantell Asante

Chantell is a second year politics and sociology student at Magdalene College. She was formerly Chair of Havering Youth Council where she co-founded the All-Girls-Forum initiative to tackle sexual violence against women and girls in Havering and served as the youth representative on the borough's stop and search scrutiny and community boards. Since leaving she's been a youth advisor to the national police-scrutiny authority where she's advised on issues of stop-search disproportionality and treatment of discrimination cases under-review. Outside of public policy,

Chantell's advised organisations in the public and private sectors on their organisational strategy and was nominated for the Alexander Paul Award in 2022 by her consultancy firm. In her time at university, Chantell has served as the undergraduate representative for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences working with the Cambridge Student Union, hosted the Cambridge University International Development's Society's Events Programme, and spearheaded anthropological research in Ghana into the nature of matrilineal kinship amongst the Akan peoples following her first year studies as a recipient of the Mary Euphrasia Mosley Award.



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# Day One

Friday 12 May - Networking Reception

18:00

| Time        | Activity   | Moderator                             |
|-------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 18:00-18:30 | Drinks reception and light music   | All guests and hosts                  |
| 18:30-18:45 | Introductions as the MCs, Introduce Speech by President (the spirit of the conference) | Jonelle Awomoyi and Blessings Doherty |
| 18:45-18:50 | Opening Keynote Speech   | Nathan Osareme Odiase                 |
| 18:50       | Introduce Strategy videos  |                                       |
| 18:50-19:00 | Strategy Videos (William Awomoyi, Kiki Ajayi, and Alasan Ceeseay)                      | Tech Team                             |
| 18:50-18:52 | Introduce the speech from the Master of Jesus College                                  | Jonelle Awomoyi                       |
| 18:52-18:57 | Speech   | Master of Jesus College               |
| 19:05-20:05 | Formalised Networking begins with light nibbles being served, and light music          | Jonelle Awomoyi<br>DJ Eddy            |
| 19:30-19:35 | Introduce ACS composers  | Blessings Doherty                     |
| 19:35-19:50 | ACS Composers Piece  | ACS Composers                         |
| 19:50-21:30 | Further networking with light music  | DJ Eddy                               |

21:30

# Speaker Profiles

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE HOST

## Jonelle Awomoyi

With fierce determination and unwavering passion, Jonelle Awomoyi has become a groundbreaking figure in the new world of broadcast journalism. She both produces and presents leading programmes on BBC News. Additionally, she is also a TV Anchor for BBC Three's flagship news bulletin 'The Catch Up', shedding light on some of the most crucial stories of our time.



## Journalist & BBC Presenter

At just 21 years old, she conducted her first investigation into fraudulent activity on social media, which led to social media apps refining their services to protect consumers. More recently, her investigations have shone a light on government promises that have gone unfulfilled.

Prior to working at BBC News, Jonelle worked with the Premier League, The Economist, HuffPost, The Mirror, Channel 5 News and the Evening Standard. She has spoken at events in the Houses of Parliament, Microsoft HQ, St James' Palace and the United Nations HQ in New York whilst helping raise an astonishing £107,000 in one night for youth services across the UK.

During the pandemic, Jonelle was honoured with a hand-painted mural in London as recognition for her immense contribution to her community. She was nominated for the Woman of the Year Award in 2021.



## Blessings Doherty

Blessings is a penultimate year Land Economy student at St John's College, Cambridge. Blessings' passions lie particularly in the sustainable development of African cities and the empowerment of women. Since 2020 she has co-chaired the UK youth arm (Afrodia Empower) of a community interest company, "Phenomenal African Women UK", contributing through podcasts and online events. It seeks to inspire, celebrate and empower all women in the diaspora connected to Africa.

Furthermore, she has recently completed her role as publicity officer in the Cambridge University African-Caribbean Society, promoting African-Caribbean culture and ongoing issues via multiple social media platforms.

In 2022 she was awarded the Cambridge University's travel prize to undergo a 2-week research project into the customary land tenure system and its current effects on urban life within Kumasi, the Ashanti region of Ghana. This opportunity further kindled her passion for wanting to learn and contribute to the dialogue of African civilisation. In her spare time, she enjoys using different social media platforms to create voiceover video blogs containing faith-based and motivational messages. Blessings is looking forward to ensuring a smooth delivery of this year's conference that will inspire and motivate our future change-makers within the African Continent.





## Nathan Odiase Osareme

Nathan advances academic conversations around the strategic management of creative ecosystems. His research explores organisational style in the fashion industry and extensively examines the strategic decisions that impact stylistic choices. As part of his research, Nathan also investigates how creative identities are constructed and appraises the business development implications of creative judgments.

Before starting his PhD, Nathan completed a Master of Philosophy in Innovation, Strategy & Organisation from the University of Cambridge, where Magdalene College awarded him the Standard Bank Africa Chairman's Scholarship. He was awarded the prestigious Mandela Rhodes Scholarship that funded his Master of Social Science Degree from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. He has a BA in Psychology from the University of Lagos, where he developed foundational skills in utilising Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis for Qualitative Research.

Nathan is inspired to contribute toward the business development of creative industries, including the arts, media, fashion, and photography. As his academic career evolves, he also hopes to facilitate the digital innovation and agility of small and medium-scale enterprises.

He currently serves as the President of the African Society of Cambridge University

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# Profile

## The ACS Composers

The ACS Composers are a talented group of musicians from the University of Cambridge who aim to promote and inspire music-making among African and Caribbean students. Their music consists of a diverse range of genres, including Afrobeats, R&B, and hip-hop, which creates a unique set of sounds that appeals to audiences of all backgrounds.

Since their formation in early 2022 and launching with their annual Lent Term Showcase Night, they have gained widespread recognition for their amazing performances, and they have been invited to perform at several high-profile events, such as the Cambridge ACS Affair and the Cambridge University Law Society Ball. The group is also set to feature at several May Balls during the upcoming Cambridge May Week, as well as other exciting engagements along the way.



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# Day Two

Saturday 13 May - Morning Session

8:00

| Time         | Activity  | Who?   |
|--------------|---|--|
| 8:00- 9:00   | Arrival and Registration/Networking/Coffee (round up by 8:55am)   | Registration Team  |
| 9:00-9:05    | HouseKeeping +MC intros   | Jonelle Awomoyi and Blessings Doherty                                    |
| 9:05-9:10    | Introduce Opening Address   | Jonelle Awomoyi  |
| 9:05-9:10    | Opening Address   | Nathan Osareme Odiase  |
| 9:10-9:15    | Introduce Spoken Word   | Blessings Doherty  |
| 9:15-9:20    | Spoken Word   | Ogorchukwu Ozor  |
| 9:20-9:25    | Introduce Culture Panel   | Jonelle Awomoyi  |
| 9:25-10:25   | Culture Panel   | Robin Walker, Mabintou Kolley, Tokini Peterside-Shwebig (Joining Online) |
| 10:25-10:30  | Introduce Keynote Address   | Jonelle Awomoyi  |
| 10:30-10:45  | Keynote Address   | LimoBlaze  |
| 10:45-11:00  | First Break   | Blessings Doherty  |
| 11:00-11:05  | Charting Africa's Future: The Essential Role of Social Innovation | Alasan Ceessay   |
| 11:05-11:10  | Introduce Fireside Chat 1: Diplomacy                              | Jonelle Awomoyi  |
| 11:10-11:50  | Fireside Chat 1: Diplomacy  | NJ Ayuk  |
| 11:50-11:55  | Introduce second Spoken Word                                      | Blessings Doherty  |
| 11:55-12:00  | Spoken Word   | Ade Oyejobi and Amira Campbell   |
| 12:00- 13:00 | Networking Lunch  | Blessings Doherty  |

13:00



# Day Two

Saturday 13 May - Afternoon Session

13:00

| Time         | Activity  | Who?  |
|--------------|---|---|
| 13:00-13:05  | Introduce Governance and Diplomacy Panel  | Jonelle Awomoyi   |
| 13:05-14:05  | Governance and Diplomacy Panel  | Bright Simons, H.E Patsy Moustache, Maudo Jallow, Chido Munyati |
| 14:15-14:20  | Introduce Women In Business Panel   | Jonelle Awomoyi   |
| 14:20-15:20  | Women In Business Panel   | Mandy Nyarko MBE, Oyinkansola Adebayo, Jumoke Dada              |
| 15:20-15:25  | Break   | Blessings Doherty   |
| 15:25-15:30  | Introduce Fireside Chat 3 Business  | Jonelle Awomoyi   |
| 15:30-16:15  | Fireside Chat 3 Business  | Mr Uche Orji  |
| 16:15-16:17  | Introduce Closing   | Jonelle Awomoyi   |
| 16:17- 16:22 | Closing Address   | Nathan Osareme Odiase   |
| 16:22        | Group Photographs, Networking, Exhibitions<br>-----<br>Lobby/reception foyer<br>----- | Everyone  |

16:22

# Speaker Profiles



## LIMOBLAZE

Limoblaze, Lecrae, Happi - Jireh (My Provider) with more than 10 Million Views on Youtube

Nigerian award-winning musician, and singer-songwriter, Limoblaze (Samuel Onwubiko) is an Afrobeats, Hip-Hop and Gospel recording artist. With a unique sound and rapidly growing music career, Limoblaze has emerged as a global phenomenon in the entertainment scene with a large following, especially among youths.

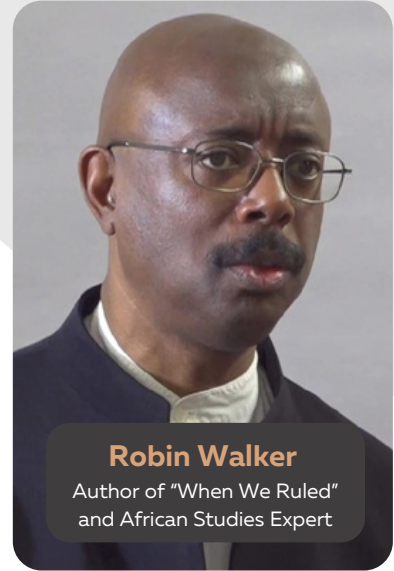
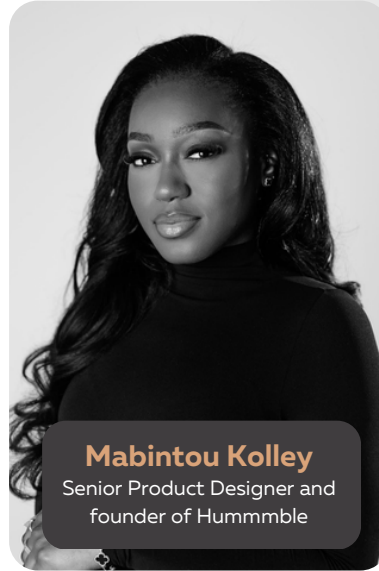
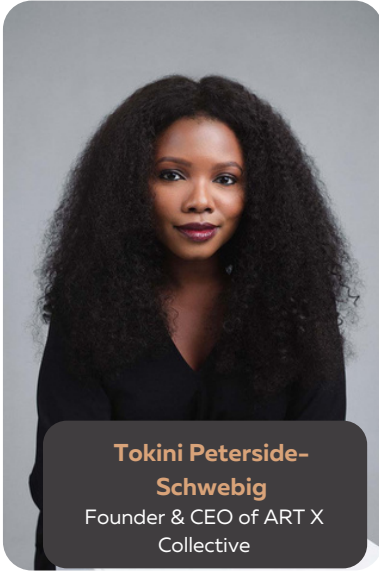
One of his recent hits, "Jireh", debuted on Billboard's US Afrobeats song chart peaking at #31; Billboard's Hot Christian Songs chart peaking at #41; and Billboard's Gospel Song chart peaking at #15.

Limoblaze is passionate about sharing the excellence of African creatives with the world. Over the years, he has produced several bodies of work. Among these are five albums; Blind (2016), Before Now (2018), Afrobeats Rap and Jesus (2019), Bridges (2020), God's Favourite Baby (2021) and his latest project, Sunday In Lagos (2022), which have garnered millions of streams across all streaming platforms.

The Afrobeats singer has received considerable industry acclaim and is signed with the American record label, Reach Records. He is a two-time winner of the African Gospel Music and Media Awards (2018, 2019), Crystal Awards Best International Act Award Winner (2019), and Premier Gospel Best International Act Award winner, among others.



# The Culture Panel



## *The African Renaissance:*

Exploring the Diversity, Resilience, and Impact of African Culture and Creative Arts



CULTURE PANEL MODERATOR

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Myesha Jemison

Myesha is a researcher, writer and creative based in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge as a Gates Cambridge scholar.

She's also a graduate student fellow at the Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence. Myesha's current doctoral research examines Cambridge Analytica's use of African elections as a testing ground for misinformation and disinformation, data mining, and surveillance.

Myesha graduated from Princeton University and Columbia University as a Gates Millennium scholar. She was elected to Princeton University's Board of Trustees and appointed to the Youth Advisory Board for Akon City, the UK and US Boards for the Pan-African Heritage Museum, the University of Cambridge Student Union Board of Trustees, and the Young Africa Centre.

Broadly, Myesha's interests centre on intersections between technology and inequity, Indigenous knowledge and power, Black and Indigenous imaginations of the future, and cultural understanding and learning via [scholarship.com](http://scholarship.com).

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# Speaker Profile

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## Mabintou Kolley

Mabintou Kolley is a Senior Product Designer and founder of Hummmble, a contemporary design studio focused on building products that enhance the way we shop and consume. Mabintou previously co-founded Forbes and Net-A-Porter featured agency Clamp Digital with personal clients such as Adidas and Google during her career as a Product Designer.

Due to her commitment and contributions to tech, she has been featured on the Makers Women in Software Power List and has been a judge at the D&AD New Blood Awards, a speaker at several universities and panels in front of brands such as Nike and Pepsico.

# Speaker Profile



## Robin Walker

Robin Walker 'The Black History Man' was born in London but has also lived in Jamaica. He is an entrepreneur, publisher, educator, and author.

From 1987 to 1990, he read Economics at the London School of Economics. In 1991 and 1992, he studied African World Studies with the brilliant Dr Femi Biko and later with Mr Kenny Bakie. Between 1993 and 1994, he trained as a secondary school teacher at Edge Hill College (linked to the University of Lancaster). In 2006 Walker wrote the seminal *When We Ruled*. It is the most advanced synthesis on Ancient and Mediaeval African history ever written by a single author. In 2011 Black Classic Press of Baltimore published a US version of this book.

Between 2013 and 2020, Walker followed this with *When We Ruled: Second Edition*, *When We Ruled Study Guide and Reading Plan*, *Blacks and Science Volumes I, II and III*, *Blacks and Religion Volumes I and II*, *The Rise and Fall of Black Wall Street and the Seven Key Empowerment Lessons*, *The Black Musical Tradition and Early Black Literature*, *19 Lessons in Black History* and the ALCS award-winning *Black History Matters*. He also wrote four books in collaboration with others: *Everyday Life in an Early West African Empire*, *African Mathematics: History, Study Guide and Classroom Lessons*, *Black British History: Black Influences on British Culture 1948-2016* and *30 Black History Icons*.

In 2022 he co-founded the online adult education business, *The Black Secret*, which teaches Black History and African Heritage to adults. For the School of New Africa, he can offer attendance to the meetings, fact-checking of scripts, and curriculum designs, endorsement for advertisements, and assist with linking SONA with other organisations and institutions.

# Speaker Profile



## Tokini Peterside-Schwebig

Tokini Peterside-Schwebig is a cultural entrepreneur contributing to the redefinition of the African narrative.

Tokini is the Founder & CEO of ART X Collective, the corporate entity behind ART X Lagos - the leading international art fair in West Africa and a cornerstone of the African art industry; ART X Live! - a dynamic accelerator for rising musicians and artists; and the ART X Prize - an annual award for emerging artists across Africa and its Diaspora.

As a strategic advisor, Tokini supports pioneering entrepreneurs and businesses cutting across culture, fashion, lifestyle and entertainment, building on her extensive prior experience with brands in the luxury and culture industry, such as the LVMH Group and ALARA.

An ardent art collector and patron, Tokini currently serves on the boards of Yinka Shonibare's GAS Foundation and EMOWAA (the Edo Museum of West African Art).

Tokini was named a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader in 2023 and listed as one of the 100 Most Influential Africans in 2022.

She holds a law degree with first-class honours from the London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE) and an MBA from INSEAD.

She currently lives between Lagos and Paris.

# A Chat with NJ Ayuk



**NATHAN ODIASE**  
President, African Society of  
Cambridge University



**NJ AYUK**  
Executive Chairman of the  
African Energy Chamber

## In Conversation

**Powering Change: Insights from NJ Ayuk's Pioneering  
and Visionary Path in Transforming the African  
Energy Landscape**



# Speaker Profile



## NJ Ayuk

NJ Ayuk is the Executive Chairman of the African Energy Chamber, CEO of pan-African corporate law conglomerate Centurion Law Group, and the author of *Big Barrels* as well as *Amazon* and *Wall Street Journal's* bestselling *Billions at Play: The Future of African Energy and Doing Deals*.

His experience includes advising major companies and governments on energy issues and investment strategies.

NJ graduated from the University of Maryland College Park and earned a Juris Doctor from William Mitchell College of Law and an MBA from the New York Institute of Technology.

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## Ogor Ozor

Ogorchukwu Ozor is a 19-year-old Nigerian spoken word poet based in London.

With a passion for poetry and storytelling, Ogorchukwu uses the power of words to express their thoughts and feelings on various topics, including her Christian faith, Nigerian identity, Black British identity, and issues facing the African community. Ogorchukwu draws inspiration from personal experiences and observations, weaving them into thought-provoking and influential pieces.

Through their performances, she aims to shed light on important social and cultural issues while challenging and inspiring their audiences to think critically and see the world from a different perspective.



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## Ade Oyejobi

Ade is redefining masculinity whilst highlighting family, love and black liberation throughout his poetry.

'Poetry became my therapy during 2020; now I see poetry as my vulnerability, my insecurities and most importantly, my truth.'

The twenty-year-old British-Nigerian poet and medical student from South London have worked with organisations such as BT Sports, Humenorg, TikTok, Poetry Jam and Timberland EU, delivering conscious performances all over the UK. Ade captures the minds of many with spotlight spoken word performances whilst also facilitating poetry workshops for The University of Oxford, Sydenham Arts Council and The National Literacy Trust. Ade has had his poem 'Let Me Be Me' published by The Happy Newspaper, which has now reached over 2000 schools in the U.K.

'My goal is to host poetry workshops and experiences across the country. I want to redefine how young people perceive poetry.'





## Amira Campbell

Amira Campbell is a classically trained violinist based in Birmingham. Born and raised in North-East London, Amira began her study of the violin at age 9 under violist Michael Whittaker and later Sarah Drury, going on to lead the Waltham Forest Music Service Youth Orchestra and String Quartet. She now studies music at the University of Birmingham and, during her studies, has worked with multiple organisations. She is the music assistant at The Birmingham Royal Ballet, sits on the artistic board of The City of Birmingham Symphony orchestra and worked with The European Strings Teachers Association on their 2023 International Conference.

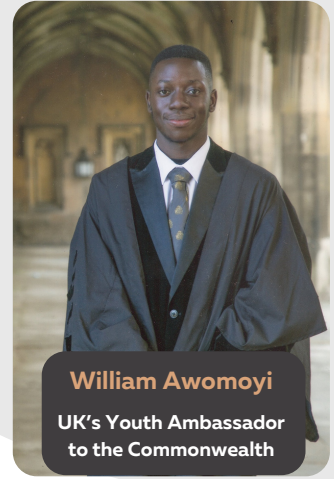
The challenges surrounding diversity in the classical music industry are at the forefront of her agenda. Her work leading the Black Voices Campaign with an agenda to improve black students' experience at the University of Birmingham has created spaces for black students to discuss mental health, racism, reparations, and a vast array of topics. Since 2021 she has played in a freelance ensemble, The Frankland Quartet; she is a recording musician and teaches violin freelance across Birmingham to a range of students from various backgrounds and age groups.



# Governance and Diplomacy Panel

## *Ambassadors for Africa:*

Navigating the Complexities of African Governance  
and Diplomacy for a Prosperous Future"



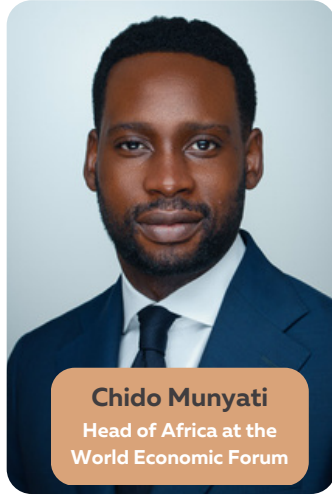
**William Awomoyi**

UK's Youth Ambassador  
to the Commonwealth



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International Political  
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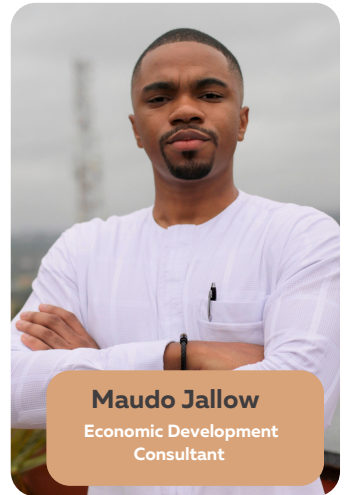
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## William Awomoyi

William (Will) is a 2nd-year Politics and International Relations Student at St John's College, Cambridge. Infused with Nigerian, Guyanese and Bajan heritage, he's a multi-award-winning public sector strategist with over half a decade's experience in governance across local, national and international levels. Currently, he serves as the UK's Youth Ambassador to the Commonwealth, representing 25 million young people in the UK (aged 25 and under) at the Commonwealth mission.

He started off his journey in governance after being elected as the First Young Mayor of Croydon, presiding over the borough with the largest youth population in London (93,500) on a mandate to reduce serious youth violence (SYV) and knife crime (KC). In his first 2 years as Young Mayor, he successfully campaigned to reduce SYV by 15.1% and KC by 15.6%. He occupied this role while simultaneously representing his borough as a youth MP at the House of Commons.

As a result of his efforts, he was awarded the Bromley Rotary Award and the Diana Award- which is regarded as the highest accolade that a young person can obtain for humanitarian and public service. He also, alongside other Members of Youth Parliament, won the SMK Award for Young Campaigner of the Year Award in 2021 for a combined effort to maintain free travel for under-18s in London following the TFL bailout.

# Speaker Profile



## Chido Munyati

Chido Munyati is the Head of Africa at the World Economic Forum. The World Economic Forum is the International commitment to improving the state of the world by leveraging our trusted status as the global platform for shaping the future of economic, social and industrial systems.

Prior, Chido was a Global Leadership Fellow at the World Economic Forum. Modules included: Columbia School of the Arts; London Business School; CEIBS; Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania; INSEAD; Blavatnik School of Government of the University of Oxford; Harvard International Negotiation Program. Chido previously worked as a lawyer at the leading Swiss law firm, Froriep, and the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and is admitted to the New York State Bar – 3rd Judicial District.

He earned a Juris Doctor at Hofstra University School of Law, where he was awarded a full merit academic scholarship (US\$130,000) and was on the editorial staff of Hofstra Labour & Employment Law Journal and the British Journal of American Legal Studies.



# Speaker Profile



## Maudo Jallow

Maudo is an economic development consultant that focuses on advising governments in Africa and the Middle East in the areas of investment, governance, foreign policy, international development and trade. He is a commentator for BBC Africa and Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics (LSE) Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa.

Maudo has worked for the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), Tony Blair Institute for Global Change (TBI) and the United Nations – providing advice on how nations in the Middle East and Africa can attract investment, create special economic zones and accelerate industrialisation. He has written several pieces on these topics for publications such as the Africa Report, OECD and Future Africa Forum.

In the last few years, Maudo has worked as an embedded advisor at the Office of the President in both The Gambia and Ghana – most notably as a member of the Presidential COVID-19 Response Coordinator's team. He was tasked with tasks that included producing briefings for the consumption of the President of Ghana and his Cabinet.

Maudo holds a Bachelor's degree in International Business with French from Regent's University and a Master's degree in African Development from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

# Speaker Profile



## Bright Simons

Bright Simons is a policy analyst affiliated with IMANI, a think tank based in Accra, where he served as Vice President for more than a decade in charge of research. He has been an active researcher, analyst, advocate and activist for more than 15 years focusing on good governance, development, social innovation, and political reform.

He has published extensively and participated in working and expert groups at Brookings, Center for Global Development, The Lancet, and other prominent development-focused organisations. His work and views have been shared by the BBC, Harvard Business Review, Project Syndicate, Financial Times and INET-Oxford, among various others. He sits on the Boards of Care International, Salzburg Global Seminar, and Africa Population Health Research Center.

He is on the Advisory Committees of UCB (a Belgian biopharma specialist), Ashesi University, and Last Mile Health. He was a member of the African Strategy Group at the World Economic Forum and on the inaugural Microsoft Africa Advisory Council.

He holds several fellowships affiliated with the Aspen Institute, Harvard, the African Leadership Institute and others. In 2016, Fortune Magazine named him on a list of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders, and in 2017, he was announced as a Tallberg Eliasson Prize Laureate.

# Speaker Profile



## H.E. Patsy Moustache

Patsy Moustache is currently the Acting High Commissioner (Head of Mission) in the High Commission of the Republic of Seychelles in London, United Kingdom.

She started her career straight out of university as a Third Secretary in 2009, in the Multilateral Affairs Division, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Seychelles and was subsequently promoted to Second Secretary in 2012. In 2013, she was posted to the High Commission of the Republic of Seychelles in New Delhi, India as Second Secretary/Deputy Head of Mission and for 10 months was Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

Upon her return to Seychelles in 2017, she held the post of Second Secretary (Multilateral Desk) in the International Relations Division, then moved on the same post to the Bilateral Desk in the Foreign Policy Division. In early 2018, she was promoted to First Secretary in the Foreign Policy Division and later the same year, was promoted to Director of World Affairs, Regions and Countries, in the same Division.

Following, the restructuring at the Foreign Affairs Department, she was transferred to the post of Director in the Bilateral Affairs Division, in early 2021. She held this post until her posting to the High Commission of the Republic of Seychelles in London on 8 August 2022.

In 2009, She graduated from the University of Western Cape, South Africa (with a 1-year exchange at Bard College, New York, as a recipient of a Scholarship for the Programme in International Education (PIE)), with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Majoring in Political Science, History and Tourism Studies. In 2011, she was awarded the Chevening Scholarship, and completed the prestigious Foreign Service Programme, at Oxford University and graduated with a Post Graduate Diploma in Diplomatic Studies.

In 2013, she was awarded an AusAid Scholarship from Australia and completed an online Graduate Certificate in International Studies with the University of Queensland.

In 2015, she was awarded a Master of Arts Degree in Global Diplomacy from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

In her spare time, she volunteers for projects focusing on the empowerment of women/girls/youths, she enjoys travelling, reading and collecting books, thread works and arts, cooking and baking.

# Women In Business Panel

*EmpowerHER:*

Unleashing the Potential of Women Entrepreneurs  
and Business Leaders



**DAISY MORAA ONG'ANGI**  
MBA Student at the  
Cambridge Judge Business  
School



PANELIST  
**JUMOKE DADA**  
Award-winning  
Entrepreneur and founder  
of Taeillo



PANELIST  
**MANDY NYARKO MBE**  
Co-founder of ESG  
innovation consultancy  
Startup Discovery School



PANELIST  
**OYINKANSOLA ADEBAYO**  
Award Winning Innovator  
& Founder of Niyo Group





# Profile

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## Daisy Moraa Ong'angi

Daisy is an MBA Student at the Cambridge Judge Business School and a member of Girton College, the first women's college for higher education, established in 1869 at the University of Cambridge.

Prior to her MBA, Daisy practised as a civil engineer in Kenya and worked on property development and also infrastructure development projects in various capacities. She is currently the chair of the Africa Business Network at Judge Business School.

Daisy has explored entrepreneurship as well over the last decade. In 2012, as a student at an engineering school, she founded the JKUAT Poetry Club, which ran weekly meetups from 2012-2015—in 2020, she founded the Elegance Collective, an online edTech self-development platform for women, which now has 100k followers across social media channels.

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# Speaker Profile



## Jumoke Dada

Jumoke is an award-winning Entrepreneur, International Keynote Speaker, and the founder of Taeillo, an E-commerce furniture and Lifestyle brand based in Lagos, Nigeria and Nairobi, Kenya, 26 she had built a multi-million-dollar furniture and Lifestyle brand from zero capital a couple of years prior.

She has been Named by Elle- Decoration South Africa Named her as one of the creatives doing something interesting on the continent at the moment

She has featured 2X BBC World News, CNN Inside Africa, NASDAQ Tower at the New York Times Square, and EKO 100 Women - 100 most powerful women in Lagos. Additionally, she has been named by Tony Elumelu as one of the 1000 entrepreneurs shaping the future of Africa. She has also been named as one of the 100 most inspiring leading ladies in Nigeria in 2021.

She was nominated for a Future Award prize of Entrepreneurship and recognised in the HER Network Woman of the Year Entrepreneurship 2021. Jumoke has spoken on several panels, one of which is the launch of Generation Unlimited in Nigeria by UNICEF, Nigeria Energy Forum

# Speaker Profile



## Mandy Nyarko MBE

Mandy Nyarko MBE is an investor in the intersection of climate change solutions and underrepresented groups. She is Co-founder of ESG Innovation Consultancy Startup Discovery School who design incubators, accelerators and open innovation programmes for public and private organisations in the U.K. and Africa, who are focused on building startups addressing environmental and social sustainability issues.

She is also an advisor on the SME action board to the UK Government's Department of Business Energy and industrial strategy and has been selected to represent the U.K. at the G20 startup committee.

Alumni of Cambridge University Institute of Sustainability Leadership with a background in Sustainable finance and Business sustainability Management.

Mandy was recognised as one of the 25 black entrepreneurs to watch in 2022, she speaks for the Financial Times on economic pressures and has been featured in Forbes as a leading investor in underrepresented groups.

# Speaker Profile



## Oyinkansola Adebayo

Oyinkansola Adebayo is the founder of Niyo, a group of multi-award-winning companies that specialise in using technology to economically empower black women. This organisation currently has three brands: Niyo Hair and Beauty, Niyo Dapp, and Niyo Bootcamps. Niyo Hair and Beauty is a technology-driven afro hair and beauty e-commerce platform that services over 1000 clients across the UK whilst economically empowering hairstylists through an academy to get accredited. Niyo Bootcamps exist to empower black women to pursue their business ideas and career aspirations through technology-driven boot camps.

She has just trained 400 black women to become full-stack developers, data engineers, and VR and AR engineers through the "BlackCodHER" and "Black Disruptor" boot camps; the projects under Niyo Bootcamps, and is set to empower a further 500 women this year. Some of her women have secured roles in Citi Bank and many more. Niyo Dapp is a blockchain platform set to reward content creators in the beauty sector with NFTs and reward their users with the physical products they wear in their favourite influencers' content.

Her work has been recognised in BBC News, The Voice, Metro, Black Beauty and Hair Magazine, Nottingham Post, and many more. She has also won many awards, including Great British Fashion & Beauty Entrepreneur of the Year, MBCC Entrepreneur of the Year, and Female Innovator of the Year. She has spoken at Women In Tech Festival, Vodafone UK, KPMG, Goldman Sachs, Northrop Grumman, Metaverse Summit, Credit Suisse, Africa Tech Week, Birmingham Tech Week, and many more world renowned institutions.



# A Chat with Uche Orji



**KIKIOPEOLUWA AJAYI**

Co-Director Of Content & Strategy,  
Cambridge Africa Together  
Conference 2023

## In Conversation

**Financial Stewardship: Uche Orji's Strategic Approach to Investment and Infrastructure Development in Nigeria**



**UCHE ORJI**

Immediate past MD & CEO of the  
Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority  
(NSIA)



# Profile

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Kiki Ajayi

Kiki is a 2nd Year Undergraduate at Trinity College, studying Politics and International Relations, and is of Nigerian Heritage.

He is an entrepreneur and founder who loves solving problems for businesses and people worldwide - often using technology. His most successful venture was a peer learning and knowledge management platform for developers within technical teams, that allowed them to have access to the exact knowledge they needed to complete their work faster. He's now building new projects in AI/LLMs. Along the way he's worked with some of the best VCs, founders and businesses across Africa, Europe and America. He's also part of the founding committee of the Capital Angel Network, a network of Angel investors who invest in startups, using parts of the proceeds to support education.

Outside of entrepreneurship he takes pride in academia, particularly in issues surrounding politics and philosophy. His paper titled 'Does Violence have a Place in Politics' was published by the University of Toronto in their *Dialexicon Journal*. He was a recipient of the John Colet Award during his time at St Paul's and was an academic scholar.

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# Speaker Profile



Uche Orji

Mr Uche Orji was the immediate past MD & CEO of the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA). He was the pioneer CEO from inception in 2012 and completed two terms of 5-years until 2022. Uche designed and operationalized NSIA, and under his leadership, NSIA became a highly regarded global multi-strategy investment institution, as well as serving as a vehicle for implementing key commercial infrastructure projects and investing Nigeria's savings.

Prior to the NSIA, Uche had experience in both the sell-side and buy-sides of the capital markets in Europe, the USA, and Asia. Between 2006 - 2012, Uche was a Managing Director and Senior US/Global Semiconductor Analyst at UBS Securities, New York, where he was ranked top-3 by US Institutional Investors. In this role, he had lead coverage of over 30 companies, including Intel, AMD, Nvidia, Texas Instruments etc., and as Global Sector head, he also had coverage of global firms such as Samsung, TSMC, Toshiba, Canon, Infineon etc. Between 2001-2006, Uche spent six years at JP Morgan Securities, London, as Managing Director /Senior Semiconductor Analyst, where he was ranked as Number One by Institutional Investors with lead coverage of firms such as ARM Holdings, ASML Holdings NV, Philips Electronics etc.

Prior to his sell-side experience, Uche had been on the buy-side at Goldman Sachs Asset Management, London, from 1998-2001, where he was an Analyst/Portfolio Manager working as a co-manager of the pan-European Equity Fund and Global Technology Funds, as well as lead analyst of the Chemical, Technology and Industrial sectors covering companies such as Ericsson, Nokia, ASML, ARM Holdings, Siemens, Philips, Bayer, BASF, Clariant, Ciba, Akzo Nobel etc. Earlier in Uche's career in Nigeria, he was Acting Financial Controller at Diamond Bank Plc., Lagos, Nigeria (later acquired in 2019 by Access Bank) and was an audit staff at the firm of Arthur Andersen & Co (later acquired by KPMG)

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# Afro-Ball



Pre-Drinks \* 3-Course Meal \* Live Performances  
Photoshoot \* Award Ceremony \* After Party

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# Day Two

18:30

Saturday 13 May - AfroBall

| Time        | Activity  | Who?                                |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 18:30-19:45 | The arrival of Guests, Drinks reception & Photographs (Red Carpet)<br>-----<br>Lobby ~ Elena Hall, The Forum<br>----- |                                     |
| 19:45-19:55 | Move to dining hall<br>-----<br>Hall, Cloister Court<br>-----   | Everyone<br>Guided by protocol team |
| 19:55-20:00 | Welcome by Master of Ceremony   | Jonelle Awomoyi                     |
| 20:00-20:20 | Starters and music  | DJ, Jesus college catering team     |
| 20:20-21:00 | Main course and music   | DJ, Jesus college catering team     |
| 20:40-20:50 | Awards and remarks from chair of the conference   | Alasan Ceesay                       |
| 21:00-21:10 | Dessert, tea and coffee   | Jesus college catering team         |
| 21:30-21:40 | Move back to The Forum after coffee<br>-----<br>Elena Hall, The Forum<br>-----  | Everyone<br>Guided by protocol team |
| 21:40-23:45 | Party until closing   | DJ Eddy                             |

23:45

# Day Three

Saturday 13 May - Post Summit Reflections & Tour

11:00

| Time        | Activity   | Who?   |
|-------------|--|--|
| 11:00-11:05 | Introduce the Final Day and introduce President<br>-----<br>Bawden Room<br>----- | Jonelle Awomoyi  |
| 11:05-11:10 | Vote of thanks   | Nathan Osareme Odiase                                    |
| 11:10-11:15 | Explain Order of events and where each reflection is to be held                  | Blessings Doherty  |
| 11:15-12:15 | Reflections within each group<br>-----<br>Board Rooms<br>-----                   | Held by group leaders                                    |
| 12:15-12:45 | Feedback from each group   | Attendees per group share/ Facilitating the conversation |
| 12:45-12:50 | Final Thanks   | Alasan Ceesay  |
| 1PM         | Start of Guided Tour for those interested  | Jesus college catering team                              |

16:30

# THANK YOU!

As we wrap up this enriching conference, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for being a part of this remarkable event. Your presence, engagement, and insights have been instrumental in making this gathering a resounding success.

