



Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

Umlambo Foundation

Founder

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka is the former United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women, who completed her term in August 2021 after being sworn into office on 19 August 2013.

Dr. Mlambo-Ngcuka continues to be engaged and affiliated with organisations committed to education, women empowerment and gender

equality. Such affiliations include the Umlambo Foundation (Founder), the Global Partnership and Fund to End Violence Against Children (Board Member), African Leadership Academy (Member of the Advisory Board) and the Mandela Rhodes Foundation (Board of Trustees).

As the former head of the United Nations entity that is dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women, she is a global advocate for women and girls. She led the organisation's innovative work on transforming social inequalities and discriminatory norms, with initiatives such as the HeforShe movement (driving men and boys' engagement in gender equality), the UnStereotype Alliance initiative (influencing advertising norms for positive change and equal representation) and helped countries to change hundreds of laws that discriminate against women and girls



Onica Makwakwa

Alliance for Affordable Internet

Head of Africa Region

Leads the multi-stakeholder engagement across Africa for the Alliance for Affordable Internet focusing on advancing good practices in policy and regulatory frameworks for affordable and meaningful access to broadband. She also convenes the Africa Summit on Women and Girls in Technology.

Onica has managed and pioneered various national and international campaigns, policy change processes for women's rights, civil rights, consumer rights, as

well as media and digital transformation initiatives. She brings a strong sensitivity and unique perspective to the dynamics affecting women, and other disadvantaged populations.



Nnenna Nwakanma
World Wide Web Foundation
Chief Web Advocate

Nnenna advocates for policy and systemic changes that are needed for meaningful internet access, open data, open government and the open web across Africa, bringing together local and international stakeholders to advance the digital agenda. She works to drive affordable internet access, data rights, digital freedom and digital responsibilities of stakeholders, sectors and actors.

Nnenna is a respected technology voice and leader in Africa. Her capacity to network and bridge the gap between the local and the global has made her a voice bearer for women, rural populations, the unconnected and the civil society across the world.



Honourable Emma Inamutila Theofelus
Ministry of Information & Communication Technology,
Namibia
Deputy Minister

Honourable Emma Inamutila Theofelus is a young, 24-year-old Namibian born in Windhoek, Namibia and is currently a Member of Parliament and the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology in the Republic of Namibia.

Before her appointment, Honourable Emma was always policy adjacent and was a Youth Activist around issues of gender, children's rights, sustainable development and youth unemployment. She served as the Deputy Speaker of the Youth Parliament of the Republic of Namibia and the Junior Mayor of the City of Windhoek amongst other roles. Emma holds an LLB Honours Degree from the University of Namibia, a diploma in Business Management from Amity University and a diploma in Afrikan Feminism and Gender Studies from the University of South Africa.

In her new role, Emma plans to better communicate the activities and programs of the Government of the Republic of Namibia and assist in preparing the Namibian nation for the 4th Industrial Revolution.



Ethel Cofie

EDEL Technology Consulting

Founder

Named one of the Top 5 Women influencing IT in Africa, Ethel Cofie is an Africa Digital Expert, CEO and Founder of EDEL Technology Consulting, an IT Consulting Company in West Africa and Europe who was recently named IT Consulting Firm of the year by the Telecoms and IT Industry and also Founder of Women in Tech Africa, Africa's largest women in tech group with members in over 30 Africa countries and in the diaspora and growing and the 2018 UN Equals in Tech Award Winner, Leadership Category.



Amel Fahmy

Tadwein Gender Research Centre

Director

Amel Fahmy is an expert in the field of gender-based violence (GBV); she worked for many years at the department of reproductive health and research at the World Health Organization WHO/HQ in Geneva coordinating different research projects in MENA and Africa, she later joined UNICEF and UNFPA.

In 2010, Amel co-founded Harassmap, a world winning volunteer-based initiative fighting sexual harassment and in 2014, she founded Tadwein Gender Research Center, a leading feminist organization in Egypt with a vision is to implement changes and create long lasting solutions for gender inequality and violence in Egypt.

Amel Fahmy is a member of the editorial board of the Arabic Reproductive Health Matters Journal (RHM) and has several publications on various GBV issues. Amel is an anthropologist with an MA in Gender studies and Management of NGOs and PhD in Anthropology. Amel's professional aspiration is motivated by a desire to promote women's status, which is reflected through her work aiming to transform norms that perpetuate gender inequalities.



Neema Iyer

Pollicy

Founder/Executive Director

Neema Iyer is an artist and a technologist. She is the founder of Pollicy, a civic technology organization based in Kampala, Uganda and is a co-host on the Terms and Conditions podcast.

She currently leads the design of a number of projects focused on building data skills, on fostering conversations on data governance and digital security, and on innovating around policy.



Bulanda Nkhowani

Paradigm Initiative

Program Officer Southern Africa

Bulanda Tapiwa Nkhowani is a writer, researcher and public policy enthusiast with a focus on Internet governance, digital rights and digital inclusion, and is actively involved in Internet governance policy forums and discussions at all levels. Bulanda is passionate about providing safe online spaces and digital opportunities to women and girls and currently works with Paradigm

Initiative, a pan- African Digital Rights and Inclusion organisation, as a Program Officer for Southern Africa and Acting Africa Lead.



Patricia Nyasuna

WOUNET

Program Officer: Gender & ICT Policy Advocacy

Patricia Nyasuna is currently a Program Officer under the Gender & ICT Policy Advocacy Program, she also doubles as the Project Lead for “Our Voices Our Future” at Women of Uganda Network (WOUNET).

Patricia has 5 years' working experience in ICT specifically in relation to Gender and Women's Rights. She has acquired specialized training in Gender Data, Women's Right to

Information (WRI), Online Safety, Women in Business Management and Internal Governance. She is a [@TechChange](#) alumni and Women in Business Mentee alumni [@CherieBlairFndn](#).

She has participated in various Advocacy initiatives and publications in Uganda including; Gender responsiveness of ICT innovations, WEB foundation Women's Rights Online Campaign and role of new media in women's rights.