

# SPEAKERS' LIST

## TOWARDS UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PROTECTION (USP) BY 2030 IN EASTERN AFRICA

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**Ms CYNTHIA SAMUEL-OLONJUWON**

**Assistant Director-General, Regional Director for Africa, International Labour Organization (ILO)**

Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon is the Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Africa of the ILO. Prior to her appointment to this position, Ms Samuel-Olonjuwon was the Deputy Regional Director for Africa. She joined the ILO in 1995, where she has held different positions in Headquarters in Geneva and the field, including Chief of the ILO Programming Unit for Africa. She has more than 33 years' experience of dedicated and passionate service to promote: decent work for women and men, gender equality, youth employment, SME development, elimination of child labour and enhanced labour migration. She served along with the AFDB President, on the High-level Panel on Migration chaired by President Sirleaf Johnson. Ms Samuel-Olonjuwon was identified by the African Rating Firm, Avance Media, as one of the 100 Most Influential African Women in 2019. She is also a strong advocate for women's rights. Ms. Samuel-Olonjuwon was on the Board of the International Sociological Association (Research Committee on Women in Society) from 1986 to 1990.



**Ms BINTIA STEPHEN TCHICAYA**

**Senior Policy Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Sub-Regional Office for West Africa**

Bintia Stephen Tchicaya is the Senior Policy Officer for the FAO Sub Regional Office for West Africa, and the Programme Leader for Social Protection for Africa in FAO Regional Office for Africa. Bintia has extensive experience in social policies, strategic planning and economic analysis. She has served previously several positions within the FAO Regional Office for Africa as Strategic Planning Officer, and Programme Officer in the Sub regional Office for Central Africa. She also served as Programme Lead in the Office of Support to Decentralized Offices at FAO Headquarters.

Also, she served as an Advisor and Grant Officer at USAID in Guinea, and Programme Officer for the United Nations Peace Keeping Mission in Haiti. She holds a Master's degree in Economics and International Finance from the American University in Paris, France.



**Ms ADEA KRYEZIU**

**Social Protection Specialist, The World Bank (WB)**

Adea Kryeziu is a Social Protection Specialist at the World Bank, based in Washington DC. She has published extensively on Social Protection matters, including on linkages with Climate Change, Disaster Risk Management and Energy Subsidy Reform. She has operational experience in West Africa, Middle East & North Africa, and East Asia. She currently serves as co-chair of the of Intra-Agency Social Protection Assessments (ISPA) Partnership, USP2030 and SPIAC-B Secretariats.



**Mr GILSON GOMES PINA**  
**National Director of Planning, Minister of Finance, Cape Verde**

Gilson Pina, is the National Director of Planning at the Minister of Finance of Cape Verde. He has a degree in Economics, a Master in Economics, with a specialization in Economics of Growth and Structural Policies, and a PhD in Economics with a specialization in Monetary and Budgetary Economics. He also holds a post-graduate degree in Industrial Economics.

Gilson Pina started at the Ministry of Finance as Advisor for macroeconomics to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance in 2016 and became National Director of Planning in August 2019.

Representing the Ministry of Finance, he has already been a Member of the Commission of the Exchange Cooperation Agreement Portugal - Cape Verde (COMACC), Chairman of the Advisory Board of CERMI-EPE, Chairman of the Steering Committee of the ZIKA Project, and is now a member of the Macroeconomic Monitoring Unit (UAM) of COMACC, a member of the National Statistical Council and the Chairman of the National Coordination Committee (ECOWAS).

Before joining the Ministry of Finance, Gilson Pina was Assistant Professor and Course Coordinator of Economics at ISCJS and Visiting Professor at the School of Economics and Management of the University of Minho.



**Mr RICHARD NYAKUNDI RORI**  
**Social Protection Policy and Research Analyst, National Social Security Fund, Kenya**

Richard Nyakundi Rori is a Social Protection Management and Administration Specialist. He has breadth and depth of experience in different social protection pillars- social insurance (social security), social assistance, and labor- across different country income groups in Africa. Currently he works as a Social Protection Research and Policy Analyst at the State Department of Social Protection - National Social Security Fund (NSSF) of Kenya. Rori believes that social protection's purpose should be to eliminate, as far as possible, the need for its own existence. It is not only an ethical imperative but a matter of social justice and an essential condition for any country to achieve.



**Ms GRACE NABAKOOZA**  
**Head of Employment Relations and Legal Services, Federation of Uganda Employers (FUE)**

Grace Nabakooza is a lawyer with passion and speciality in labour and employment with a span of 9 years practice and experience. She is currently the Head of Employment Relations and Legal services at the Federation of Uganda Employers (FUE), a position I have occupied since 2017.



**Ms LAURA ALFERS**  
**Director, Social Protection Programme, Women for Informal (WIEGO)**

Laura Alferts is the Director of the Social Protection Programme at Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO), and has worked with organizations of informal workers for the last 12 years to advocate for more inclusive social protections. She is a South African living in the Eastern Cape, and holds a PhD from the University of KwaZulu-Natal.



**Mr DAVID LAMBERT TUMWESIGYE**  
**Global Advocacy Manager, Child Poverty, Save the Children**

David Lambert Tumwesigye is the Global Advocacy Manager, Child Poverty at Save the Children International; and leads social protection advocacy within the Global Policy Advocacy and Campaigns Team. David has extensive experience in social protection policy development, programme management and evidence-based advocacy. For 10 years, he was Policy & Advocacy Advisor at the Expanding Social Protection Programme, supporting delivery of FCDO and Irish AID technical assistance to develop a national social protection system in Uganda. He oversaw analytical work to support development of a National Social Protection Policy and led policy and budget influencing, knowledge management and capacity building initiatives. He has also provided advisory support to WFP Uganda, Embassy of Ireland and the World Bank capacity strengthening initiatives to enhance food security and shock-responsiveness of Uganda's social protection system. Previously, David supported the ILO, DFID and UNICEF's work on the design of programmes to extend child-sensitive social security coverage in Ghana. David is a graduate of Maastricht University's MSc in Social Protection Financing and holds a BA Economics degree from Makerere University.



**Ms JOSEPHINE KARUNGI**  
**Moderator**

Josephine Karungi is a Ugandan Media Personality and Communications Specialist. She has over fifteen years experience in media and communication. She has worked with organisations like the Nation Media Group, The Palladium Group and World Bank. She is passionate about storytelling.