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Professor Francisca Mutapi

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Professor Francisca Mutapi is a pioneering researcher working on neglected tropical diseases who advocates for locally-led solutions to eliminate these diseases and enable affected communities to thrive and achieve the global development goals. In addition, she is a practising visual artist who has been painting and exhibiting works for over 30 years in Africa and the UK. Showings have included group and solo exhibitions, for example in the National Gallery of Zimbabwe. Commissions have been undertaken for clients in Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone and the UK and artwork has been used for posters, corporate calendars and book covers. She calls Europe and Africa home and the subjects of her artwork come from these two continents. Africa inspires vibrant colours while Europe gives exciting light patterns in her paintings. She is particularly interested in pattern and form in nature and expressed these in figurative, naive and abstract approaches. She is also a nonfiction author whose work looks at themes of belonging, cultural inheritance and hybridity, and the value of heritage. She is represented by Kate Nash Literary Agency in Scotland.



John Momoh (OON)

Chairman, Channels Media Group and Chief Executive Officer, Channels Television

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John Momoh is a renowned broadcast journalist with vast experience spanning more than four decades. Prior to establishing Channels TV, John Momoh worked as News Anchor, Senior Reporter and Producer for Nigeria's National Radio and Television Stations. Channels TV in its 29 years of existence has risen to become the leading, multiple awards winning 24-hour news and media organization in Nigeria, reaching millions of audiences in Africa and across the globe. John is an alumnus of the prestigious Harvard Business School and the Lagos Business School. A graduate of the University of Lagos with a Masters degree in International Law and Diplomacy, and a B.Sc in Mass Communication, John Momoh also received Diplomas from the Thomson Foundation Cardiff, Wales. John is a fellow of several institutions and recipient of many prestigious honours including the National Honour of "Officer of the Order of the Niger" (OON). John Momoh is a member of the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences based in New York. He serves as a JUROR for the annual International 'Emmy Awards' and the 'AIB' Awards UK, organised by The Association for International Broadcasting.



Nomaza Nongqunga Coupez

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Nomaza is an advocate for the representation of culture through Arts and the creative industry. She highlights the significance of culture as a vehicle to educate, empower, and give economic freedom to young persons despite colour or background. As a South African based in France, Nomaza promotes African artists to promote cross-cultural understanding and improve the economic position of African artists and help young artists gain visibility on the European market. She is the founder of the company Undiscover Canvass which promotes African artists in France. In 2017, Nomaza was appointed by French President Emmanuel Macron to serve on the Conseil Presidential pour Afrique (CPA). Nomaza launched the 1st art residency by a South African woman on the French Riviera, the residency program inspires young African artists through learning about French culture and living in France and enables productive collaborations between French artists and young African artists.



H.E. Prof. Sarah Anyang Agbor

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Commissioner H.E Professor Sarah Mbi Enow Anyang Agbor is the African Union Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, ESTI. Her mandate is to ensure the coordination of AU policies and programmes on education and science and technology, as well as encourage and provide technical support to Member States and RECs in the implementation of continental strategies. H.E. Prof. Anyang Agbor plays key roles in promoting research and development and inter-African cooperation on education and training; encouraging youth empowerment and participation in the integration of the continent.

H.E is a Cameroonian and Professor of African and Commonwealth Literatures. She has supervised several students at the postgraduate levels at Maitrise, Masters, FEA and PhD levels, sat in numerous juries, authored two textbooks, co-authored two books and over thirty peer reviewed book chapters and scientific publications. She was also a visiting Fulbright Scholar in residence at the University of Scranton, PA in 2004-2005 where she taught Modern African Drama and Prose respectively and created an African library for the school.



Kevin Cahill, CBE

Life President, Comic Relief and Chair, zero30media

Kevin Cahill stood down as the CEO of Comic Relief in 2016 after spending over 25 years working for the charity and having led the organisation since 1997. Among Kevin's many achievements, he is the Founder of Sport Relief which he began in 2002 and he helped to turn Red Nose Day into the biggest event of its kind in the world. He helped to launch Red Nose USA in 2015 and was the inaugural Chair of its Trustee Board. During his time at the helm of Comic Relief it raised and disbursed over £1 billion.

Kevin is passionate about using creativity to harness public engagement and encourage donations. He was one of the Executive Producers of Live 8 and was one of the creators of American Idol Gives Back which raised over \$70 million dollars on its first outing in the USA.

Since leaving Comic Relief Kevin built a portfolio of pro social interests. He is on the board of not for profits, advises individual philanthropists on the best way to use their charitable money and is a creative advisor to the IAPB and World Sight Day. He is also the Founder of The Talent Fund and non-executive Chair of zero30media.

He was awarded a CBE for services to charity, was Chancellor of Nottingham Trent University and was appointed as Life President of Comic Relief IN 2016



Danielle Alakija

Goalkeeper: Global Goals Ambassador, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

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An Olympian, poet, and activist for climate change awareness, Danielle Alakija holds a Master of Laws from BPP University, specialising in International Law, and a BA(Hons) in Politics and International Relations from Nottingham University. She currently serves as a Goalkeeper, Global Goals Ambassador for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Her focus lies primarily in long-form poetry and prose, with publications in LG18, Stars, and performances with UK Young Artists' and the United Nations World Food Programme. Her most recent project is in long form prose dealing with the social and cultural effects of climate change on LMIC's.



Pradip Romay

Film maker and sound editor

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Pradip Romay, AKA Narayan Romay, is a multi-disciplined filmmaker with credits to his name, as a producer, director, composer and sound designer. Born in Mexico, in the city of Guadalajara, his passion for film started at an early age whilst playing a small role in a film as a school boy. Further cementing his passion he enrolled UCLA's television and film program.



Stephan Dyer

Comedian, TEDx Speaker and Speaking Coach

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Originally from Costa Rica, Stephan Dyer is a banker-turned-comedian with 600-plus shows in eight countries, including Peru, Mexico, and Malaysia. In 2017, after becoming one of the youngest senior managers at Scotiabank Toronto, he quit his lucrative bank job to pursue his professional career in stand-up comedy.

Since then, he has been on Comedy Central, Second City, TEDx, and some of the world's largest comedy festivals! He is the co-founder of [@malpensando](#), an award-winning bilingual public speaking and comedy school in Toronto, Canada that has empowered +10,000 professionals to become funny, confident speakers.

In February 2021, Stephan was featured on the cover of Toastmaster Magazine, the largest public speaking magazine in the world, distributed to over 364,000 members across 143 countries. For more info, follow [@stephandyer](#) everywhere!



From Stephan Dyer

Drue Kataoka

Founder of Drue Kataoka Studios, Artist & Technologist

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Drue Kataoka is an artist-technologist-activist & CEO of Drue Kataoka Art Studios LLC ([www.Drue.Net](#)), serving some of the world's top collectors in 5 continents & over 30 countries. She creates commissioned artworks in both material art genres such as steel sculpture and painting as well as virtual reality. Drue is known for her signature interactive and reflective visual mazes and experiences, which distort the perception of space-time. Her artwork *Up!* was featured in the first zero gravity art exhibit at the International Space Station, and she is an Advisory Board Member of Space for Humanity. Named a Young Global Leader & Cultural Leader of the World Economic Forum (WEF), Drue presented a solo exhibition at the WEF in Davos and has presented at the WEF Annual Meeting in Davos on multiple occasions. Drue's piece "400,000 Is Not a Number" helped shine a light on the backlog of 400,000 untested rape kits waiting for justice, and her "Touch Our Future" digital tapestry drew the attention & participation of dozens of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates and heads of state to help reduce infant mortality. Drue's art has been featured on CNN, Reuters, The Wall Street Journal, Le Monde, Deutsche Welle, CNBC, CBS, ABC, FoxNews, NY1, Telemundo, Barrons, Wired, Blackbook, Gentry and others. Graduate of Stanford University. Recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Research & Education Institute Award for her extensive community service.

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Meena Ally

Radio presenter, Social Media influencer

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Meena Ally is a Tanzanian media personality, radio and television producer, content creator, entertainer, social influencer, actress, youth activist and compere. She is an advocate for youth and women rights in Tanzania. Since 2015 she has worked with BBC Media Action in hosting a youth programme called “Niambie” meaning Talk To Me and later on joined Clouds FM where together with Millard Ayo hosts a sensational infotainment programme called” Amplifier”. Both Niambie and Amplifier have millions of listeners mainly youth across East Africa and beyond.

Meena Ally invented her own genre in Tanzanian promo- media history of making well illustrated promos of short powerful adverts for Tigo Fiesta 2018/2019 (East Africa’s biggest music festival) which have won her thousands of followers for her comic style and dramatic innovation. In her early time in the media career, Meena hosted several TV programmes at East Africa Television station, Dar Es Salaam from 2011 to 2014. Her most remembered programme in East African TV was “Uswazi” which has been a popular programme among youth and poor communities in Tanzania.

Meena participated at the Ignite forum organised by BBC Media Action held in London, a forum for journalists to talk about their experiences and challenges facing youth community in the world. As MC/ compere, Meena has facilitated various conferences including Broadcasters and Distributors Forum (BDF 2018), aimed at creating the platform for content creators to meet with gatekeepers of the industry; the Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism Dr. Harison Mwakyembe was the guest of honour at the forum. Meena participated in the Tanzanian entrepreneurship project of empowering women as “Malkia wa Nguvu” meaning the powerful struggling Queen. In 2019, she won the Woman of example Award 2019 from a Zanzibar based NGO Mwanamke Chakarika.

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