# Interconnections for Making Africa Great Empowered and Sustainable (IMAGES) Initiative



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The Interconnections for Making Africa Great, Empowered and Sustainable (IMAGES) Initiative is a not-for-profit and non-political organisation focused on advocacy, research and public education on varied issues relating to empowerment and sustainable development in Africa.

We strive to advance the course of the Sustainable Development Goals and Africa Agenda 2063 through Research, Advocacy, Field Trips, Conferences, Seminars, Policy Roundtables, Workshops, Symposia, Summits, Exhibitions, and Communications through Policy Digests, Communiqués, and Newsletters and Social Media Platforms.

#### **Our Vision**

To provide policymakers, civil society, development agencies and researchers with a comprehensive set of innovative approaches and tested good practices for achieving the sustainability.

#### **Our Mission**

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#### Chairman





#### Ambassador Ademola Oluseyi Onafowokan

Ambassador Ademola Oluseyi Onafowokan is a graduate of Political Science and he holds a Masters' degree in International Relations. He has a robust experience in conference diplomacy and Bilateral matters. Onafowokan has over 30 years of active dedicated service to international diplomacy and bilateral matters. He has represented Nigeria at different international conferences and has been part of the Nigerian delegates who represented the country at various multilateral

organisations such as the International Coffee Organisation, International Cocoa Organisation, (ICCO), International Tin Council/Tin Research Institute and the International Rubber Study.

Ambassador Onafowokan has served as envoy for Nigeria to several countries of the world including Russia, Cuba, Trinidad and Tobago, and United Kingdom. Going by his versatile International Diplomacy accomplishments/achievements, he was appointed as the Nigerian Ambassador to Ghana from 2012 to 2015 where he fostered economic and social growth between the two countries.

Now retired, Ambassador Onafowokan is enthused with diverse international political activities and he enjoys intellectual discussions and seeks to find means of providing sustainable solutions to challenges within the continent.

Ambassador Onafowokan is an excellent team player with extreme patience for human understanding and interpersonal relationships. He has learnt to speak Spanish fluently and enjoys playing golf and scrabble for leisure.

#### President





#### Dr Olawale Emmanuel Olayide

Olawale Emmanuel Olayide earned a Ph.D in Agricultural Economics from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He won the prestigious Postdoctoral Research Fellowship on Climate Impact Research Capacity and Leadership Enhancement (CIRCLE) in 2015. He is a member of the African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modelling Consortium facilitated by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Olawale's areas of research and consultancy include agriculture, climate change, circular economy and sustainable

agriculture, climate change, circular economy and sustainable development. He is a diligent University teacher, inspiring mentor, life coach and enterprising scholar.

Olawale has authored over 45 publications in form of edited books, chapters in books, peerreviewed journal articles published by Elsevier, Springer and Wiley (https://goo.gl/llYLkt, https://goo.gl/l7E7dl, http://orcid.org/0000-0003-3151-0807). He is a Member of the Executive Board of the International Sustainable Development Research Society (http://isdrs.org/aboutisdrs/board/). He is also the Section Editor of the Handbook of Climate Change Resilience published by Springer, and Editorial Board Member of Business Strategy and Development journal published by Wiley.

Olawale is a Member of the Continental Expert Group on the Biennial Reporting Process of the Malabo Declaration of the African Union Commission on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for shared prosperity and improved livelihoods in Africa.

Olawale is a distinguished keynote speaker and facilitator at conferences, summits, workshops, symposia, and parliaments. He enjoys travelling for research and networking for sustainability in Africa.

## Vice President (North Africa)





#### **Prof Hussein M. Sulieman**

Hussein M. Sulieman was trained in Forestry, Range and Cartography at Universities of Kordofan (Sudan) and Dresden (Germany). He is currently affiliated to the University of Gadarif in Sudan as a professor and is Director of the Centre for Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems, as well as a Visiting Fellow at Tufts University, USA. His main research interests are in the domains of geo-spatial analysis and monitoring of land and environmental changes.

Hussein uses integrated approaches to study land-use change by linking remote sensing, Geographic Information System and socio-economic data. He collaborates with Regional Centre for Mapping Resource for Development (RCMRD) (Kenya), Dresden University of Technology (Germany), Tufts University (USA), University of Bergen (Norway), United Nations Environment Progarmme (UNEP), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) among others. He is also a consultant in the areas of environmental monitoring, natural resources development and mapping, and pastoral and agropastoral system.

## **Vice President (Central Africa)**





#### **Dr Dontsop Nguezet**

Paul Martin Dontsop Nguezet has a Ph.D in Agricultural Economics from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He possesses strong quantitative and analytical research skills including experience in designing and implementing impact assessment and value chain studies. He is presently the Impact Economist of the Support to Agricultural Research for Development of Strategic Crops (SARD SC) project at International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) based at Bukavu, DR Congo. He

was once a Post-Doctoral Fellow-Agricultural Economist at International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) based at Bukavu, DR Congo and a Consultant at African Rice Centre (AficaRice). Cotonou, Republic of Benin.

Dontsop is a professional member of various organisations which include: Agricultural Economics Society (AES), African Association of Agricultural Economics (AAAE), International Association of Agricultural Economics (IAAE), African Econometrics Society (AES), Nigerian Association of Agricultural Economics (NAAE), and International Society of Root and Tuber Crops (ISRTC). He is credited with over 50 publications. He has extensive expertise in Multi-country Impact Assessment and Households Surveys.

## Vice President (West Africa)





#### Dr Mahyao Adolphe

Mahyao Adolphe has a Ph.D in Economics Sciences. He is a socioeconomic researcher at the National Center for Agronomic Research (CNRA), Cote d'Ivoire. He has vast experience in the areas of socioeconomic studies, food crops, fisheries, climate change and agricultural resilience. He is a member of the African Growth and Development Modeling Consortium (AGRODEP) Policy facilitated by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

Mahyao has over 20 publications to his credit and part of over 30 international conferences and training workshops in Africa and North America.

Mahyao won the award for Best Paper presented on "Socio-economic Importance of Urban Markets Supply Chains of Indigenous Leafy Vegetables in Côte d'Ivoire" at the International Symposium on Underutilized Plant Species for Food, Nutrition, Income and Sustainable Development which held in Arusha, Tanzania in 2008.

#### Vice President (East Africa)





#### Dr Desalegn Yayeh Ayal

Desalegn Yayeh Ayal is Assistant Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies at the Center for Food Security Studies, College of Development Studies, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. Desalegn holds a Ph.D in Geography. Desalegn serves as the Deputy Editor of International Journal of Climate Change Strategies and Management. He has published more than 30 publications including books, book chapters, and refereed journal articles.

Desalegn has also presented papers on climate adaptation and related issues at many international and national conferences. His principal areas of research interests include climate change adaptation, climate resilience, climate change mitigation, indigenous weather forecasting, integrated natural resources rehabilitation and management, livelihoods, and food security nexus, among others.

Desalegn understands the link between natural and human-induced hazards with sustainable development and works hard to familiarize with current tools of climate change impact assessment on livelihood and the wider environment. He has been actively involved in climate resilience and integrated natural resources rehabilitation and management research, and development interventions to improve food security in Africa.

## **Vice President (Southern Africa)**





#### Dr Aderomola Adeola

Aderomola Adeola is a lawyer called to the Nigerian Bar, and an extraordinary lecturer at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. She holds a doctorate in Law from the University of Pretoria and teaches in the area of international law with specific focus on Human Rights. She is also the Coordinator of the Migration Clinic at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. She engages in advocacy and research. She is the Lead Editor of the book on Arts and Human Rights in Africa published by Springer.

Aderomola made history as the youngest person to graduate with a Doctor of Law degree (LLD) from the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa in 2016. She is also the recipient of the Keba M'Baye award for the overall Best Dissertation and also the Victor Dankwa prize for the Best Performance in the module: Human Rights in Africa.

Aderomola consults for the African Union and governments on the African continent.

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## Legal Adviser





#### Barrister Oluwatoyin Aladegbami-Gontor

Oluwatoyin Bukola Aladegbami-Gontor has Master's Degree in Development Practice from the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria and Master's Degree in Law from the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Osun State, Nigeria. She also has a Master's in Christian Leadership. She is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitration United Kingdom, and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Mediation and Concilliation.

Oluwatoyin was the Senior Special Assistant to the Ondo State Governor on Federal Matters between 2009 and 2014. Oluwatoyin has vast experiences in Project Management, Corporate and Business Law, Justice and Law Reform, and Dispute and Conflict Resolutions. She also trains and facilitates workshops.

Oluwatoyin is currently the Principal Partner at Legal Resources Law Office, a law firm located at the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Nigeria.

#### Secretary





#### Mrs Pamela Bose Olayide

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Pamela Bose Olayide is a member of the first cohort (2012) of graduates of Master's in Development Practice (MDP), University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. She is an Associate Member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologist (AAPG) since 2005.

Pamela had worked with some Non-Governmental Organisations within Ibadan metropolis on gender issues, and for vocational training.

Pamela has a publication on Gender Dimensions of Rural Livelihoods in Artisanal and Small Scale Mining in Itesiwaju Local Government Area of Oyo State, Nigeria. She is the co-founder of Research Analysis Services - a data analysis and training consultancy outfit.

Pamela has demonstrated competencies in data management, report writing, workshop facilitation, and advocacy. She is multi-lingua. She has proficiency in spoken and written English, French, Fanti (Ghana) and Yoruba (Nigeria).

She enjoys singing gospel songs, making handcrafts, and counseling.

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