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Shiphra Chisha

Shiphra Chisha is the President and Co-Founder of African Women in Business (“AWIB”), a Pan-African organization representing the interests of all women entrepreneurs across industries. She is also a Development Expert and Director of MKT Investments, a 15-year consultancy firm established to ensure sustainable socio-economic development (SED) through collaboration with mining companies, government, MSMEs (SMME), and other stakeholders. Shiphra is a member of the SADC Non-Tariff Barriers to Trade Steering Committee and Member of the Trade Forward Southern Africa (TFSA), an Advisory Board Member of the University of South African Graduate School of Business Leadership, and Advisory Board Member of African Women in Power and Energy and Pan-African Tech Foundation.



Gavin Krugel

Gavin Krugel is the CEO of Digital Frontiers, a specialized capacity building company focused on building SDG-aligned professions to help bridge human capital gaps slowing SDG implementation. Gavin has been involved in the payments and financial services industry for over 20 years. He has used this experience to venture into the development sector and focus on the use of technology to disrupt the status quo in financial services, healthcare and education. His latest projects include empowering excluded young entrepreneurs and equipping gender equality champions with the skills they need to kindle change. Gavin has managed large global development programs as a former manager of the Mobile Money for the Unbanked and Mobile Health programs at the GSMA. He holds an MBA from the Grenoble Graduate School of Business in France.



Dr. Lucy Mandengenda

Dr. Lucy Mandengenda holds a PhD, MBA, and BSc Honours Degree and has more than 30 years of banking, microfinance, entrepreneurship, value chains, and programme management experience at strategic, institutional and stakeholder levels throughout Sub-Saharan Africa and exposure in Asian, Latin American, and European countries. Her experience spans banking, microfinance, SME development, entrepreneurship, agriculture, youth, and gender-related work in the public, private sectors, with donors, UN agencies, and INGOs. Dr. Mandengenda is an international consultant for the African Development Bank managing the country portfolios in Zambia, Malawi, and Zimbabwe for government and private sector lending.



Sophie Mills

Sophie Mills leads the FSD Network’s Collaborative Gender Programme, which works with FSDs to mainstream gender into their operations and support their capacity to deliver systemic gender impacts. She has over 15 years of experience in inclusive finance and gender in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. Prior to joining FSD Africa, Sophie worked on housing microfinance, gender, and inclusive finance with a number of non-profit organizations. She holds a PhD from the London School of Economics and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wales.

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Agnes Uwanyiligira is the Chief Programs Officer (CPO) at Access to Finance Rwanda (AFR). She is responsible for shaping AFR's programs and overseeing the implementation of its projects to facilitate the development of an inclusive financial sector. She also provides expert advice on risk management and risk transfer initiatives to support inclusive growth and improve resilience. Prior to this role, Agnes served as Head of Inclusive Insurance Pillar, leading the implementation of AFR insurance and pension inclusion programs including the Long-Term Savings Scheme (Ejo Heza – LTSS) and the National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS). Before joining AFR, she worked as an inclusive insurance consultant and previously as an actuarial professional for 10 years at AEGON UK and actuarial consulting firms; Hymans Robertson and Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group.



Aude de Montesquiou

Aude de Montesquiou is the FinEquity Community of Practice Facilitator at CGAP. She has close to 20 years of experience in poverty reduction and has published widely on social protection, livelihoods, and financial inclusion. Previously, Aude was the Senior Advisor at the BRAC Institute of Governance and Development and Social Protection specialist in the World Bank's Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice where she co-created the Partnership for Economic Inclusion.



Tariro Nyimo

Tariro Nyimo is the FinEquity Africa Regional Facilitator. She is a thought leader in the area of women's financial inclusion, digital gender divide and women's economic empowerment. Her experience combines fintech, financial regulation and policy (Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe) and banking projects within Sub-Saharan Africa. She led the concept design of the Gender Equality Changemaker (GEC) Programme and is the secretariat for the GEC Advisory Board. Tariro is a Certified Gender Equality Changemaker, Certified Digital Finance Practitioner and holds an MBA from Nottingham Trent University, Bsc Mathematics and Statistics from University of Zimbabwe and she is currently completing an Mphil in Inclusive Innovation from University of Cape Town.