

20<sup>th</sup> International Economic Forum on Africa  
*“Investing for a sustainable recovery in Africa”*

## Speakers' Biography

### Opening Session

#### MACKY SALL

President of the Republic of Senegal



Mr Macky Sall, elected fourth President of the Republic of Senegal in 2012, then re-elected in 2019 for a second five-year term (2019-2024), is also the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (New Partnership for Africa's Development). It was in 2016, that President Macky Sall's comprehensive approach aimed at strengthening good governance and rule of law in Senegal took on concrete form. Almost 63% of votes cast were in his favor, the result of national conferences and consultations carried out by the National Commission for Institutional Reform (CNRI) since 2012. Mr Sall was also Mayor in Fatick from 2009 to 2012 and President of the Senegalese National Assembly from 2007 to 2008. Previously, he served as Minister on several occasions, including Prime Minister from 2004 to 2007, Minister of State and Minister of Mines, Energy and Hydraulics and Minister of State, Minister of the Interior and Local Collectivities. Between 2000 and 2001, Mr Sall worked as the Chief Executive Officer of the Senegalese National Oil Company (PETROSEN) after several years as Head of the Database Division and Special Advisor to the President in charge of Energy and Mines.

#### ANDRY RAJOELINA

President of the Republic of Madagascar



Mr Andry Rajoelina is a Malagasy politician who has served as President of the Republic of Madagascar since January 2019. This former Mayor of Antananarivo (2007-2009) became President of the High Authority of the Transition in 2009 and then President of the Transition until 2013. In agreement with the international community, Mr Rajoelina did not stand for elections in December 2013. Five years later, Mr Rajoelina returned to the political scene by announcing his candidacy for the 2018 elections, which he won in the second round.

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## VICTOIRE TOMEGAHD-DOGBE

Prime Minister of Togo



Mrs Victoire Tomégah-Dogbé marks her name in the history of politics in Togo as the first woman to hold the post of Prime Minister. Mrs Tomégah-Dogbé was appointed to this post in September 2020, after serving as Director of Cabinet of the Presidency of the Republic. Her appointment to the Prime Minister's Office only confirms her career at the Presidency of the Republic, which she joined in 2008. In 2010, following the re-election of President Faure Gnassingbe, she was appointed Minister of Grassroots Development, Crafts, Youth, and Youth Employment and has remained in the government in the same position ever since. Before joining the government, Mrs Tomégah-Dogbé made her career at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). From 2007 to 2008, she was the Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP in Benin, she also worked as Deputy Resident Representative in charge of UNDP operations in Burkina Faso (2004-2007), Assistant Resident Representative in charge of UNDP operations in Congo-Brazzaville (2002-2004) and Assistant Resident Representative in charge of UNDP operations in Togo de (1999-2002). Mrs Tomégah-Dogbé began her career at the Togolese Plastics Industry (ITP) where she became Director General from 1994 to 1998.

## TOSHIMITSU MOTEGI

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan



Mr Toshimitsu Motegi has served as Minister for Foreign Affairs since September 2019. Previously, he was appointed as Minister of State for Economic and Fiscal Policy (2017-2019) and Minister in charge of Social Security Reform (2018-2019). His career also includes the posts of Minister for Human Resources Development and Minister in charge of Economic Revitalization between 2017 and 2018; Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (2012-2014); and Minister of State for Financial Services and Administrative Reform (2008-2010). With a Master's degree at Harvard University and graduated from Faculty of Economics, University of Tokyo, Mr Motegi is a Japanese politician of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and a member of the House of Representatives in the Diet (national legislature). While member of the LDP, he was posted as a Chairman many times. He was elected to the House of Representatives for the first time in the 1993.

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## ÁNGEL GURRÍA

Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development



Mr Angel Gurría came to the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) following a distinguished career in public service, as Mexico's Minister of Foreign Affairs (Dec. 1994 – Jan. 1998) and Mexico's Minister of Finance and Public Credit (Jan. 1998 – Dec. 2000). As Secretary-General of the OECD since 2006, Mr Gurría has firmly established the Organisation as a pillar of the global economic governance architecture, including through active participation in the G7, G20 and APEC, among others, and as a reference point in the design and implementation of better policies for better lives. He has broadened the OECD's membership with the accession of Chile, Estonia, Israel, Latvia, Slovenia, Lithuania and Colombia, and has made the Organisation more inclusive by strengthening its links with key emerging economies. Under his watch, the OECD is leading the effort to reform the international tax system, to enhance anti-corruption and transparency efforts, to improve the different stages of education, and to develop digital strategy, among other fields. He has also heralded a new growth narrative that promotes inclusive growth, people's well-being, gender equality and youth inclusion, and has scaled up the OECD's contribution to the global agenda, including the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals. Mr Gurría holds a M.A. degree in Economics from Leeds University (United Kingdom) and a B.A. degree in Economics from UNAM (Mexico).

## MOUSSA FAKI MAHAMAT

Chairperson, African Union Commission



Mr Moussa Faki Mahamat has been the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) since 2017. He is also the Chief Executive Officer, legal Representative of the AU and the AU Chairperson's Chief Accounting Officer. Mr Mahamat chaired the Security Council for December 2015 and the general debate on " threats international peace and security; cross-border terrorism and crime ". In addition, he also chaired the Peace and Security Council of the AU in September 2013 and steered the Nairobi Extraordinary Summit on the fight against Terrorism. African's peace and security issues has been at the heart of Mr Mahamat's activities and many other missions geared towards the wellbeing of Africa. With thirty years of experience, the former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Head of Chadian diplomacy (2008-2017) and former Prime Minister of Chad from 2003 to 2005, was also President of a major institution of the Republic, notably the Economic, Social and Cultural Council, after serving as Director of the Civil Cabinet of the President of the Republic.

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## Session 1: Accelerating productive transformation and regional integration to achieve Agenda 2063

### MARIO PEZZINI

Director of the OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary General on Development



Mr Mario Pezzini is Director of the OECD Development Centre. Moreover, after having served for a year as Acting Director of the OECD Development Co-operation Directorate, he is Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary-General on Development. The OECD Development Centre is an institution where governments, enterprises and civil society organisations informally discuss questions of common interest. Its Governing Board includes most of the OECD countries but also developing and emerging economies as full members. The Centre helps policy makers in OECD and partner countries find innovative solutions to the global challenges of development. Before joining the Development Centre in 2010, Mr Pezzini held several senior management positions in the OECD, where he has been working since 1995. Prior to joining the OECD, Mr Pezzini was Professor in Industrial Economics at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris as well as in US and Italian Universities. In addition, Mr Pezzini served as an Advisor in the field of economic development, industrial organisation and regional economics in international organisations and think tanks (e.g. ILO, UNIDO, European Commission and Nomisma in Italy). Mr Pezzini started his career in the Government office of the Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy.

### WAMKELE MENE

Secretary-General, AfCFTA Secretariat



Mr Wamkele Mene is the first Secretary-General of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Prior to being elected, he served as Chief Director: Africa Economic Relations, at the Department of Trade & Industry of South Africa. From 2010 until 2015, Mr Mene represented South Africa at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland. During his posting to the WTO, Mr Mene was elected to the position of Chairman of the Committee on International Trade in Financial Services, a committee comprising trade negotiators, financial regulators and financial policy makers from over 160 countries. Mr Mene holds a Master of Arts in International Studies & Diplomacy (with specialization in International Economics) from the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), University of London. He also holds a LL.M. (Master of Laws) in Banking Law & Financial Regulation from the Law Department of the London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE), as well as a Bachelor of Arts (Law) degree from Rhodes University in South Africa.

### ARKEBE OQUBAY

Senior Minister and Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia

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Arkebe Oqubay, PhD, is a Senior Minister and Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia and has been at the centre of policymaking for over twenty-five years. He is the former Mayor of Addis Ababa and winner of the Best African Mayor of 2006 award presented by ABN and was a finalist World Mayor Award 2006, for transforming the city. He currently serves as board chair of several leading public organisations and international advisory boards, and he is a recipient of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, presented by the Emperor of Japan. Dr Arkebe is a UNU-WIDER Honorary Research Fellow; ODI Distinguished Research Fellow at London-based think tank Overseas Development Institute; and a research associate at the Centre of African Studies in the University of London; and holds a PhD in development studies from SOAS, University of London. His recent published works include: *African Economic Development: Evidence, Theory, and Policy* (Oxford University Press, 2020); *The Oxford Handbook of Industrial Hubs and Economic Development* (Oxford University, 2020); *The Oxford Handbook of Industrial Policy* (Oxford University Press, 2020); and *The Oxford Handbook of the Ethiopian Economy* (Oxford University Press, 2019).

### IBRAHIM MAYAKI

Chief Executive Officer, African Union Development Agency (AUDA/NEPAD) and Honorary President of the Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC)



Mr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki is the CEO of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) since January 2009 and led the transformation of this institution into the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) in July 2019. In 2004, he served as Executive Director of the Platform in support of Rural Development in West and Central Africa, the Rural Hub, based in Dakar, Senegal. Mr Mayaki was also guest Professor at the University of Paris 11 from 2000 to 2004, then Professor of public administration in Niger and Venezuela. Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Prime Minister of Niger between 1997 and 2000, Mr Mayaki holds a PhD in Administrative Sciences from the University of Paris 1, France and a Master's degree from the National School of Public Administration (ENAP), Quebec.

### SORAYA HAKUZIYAREMYE

Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda



Soraya Hakuziyaremye is the Minister of Trade and Industry. Before her appointment, Minister Hakuziyaremye was Senior Vice President in Financial Institutions/Financial Markets Risk at ING Bank in London. She also worked in various senior positions at BNP Paribas Group in Paris, Fortis Bank and the Bank of New York Mellon in Brussels. Minister Hakuziyaremye also served as Senior Advisor to Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2012 to 2014. She was a board member of Ngali Holdings as well as the Brussels-Africa Hub. Mrs Hakuziyaremye holds a

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postgraduate degree in International Management from the Thunderbird Graduate School of Global Management at Arizona State University and a Master in Business Engineering (Ingénieur de Gestion) from the Solvay Business School at the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

## YOSHIFUMI OKAMURA

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Japan to the OECD



Ambassador Yoshifumi Okamura has been Permanent Representative of Japan to the OECD since January 2020. Previously, Mr Okamura was Ambassador for TICAD, UN Reform, Human Rights and Representative of the Government of Japan for International Peace and Stability, since 2017, and also served as Special Envoy for Expo 2025 Osaka-Kansai. From 2014 to 2017, he served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations. In 2012, he became Director-General for African Affairs and Special Representative for the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD). He was appointed Consul General of Japan in Chicago in 2011 and Ambassador of Japan to Côte d'Ivoire in 2008. Between 2006 and 2008, Mr Okamura served at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna as Minister in charge of the International Atomic Energy Agency. From 2003 to 2006, Mr. Okamura was Minister at the Embassy of Japan in France. Mr Okamura holds a degree in Public Law from the University of Tokyo.

## CRISTINA GALLACH FIGUERAS

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and for Ibero-America and the Caribbean, Spain



Cristina Gallach Figueras was appointed as State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and for Ibero-America and the Caribbean on 4 February 2020. In her professional career, she was the High Commissioner of the Government of Spain for the 2030 Agenda (2018-2020); she was Head of the Equal Opportunities Office of the Council of the European Union in Brussels (2017-2018); Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General (in 2017); Head of Public Relations and Spokesperson for the Council of the European Union (2010-2014); Spokesperson for the Government of Spain during the Rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union (January 2010-June 2010); Head of Division, Spokesperson and Director of Communications to the High Representative of the European Union, Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP). She was also Head of public diplomacy for foreign policy (October 1999-November 1999) and Communications Advisor and Spokesperson for the NATO Secretary-General, Javier Solana (1996-1999). She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Information Sciences from the Autònoma University of Barcelona and she also attained a Master's degree in International Relations from Columbia University in New York.

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## KOEN DOENS

Director-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission



The European Commission appointed Mr Koen Doens to the position of Director-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) in 2019. Mr Doens brings 15 years of experience in the European Commission and over ten years of diplomatic experience working for the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Having joined the European Commission in 2004, Mr Doens worked in the private offices of three Commissioners and headed the Commission's Spokesperson's Service under former President Barroso (2009-2014). He joined DG DEVCO – going back to a policy area to which he had dedicated most of his career – in 2014 to the position of Director for European Union-African Union Relations, East and Southern Africa and Indian Ocean. Before joining the European institutions, Mr Doens held several positions in the Belgian MofA between 1993 and 2004. He was, among others, Counselor in charge of Transatlantic Relations, Russia and Eastern Europe, OSCE, United Nations, WTO, Terrorism. Mr Doens also served as a diplomat in Syria; Chargé d'Affaires at the Belgian Embassy in Teheran, Iran; and Head of the economic section of the Belgian Embassy in Moscow.

## Session 2: Rethinking financing for sustainable and inclusive growth in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic

## CHEIKH KANTÉ

Minister of State, Special Envoy of the Republic of Senegal



Mr Cheikh Kanté was appointed Minister of State, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Senegal in 2020, after a career as a consultant, entrepreneur and teacher. In 2017, Cheikh Kanté leaves his post as CEO of the Dakar Port Authority to become Minister in charge of the Emerging Senegal Plan (Pse). He holds a doctorate in Management Science from the University of Orléans and Executive Doctorate from the University of Paris-Dauphine. He has also been President of the African University Excellence (EUA).

## ABEBE AEMRO SELASSIE

Director of the African Department, International Monetary Fund



Mr Abebe Aemro Selassie is the Director of the African Department at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), a position he has held since 2016. In this capacity, Mr Selassie oversees the IMF's operations and engagement with 45 countries across sub-Saharan Africa, spanning the three main pillars of IMF work - policy advice, lending operations, and technical assistance. Before taking up his current position, Mr Selassie gained extensive experience in

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a wide-ranging 22-year career at the IMF. He held various senior positions, including Deputy Director in the African Department, Mission Chief for Portugal and South Africa, Division Chief of the African Department's Regional Studies Division, and the IMF's Senior Resident Representative in Uganda. Earlier in his career, he worked on the Fund's lending programs with Turkey, Thailand, Romania and Estonia. Before joining the IMF in 1994, he worked for the Government of Ethiopia and the Economist Intelligence Unit in London. Mr Selassie completed his graduate studies at the London School of Economics.

## BONGIWE KUNENE

Managing Director, Banking Association South Africa



Mrs Bongiwe Kunene is Managing Director at Banking Association South Africa from April 2020. She has extensive experience in both the public and private sectors. Previously, Mrs Kunene held a position as Standard Bank Personal and Business Banking (PBB) Group Head for the Public Sector. She has also served as Head of Department: Gauteng Department of Finance and Economic Affairs; in the South African Presidency; and as World Bank Executive Director representing South Africa, Nigeria and Angola. Between 1994 and 1998, she was part of the National Treasury team that created pioneering fiscal and economic frameworks for the country. Mrs Kunene holds a Master of Science in Development Economics from the University of London.

## JEAN HERVE LORENZI

President, Cercle des économistes



Jean-Hervé Lorenzi is the President of the Cercle des économistes, Vice Chairman of UBS Holding France and holds the Research Chair "*Demographic Transition, Economic Transition*" of Risk Foundation. He is also member of the Editorial Board of the journal "*Risque*" and member of the Executive Board of Edmond de Rothschild France. Previously, Mr Lorenzi had been Professor of Economics at the University Paris Dauphine (1992-2012); French Ministry of the Industry (1984-1985); Economic Adviser to the French Prime Minister (1991 - 1992); Chief Executive of the French Atomic Energy Center (1992-1994) and Managing Director of Gras Savoye, between 1994 and 2000. He has a doctorate in Economics and he is Professor in Law and Economics.

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## RÉMY RIOUX

Director-General, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)



Senior Advisor at the Court of Auditors, Rémy Rioux is the Chief executive officer of the *Agence Française de Développement* (AFD). In September 2015, French President asked Rioux to prepare for closer ties between AFD and the *Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations* (CDC) before he appointed Rioux to run the development agency in 2016. He also served on its board from 2010 to 2012, after having sat on the board of PROPARCO, its private-sector financing arm, from 2004 to 2007. In 2014, Rioux was appointed as Deputy Secretary General of the French Foreign Affairs Ministry, where he served as the pillar of the minister's economic-diplomacy policy. He served as Chief of Staff to former Minister at the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Foreign Trade from 2012 to 2014 and Chief investment officer for the *Agence des Participations de l'État* (APE), the government's investment agency, from 2007 to 2010. At French Interior Ministry, he worked with former Interior Minister, managing the Ministry and the euro changeover until 2002. Rémy Rioux began his professional career at the *Cour des Comptes* in 1997 and then at the French Treasury, monitoring the CFA franc zone. Expert in international financial institutions and development banks in particular, Mr Rémy Rioux has alternately held, during his career, responsibilities in France and to support development in Africa.

## THAPELO MATSHEKA

Minister of Finance and Economic Development of Botswana



Mr Thapelo Matsheka is an economist with more than 20 years of experience. He has been Minister of Finance and Economic Development since November 2019. Previously, he was Promoter and Adviser at African Power and Managing Director of Fiducia Services (2017-2019), a licensed Pension Fund Administration Business licensed by the Non Bank Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority of Botswana. Between 2010 and 2016, he served as Managing director at Aon and prior to this as Chief of Executive Officer at CEDA - Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (2003-2010). Former Senior Lecturer (economics) at University of Botswana from 1989 to 2003, Mr Matsheka holds the following qualifications: a PhD in Economics from University of Kent, a Master (MPhil) in Monetary Economics from University of Glasgow and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Demography from the University of Botswana.

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## TIDJANE THIAM

African Union Special Envoy



Special Envoy of the African Union to solicit international support to help the continent deal with the economic impact of the Covid-19 since 2020 and former Chief Executive Officer of Credit Suisse Group AG from 2015 to 2020, Mr Tidjane Thiam was also Group Chief Executive of Prudential plc from 2009 to 2015, having also served that company as a Director from 2008 to 2015 and as Chief Financial Officer from 2008 to 2009. Previously, Mr Thiam served in a variety of leadership roles at Aviva from 2002 to 2008, holding successively the positions of Group Strategy and Development Director, Managing Director of Aviva International, Group Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Europe, and serving as a Director in 2007. Mr Thiam joined Aviva in 2002 from McKinsey & Company, the consulting firm, where he was a partner. From 1994 to 1999, he was successively CEO of the National Bureau for Technical Studies and Development, and Secretary of Development and Planning at Côte d'Ivoire. Mr Thiam holds an MBA from Insead, with distinction, and he is a graduate from the École Polytechnique in Paris and the École Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris.

## Closing remarks

## MANUEL ESCUDERO

Permanent Representative of Spain to the OECD and Chair of the OECD Development Centre Governing Board



Ambassador Manuel Escudero took up his duties as Permanent Representative of Spain to the OECD on 12 July 2018. From 2005 and 2010, Mr Escudero was Director of Networks of the UN Global Compact Initiative, whose purpose is to bring together responsible companies in public-private partnerships with other civil society institutions. M. Escudero founded in 2007 the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), an international initiative supported by the United Nations, in which more than 700 business and business administration schools participate in 85 countries. Prior to taking up his duties as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Spain to the OECD in 2018, Mr Escudero was Secretary of Economic Policy and Employment at the Executive Commission of the PSOE, and Special Adviser to the Office of the United Nations Global Compact Initiative, in New York. Manuel Escudero also has a long-standing career in the academic sphere. He was Professor of Macroeconomics, Dean of Research and Dean of Cloister at the Instituto de Empresa, IE Business School in Madrid, between 1991 and 2005. In 2010, Mr Escudero returned to Spain as General Director of Deusto Business School (2010-2014). He is an economist and holds a degree in Business Studies (Deusto, Spain), a Master's in Regional Economics (MSc), 1977, and a Doctorate

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(PhD), 1987, both from the London School of Economics. He has written 5 books and has participated in more than 10 collective volumes and published more than 150 opinion articles.

## ALBERT M. MUCHANGA

Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining, African Union Commission



Amb. Albert M. Muchanga is the newly elected African Union Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining. The portfolio also covers tourism, investment, innovation, entrepreneurship, economic integration, economic policies and research, statistics and oil and gas. He is formerly Commissioner for Trade and Industry, in which he provided strategic leadership in facilitating negotiation, conclusion and ratification of the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) until the Start of Trading on 1st January 2021. Previously, Amb. Muchanga was Permanent Secretary in the Cabinet Office in charge of Parliamentary Affairs in Zambia. He also served as Zambian Ambassador to Brazil and to Ethiopia and as Permanent Representative to the African Union. Amb. Muchanga was also Deputy Executive Secretary of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

## CHEIKH KANTE

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