9th Ministerial Round Table

“Making Vision Reality: Imagination, Innovation and Implementation”

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Programme

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Lunch
All MRT participants are invited to the VIP lunch on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th. The VIP lunch will take place in The State restaurant, which is located on the ground floor.

Coffee Breaks
On Tuesday 24th, coffee will be served in the MRT lounge area (Excelsior IA). On Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th, coffee breaks will take place in the Exhibition Area.

Meeting Room
Ministers are invited to make use of the Koh-i-Noor Room (near to the Registration and Information Desk) for private meetings, coffee and retreat.

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CHATHAM HOUSE RULE

The Ministerial Round Table will be held under the Chatham House Rule:

Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

This means that although the meeting will be held ‘on the record’ and outcomes and recommendations will be published in a Communique, no statements or contributions may be attributed to any participant by name.

Additionally, no press will be allowed into the meeting.
THEME

Making Vision Reality: Imagination, Innovation and Implementation

The 9th eLearning Africa Ministerial Round Table will focus on African visions and plans for change and the role of ICT-enhanced learning and training in them. The discussion will give participants both an idea of the scope, scale and variety of change underway in Africa, as well as an understanding of key factors in successful implementation strategies.

As African economies continue to grow and Africans face the challenge of making change sustainable, how can dreams, visions, strategies and plans be successfully implemented?

Successful implementation is the key to making vision reality. The African Union has set out its Agenda 2063 for a “transformed continent” and the UN has outlined its Sustainable Development Goals. Many African countries, businesses and organisations have developed their own individual plans too. Bold, exciting and radical, with education and technology at their heart, these plans set out the path to a future of continuing growth, prosperity and opportunity.

The key to making vision reality, however, is successful implementation. Dreams and visions have little value unless they can be realised. What leads to successful implementation? What stands in the way of it?

What are the best strategies for successful implementation? How should these be developed? Who should create them and who should be consulted? What expertise, assistance and support are available? How can funding and investment be found?

What are the real priorities for education, training and technology strategies? What are the risks and what examples are there of best practice?

What is the role of the state and of intergovernmental bodies? What is the difference between enabling and implementing change? How can the right climate be created to support successful implementation? How can innovation be encouraged? How can effective partnerships be forged? How can societies, communities and businesses be mobilised to embrace change? How can international support be won? How can implementation be managed in an era of continuing, rapid change?
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<td>Over the next forty years, new technologies and improvements in infrastructure will have a major impact on the institutions, systems and culture of learning. How can governments ensure that the education of the future matches the needs of an increasingly globalised, digital economy? What do African governments, businesses and investors need to consider in order to make the right decisions?</td>
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How can governments encourage innovation? Should governments seek to dictate an agenda for change or rather simply try to create a climate which facilitates innovation and encourages investment? What steps can be taken now to build sustainable education systems for the future? What partnerships should governments look to create and why?

Chairperson: Dr Harold Elletson, Editor of The eLearning Africa Report, UK

- Asmaa Hosny, CEO, Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA), Egypt
- Günter Nooke, Personal Representative of the German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, for Africa, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany
- Imraan Patel, Deputy Director-General: Socio-Economic Innovation Partnerships, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa
- Toby Shapshak, Editor, Columnist & Strategist, Stuff Magazine, South Africa
- Hesham Wahby, Co-Founder & CEO, Innoventures, Egypt

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break Excelsior IA

16:00 – 17:00 Session 4 – Ministerial Panel Excelsior IB

Chairperson: Dr Maggy Beukes-Amiss, Director: Open, Distance and eLearning (Codel), University of Namibia, Namibia

Questions and points arising from earlier sessions will be discussed in open session with input from Ministers.

17:30 – 19:00 eLearning Africa Opening Plenary Excelsior II

Keynote speakers will look at the role education and technology are playing in achieving the African Union’s vision of a transformed continent. How can we accelerate the pace of change? What needs to be done? What resources are available? How can vision become reality?

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- Thierry Zomahoun, President and CEO, African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS), Rwanda
- Günter Nooke, Personal Representative of the German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, for Africa, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

20:00 – 21:30 Ministerial Round Table Dinner Romanov Restaurant, 1st floor
On Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th, MRT participants are invited to attend any eLearning Africa sessions they choose. On the following pages, we have made some suggestions of sessions and that might be of particular interest to MRT participants.

Please see the conference catalogue or online programme for specific session details:
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**Wednesday 25th May**

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<td>The Role of AfDB in Promoting Innovation and Youth Entrepreneurship in Africa [ESK05]</td>
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<td>Knowledge exchange session: how is the African Development Bank Group contributing to youth employment through entrepreneurship and skill development?</td>
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<td>These cases of international collaboration between universities are true examples of partnerships in action. What are the potential stumbling blocks, and how can partnerships promote innovation?</td>
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<td>In this session, you will hear from innovative local leaders who are inspiring change in eLearning in this year’s host country.</td>
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<td>The Arab Republic of Egypt and ITIDA warmly invite all eLearning Africa participants to a eLearning Africa Gala Dinner, where they will be treated to a spectacular sound and light show that brings to life the history of ancient Egypt, overlooked by the Great Pyramids and Sphinx.</td>
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Thursday 26th May

09:30 – 11:00  eLearning Africa Plenary Session  Excelsior II
Entrepreneurialism, Capacity Development and the Role of Education in Accelerating Change
Chairperson: Hossam El Gamal, Information and Decision Support Centre (IDSC), Egypt
  • Dr Rania Reda, Founder & CEO of ITQAN for Smart Solutions, Egypt
  • Prof. Moses Oketch, Professor of International Education Policy and Development, UCL Institute of Education, UK
  • Tarek Shawki, Secretary General of Presidential Specialised Councils, Egypt

11:00 – 12:00  Coffee Break  Exhibition Area

11:45 – 13:00  Video for Engagement [VID31]  Orlov
How can video-creation be a tool to empower teachers and students? These cases highlight new opportunities for interaction, creation and learning with digital media.

13:00 – 14:30  VIP Lunch  The State

These facilitators approach the topic of innovation in education from different points of view. They will bring in gamification elements and discuss themes such as online communities, robotics, digital spaces and institutional support.

15:45 – 16:30  Coffee Break  Exhibition Area

16:15 – 17:15  Inclusive Excellence [LEA46]  Excelsior IB
The 21st century classroom will need to serve diverse needs. Develop an understanding of inclusive education practices and pedagogical strategies which facilitate learning.

17:30 – 19:00  The eLearning Africa Plenary Debate  Excelsior II
“This house believes inclusivity is more important for Africa’s future than tradition”
Join us for some thrilling verbal cut-and-thrust by our celebrity speakers. Let us have your views when the debate is thrown open to the floor and make sure to exercise your right to vote too!
Chairperson: Dr Harold Elletson, Editor of The eLearning Africa Report, UK
  • Maggy Beukes-Ammiss, Director: Open, Distance and eLearning (CODeL), University of Namibia
  • Foster Ofosu, Knowledge and Capacity Development Specialist at the African Development Bank Group
  • Dr Amany Asfour, President of the Egyptian Federation of Business & Professional Women and Secretary General of the African Society for Scientific Research and Technology (ASSRT)
  • Dr Mor Seck, Organisation and Public Management Adviser within the Bureau for Organization and Methods of the President Office
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Maggy Beukes-Amniss

Dr Maggy Beukes-Amniss is a Namibian ICT expert with over 17 years' experience in teaching ICT related subjects in the Department of Information and Communication Studies at the University of Namibia. She served as Head of Department from 2005-2007 and again for another three years from 2012-2014. She is currently the Director of the university’s newly established Centre for eLearning and Interactive Multimedia. She has a PhD in Computer-integrated Education (CiE) through the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

She is particularly passionate about eLearning capacity building activities through the use of open source software packages and research focusing on eLearning technologies and activities. She is a member of the eLearning Committee of the University of Namibia and served on the Namibian Open Learning Network Trust (NOLNet) eLearning Committee as Coordinator of eLearning activities for the entire country for over seven years, until 2011. She has been involved in a number of eLearning capacity-building activities in Namibia and various countries in Africa on behalf of NOLNet, GIZ and GESCI.

She served as Chairperson of the eLearning Africa 2013 Local Organising Committee and was also a reviewer of conference papers for eLearning Africa, on behalf of ICWE GmbH, Germany, 2011-2015. She is a certified ICDL trainer (2007) and an Expert of New Learning Technologies (2005) through TeleAkademia of Furtwagen, Germany.

She has served as an ICT Steering Committee member of the ICT Steering Committee of the Ministry of Education in Namibia since 2005 and, in addition, has been the Deputy Chairperson of the ICT Steering Committee since 2012. She was a contributor to the national ICT Policy and implementation plan, Tech NA!. Between 2006 and 2011, she served as Commissioner and then Chairperson of the Board of the Namibian Communications Commission (NCC). She was also appointed as the country’s eminent e-Content expert through the World Summit Award (WSA), from 2006 to 2015. She served as a Technical Quality Assurance Committee (TeQAC) member for GESCI’s African leaders in ICT (ALICT) blended learning programme, as well as the tutor-coordinator for e-tutors on the ALICT programme, 2011-2014. Another career highlight is her recent appointment as Chairperson of the Telecom Namibia Board.

Sean Carroll

Sean Carroll is Senior Director at Creative Associates International, a 40-year old company that manages international development assistance programs on behalf of the U.S. Government and other clients. Carroll heads the Creative Development Lab, leading a team that develops, leverages and implements technology, innovation and partnership solutions. Carroll is a former Senior Executive Service official in the Obama Administration, where he served as Chief of Staff and COO at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

He is a Board/Advisory/Executive Committee member of the Alliance for International Youth Development, Club of Madrid, Development Solutions Organization, Latin American Youth Centre, Mobile Alliance for Global Good and TechChange. He has degrees from Johns Hopkins University SAIS and Georgetown University and has lived in 8 countries, worked in more than 65, and travelled to more than 115. He speaks Spanish, Catalan, French, Arabic, German, Italian, and Portuguese.

Donald Clark

Donald is an entrepreneur. He was CEO and one of the original founders of Epic Group plc., which established itself as the leading company in the UK eLearning market, floated on the stock market in 1996 and was sold in 2005. Describing himself as ‘free from the tyranny of employment’, he now has a foot in two camps, one as an investor and Board member of PlanB learning, WiQi, LearningPool, Cogbooks, the other in the public sector as a Trustee for the University for Industry, City & Guilds and Deputy Chair of Brighton Arts Festival & Dome. He has been involved in consulting and implementing online learning in schools, FE, HE, corporate and government.

Donald has been involved in film, games, web, mobile, MOOCs, Oculus Rift and won many awards for the design and implementation of online learning. He is a regular speaker at national and international conferences, having delivered talks in the US, Europe, Far East, Middle East and Africa. He has won several ‘Best speaker’ awards and is also a regular (and controversial) blogger on online learning.
Jessica Colaço

Jessica Francisca Colaço is the co-founder at Brave Venture Labs, East Africa's first Venture Builder, based in Nairobi and San Francisco. She co-founded iHub with Erik Hersman in 2010 and has served in various leadership positions, as the Founding Manager between 2010 and 2011, Director of Partnerships and Community and Research Director between 2011 and 2013 at iHub Research.

She is passionate about Innovation, Research, Mobile and Robotics Technology, Mentorship and Entrepreneurship in Kenya and she uses her position in Kenya to court local, regional and international stakeholders to adopt Kenyan and African-made solutions. As an angel investor, she courts local and international investors to invest in innovative tech ideas and companies at the idea and concept stages.

She is also Co-Founder of WMIAfrica and AkiraChix and is a member of the Kenya Chapter of ISOC. She was a TED Global Fellow in 2009 and was named Chair of ACM-W Nairobi Chapter in 2014. In her spare time she is the Bass Guitarist in her band Bass ii IV. She was named one of the top 40 women under the age of 40 in Kenya's business scene by Business Daily in 2009, 2011 and 2012. She is part of DFID's Digital Advisory Panel team as a member and advisor.

Harold Elletson

Dr Harold Elletson is an international communications and public affairs consultant. He is also the Director of The New Security Foundation, which conducts research into the implications of the new security environment for civil society. The New Security Foundation provides an international forum for dialogue between the public and private sectors and offers analytical insight and information about new security conditions. The Foundation hosts the Security and Defence Learning track at OEB, as well as organising other conferences and seminars. A particular area of expertise is tourism security and the connection between culture and security.

He is a founding director of the Africa Forum on Business, Investment and Security, a member of the steering committee of OEB, a member of the Organising Committee of eLearning Africa and a consultant to ICWE GmbH. He is also the editor of The eLearning Africa Report, which is published every year and contains a survey of ICT in education in Africa, a comprehensive country report outlining progress in ICT4E in every African country and a funding guide.

Dr Elletson was previously Director of the NATO Forum on Business and Security, which he created with support from the NATO Science Programme.

A former Member of the United Kingdom Parliament (from 1992-1997), he served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in the early stages of the peace process and was also a member of the Select Committee on Environmental affairs. He served as a member of the Lancashire Education Authority (the Education Committee of Lancashire County Council) before being elected to Parliament where he represented the interests of schools and colleges in his constituency in discussions with Ministers and on the floor of the House of Commons. He is a Fellow of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme and of the Industry and Parliament Trust.

As a communications and public affairs specialist, he has advised many leading companies on aspects of their business in challenging markets, including BP in Azerbaijan and Alstom in Siberia. He has written widely on political and historical subjects and his first book, The General Against the Kremlin, was published by Little Brown. His journalism has been published in a variety of newspapers and magazines. Dr Elletson holds a PhD in Social Sciences from the University of Bradford.

Asmaa Hosny

With over 30 years of executive experience in information technology and over 25 years holding a number of senior management positions, Asmaa Hosny has led the development and execution of business strategies in leading regional and local organisations. Hosny has succeeded in establishing key alliances on several strategic initiatives in addition to establishing a number of successful technology companies with regional and global outreach.

She has achieved significant breakthroughs in the execution of large-scale projects leading to the technology-enabled transformation of many socio-economic sectors. Additionally, she is one of the pioneers in introducing innovative mobility solutions across various platforms including mobile financial services, mobile health, and mobile
Hosny started her career at Orascom Group, where, in just a short time, she led one of the company's major acquisitions in the health sector. Through effectively managing regional teams and distribution networks, she successfully managed to implement regional mega projects in key sectors, all of which resulted in their significant transformation. Capitalising on this success, she pursued a career in many reputable organisations in the Telecom and IT sector. In addition, she co-founded and established a number of successful local and regional enterprises including Wasla Egypt and Solutions Plus in Egypt and Health Insights in the United Arab Emirates.

Hosny earned her Bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science from Cairo University in 1980. In addition to several advanced academic degrees in the field of ICT, she also received a graduate study degree at Cairo University's Institute of Statistical Studies and Research (ISSR) in 1983.

Elham Mahmoud Ahmed Ibrahim

Elham Mahmoud Ahmed Ibrahim is an expert with over 33 years of experience in the fields of academic research, electrical energy production, energy strategies and policies, international cooperation, technical agreements and protocols, energy planning studies, computer aided design, management of energy projects and renewable energy including hydropower. She is currently the Commissioner of Infrastructure & Energy at the African Union Commission, elected in April 2008 and re-elected in July 2012. Her portfolio as AU Commissioner covers multiple sectors. She is responsible for leading the Infrastructure and Energy Department in enhancing regional and pan-African efforts to accelerate the integrated infrastructure development and effective sustainable development of energy resources.

She has held various posts including First Under Secretary of State, Under Secretary of State for International cooperation in the Ministry of Electricity and Energy in Egypt, General Manager for Training and Promotion, Director of Photovoltaic, Research and Testing Department in the New and Renewable Energy Authority (NREA) in Cairo, Associate Professor at the Girl's Faculty in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Senior Engineer at the High Dam Power Station, Aswan, and Researcher at the National Research Centre, Cairo.

Dr Ibrahim holds a Ph.D. in Electronics and Communications, M.Sc. in Electronic Engineering, and a B.Sc. in Communication Engineering.

Yasser ElKady

Yasser ElKady was appointed Egyptian Minister of Communications and Information Technology on 19 September 2015 in Sherif Ismail's cabinet. ElKady has been in the IT and Telecom industry for over 25 years with extensive experience in strategic planning, technology integration, business development and organisational transformation.

Throughout his career, ElKady has spearheaded a number of national developmental initiatives. As a First Deputy to the Minister of Investment, he led national efforts to stimulate FDI in Egypt and supervised strategic investment projects. As a board member of the Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA) and of the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology Advisory Board, he also contributed to the development of the national ICT and innovation strategy.

From October 2010 to January 2014, he was the CEO of ITIDA leading its efforts to develop the IT industry in Egypt, achieving export revenues of USD 1.4 billion and maintaining healthy growth margins for local IT vendors despite the economic downturn following the Egyptian revolution of 2011. In January 2014, ElKady became Regional Director for HP Networking in the Middle East, Mediterranean and Africa (MEMA) Region and the Managing Director for HP Egypt.

Before joining the government, ElKady led several notable, highly successful enterprises through periods of significant growth. He established and developed the business of Cisco Systems in Egypt and the Middle East. He served as General Manager for Egypt and designed a comprehensive strategy to align Cisco Systems with the Egyptian government’s vision for ICT development. He then went on to become General Manager for North Africa and the Levant. His work at Cisco Systems not only occasioned revenue growth and expansion but was also instrumental in cultivating relationships with regional governments to enhance ICT skills and nurture talent. He established Orascom IIS as the first communication supplier in Egypt, and led Jeraisy Co. to double its market share in the space of a year.
Leila Mokaddem

Leila Mokaddem occupied the positions of Regional Resident Representative of the AfDB Regional Office in Dakar, Senegal, managing four countries and a portfolio of 40 operations, before being appointed as Resident Representative of the AfDB Egypt field office in January 2014 managing a portfolio worth US$2 billion.

Prior to that, she was Head of Financial Institutions Division at the AfDB’s Private Sector Department. She was in charge of the financing and the support to African financial institutions, private equity, SME banking and Microfinance. Ms Mokaddem structured complex financial solutions in over 35 of the most challenging emerging and developing markets and executed over US$2.5 billion in financing financial industries ranging from regional development financial institutions to Trade Finance and Micro-Finance. I developed innovative financial inclusion initiatives including the Africa Guarantee Fund, Migration and Development Fund, Initiative for the financing of Growth Oriented Women Enterprises and the Trade Finance Initiative. She is member of the Bank’s Network of Economists.

Prior to joining AfDB, I was long-term fiscal advisor to the IMF and performed several assignments as investment expert at UNCTAD and the World Bank.

Her career started at the Ministry Economy of Tunisia and she has an MBA degree in International Finance and International trade, respectively.

Günter Nooke

Günter Nooke is a German CDU politician currently acting as the Commissioner for Africa at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). From 2010 until 2014, he represented the German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, as her Personal Representative for Africa. Prior to this, he had served for four years at the Federal Foreign Office as Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid and held a Deputy Chair position on the Broadcasting Board of Deutsche Welle.

From 1998 to 2005, Nooke was a member of the German Bundestag, spokesperson for the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group on culture and the media, spokesperson and chair of the working group on the Culture in Germany Study Commission, spokesperson for the CDU Bundestag members from Eastern Germany and deputy chair of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group. He had previously been Head of the Bundestag's Management Control and Resource Planning Department. From 1990-1994, he served as a member of the Brandenburg Landtag and chaired the Landtag Parliamentary Group Alliance, founded by members of the German Democratic Republic civil rights movement. In 1990, he was elected a member of the Volkskammer, the GDR's first democratically elected parliament and a member of its Economic Affairs Committee.

Nooke has received several degrees from institutions in Germany. After completing his military service in 1980, he went on to read Physics at the University of Leipzig. He then read occupational medicine in Berlin and obtained a post-graduate degree in medical physics. He has also had many articles published in newspapers, periodicals and books on a wide range of subjects including 'Lexikon des DDR-Sozialismus' and 'Gelten Menschenrechte universal? Begründungen und Infragestellungen'. In recognition of his contribution to Germany, he received the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany in 2008. He has also been presented with a German National Award.

Moses Oketch

Professor Moses Oketch is Professor of International Education Policy and Development at University College London. His research focuses on the connection between the theory of human capital and implementation of policies. He has argued that however compelling the theory of human capital is, it remains futile if the actual implementation of policies does not work. His areas of research interest include economics of education, education policy analysis and impact evaluation mainly in sub-Saharan Africa. He has previously worked at Vanderbilt University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and in 2012 was named Visiting Professor at the University of Pennsylvania. He
has also contributed to and supported research capacity strengthening in Africa through his involvement with the African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC) as a Senior Research Scientist and Director of Research (while on leave from university). During this period, he mentored several researchers on research proposal writing, implementation and management of large scale projects, and co-authored research papers with them.

He received his PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign focusing on economics of education. Moses has supervised about a dozen PhD students, and through research has contributed approximately 100 papers to the field of education and international development. He has also presented his research at about 100 conferences nationally and internationally. He has significant personal knowledge of Kenya, USA Tanzania, and Uganda as well as Ghana and Botswana. He speaks fluent Kiswahili and has appeared on various media platforms such as BBC World Africa’s ‘Have your say Radio’ program, Nation Television (Kenya) Breakfast show and the Kenya Television Network Breakfast Show where he discussed and commented on education and development issues related to his research.

Imraan Patel

Imraan Patel is a public policy and strategy manager with a focus on innovation, inclusive development, sustainability, social and economic development, public management and governance.

Employed since 2006 at the Department of Science and Technology (DST), he is currently a Deputy Director-General and represents the department on the social and economic clusters of government. He is also a member of the board of MINTEK, the Water Research Commission, Trade and Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS) and an alternative South African board representative to the Southern African Science Service Centre for Climate Change and Adaptive Land Management (SASSCAL).

Prior to joining the DST, he worked for four years at the Centre for Public Service Innovation, an agency of government supporting innovation in the delivery of public services. He also worked at the Department of Public Service and Administration for four years. He began his working life with a five-year stint at the Workplace Information Group (WIG) followed by a three year stint at the National Labour and Economic Development Institute (NALEDI), a think tank to the largest trade union federation in South Africa.

At the DST, he is responsible for strategically driving a portfolio of investments and policies that advances the social and economic development priorities of government through science and technology-based interventions.

Areas of focus include Information and Communications Technologies, Sector Development, Climate Change and Biodiversity, Environmental Goods and Services with a focus on water and waste, Advanced Manufacturing, Mining and Minerals Beneficiation, Chemicals, Technology Localisation, Innovation for Inclusive Development and measurement of systems of innovation.

Charles Senkondo

Charles Senkondo is the Executive Director of Tanzania Global Learning Agency (TaGLA). TaGLA forms part of over 120 centres within the Global Development Learning Network, enabling real time knowledge sharing across the globe.

He has over 15 years’ experience in the development of knowledge sharing and training using modern information and communication technologies including video conferencing, internet and blended approaches.

He has been involved in leading the development and delivery of diverse learning initiatives in Africa including satellite radio broadcast, learning technologies development and management, leadership in technology-based organisational transformation and international events coordination. He serves as Secretary General of the Association of African Distance Learning Centre (AADLC) and is among the founding members of the World Education Council.

Before joining TaGLA, Senkondo was an Executive Director of Tanzania Global Learning Centre and worked as Business Manager of the African Virtual University and the Open University of Tanzania. Senkondo holds an MBA from City University, London and a BSc. Engineering from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
Toby Shapshak

Toby Shapshak writes and speaks about how innovation differs in Africa.

His TED talk on how Africa is solving real problems, which the rest of the world benefits from, has had over 1,4-million views; and he has been featured in the New York Times.

He is the editor and publisher of Stuff magazine. He is a contributor to Forbes, co-hosts a weekly TV show on CNBC Africa and writes a weekly column for the Financial Mail.

He believes Africa is a mobile-driven continent, about which he has written for CNN, The Guardian in London and for Forbes. He has spoken at the South by South West (SxSW) conference in Austin, Texas, on how mobile is being used in Africa (2013) and how music is being consumed (2014); and The Guardian's Activate: Johannesburg on innovation out of necessity.

Toby was named in GQ’s top 30 men in media and the Mail & Guardian newspaper’s 300 influential young South Africans list; and has been the ICT Journalist of the Year. GQ said he "has become the most high-profile technology journalist in the country" while the M&G wrote: "Toby Shapshak is all things tech... he reigns supreme as the major talking head for everything and anything tech."

As a news and political journalist, he ran Mail & Guardian newspaper’s website when it was the first news site in Africa, shadowed Nelson Mandela when he was president, and covered the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

He is writing a book on innovation in Africa, and writes on this subject for a variety of publications, including CNN, The Guardian in London, the Sunday Times and The Times (South Africa) and others.

He has spoken on this topic at numerous conferences, including TED Global in Edinburgh, SxSW in Austin (thrice), The Guardian's Activate: Johannesburg, Germany's Zukunftskongress (Future Congress), Intels' IDF in San Francisco, TEDxGateway in Mumbai, Pivot East in Nairobi, TEDxJohannesburg, and Tech4Africa.

He has interviewed a range of tech industry luminaries, including the Apple co-founders Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.

Hesham Wahby

Hesham Wahby is Co-Founder and CEO of Innoventures. He is responsible for the company’s strategy and relationships, access to ventures, and coaching entrepreneurs. Innoventures is a platform for supporting early-stage startups. The company’s activities primarily include seed-stage startup acceleration, venture funding, business mentoring and training and creating and running innovation spaces. Through Innoventures, Hesham has also co-founded Ideaspace, a new innovation/hacker/maker/co-working space for innovators and entrepreneurs.

He also heads the Middle East & Africa division for Mercator XXI, a professional services firm helping clients engage the global economy. In addition, Hesham is also a Co-Founder of the Radio El-Afkar (idearadio) podcast, and one of the main hosts for this online show.

Hesham Wahby has a background of 15 years in the startup and technology industries, with experience in strategy, business development, product design, software development and circuit design. He has also been involved in economic development initiatives through affiliation with the IEEE, Egyptian Engineering Day and Global Entrepreneurship Week. Hesham holds an MBA in Entrepreneurial and Strategic Management from Wharton School, as well as a bachelor’s degree in Computer Engineering from Cairo University.
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