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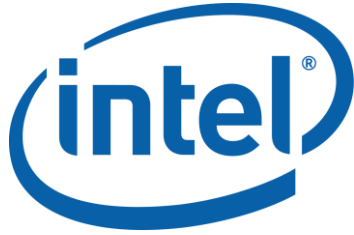




2023 SWE AFRICA International Women's Day (IWD)

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Chinyere Nnenna Igwegbe
SWE Africa 2023 IWD Chair and the
Professional Development lead
SWE Africa Network



Engr. Chinyere Nnenna Igwegbe attended is a Water Resources and Environmental Engineer. She has an Executive Masters in Business Administration from Metropolitan University, London and a diploma in Conflict Management and Resolution from Obafemi Awolowo University. Chinyere is a certified Management Trainer by centre for Management Development (CMD). Her quest for excellence got her into leadership pathway. She is an alumni of the Africa Centre for Sustainable Leadership and Development (ACSLD) as well as GOTNI Leadership Centre. Chinyere is a certified Leadership and Negotiation Strategist.

She is the founder of “Bridge The Gap” where she pours out her passion as she explores the opportunities for the youth via training and linkages. She is also the Managing Partner of Krumberg Engineering Limited. A board member of Skywise Group.

Engr. Chinyere Nnenna Igwegbe was a four term National Executive member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers; Chairman Membership Services, Chairman, Engineering Practice, Manpower and Occupation Committee to mention but a few. She was the past Chairman of the Nigerian Institution of Water Engineers, Abuja. Presently, she is currently the Immediate Past National Chairman of the Nigerian Institution of Water Engineers ad the National Secretary of the Association of Professional Women Engineers in Nigeria.

As water enthusiast and an Environmentalist, she became an ardent Climate Change and WASH advocate. A Climate Reality Corp Leader under Former Vice President, USA, the Al Gore Foundation. Chinyere is a STEM Ambassador, a public speaker, trainer and believes in justice and fairness.

She is a SWE Global Ambassador, FY20, 21, 22, 23 and member SWE Mentor Network . She was the Coordinator, professional development and events, SWE Africa task force . Engr. Chinyere had served in various capacities at different fora and groups and had received prestigious merit and distinguished awards from different Institutions

Engr. Chinyere Nnenna Igwegbe has made presentations at local and international levels. Her hobbies are travelling, networking, touching lives and farming.

She is blessed with a wonderful family



Karen Horting CAE



Karen Horting, CAE, is the **executive director and CEO** for the **Society of Women Engineers**, a position she has held since Dec. 31, 2013. With more than 20 years of experience in sales, marketing, and fund development, Horting was most recently the SWE deputy executive director. In this capacity, she was responsible for all fund development activities for the organization, including corporate membership and SWE's Corporate Partnership Council and more traditional philanthropy such as foundation and government grants, individual gifts, and bequests. She also oversaw many of the Society's programs and services, including professional development, K-12 outreach, the annual conference, and SWE's international expansion.

Horting came to SWE in March 2004 from the New York Academy of Sciences, where she served as director of strategic planning, managing the academy's development activities and long-range organizational planning.

Before her role with NYAS, Horting worked for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, managing both marketing and fund development on a global level for Science's Next Wave, a groundbreaking career-development website for graduate students and postdocs in science, math, and technology. Horting's experience also includes more than 10 years in the paint and coatings industry in various technical service and marketing functions.

In 2008, Horting earned her certified association executive credential from the CAE Commission of the American Society of Association Executives. Less than 5 percent of all association professionals have achieved this mark of excellence.

Horting holds a B.S. in biology from Northern Illinois University and an MBA from Johns Hopkins University.

She currently serves on the Leadership Circle of the 50K Coalition, the FIRST Robotics Board of Directors, the STEM Ed Coalition Board of Directors, Engineering CAS Diversity Advisory Board, and the Johns Hopkins Carey School of Business Dean's Alumni Advisory Board (DAAB).

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Dayna Johnson P.E.
President



Dayna Johnson P.E.
Dayna Johnson President
She/Her

Dayna Johnson, P.E., is the Emerging Technology Programs and Operations Leader at GE Gas Power. She joined GE in 2012 as a commercial manager, leading large teams through the bidding process to develop proposals for high-voltage electrical substations. Her performance in that role earned her a position in GE's Accelerated Leadership Program. Prior to joining GE, she worked as a civil engineer, designing water and wastewater projects for rapidly growing communities in the Chicago suburbs.

She holds a B.S. in civil engineering and a Master of Engineering Management from Valparaiso University, and she is a licensed professional engineer, and LEED accredited professional. Johnson has been an active member of SWE since joining as a collegiate member in 2000. She has served as Chicago Regional Section president and section representative and as Region H lieutenant governor and treasurer. She was previously the awards and recognition committee chair and WE11 local host committee co-chair. Most recently, she has been engaged as a governance task force member, senator, and Director. She received the SWE Distinguished New Engineer Award in 2011 and the Emerging Leader Award in 2018.

Outside of SWE, Johnson is involved in her church and Toastmasters. She resides in the Chicagoland area with her husband, their two sons, and their two dogs. When she isn't working with SWE, she enjoys traveling to warm locations with beaches far from Chicago, hiking, and home improvement projects.



Alexis McKittrick
President Elect FY BOD

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President Elect FY BOD Alexis McKittrick Headshot

She/Her

Alexis McKittrick, Ph.D., a SWE life and 20+ year member, has been a volunteer leader in SWE for more than 15 years, holding SWE leadership roles that span all facets of the Society. Prior to becoming president-elect, Dr. McKittrick spent two terms on SWE's board of directors, including serving as secretary and leading the senate as speaker. Highlights from her other SWE leadership roles include: chairing two committees; serving on two governance task forces; and leading the Mid-Atlantic Region as governor.

She is currently a program manager in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Geothermal Technologies Office. (She serves on the SWE board of directors in her personal capacity.) Prior to joining the DOE, Dr. McKittrick was a senior researcher at the IDA Science and Technology Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., where she conducted nonpartisan research and analysis for the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and various federal agencies. She also worked in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Change Division, focusing on greenhouse gas analysis and policy for the oil and gas, chemicals, and semiconductor sectors.

Dr. McKittrick holds a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a B.S. in chemical engineering from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, where she was a Meyerhoff Scholar. In 2014, she was presented with the D.C. Council of Engineering and Architectural Societies' Young Engineer of the Year Award and, in 2019, she was a recipient of SWE's Emerging Leader Award.





Emily Burnett
Associate Director,
Global Programs

Emily Burnett is the Associate Director of Global Programs. Since joining SWE in January 2019, she has been responsible for cultivating SWE's priority markets outside of the United States and implementing SWE's global business plan. Emily oversees SWE's growing member engagement worldwide, including the Global Ambassador and Affiliate Programs. She leads events and conferences outside of the United States that bring high-quality professional development and career growth opportunities to women in STEM.

Emily has a B.A. in Economics and Spanish from the University of Illinois and an M.S. in Public Service Management from DePaul University. She currently sits on the board of Youth Outlook, a Chicagoland nonprofit that provides services to LGBTQ+ youth and their families, friends, and communities.





Engr. Vera Egwuatu

Vera Egwuatu is a Civil Engineer specializing in Structures and Transportation, and works with the department of Engineering Services of the Federal Capital Development Authority of Nigeria (FCDA). FCDA is the body charged with the development of the new Federal City of Nigeria. She had , at different stages, been involved in various Engineering Designs/Supervision.

She holds a Higher National Diploma in Civil Engineering, Postgraduate Diploma in Civil Engineering, PGD Computer and Masters in Business Administration (MBA). In addition to her academic qualifications, she attended various courses organized by the Nigeria Society of Engineers (NSE) and Nigerian Institution of Structural Engineers (NISE) on Foundation in Structural Engineering, Design of Bridges, Design of High Rise Buildings, Water Retaining Structures, Steel Structures to mention but a few.

Vera Egwuatu is a (STEM) advocate and promoter. She is involved in STEM related activities that focus largely on outreach programs to encourage girls and young women to pursue STEM fields.

A member of the Association of Professional Women Engineers in Nigeria (APWEN), where she has served in different positions as the National treasurer, National financial secretary and Chair FCT Chapter.

Also a member of the the Nigeria Society of Engineers NSE and has traveled with NSE to different countries including South Korea, China, Japan, Brazil Singapore, Malaysia, Dubai, Sweden, Norway and Denmark to mention a few on Engineering visits. She also served in various committees of the Nigeria Society of Engineers

She is a member of International Network for Women Engineers and Scientists INWES. A member of the Steering Committee for INWES Africa where she served as the Program Director.

Vera Egwuatu has been an active member of Society of Women Engineers SWE since 2007. She was involved with SWE at the International members committee level she was Appointed the Pilot Lead for Nigeria when SWE kickstarted the globalization of SWE with four countries as the pilot team in 2008. A member Program Development Grant committee,

A SWE Ambassadors and the SWE FCT Affiliate lead

In 2020 Vera was add to the WE21 SWE Group Leadership Teamwork, and was also appointed a co-lead for the SWE Affiliate workgroup.

She created the SWE Africa Network in May 2020. She is the Chair, **SWE Africa Advisory Board and SWEAfrica Network**

Prof. Rose Margaret Ekeng-Itua



Prof. Rose-Margaret Ekeng-Itua is a trailblazing Professor of Engineering, a TED-Ed Author and a TEDx Speaker with over 20 years of experience in STEM Higher & Further Education. Before moving to the US, she was the Chair of the Engineering Department, and a Distinguished Senior Lecturer in Electrical and Electronics Engineering at the University of West London in London, UK. She is a global Equity in STEM Education Thought Leaders & Advocate and has taken her advocacy work to the United Nations Assembly and the US Congress, to advocate for laws and policies that promote Equitable STEM Education in the US and globally.

Dr. Rose-Margaret earned her Doctorate degree in Cybernetics from University of Reading in the UK, her Certificate in Disruptive Strategies at Harvard University, her Masters of Science in Mobile and Satellite Communications Engineering from University of Surrey in the UK, and her Bachelor's in Engineering with Honors in Electrical and Electronic Engineering with a concentration in Telecommunications Systems from Federal University of Technology Owerri, Nigeria. Dr. Rose-Margaret has been a two-time Visiting Research Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley in the Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory in and in the Laboratory for Manufacturing and Sustainability. Dr. Rose-Margaret Ekeng-Itua was appointed and serves as a Commissioner on the Economic Development Advisory Board of the City of Fremont, California. She was also recently appointed by the California State Senate Rules Committee to take office as a member of the State Assembly Bill 928(AB 928) Implementation Committee. In 2021, she received a special Commendation for Creating Excellence in STEM Education from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor David Herbert. This was in recognition of her work in co-creating the ELF Program (Earn & Learn Fremont) that provides participants affected by COVID-19 layoffs the opportunity to jumpstart a new career in advanced manufacturing. The program was featured on KRON4 News. Prof. Rose Margaret is the Principal Investigator (PI) for the National Science Foundation (NSF) grant that for Smart Advanced Manufacturing Education in the Silicon Valley. She is also the Director for the Northern California Engineering Technology Apprenticeship Pathways Project.

She is the current **Advisor for SWE Africa Network**



Enia Kakombu



Enia Kakombu is holds a BS In Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Information and Communication University (ICU) Zambia, a Diploma in Information Systems and Programming from NIPA as well as certificate in Aeronautical Fixed Telecommunication Network from Zambia Air Service Training Institute (ZASIT) She also holds other several certificates from the Aviation Industry, such as Aviation Communication Systems, CNS Inspector, AMHS, Air Safety Oversight inspectors.

She works for Civil Aviation Authority as a Communication and Navigation Surveillance Inspector, she has more than 8 years' experience in Aviation industry. She is a registered member of EIZ, a registered SWE member (Society of Women in Engineering) she is currently a member of SWE Africa Task force Leaders and the pioneer **leader of South-Central Africa under SWE Africa .**

Enia is the Chair Elect, SWE Africa Network



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Engr. Lynda Elesha Bitrus, MNSE
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Chief Air Navigation
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Civil Aviation Authority



Lynda Bitrus

**Panel Discussion
Moderator**



Engr. Lynda Bitrus Eles FICRPC, FNIEE, FNIWE a climate change activist as well as Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) consultant, with focus on environmental sustainability, ecosystem restoration and nature based solutions. she is also a certified and accredited Management Consultant and Trainer, strategy consultant as well as a Development Administrator with Deep strategic, operational knowledge and expertise in Productivity Improvement, Enterprise Development and competitiveness with bias in Business Process Re-engineering (Innovation) and Green Productivity. She is a fellow of several professional institution, and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil and Water Resources Engineering, Masters in Environmental Resource Management as well as in Urban Management and Development from Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands. She has organized and participated in several international and local trainings as well as published research findings in several reputable local and international journals. She is the immediate Past Chairman of the Nigerian Institution of Environmental Engineers Abuja Chapter, Nigeria.



**Ing. Enyonam Kpekpena,
(FGhiE, PMP)
Panelist**



Ing. Dr. Mrs. Enyonam Kpekpena (FGhiE, PMP)

Ing. Dr. Enyonam Kpekpena is Manager Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Projects delivery & Programme Management Office (PMO) Lead at the Electricity Company of Ghana Ltd. From an early age, a heightened sense of discipline, responsibility, confidence, open-mindedness and a focus on achieving results she has worked in various leadership roles.

Ing Dr. Mrs. Enyonam Kpekpena is a fellow of the Ghana Institution of Engineering (GHIE) , the current President of Women in Engineering (WinE), Ghana and the founding president of ECG-WinE Chapter.

She has worked fin ECG for over 16 years and is currently the Manager/ IT Project Delivery and the PMO Lead. She is currently the Deputy Vice-Chair of the Female Retention and Leadership in Engineering theme 2 for the Women in Engineering (WIE) Committee, World federation of Engineering Organizations (WIE-WFEO) and serves as the Deputy Chair-1 for WIE, federation of African Engineering Organization (WIE-FAEO).

She serves on the Nominations Committee of PMI Ghana and a council member of GHIE

Ing. Dr. Enyonam Kpekpena obtained her bachelor's degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in 2000, where she specialized in telecommunications and computers. She discovered her love for academia and obtained a Master of Science Degree in Management with specialization in Information Technology (IT) and Project Management from 2003 to 2004 at Colorado Technical University, USA, and followed it up with a Doctorate Degree in Management from the same university, with a concentration in Project Management from 2014 to 2017. Her research interests include IT Project Management, Project Performance Management, and Earned Value Management.

Her pursuit of excellence has led her to undertake certifications including Project Management

Professional (PMP), IT Service Management (ITIL Foundation) Expert, and IT Security (Certified Ethical Hacker) Expert. She is Council Member of the Ghana Institution of Engineering (GHIE), and a member of the Project Management Institute (PMI), Ghana and USA.



**Ing. Kabwe Musonda
Mutoshi
Panelist**



Kabwe Julianna Musonda Mutashi (MSc; PEIZ; REng) is a certified Chemical Engineer who graduated with a Master's degree from the University of Cape Town. She is a qualified Project Manager who has successfully managed several projects in her roles as the Regional Manager for the Northern and subsequently the Southern Region of the Engineering Institution of Zambia. Kabwe Mutashi is currently serving as the first female Deputy Registrar and Director Operations of the Engineering Institution of Zambia. She loves that her job allows her to embark on ways in which the Engineering profession and innovations can be seen to benefit the local community. She is a feminist who is passionate about the growth of girls and women in STEM in Zambia. Kabwe is a Mandela Washington Fellow (2016) who is passionate about the advancing the role of women in the Engineering Sector. She is resilient and committed to grow the institution to a world class regulatory body.

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Zawadi Maalim
Panelist



Ms. Zawadi Maalim works for Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority as a Chief Air Navigation Engineer (CANE). Prior to her appointment as , she was the National CNS expert from 2019.

She has over 13 years working experience with extensive knowledge of the National and International aviation system; She joined TCAA in July 2009 as Air Navigation Engineer and has also worked from 2008 to 2009 at Mobax Telecoms Tanzania as a Telecommunication Engineer.

She has developed over the years extensive experience on Planning, implementing and Managing of CNS/ATM facilities under the Air navigation Services; As a Chief Engineer, she played a key role in the availability and reliability of CNS/ATM services in Tanzania Airspace.

Ms Zawadi is a registered Professional Engineer with Tanzania Engineers Registration Board and Institution of Engineers Tanzania – Women’s Chapter. She is a graduate from Dar-Es-Salaam Institute of Technology , with a BEng in Electronics and Telecommunications , she also holds a Masters in Project Management from Open University of Tanzania and currently France and pursuing Masters of Science in Telecommunication from University of Dar es Salaam.

Zawasi Maalim is a Tanzanian who joined Tanzania CAA in July 2009. Until her appointment, she was a Principal Air Navigation Engineer in the CNS Department. She began her career with Maktech & Telecommunication Company Limited.



Khansa Seed Ahmed Elhag
Panelist

Khansa Seed Ahmed Elhag. The co-founder of 249 Startups and a technical advisor for private sector development with a focus on entrepreneurship promotion in fragile contexts.

Khansa is involved in private sector development, social entrepreneurship, youth employment, a lean start-up in many regions in Sudan leading the entrepreneurship promotion component for Darfur at GIZ Sudan since 2018.

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BREAKOUT ROOM SPEAKERS



Umar M. Sylla
Communication and Project
Management Specialist,
Health Material and
Documentary Specialist

ROOM 1
HEALTH MATTERS



Amina Latanna Okpukpura
MD/CEO Mina Stones
Co-founder of the African
Gemstone & Jewelry Exhibition
and Seminar (AGIES).

ROOM 2
ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Sadiya Balogun-Mustapha
Regional Manager
North 1 at Leadway Pensure

ROOM 3
PRE & POST
RETIREMENT PLAN



Stella Uzochukwu Denis
SWENext Africa
Coordinator

ROOM 4
SWENext AFRICA
COMPETITION CHALLENGE

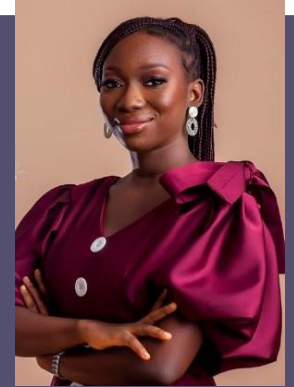


Funmilayo Dyelecanmi
Management Consultant

ROOM 4
OWN YOUR OYSTER



Breakout Room Speakers



Oumar M. Sylla

Communication and Project Management Specialist. Health material and documentary Specialist

Amina Lotanna Okpukpra

MD/CEO Mina Stones
Co-founder of the African Gemstone & Jewelry Exhibition and Seminar (AGJES).

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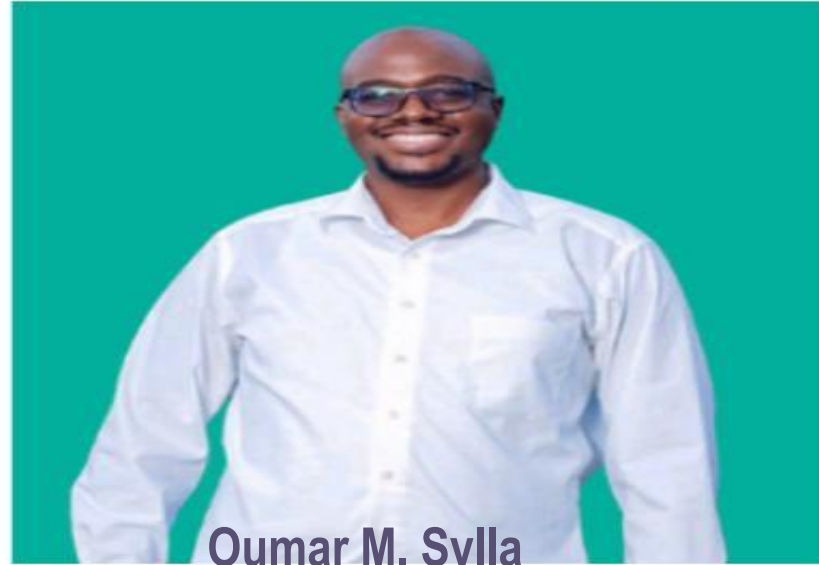
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SWENext Africa Competition Challenge

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Own yourOyster

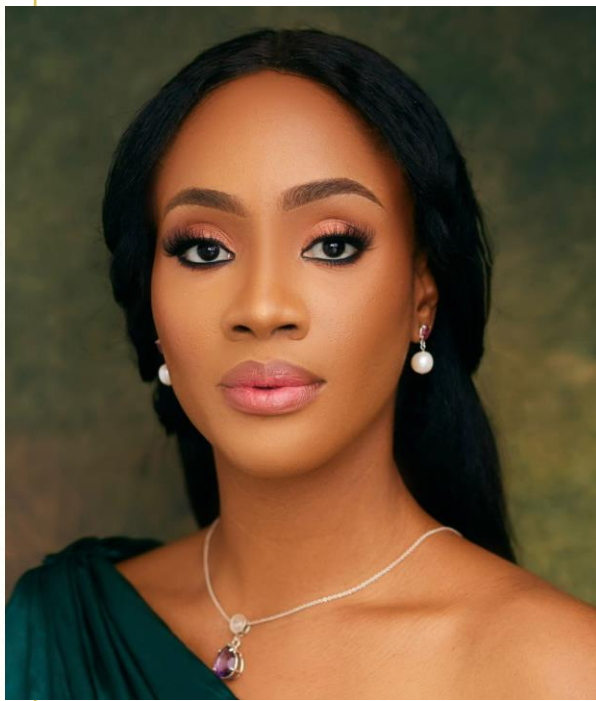
Oumar M. Sylla is a resource mobilization, communications, and project management specialist. He has raised millions of dollars of funding for health, renewable energy, and agriculture projects funded by the European Union, HOPE worldwide, USAID, and the Africa Development Bank. Oumar served as Communications Lead for USAID SAFE (Supporting an AIDS-Free Era), a \$150 million project and the largest treatment service delivery program for USAID in Zambia, serving over 300,000 people annually. At USAID SAFE, Oumar developed health promotion materials and documentaries that reached over 200,000 people at 302 health facilities across Zambia.



Oumar M. Sylla

Speaker- Health Matters - Room 1

This is He has also worked as Communications Advisor for GIZ ENACT (Enabling Access to Civil Society Participation and Transparency) a German government-funded initiative that provides access to paralegal services to Zambian citizens at police stations, courthouses, and prisons as well as supports civil society organizations with holding government accountable and ensuring transparency in their operations. Currently, Oumar is the Zambia Program Lead for Power Learn Project (PLP) which is a pan-African impact organization that aims to empower 1 million young Africans by 2030 with software development skills and training through fully funded scholarships. He is also the co-founder and board member of the non-profit Helping young People Everywhere (HyPE) which aims to improve the health and well-being of young people in Africa. Besides all of that, Oumar's most important role is "Chief Taster" at his lovely wife's Events & Catering business as well as "The World's Best Uncle" to his amazing nephews and nieces.



**Amina Lotanna
Okpukpara**

**Speaker- Entrepreneurship -
Room 2**



Amina is a GIA-certified Gemologist and Engineer. She has an MSc. in Business and Innovation from Lancaster University, UK. She is the Principal Director of the vertically integrated social company, Mina Stones, and is actively involved in projects that aim to develop the jewelry industry as well as improve livelihood of people along the supply chain. She is the co-founder of the African Gemstone & Jewelry Exhibition and Seminar (AGJES). She is on the Black in Jewelry Coalition (BIJC) Advisory board, a member of the Women's Jewelry Association (WJA) USA where she serves on the international board and as a mentor.



Sadiya Balogun- Mustapha

Speaker- Pre & Post Retirement -
Room 3



Sadiya Balogun-Mustapha holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration & Management and a MBA (Management) both from Nasarawa State. Prior to joining Leadway Pensions PFA, she was the Regional Manager and Head of Public Sector in FCMB Pensions Limited where she served for 16 Years and contributed immensely to the strategic growth of the Company's Asset Under Management and Business Development expansion both in Public and Private Sectors.

She was a member of the Committee set up by the National Pension Commission to actualize and launch the Micro Pension Plan in Nigeria.

She has attended several Management and Leadership courses at the Lagos Business School; Training on African Women in Leadership and Public Service Forum at the Mandela Legacy Center for Leadership and Development in Nairobi, Kenya.

Women Leadership Development course at the Center for Economic & Leadership Development in Dubai –United Arab amongst others.

She is innovative, client-focused and result-oriented executive with 18 years of post NYSC experience and over 10 years leadership expertise in Pension Fund Administration (PFA) specifically in Retail & Corporate Marketing, Operations Management, Strategy & Innovation, Contribution Administration, Corporate Services, Compliance and Benefits Administration management with focus on optimizing strategic business processes and capability development to realize competitive advantage with proven records of achieving breakthrough results through solid analytical and technical skills as well as ability to understand complex business processes and environment. She is a member of the Chartered Institute of Economists-Nigeria. Currently, she is the Regional Manager North 1 at Leadway Pensions with its Regional Office situated at the Leadway house, Central Business District Abuja.



Stella Uzochukwu Denis
SWENext Africa Cordinator
Speaker- SWENext - Room 4



Stella is an Educational Technologist, Electrical Electronics Engineer, a STEM evangelist and enthusiast with Odyssey Educational Foundation with over ten years' experience working with various schools in Abuja and its environs. Her education, wealth of experience, and career interests are a plus factor that propels her to crave for development in the educational Sector and most especially in the K-12 space. She is a Master Educator with Technovation a program that teaches girls to develop Mobile Apps, she was significant during the creating of the present curriculum in Use by Technovation. A world class coach with FIRST LEGO LEAGUE Robotics competition. A mentor and Teacher Assistance with the New York Academics of Science STEM mentoring program. The Program Coordinator of the "Invent it Build it" with the Society of Women Engineer.

She ensures that students develop these STEM skills and understanding around different kinds of technology, understand how to use technology to enhance their learning and know how technology can help them be more productive in performing a task.

She is a certified Microsoft trainer; Stella is a trained Climate Reality Leader. She has participated in trainings with Google to help introduce Teacher to using You Tube as an educational tool.

Named as one of the 25 women in Robotic 2017, An Alumni of TechWomen a program organized by the department of States in USA, Where I interned with Unity Technologies on the deployment of VR/AR/XR and Gaming in the classroom. A Regional Ambassador for Girl Rising, Society of Women Engineer, Techonvation and The New York Academic of Science. Stella, with over 8yrs experience in telecom, she is well versed in the latest routing and switching technologies and integration of the OSS & BSS,

Stella's has a Masters in Telecom Management, from Aegjs School of Business, Data Science, Cyber Security & Telecommunication Mumbai India.



Funmilayo Oyekanmi
Speaker for Collegiate - Room 4



Funmilayo Oyekanmi is an education and decent jobs advocate, a budding lawyer, and a management consultant. She has volunteered for over five years in and outside Nigeria on projects centered on gender equality, quality education, decent jobs, climate change, and zero hunger because of her passion for human and social sustainability.

She started a digital career community in 2020 to give students access to decent jobs and has since impacted 500+ people in the community. She also began speaking in events in 2020 and has spoken in over 20 workshops and to over 1000 people on career and sustainable development and financial literacy, among other things.

In 2021, she was selected as a Human Development Youth Advisor to the European Union Delegation in Nigeria. In 2022, she established a non-profit, Human and Social Sustainability

Network Africa (HSSN Africa), to provide children and youths in low-income communities with access to education and decent jobs. Her 5-year goal is to impact 10,000 people by providing

them access to education and decent jobs through partnerships and innovation. Notable institutions like AIESEC, YALI RLC, UTIVA, and Africa Leadership Institute (ALI) have

recognized her and awarded her scholarships for her leadership potential.



Munik A.L. Idris



Engr. Mulikat A. L. Idris studied Agricultural Engineering and works at SCC NIG. LTD

Positions held:

- Lead Engineer on a Resort Construction Project at Lagos
- Quality Assurance Manager for SCC Steel Pipe Factory at Abuja
- Lead auditor for QMS and HSE Processes
- SWE Ambassador FY20,FY21,FY22
- History & heritage lead for FY21 SWE and Outreach Lead FY22 and FY 23 at Global Women Engineer Affinity Group
- SWE Vice President Lagos Affiliate
- SWE West Africa Lead FY22 and FY23



Catherine Ameh
Moderator

Catherine Omada Ameh is a seasoned FINTECH professional and currently heads the Issuing operations department of a leading e-payments organisation in Nigeria. She is a certified project manager and has worked in the FINTECH industry for over fifteen years. She has been a SWE member for ten years and has served as a SWE ambassador for over four years.

She is an active STEM advocate who is passionate about encouraging young women to take on STEM professions and excel in what they do. She currently mentors young students in SWENext groups in Nigeria.

Her hobbies are baking, cooking and travelling.



Harriet Nakazwe Angetile
Moderator Room 1

Harriet N. Angetile is the Airport Manager at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport in Lusaka; the country's largest airport and main gateway.

Her aviation journey started 1996 when she joined the Electrical Engineering section at Zambia Airports Corporation Limited (ZACL) as an Electrical Technician. Harriet worked on Airfield Ground Light system and substations for 13 years, while furthering her studies in Business Management. She graduated with a Bachelor of Art in 2009 and moved to airport operation as Assistant Airport Manager where she worked for three years.

In 2011, Harriet was appointed Manager Ground Handling

In 2014, Harriet was appointed head of the Safety, Health, Environment and Quality Unit.

Despite her career, Harriet continued with her studies and in 2017 graduated with a Master's in Business Administration.

In 2020, Harriet was appointed to the position of Airport Manager at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport, the first female to be appointed in the position at the nation's largest airport.

Like many others her journey has not been smooth sailing however what she has never stopped doing is to dream!

If asked to inspire someone, it would be that girl child in the rural part of Africa who might be discouraged and wondering what the future might hold.



Jessica Yakwo

Moderator Room 2



Jessica Shekwotaya Yakwo is a practicing Civil Engineer. She is a Nigerian and a Christian.

Her interest is in Girl Child education, she is passionate about making sure that girls in her community get the opportunity to go to school. She is also a STEM advocate.

She is a SWE Global Ambassador and a member of SWE Africa.

Her hobbies are cooking, traveling, reading and music.



Mai Yasir Mohammed
Moderator Room 3

North Africa Lead of the Society of Women Engineers, Co-President of SWE University of Khartoum Affiliate and Final Year Electrical and Electronics Engineering student specializing in Software. Passionate about data, sustainability and women empowerment.



Ogochukwu Eleanor is a Chemical Engineer and a SWE Global Ambassador.

STEM Advocate

Ogochukwu Eleanor
Moderator Room 4



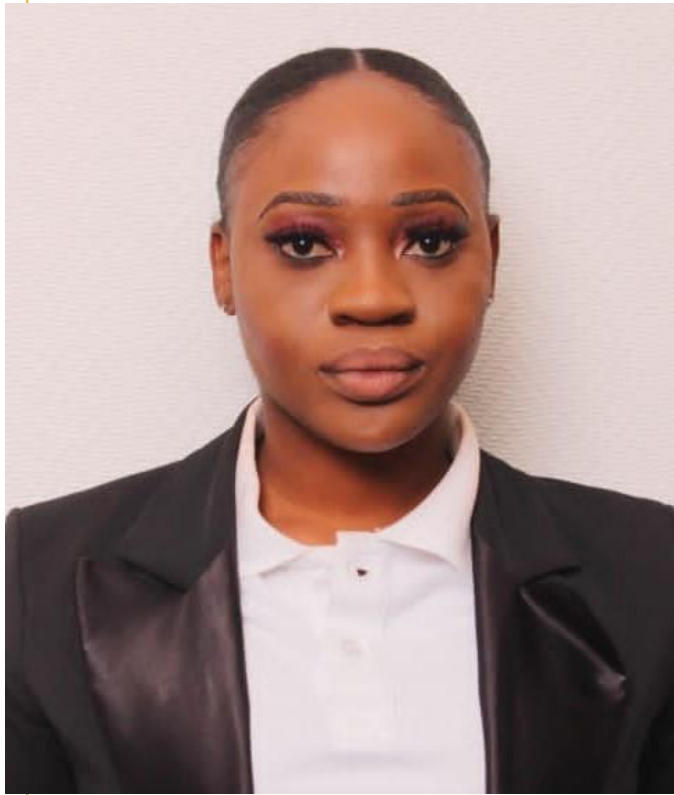


Rabbecca Mweemba is an Electrical Engineer
She is the Secretary Central and Southern Africa SWE Africa region

Rabbecca Mweemba

Room Control Guard Room 1





Chipo Tembo

Room Control Guard 2



A young female in engineering. Currently working as a Communication, Navigation and Surveillance(CNS) Technical Assistant at Zambia Airports Corporation Limited.

She has over 5 years experience in the aviation sector. Chipo is passionate about Women in STEM and goes out of her way to promote the STEM course to the Younger generation. She believes all individuals can achieve greater things, especially if their mind is in the right state thus her advocacy for Mental health.

Chipo is currently saving as the SWE South-Central African Regional Advisors.



Ogochukwu Okeke
Room Control Guard 3

Ogochukwu Okeke is a Nigerian. She holds a Master of Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering. She is a SWE Global Ambassador and have been involved in several career talks, reach out programs and STEM projects in various schools in Nigeria. She is the Assistant Secretary of FCT SWE Affiliate in Nigeria. She is currently the Assistant Manager, Supply Chain Management Department of North South Power Company Limited – A renewable energy firm in Nigeria



Deborah Kemba Maidawa
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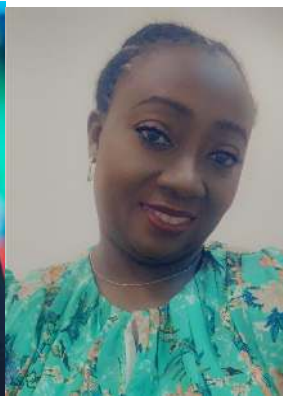
Engr. Deborah Kemba Maidawa MNSE, MNIEEE is a highly skilled Project Management Professional (PMP) with an impressive portfolio of achievements. She currently holds multiple leadership roles, including being the MD of Ecopearls Engineering Services Ltd and the COO of E-Ride Hailing Services Ltd. Additionally, she serves as the Quality of Assurance Manager at Phoenix Renewables Ltd and the Principal Engineer at Interactive Engineering Consult Ltd.

Engr. Deborah's notable projects include her work on the design of Fire Detection & Alarm systems at Various International Airports across Nigeria, such as NAIA Abuja, MMIA Lagos, MAKIA Kano, PHIA Port Harcourt, and AIIA Enugu. She has also been instrumental in the development of indigenous electric vehicles, which are manufactured using 65% locally sourced materials. Her expertise and dedication to her work have earned her recognition as a valuable asset to the Engineering Industry.

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