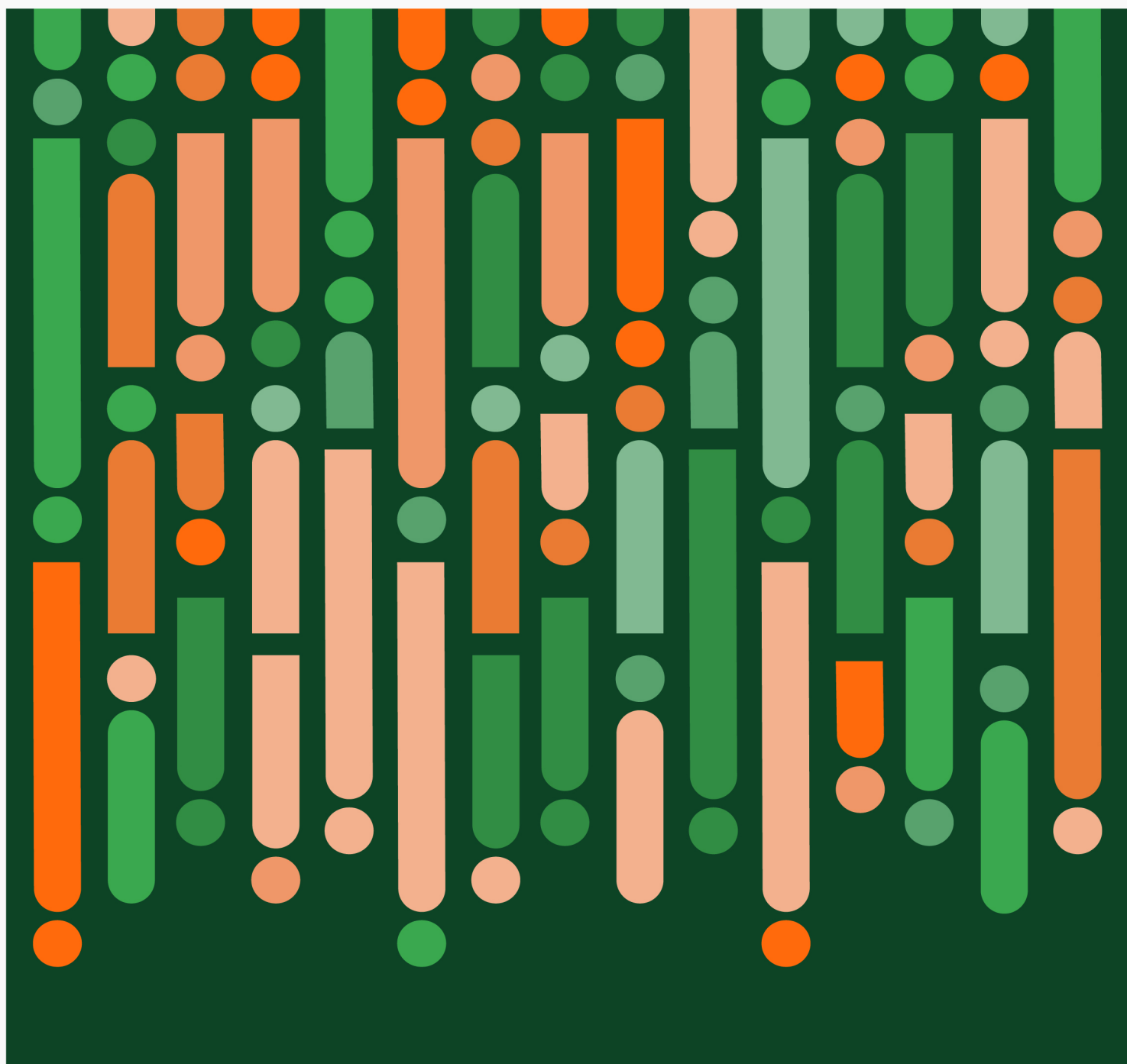


Strengthening Families Conference 2024

Abidjan—Côte D'Ivoire



STRENGTHENING families CONFERENCE

THEME:
"Strengthening
Marriages"

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National Anthem of Cote D'Ivoire

COUPLET 1:

Salut ô terre d'espérance;
Pays de l'hospitalité.
Tes légions remplies de vaillance
Ont relevé ta dignité.
Tes fils, chère Côte d'Ivoire,
Fiers artisans de ta grandeur,
Tous rassemblés pour ta gloire,
Te bâtiront dans le bonheur.

Refrain:

Fiers Ivoiriens, le pays nous appelle.
Si nous avons dans la paix ramené la
liberté,
Notre devoir sera d'être un modèle
De l'espérance promise à l'humanité,
En forgeant, unie dans la foi nouvelle,
La patrie de la vraie fraternité.



Jörg Klebingat
FIRST COUNSELOR



S. Gifford Nielsen
PRESIDENT



Alfred Kyungu
SECOND COUNSELOR

Africa West Area Presidency

The administration of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints within the Africa West Area is overseen by an area president and two counselors, who are usually members of the Quorum of the Seventy and live in their assigned areas. These leaders serve in their positions under the direction of the First Presidency of The Church.



DAY 1 – 21 JUNE 2024

TIME	BOOTHS EXHIBITION
9:00 am – 10:50am	<div><div>– Family Services/Emotional Resilience</div><div>– Community Service/Humanitarian</div><div>– Family Search</div><div>– Gathering Place (YSA)</div><div>– Self- Reliance</div><div>– Seminary and Institute/Pathways</div><div>– Association Ivoirienne du Bien Être Familial (AIBF)</div><div>– Fondation Bloom</div><div>– ONG One Family</div><div>– Jurist Women Association</div><div>– Shelem Construction & Services</div><div>– Jershon Construction</div><div>– Nauvooland Technologies Et Applications</div><div>– NSIA Assurance</div><div>– La CMU</div><div>– Wit Emploi</div><div>– Association Nationale des Femmes Catholique</div><div>– Association National des Femmes Musulmanes</div><div>– Fondation Nouvelle Famille</div><div>– Wit Emploi</div><div>– C’doux</div><div>– Institut International Polytechnique Des Elites d’Abidjan (IIPEA)</div><div>– Université International d’Abidjan (Uni-Abidjan)</div><div>– Grace Divine Education</div><div>– Rifeval & Scoops Socopad</div><div>– Edufin Club International</div><div>– EDUFIN CLUB INTERNATIONAL</div><div>– Elevate Côte d’Ivoire</div><div>– Ministère de La Famille</div><div>– KLA Construction</div><div>– Institut Tina Coiffure</div><div>– Kirene</div><div>– COCOFCI</div><div>– Koundan D’or</div></div>

11:00 am – 1:00 am		OPENING CEREMONY	
TIME		NAME	TITLE
3 mins	Introduction of Master of Ceremonies	James Owusu-Ansah	Director of Communication Africa West Area, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
5 mins	MCs Address	Madam Mariam Kouadio Coulibaly	Master of Ceremonies
		Brice Ludovic Guigre	Co-Master of Ceremonies
5 mins		NATIONAL ANTHEM: GROUPE MAJESTIC	
2 min	Opening Prayer	Le père Norbert-Eric Abekan <i>(Christian leader from Côte d'Ivoire)</i>	Parish Priest of Saint-Jacques Des Deux Plateaux
3 min	Welcome address	Dr Emmou Sylvestre	Mayor of Port Bouet
5 mins		VIDEO PRESENTATION: PROJECT REPORT - ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS	
5 min	Opening Remarks	Elder Dalebe Martin Goury	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, General Authority 70
10 mins	Speaker	Spencer L. James, <i>PhD.</i>	Professor of Family Life at Brigham Young University & Fellow of the Wheatley Institute and the Ballard Center for Social Impact
10 mins		MUSICAL NUMBER: MORIJAH	
10 mins	Speaker	Finance (Push)	Board Member - Push
15 mins	Speaker	Elder Alfred Kyungu	General Authority and President of the Africa West Area, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
5 mins		MUSIC VIDEO: LOVE AT HOME	
15 mins	Guest of Honor	Her Excellency Dominique Ouattara	First Lady of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
10 mins	Speaker	Madam Nassénéba Touré	Minister, Ministry of Family, Women, and Children <i>(Côte d'Ivoire)</i>
10 mins		FAMILY PHOTO	
8 mins		DIGNITARIES LEAVE <i>(STRETCH BREAK)</i>	
15 mins		MUSICAL NUMBER: DORIS, URSULA & ORCHESTRE DES AMIS DE LA MUSIQUE D'ABIDJAN	

2:00 am – 4:00 am		SECOND SESSION	
1 hour 30 mins	Panel discussion -	Salim Vayani	Secretary General, National Muslim Leaders Forum (NAMLEF), Kenya
	1. Family Finances		
	2. Developing Mutual Respect in Marriage	Gomez Rabe Kipre	Expert in Family Finances, Côte d'Ivoire
		Karibi T. George	Secretary, Hausa\ Fulani \ Muslim Community in Cross River State, Nigeria
		Her Worship Madam Rohey Malick Lowe	Mayor in the city of Banjul and in The Gambia
		Sheikh Waly SECK	President of the Council of Foundation to Support Initiatives for the Promotion of Islam (FAIPI), Senegal
		Elder Tonga Sai	Area Authority 70, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
15 mins		MUSICAL NUMBER – GROUPE SOTHECA 	
10 mins	Family Value Awards	Elder Kyungu	Awardee
	Minister for Family, Women & Child	Awardee will be selected based on alignment with SFC objectives and Community Impact	Institution Awardee
10 mins		COMEDY RENDITION – AGALAWAL	
9 mins	Goodwill messages	Dr. Ibrahim Salieu	Acting Dean of the Faculty of Education in the Milton Margai Technical University in Goderich, Freetown, Sierra Leone
		Dr. Vladimir Antwi-Danso	Dean, Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College (GAFCSC), Ghana
		Elise Kossoko	Deputy General Secretary of the Minister of Social Affairs and Microfinance, Benin
5 mins	Concluding Remarks	Mme Silué Katiama Mariame	Directrice de la Promotion des Personnes Handicapées du Ministère de l'emploi et de la Protection Sociale
		2025 SFC MONTAGE 	
2 mins	Closing Prayer	Muslim from CI	Title
ADJOURN			

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DAY 2 – 22 JUNE 2024

TIME	BOOTHS EXHIBITION
9:00 am	<p>CONFIRMED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Family Services/Emotional Resilience – Community Service/Humanitarian – Family Search – Gathering Place (YSA) – Self- Reliance – Seminary and Institute/Pathways – Association Ivoirienne du Bien Être Familial (<i>AIBF</i>) – Fondation Bloom – ONG One Family – Jurist Women Association – Shelem Construction & Services – Jershon Construction – Nauvooland Technologies Et Applications – NSIA Assurance – Family Watch International – Fondation Nouvelle Famille – Wit Emploi – C’doux – Institut International Polytechnique Des Elites d’Abidjan (<i>IPEA</i>) – Université International d’Abidjan (<i>Uni-Abidjan</i>) – Grace Divine Education – Rifeval & Scoops Socopad – Edufin Club International <p>TENTATIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Care International – UNICEF Côte d’Ivoire – Save The Children – Family Health International (<i>FHI 360</i>) – Association Villageoise d’Epargne et de Credit (<i>AVEC</i>) - Advans.CI – Association de Soutien à L’Auto-Promotion Sanitaire Urbain (<i>ASAPSU</i>) – USAID – OMS - Côte d’Ivoire – SICOI – Bijoux De Valeur – Noom Hotel – Tiama Hotel – NSIA Banque – La CNPS – Ministère du Commerce Et de l’industrie – Ministère De L’intérieur – Federation National Des Affaires Et Du Tourisme – Association Nationale Des Femmes Catholique – Association National Des Femmes Musilmanes – Conseil National Des Jeune – Jobio Market – Agro Holding Sarl s

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM		OPENING CEREMONY	
TIME		NAME	TITLE
3 mins		NATIONAL ANTHEM: GROUPE MAJESTIC 	
2 min	Welcome	Madam Mariam Kouadio Coulibaly	Master of Ceremonies
		Brice Ludovic Guigre	Co-Master of Ceremonies
1 mins	Prayer	Leandre Adimou	National Communications Director for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Benin
2 mins	Introduction of Chairperson	Sister Koffi Ahoty Kopoin Juliette	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Niangon Central Stake
5 min	Acceptance	Sa Majesté Nanan Amon Tanoé Désiré	Chambre Nationale des Rois et Chefs Traditionnels
10 min	Speaker	Elder Thierry K. Mutombo	General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Central Africa
			Bride Price & its Effect on Marriage
10 mins	Speaker	Monseigneur Yao Kouadio Marcellin (<i>Check with Sadia</i>)	President of the Episcopal Conference of Catholic Bishops of Cote d'Ivoire
15 mins	Keynote Speaker	H.E. Kandia Camara	President of the Senate
10 mins	Speaker	His Eminence Aseid Cherif Ousmane Madani Haidara (<i>Sterling</i>)	President of the High Islamic Council of Mali
5 mins		FAMILY PHOTO & STRETCH BREAK	
6 mins		MUSICAL PERFORMANCE - JONAS GBALLO 	
6 mins		MUSICAL PERFORMANCE - MORIJAH 	
SECOND SESSION			
1 hour 30 mins	Panel Discussion:	Mohamed SANOGO	Founder and General Overseer of the Messages De Vie (<i>Messages of Life</i>) Ministry and of Vases d'Honneur Church, Cote d'Ivoire
	1. Bride Price & its Effect on Marriage		
	2. The Family & Technology	Imam CISSE Djiguiba	GENERAL DIRECTOR at Radio-Al-Bayane

		Dr. (Mrs.) Imuwahen Anthonia Mbarie	Head of the Pediatrics Department, Central Hospital Benin, Nigeria
		Fiifi Buckman Philip	Family Lawyer, Ghana
		Eugenia Abu	Broadcast Journalist & Compere, Nigeria
		Patricia Adopo	Area Organizational Adviser, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Cote d'Ivoire
6 mins		MUSICAL NUMBER BY CULTURAL TROOP - SOTHECA 	
6 mins	Goodwill Messages	Dr. Joseph Koffi Nutefé TSIGBE	Director of Information, External Relations, Cooperation and Services Department at the University of Lomé, Togo
		Rt. Rev George Neequaye Kotei	Anglican Bishop of Tema Diocese, Ghana
5 mins	Vote of Thanks	Ministry of Social Welfare	
6 mins	Transition to SFC 2025: Video Presentation & Handover 	Elder Martin Dabele Goury	General Authority Seventy, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Cote d'Ivoire
	Closing Remarks	Madame Sekou	Ministry of Family, Women, and Children, Cote d'Ivoire
		Eddie Mansaray	Ambassador of Sierra Leone to Cote d'Ivoire
		Sheik Salim Feika	Chief Of Staff, Office of the First Lady, Sierra Leone
		Elder Pambu	Area Authority Seventy, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Sierra Leone
		Valerie Young	National Communications Director, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Sierra Leone
6 mins	"FAMILIES CAN BE TOGETHER FOREVER" - ALL MUSICAL PERFORMERS (BACKED BY ORCHESTRA, MORIJAH SINGS ONE LINE IN FRENCH, BISHOP GBALLO IN LOCAL LANGUAGE, URSULA & DORIS IN ENGLISH) 		
1 mins	Closing Prayer	Name	Title
		ADJOURN	
		POSTLUDE: ORCHESTRA WITH DORIS & URSLAR 	



BiOGRAPHIES

Notable Attendees

About Strengthening Families Conference 2024

- 01** Families play an important role in creating and sustaining peaceful and inclusive societies indispensable for sustainable and inclusive development.
- 02** Research reveals that children growing up in stable and supportive families develop positive cognitive, emotional, and social characters thus becoming stable and peaceful adults.
- 03** There are several important aspects of stable family environments ensuring children's well-being and early socialization, such as secure attachment and the process of the transmission and acquisition of values.
- 04** Research demonstrates that children who developed secure attachment relationships in their families are more self-reliant and empathetic adults.

There is therefore the need for stakeholders to reaffirm the critical importance of the family as a building block of the Society, and implement initiatives aimed at raising awareness of problems confronting families today.

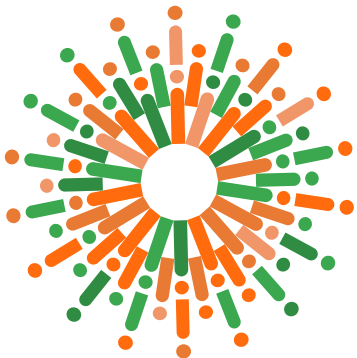
The motivation of organizing the Strengthening Families Conference is to

"Promote those measures designed to maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society".

The family is the core unit of society. As we strengthen the foundation, we will be able to see the structure of the community develop unity with stronger morals and values.



HER EXCELLENCY
FATIMA MAADA
FIRST LADY OF SIERRA LEONE



MADAME NASSENEBA
TOURÉ DIANÉ

MINISTER, MINISTRY OF FAMILY, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN
CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Madame Nasseneba Touré Diané was born on September 24, 1972, in Korhogo, where she began her schooling. At the age of 19, after obtaining her baccalaureate, she went to the United States to continue her studies. It was there that she began her political career. Graduating in computer science and telecommunications, she started her career at Comsat, one of the American leaders in the sector, before moving to the International Finance Corporation (IFC), and then to the World Bank in Washington. Since 2012, Nasseneba Touré has been the mayor of the commune of Odienné in the northwest of Côte d'Ivoire.

She subsequently became Secretary in charge of women and mobilization in Washington DC, for Virginia and Maryland. She participated in mobilization and activities for the Democrats in support of Bill Clinton for his second term during the 1996 U.S. presidential elections.

From 2003 to 2006, Nasseneba Touré worked at the World Bank in the Transport and Infrastructure Department. In 2006, while Côte d'Ivoire was still experiencing a military-political crisis, she decided to return to her country.

In 2007, she entered the Ivorian administration as a Technical Advisor at the Ministry of New Information and
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Communication Technologies (NTIC). She was then appointed Technical Advisor to the then Prime Minister Guillaume Kigbabori Soro in 2008. In April 2012, she became the first female mayor of Odienné, a commune in the northwest of Côte d'Ivoire, and the 4th Vice President of the Union of Cities and Communes of Côte d'Ivoire (UVICOCI).

In 2014, she received the "Excellence Award for Best Mayor of Côte d'Ivoire" from President Alassane Ouattara, after two years of municipal management. A practicing Muslim, she works with the community and is active in humanitarian efforts.

As Mayor, she participates in several international meetings within United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG).

A practicing Muslim, she works with the community and is active in humanitarian efforts. She rehabilitated the largest mosque in the city of Odienné and assists people in need through the "Faso Kanou" Foundation. Additionally, as the patron of Dominique Ouattara's foundation, Children of Africa, Nasseneba Touré is very active in the fields of health, education, and the well-being of the population.



MADAME KANDIA KAMISSOKO

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Born on June 17, 1959, in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, married and mother of four children, H.E. Madame Kandia CAMARA has been the President of the Senate of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire since October 12, 2023. She is thus the first woman in Côte d'Ivoire to hold this high office.

An Inspector General of National Education and Training, category A, grade A7 of the Public Service of Côte d'Ivoire, she is a graduate of the École Normale Supérieure, the National University of Côte d'Ivoire, and Lancaster University in England. She taught general English and specialized English from 1983 to 2002, notably at the Cocody Modern College, the Treich-Laplène College, and the Abidjan Vocational Hospitality High School.

As a notable handball player, she won the title of Côte d'Ivoire champion six times from 1974 to 1980 and once the African Club Champions Cup in 1981.

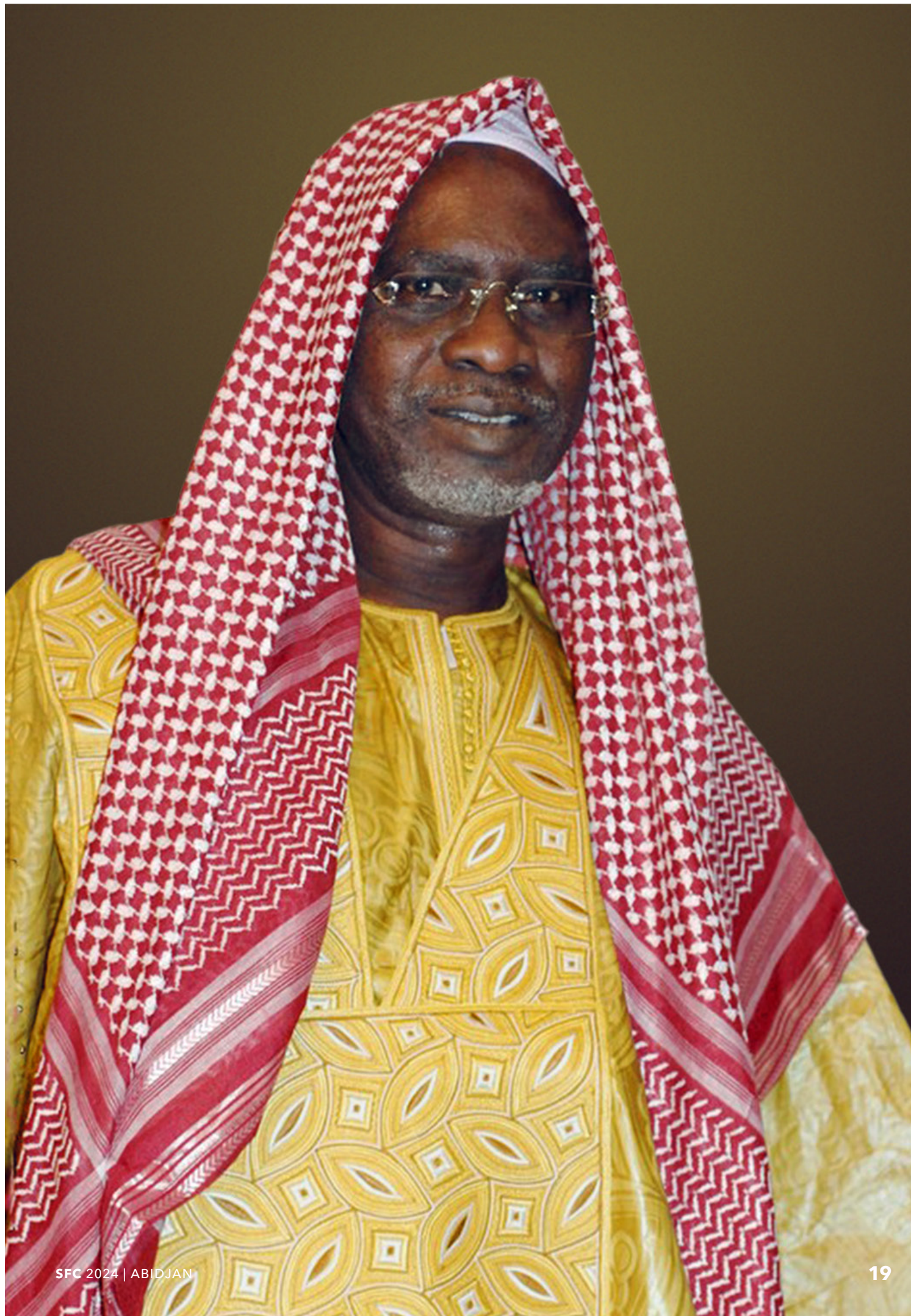
She founded the Committee for the Rally and Awareness of Women for the PDCI-RDA in 1990 and held various positions within this party, including member of the Political Bureau, Secretary General of the National Bureau of the Women's Union of the PDCI (UFPDCI) from 1991 to 1994. She was also a Municipal Councillor in the Cocody Municipality from 1990 to 1995.

On October 6, 2023, she was appointed Senator and on October 12, 2023, she was overwhelmingly elected with 94.50% of the votes as President of the Senate, making her the first woman President of the Senate of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, after being the second woman State Minister in the history of Côte d'Ivoire.

In the administrative and governmental action field, she was a Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of the National Reconciliation and Transition Government from 2003 to 2010.

She entered the Government as Minister of National Education on December 4, 2010. She also held the following ministerial departments: Ministry of Technical Education and Vocational Training, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women, Family, and Children, from the crisis exit until May 21, 2011, and Minister of National Education, Technical Education, and Vocational Training from 2011 to 2021. She held the portfolio of State Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration, and the Diaspora from April 6, 2021, to October 12, 2023.

Thus, she became the first woman to head these two Ministries in our country.



HIS EMINENCE

ASEID CHERIF OUSMANE MADANI HAIDARA

MALI

Sheikh Chérif Ousmane Madani Haïdara has served as the President of the High Islamic Council of Mali since April 2019. He is the only public figure in the whole country of Mali to bring together a crowd as strong as 80,000 followers in one place. His influence and high stature allow him to play a significant role in the political discourse. In 1991, Haïdara founded the Ansar Dine Islamic movement, which is based on Sufi teachings. He is a follower of the Maliki school of Islam and a Sufi.

Sheikh Chérif Ousmane Madani Haïdara's Ansar Dine movement is particularly strong in southern Mali, as well as in neighboring countries such as Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso, with more than 2 million members and more than 7 million followers.

Furthermore, his influence extends to the Malian diaspora in more than 36 countries. It is important to note that Haïdara's movement should not be confused with the terrorist organization Ansar Dine operating in northern Mali.

Beyond his role as a religious leader in Mali, Sheikh Chérif Ousmane Madani Haïdara is active in the region and on the international stage. His work aims to promote unity and understanding among different religious communities.



ELDER ALFRED KYUNGU

2ND COUNSELOR, AFRICA WEST
AREA PRESIDENCY

Elder Alfred Kyungu was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 3, 2021, at age 54. He is currently serving as a second counselor in the Africa West Area presidency. Elder Kyungu received a Bachelor of Science degree in social sciences and international relations from the University of Lubumbashi in 1993. In 1996, he received a Master of Science degree in social sciences and international relations from the University of Lubumbashi. He has worked in several positions for the Democratic Republic of the Congo government. Prior to his call as a mission president, he worked for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as coordinator and regional director for seminaries and institutes. Elder Kyungu has served in several Church callings, including counselor in a stake presidency, and president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo Mbuji-Mayi Mission from 2016 – 2019. Alfred Kyungu Kibamba was born in Kamina, Democratic Republic of the Congo, on October 31, 1966. He married Lucie Kabulo Malale in 1998. They are the parents of three children.



BiOGRAPHIES

Special Guests



SPENCER JAMES

– USA

Spencer L. James, Ph.D., is a professor of Family Life at Brigham Young University, where he also serves as a Fellow of the Wheatley Institute and the Ballard Center for Social Impact. Currently, he and his family reside in Benin, West Africa as he serves as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Parakou during the 2023–2024 school year. Since coming to BYU in 2012, he has published over 50 peer-reviewed articles, books, and book chapters in prominent outlets and numerous public reports focused on two lines of research: the first on the consequences of family relationships for child well-being, and the second addressing how and why people form, maintain, and dissolve romantic relationships.

He is the founder and director of the Global Families Research Initiative (*globalfamilies.byu.edu*), which focuses on global family relationships and how those relationships influence the wellbeing of children, adolescents, and adults. Currently, he is working on several projects that examine how family dynamics and child well-being are linked in sub-Saharan Africa and throughout the world. He is very much looking forward to engaging with each of you and welcomes opportunities to connect and collaborate.

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**AGOA AKABLA
FLORENTINE EPSE**

– CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Akabla Florentine Agoh Kouassi is a doctor in Contemporary History and teacher-researcher in the Department of History at Alassane Ouattara University in Bouaké/Côte d'Ivoire since 2009.

Specialist in religious history, her work and publications focus on the developments observed in the means of apostolate used by evangelical Protestant churches in their mission of evangelization, on the relations between the different Christian and Muslim communities as well as the contribution traditional and imported religions to the development of African states.

More than twenty publications which analyze these questions are to his credit, including: "Protestant female missionary work in Ivory Coast from the end of the 19th century to 1960: particularities and impact" In *Work throughout history*. Goeh-Akue, Koutchoukalo Tchassim, Iba Bilina Ballong, Democracy, local governance and social justice, Paris, L' Harmattan, June 2020; "The Methodist Protestant Church of Ivory Coast and the question of Liberian refugees from 1989–1996" *Histarc: Gabonese Review of History and Archeology*, n°02-2017, pp.56–73

She also took part in several scientific events (*symposia, conferences, seminars*) organized both in Africa (*Abidjan, Lomé, Parakou, Bamako, Monastir, Sfax*) and in Europe (*Nice, Montreal*) as a communicator or member of the steering Committee.



EXCELLENCY

– CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Excellency YABOUDJRO Henoc, a Peace Ambassador and management expert of conflict, holder of a master's degree in Management. Since 2007, he has shared his expertise as a speaker and trainer of trainers on the principles of peace within the Universal Peace Federation (*FPU*). Furthermore, it intervenes as a speaker on true family values for the Federation of Families for World Peace and unification since 2006.

Excellency YABOUDJRO is also the President of the CSTP (*Spiritual Center of Personal Transformation*) and has participated as a panelist on several summits on true family values in Côte d'Ivoire between 2022 and 2023, as well as at international summits such as in Senegal in 2018, in SAO Tomé and Príncipe in 2019, and in Niger in November 2019. e

Beyond his associative commitment, Excellence YABOUDJRO is an Advisor Municipal at th in Excellence YABOUDJRO is an Advisor Municipal at the Town Hall of Attécoubé and also a writer. His latest work entitled "*Education for Peace*" published in 2023 demonstrates its desire to promote peaceful and constructive values. Married and father of two children.



PROFESSOR JOACHIM AGBROFFI

– CÔTE D'IVOIRE

He was born on January 1, 1955 in Tioko, Sub-Prefecture of Grand-Lahou (*Ivory Coast*). He studied in Ivory Coast and France. He is married and father of 3 daughters (*1988, 1991, 1998*). His nationality is Ivorian. He is Professor of Social, Cultural and Political Anthropology at Alassane Ouattara University-Bouaké-Ivory Coast.

Professor AGBROFFI Diamoi Joachim is the author of several scientific articles and co-authors of numerous books. He is a member of several national and international associations. He has participated in a large number conferences, symposia and congresses around the world.



SELMA OUIGUINI CEO, PUSH IVORY COAST

– CÔTE D'IVOIRE



MAÏMOUNA SENE CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE DIRECTOR, PANELYS

– CÔTE D'IVOIRE



RT REV JEREMIAH NGUMO KIGURU

– KENYA

Current position:
MODERATOR Africa Christian Churches and Schools (ACC&S) since 2017 to date.



ELDER THIERRY K. MUTOMBO

– CONGO

Elder Thierry K. Mutombo was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 4, 2020, at age 44



MASTER OF CEREMONY

A lawyer by training, a graduate of ISTC Polytechnique, Mariam COULIBALY KOUADIO is a Radio host, TV Presenter, master of ceremonies and Communication Consultant. Member of the 10th PMD Promotion of MDE BUSINESS SCHOOL and Director of FREQUENCE 2 radio, Mariam has 25 years of experience and is recognized for her professionalism, sympathy and values. Married, she is the mother of a family of 4 charming young ladies of whom she is particularly proud.



CO-MASTER OF CEREMONY

Revealed to the Ivorian and African public in January 2019, Brice Ludovic Guigré, known by his real name, is a media enthusiast. He holds a Master's degree in Philosophy from the Catholic University of West Africa (UCAO) and a Master's degree in Communication from the Agitel Formation group.

Previously, this Ivorian media professional attended Collège Moderne Autoroute de Treichville and the Catholic Secondary School Moyen Séminaire for middle and high school. Initially, he made his first steps as a journalist-writer and reporter at DJIBI TV, a web TV, in 2010. Subsequently, he worked at SOURCE TV, BENIE TV, BUSINESS 24 AFRICA, and AFRICA HOME TV, where he successively held the roles of presenter and editor-in-chief.

In July 2016, he joined Radio Jam as a

journalist-presenter, where he hosted "Tout Feu Tout Flamme," one of the flagship radio shows, as well as news bulletins. A few months later, he was hired by Ossoo TV, an audiovisual production company based in Abidjan and Libreville (Gabon). Hired as the editor-in-chief, Brice Guigré was designated as the presenter of the show "ON SE DIT LES GBÊ" after a highly selective and rigorous casting process among several other candidates.

Since September 2022, he has been working as the presenter of the show "Afterwork" on Radio Nostalgie. In parallel, he teaches at BEM INSTITUT, a prestigious higher education institution, where he gives courses in Media Training and Public Speaking.

In December 2019, he won the award for Best Television Revelation in Africa.



PANEL **Di**SCUSSIONS

Guest **bio**graphpy



**KARIBI TAMUNOEMI
GEORGE**

NIGERIA

Karibi Tamunoemi George is a teacher, lawyer, mediator and communications advisor, who retired as a Director from the Civil Service in Nigeria. He has rendered voluntary service to many organizations and spoken at conferences of professional associations, service, and religious bodies in Nigeria, earning some awards in the process.

An avid (Lawn) Tennis player, football follower, radio presenter and interactive Master of Ceremonies, Karibi is the author of four books; The Master of Ceremonies Handbook (2000), Write On, Civil Servant (2022); Tales from School of Laws (2022); and (editor) 100 Years of Worship and Ministry: The Story of First Baptist Church Port Harcourt 1922-2022, and many articles on literature, communications, law, and education. He is married and the marriage is blessed with children.



**FIIFI BUCKMAN
PHILIP**

GHANA

Lawyer Fiifi Buckman Philip is a Barrister of Law with a degree in political Science and linguistics from the University of Ghana. He is the legal advisor to many institutions in the Western Region of Ghana and is the head of the legal department of a reputable bank in Ghana. He is the board secretary to Lower Pra Rural Bank. He has also served as the organizer of the Western Bar Association of Lawyers.

He is the host of "Legal Issues Your Rights" on a local radio station. He is a social commentator, an advocate of the less privileged in society and has the zeal to protect the fundamental human rights of all, especially the vulnerable in society such as widows and orphans.

Due to his love for all, he was honored with enskinment as a sub-chief of the Dagomba tribe from the Northern Region of Ghana. He is a Parliamentary aspirant on the ticket of the largest opposition party in Ghana (NDC). He is a family lawyer and has been married for 20 years with four girls.



EUGENIA ABU

NIGERIA

Eugenia Abu is one of Nigeria's frontline Broadcast Journalists winning several awards in the field including the prestigious NMMA Best Newscaster of the year in 1995. She anchored the NTA flagship network news for 17 years and retired from active public service at the top of her career as Executive Director, having served meritoriously for 34 years. Eugenia Abu is a visiting consultant at Bingham University and a council member of Veritas University. She is a judge on the National Maltina Teachers award and the OFAB Media award. Eugenia is also a member of the National Media Complaints commission and a board member of the Savannah Centre for diplomacy, democracy and Development. She has consulted for several national and international organizations.

A Multimedia Strategist, Media Consultant, Columnist, and Author, she is a much sought-after Compere and high-level Moderator and Facilitator at home and abroad and was the compere at the inauguration of President Yar'adua and President Jonathan. She also compered the inaugural dinner of President Buhari. Only recently she anchored the 2023 Presidential inauguration Lecture and the Presidential inaugural ball for President Tinubu. She is the Managing partner/CEO The Eugenia Abu Media. She lives in Abuja with her family; a happily married mother of six.



DR.(MRS) IMUWAHEN ANTHONIA MBARIE

NIGERIA

Dr. (Mrs.) Imuwahen Anthonia Mbarie is a Consultant Paediatrician of over 20 years in medical practice. She is a graduate of the University of Benin in Edo State, Nigeria. She had her internship in Military Hospital, Yaba in 2001 followed by the compulsory National Youth Service Corp (NYSC), also in Lagos State. Immediately after her youth service, she commenced her residency training in the Department of Child Health, University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) in December 2003. She obtained the Fellowship of the West African College of Physicians in 2010 and was thereafter appointed as a Consultant Pediatrician by the Hospitals Management Board, Benin City in 2010. In 2016, she was appointed the pioneer Executive Secretary of the Edo State Primary Health Care Department Agency, a position she held from 2016 till 2020. She was also the State Focal Person of Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) for 4 years. After her tenure as Executive Secretary, she resumed at Central Hospital Benin as the Head of the Pediatrics Department.

Dr. (Mrs.) Mbarie obtained her master's in public health degree in 2021 and was appointed as the Director Health Services Department, University of Benin in February 2023. She is an active member of Heritage Assembly Church, loves fellowshiping, reading novels and playing table-tennis. She has also been

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SALIM VAYANI

KENYA

Salim Vayani, a citizen of Kenya, is a member of the Executive Council of IRCK (Inter-religious Council of Kenya). He also serves as the Secretary General for the National Muslim Leaders Forum, one of the founding members of the IRCK. Mr. Vayani is the Secretary General of Da'Nah Caravan, a relief organization working in Northern Kenya. Previously he had served as Trustee for the Ummah Foundation, a national relief and development charity, focusing on empowering the community through education. He has served as Secretary General of the Prisoners Rehabilitation Programme, supporting education and rehabilitation programs to assist prisoners' integration back into society. He has also served in various capacities for Rotary International.

Mr. Vayani previously held senior management positions in various family owned businesses spread over several sectors. Currently he is engaged in the Real Estate sector with popular marketing brand called "iProperties" and also specializes in international sourcing, trading, and supplies in the Agriculture and Food sector.

Salim has distinguished himself as a diligent social worker and an excellent entrepreneur

in the various capacities that he has held in both the corporate sector as well as in the social and humanitarian spheres.



KIPRE RABE GOMEZ

IVORY COAST

Gomez R. KIPRE, Consultant Manager Coach, Expert in financial education and entrepreneurship. Married and Father of 5 children, Gomez is now a Partner and Manager of the Firm of Financial Education and Advice (EDUFIN.CONSEILS) and Founding President of the international NGO EDUFIN.CLUB that he created to fight against poverty and contribute significantly to the financial well-being of individuals and families. Before putting in place these two major tools to work towards achieving its vision, that of "a world without financial exclusion", he has worked in several organizations and companies including PPI (People Power Inclusion) as an Expert in financial education for the implementation of the National Financial Education Program (PNEF) and IRC (International Rescue Committee) as consultant trainer Coach as part of the Program to strengthen opportunities for Young people (PRO YOUTH) for their professional integration.

He also worked as accountant and financial manager in several other companies. BAC+5 level in organizational management at CAMPC (African Development Center and Executive Management), he holds a master's degree (master 1) in economics obtained at the University of COCODY and

five certificates in financial and accounting management of commercial companies and NGOs. Gomez is also certified as an expert in microfinance by Frankfurt School of finance and Management, Germany.



SHEIKH WALY SECK
SENEGAL

Imam Sheikh Waly SECK, of Senegalese nationality, holds a planning engineering diploma obtained in Senegal, then a Master's degree in development economics and a diploma of in-depth studies in development obtained in Geneva, Switzerland. Since 1985 until today, he has held numerous important positions which have enabled him to perform eminent and loyal services through the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation, the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Planning, the High Council for Natural Resources and the Environment, the Ecological Monitoring Center, the American Foundation for Development in Africa, etc. Since 2015, he has been appointed special advisor to the national coordinator of the community agricultural estates program, in charge of technical and socio-economic studies.

A fervent disciple of El hadji Abdou Aziz Dabakh RTA, Imam Cheikh Waly Seck holds the highest title in the Tidiane hierarchy. He is a leader in several areas of influence, notably in his role as promoter of Islamic values as president of the Council of FAIPI (Foundation to Support Initiatives for

the Promotion of Islam) based in Dakar, of Citoyen of the World, International Mediator and Traveling Ambassador of Peace. He received the dignitary toga "Amadou Makhtar Mbow".



**HER WORSHIP
MADAM ROHEY
MALICK LOWE**

GAMBIA

Her Worship Madam Rohey Malick Lowe made history on the 12th of May 2018 when she was elected as the first female mayor in the city of Banjul and in The Gambia. She is also the first female mayor to be re-elected in Banjul and in The Gambia. She lived in Sweden and studied International Relations at the University of Falun in Sweden. In Sweden, she served on the Child Welfare Committee of Nyköping Municipality, with responsibility of overseeing schools within her jurisdiction for four years.

As Mayor of Banjul, one of her strongest priorities has been to ensure that the youth and women of the city of Banjul are empowered through skills building and entrepreneurship. She is also very passionate about quality education for girls, provision of easily accessible good drinking water, and availability of quality, affordable and accessible health care for her people. She holds various positions on several boards and has won prestigious awards.



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DORIS (DEEDIVA)

NIGERIA

Doris is a trained classical/opera singer from Nigeria. She has won multiple awards and is one of Nigeria's finest and most sought-after Soprano's.

She received her specialized vocal training from the hands of Maria Cecilia Toledo de Schmillen, wife of a former German Ambassador to Nigeria, and from other highly rated German and French musical experts.

She has performed at several distinguished events at both the local and international level. These events include the Embassy Of Germany National Day Celebration, Switzerland Charity Night of Opera, Ovation International magazine Christmas Carol, Nigerian Presidential Villa (Aso Rock Abuja), Strengthening Family Conference 2023 and many more....

Deediva is an extremely passionate soprano and has carved a niche for herself.



URSLAR ESSEL

GHANA

Urslar Essel is a Mezzo Soprano, and Soprano soloist, a full time musical artist, and performer, delving from different genres: Contemporary, Classical, Soul, Rock Opera, Pop Opera, Jazz, and Opera. Her focused field is Broadway, and Musical Theater Art performance.

Urslar currently is a part time vocal performer for the prestigious events and occasions for the Ghana National Symphony Orchestra. A self-motivated singer, and teacher, hoping to be a musical therapist, and musical educationist Urslar is a performer of the centuries, currently enrolls in private learning and trainings in Ghana and abroad.



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**DR. VLADIMIR
ANTWI-DANSO**

GHANA

Dr. Vladimir Antwi-Danso is a highly accomplished and respected academic leader who currently serves as the Dean of the Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College (GAF CSC). He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his role, contributing significantly to the institution's academic and administrative success.



**RT. REV GEORGE
NEEQUAYE KOTEI**

GHANA

Rt. Rev George Neequaye Kotei is the Anglican Bishop of Tema Diocese in Ghana. He is a senior lecturer at the Trinity Theological Seminary in Accra. He has many degrees culminating with a Master of Philosophy from University of Ghana and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from University of Pretoria, South Africa. Several

of his articles have been published and he has contributed in 4 books. He is married with 2 grown sons and 1 daughter.



**DR. JOSEPH KOFFI
NUTEFÉ TSIGBE**

TOGO

Dr. Joseph Koffi Nutefé TSIGBE is a Full Professor (CAMES) in contemporary history. He is Director of Research and Innovation at the University of Lomé. He teaches social and economic history at the same university. A member of the Equipe d'études sur le travail et les relations identitaires en Afrique (LETRIA), he is the author of books and articles on the economic, social and socio-political history of African states in general and Togo in particular.

His latest book co-published (with Komlan Kouzan) at L'Harmattan is entitled "Nicolas Grunitzky (1913-1969). Le nationaliste trop prudent ou l'homme de la France? He is also a national evaluator for Global Integrity based in the USA and a consultant for the Center for Linguistic and Historical Studies by Oral Tradition (Celhto).

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**DR. IBRAHIM
SALIEU KAMARA**

SIERRA LEONE

Dr. Ibrahim Salieu Kamara was born of prominent Islamic Scholars in the early 60's. After his secondary education, he went first to Milton Teachers' College where he obtained his Higher Teacher Certificate (HTC) in Islamic Studies and West African History in 1985. He furthered his degree and post Graduate Diploma studies in English, Linguistics, Biblical and Religious Studies at Fourah Bay College and in 1988 graduated with a B. A. Dip. Ed. He became lucky to study for a master's degree in Osmanu Dan Fodio, Sokoto Nigeria and became successful. He was then invited to read for his Doctorate in Islamic studies and which he obtained. Opportunity smiled once more to him when he got a year scholarship to read Basic Arabic language translation in the University of Qatar, Qatar, in 2007.

Besides being a prominent preacher and teacher in Sierra Leone for over 45 years, he is now the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Education in the Milton Margai Technical University in Goderich, Freetown, Sierra

Leone. He has served as the Principal Chief Imam of Jamiul Jalil Themne Central Mosque of Freetown, Sierra Leone for eight years.



**KOSSOKO
KOSSOUOH
FATIMA ÉLISE**

BENIN

Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Microfinance and is representing Madame the Minister of Social Affairs and Microfinance of Benin Republic.

Ms. Kossoko is graduated from both High School of Social Assistant and Administrative and National school of law, Benin Republic. She capitalizes 27 years' experience in the field of family protection, gender equality, child protection, promotion and protection of disabled and elderly persons. On May 29, 2019, she has been awarded by the government and received the Title of 'Knight of the order of Merit'. She has acceptable level in spoken English. She is married and is blessed with five children. Her hobbies are music, sports, traveling.

GOING FORWARD

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