



Young Leaders Think Tank for Policy Alternatives

Adellah Agaba, 27, has a Masters Degree in Laws (specializing in Oil and Gas Management) and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB Hons.) with a Certificate in Oil and Gas Management. She is currently working with Uganda Debt Network (UDN), an organization that works to advocate for pro-poor policies, participation of poor people, and prudent utilization of public resources to benefit all people of Uganda. She has significant experience in developing and implementing programs to promote transparency and accountability in public office in Uganda and extensive knowledge of public management, public sector reforms, governance and accountability. She also possesses significant knowledge and experience in anti-corruption and good governance issues, and has implemented



programs to enhance ethics, transparency and accountability in public office. She has a passion for sports, having a significant on-air reach to thousands through a sports show that she hosts on the growing channel 'Urban-TV' of the Vision Group Uganda. Being diverse is something she takes pride in as a young person seeking new learning opportunities as and when she can get them.



Ahmed Hadji, 31, is a leading youth change maker, community organizer and policy analyst in Uganda, with a track-record of achievements as a team leader of African Youth Development Link (AYDL), Uganda Muslim Youth Development Forum (UMYDF) and Vijana Space Inc –a youth development consultancy in Africa. Ahmed is also a Rotaractors with the Rotaract Kampala –The CORE, and has helped start several Rotaract

clubs in Uganda. He is the convener of the Generation Change Uganda Chapter - a social movement supporting the establishment of youth initiatives, a Youth Advisor to Washington, a member of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Young Leaders Think Tank for Policy Alternatives, the World Bank Youth Group in Uganda, AU and UN Ugandan Youth Representative for the last two years and an accredited International Election Observer in Africa. Ahmed has participated in the 2012 International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) of the US State Department and KAS Young Leaders fellowship program in Berlin, Germany. He was key in organizing TEDx Youth@Bukoto- the most successfully organized TEDx Youth Event in Africa. He is currently finalizing his Masters in Local Governance and Human Rights supported by KAS at Uganda Martyrs University-Nkozi.

Bernard Mukhone, 34, has over six years of experience of development work coupled with time tested leadership and teamwork. Bernard believes in youth engagement as way of harnessing the potential that lies within this great force. He has successfully implemented two projects on democratic governance and accountability implemented by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung with funding from the European Union. Bernard has a wealth of experience in project conceptualization, implementation and management. He also has worked with young people on different fronts especially in the areas of policy formulation and advocating for youth inclusive policies. As Group Chairman, Elegant Group of companies dealing in automobiles, events management and clothing, Bernard gives an opportunity to young people to showcase and develop their entrepreneurial skills as well as enabling them to earn a living. Bernard holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences (sociology and political science) of Makerere University and has completed an M.A in Local Governance and Human Rights from Uganda Martyrs University, Nkozi (awaiting Graduation).



Hope Kyarisiima is passionate about harnessing the power of the youth and mind to alleviate the plight of young people. Information Manager by profession, she currently works with Salama Shield Foundation in Uganda as a Country Director. Hope believes that young people have the potential to shape their future through influencing policies, economic empowerment and being active in civic society and this potential can be developed through confidence building and encouraging them to fully participate in all societal processes of development. Her

vision is of an assertive, confident and independent youth in Africa. She loves reading, travelling and interacting with people from diverse backgrounds.

Sharon Nakandha, 29, is a public international law specialist focusing on the areas of international and transitional justice. Away from the law, she is enthusiastic about the engagement of young people in policy discussions. In the past, her commentaries on youth unemployment ("We need a comprehensive solution to unemployment", Daily Monitor, June 28, 2011) and the need for young people to agitate for accountability in Uganda's oil sector ("Of Uganda's oil and the youth: 'The Facebook and Twitter generation'", Daily Monitor, October 13, 2011) have been published by one of the leading newspapers in Uganda. Sharon believes that young people are a critical resource that every nation must rely on in order to realize it's development goals.





Emmanuel Kitamirike, 35, holds a Bachelor's Degree of Arts with Education of Makerere University and a Post-graduate Diploma in Project Planning and Management of the Uganda Institute of Management. He is currently a student of Management in the field of Public Policy at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Emmanuel is the Executive Director of the Uganda Youth Network - a regionally focused leading umbrella Youth CSO Network that works to mainstream young peoples' engagement in development and governance processes in East Africa and beyond. He is a development programme management professional, self-driven, committed

and competent in programme conceptualization, development, implementation and evaluation. He has seven years of development programming experience, versatile skills and experience in policy engagement and strategic development in the arenas of governance, livelihood and civic participation.

Loyola Karobwa, 27, is a Global Change Maker and social entrepreneur. She is a lawyer with a passion for the Rule of Law. She is currently an Associate practicing with a leading law firm in Kampala with an emphasis on Natural Resources Law and Policy, on which basis she was nominee for the award of 'Young Female Lawyer of the year 2014' by the Women lawyers committee of the Uganda Law Society. She became a member of the Global Change Makers network after being selected from over 1500 applicants and attending the Euro-Africa Youth Summit in Brussels, Belgium in July 2012. She is a co-founder of Youth Arise for Africa, a budding nonprofit pan-African organization, whose mission is to foster leadership as a way of life among youth.



Loyola believes in doing her part for her country, her continent, and the world. She has volunteered with Uganda Youth Network, Open Society Institute for Eastern Africa, African Youth Development Link and UPYF. She is a member of the International Youth Council – Uganda Chapter and Rotary International – she is currently the President of the Rotaract Club of Kampala, Ssesse Islands. Loyola's goal is to use her profession to achieve effective and sustainable economic, social, and political development. Her inclination towards contributing to her country is best summarized in two of her favorite quotes "If there must be trouble, let it be in my day that my child may have peace" (unknown), and "The future depends on what we do in the present" (Mahatma Gandhi).



Malcolm Mpamizo, 30, as a Think Tank member and the group coordinator having joined in 2012, is at the forefront of the groups activities. Malcolm currently heads the Research and Advocacy Programme at FAWE Uganda, a leading Pan-African Civil Society Organization at the vanguard of promoting education as a right for girls and women. Malcolm attained a Bachelor's degree in Law from Makerere University, a Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre and is an enrolled advocate. This is in addition to other professional courses, seminars and conferences with specific reference to governance, development, gender, HIV/AIDS, policy analysis and policy advocacy. This experience saw him nominated to

the Think Tank. Malcolm previously underwent training spells at Bank of Uganda, Standard Chartered Bank and the Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE), and is a member of the Scholarship committee of the Makerere University Female Scholarship Foundation as well as a board member at the Zawadi Africa Education Foundation Uganda. Malcolm is a member of Uganda Law Society, East African Law Society and Rotary Club of Kiwatule, of Rotary International, where he has been involved at the highest position of leadership (Leading youth in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Eritrea).

Kaviri Ali, 25, is a dynamic youth activist with over four years of experience being at the forefront of many issues that promote pro-poor values, gender equality, good governance and social justice in Uganda. Ali works as a Programmes Assistant under the Youth Advocacy and Engagement at the Uganda Youth Network (UYONET), a leading umbrella Youth CSO Network that works to mainstream young peoples' engagement in development and governance processes. Ali also serves as the President for the FOWODE young leaders Alumni Association (FYLAA) a youth non-profit that grew out of Forum for Women in Democracy (FOWODE) where he provides headship to the association that has a membership of over 500 Alumni. In 2012, he founded the Youth Equality Center Uganda (YEC-U), a youth led non-profit that empowers university and secondary students with skills in building self-esteem, communication, technology, entrepreneurship, life skills, and also imparts knowledge on leadership and gender issues. He has previously worked with Digital Opportunity Trust International, where he facilitated technology, business and life skills to grass-roots youth and women groups in disadvantaged communities. Ali runs an online blog at <http://kaviriali.wordpress.com/>, where he blogs on all aspects relating to youth and women's empowerment. Ali holds a Bachelors Degree of Community Based Rehabilitation from Kyambogo University.





Edna Akullo, 28, is currently a student at the Makerere University Kampala, pursuing a Master of Arts in Gender Analysis in Economics and a Pearson Fellow for Social Innovation 2011. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. She worked as the Research and Training advisor at the Advocates for Public International Law Uganda (APILU) and researched in the area of UNSCR 1325 on women, peace and security in Uganda. She assisted in the strategic and operational planning work at APILU. In addition, she worked at the Ministry of Constitutional Affairs and Good Governance, Zanzibar, running several projects while in Tanzania, and also at the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria. She is currently running an education project under the Pearson Fellowship called "Self Help Foundation Project", which aims at rebuilding post war communities of Northern Uganda through education and bridging the information and skills gap in as well as encouraging the grass-roots to embrace education.

Wakibu Bunnya, 27, has over seven years of experience working directly with disadvantaged youth in Uganda. Wakibu is the founder and currently serves as the Team Leader of Open Space Centre, a youth organization which delivers the Annual National Youth Festival. This is a unique program that provides space and opportunities for young people to interact with government and youth focused stakeholders in a way that results in government action and youth empowerment. Wakibu has also contributed to the founding of a number of youth organizations including Uganda Muslim Youth Development Forum - an organization that empowers young Muslims to confront violent extremism and spread the positive side of Islam; and the Green Light Movement – a coalition of over 30 youth organizations that advocates for meaningful youth participation. Wakibu is skilled in fundraising, community organizing, policy analysis, formal debate training/facilitation, organizational management, and youth events and programs management. Wakibu regularly comments on youth issues on various social media platforms and has a keen interest in active citizenship, social entrepreneurship, agriculture and real estate development. Wakibu holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Land and Engineering Surveying from Makerere University.





Otim Ivan, 29, is a social worker and social administrator. He holds a certificate in Project Planning and Management. Working with Students for Global Democracy Uganda as the Programs Coordinators, Ivan also holds a certificate on 'Climate Change, Food and Trade' linkages in the EAC organized by CUTS international, SEATINI-U and Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa (trapca). He is also volunteering with Inspirational World Consult as an 'aidpreneur' company supporting youth focused programming on development aid. At both local and international level, he has been charged with responsibility of designing different programs in the context of global realities. As Programs Coordinator with Students for Global Democracy Uganda, Ivan has been charged with designing and implementing several projects that are strategically designed with a theory of change to achieve sustaining impact. He is an Active Citizens Facilitator under the British Council Program of Active Citizenship.

Asiimwe Esther, 24, holds a Bachelor of Law from Uganda Christian University and a postgraduate diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre. She is a youth leader, an advocate for good governance and social justice and this has motivated her to get affiliated to various civil society organizations that work towards ensuring good governance. Esther currently works with Justice Centres Uganda, where she offers free legal services to the poor and vulnerable. Under Justice Centres, she also often participates in community outreach programs, where she sensitizes communities about the basic principles of law and Human Rights with the view of empowering communities to ensure that their rights are observed.



Rhoda Gati, 29, is an advocate currently working with KPMG as a Senior Consultant in the tax and legal department. In the past six years, Rhoda completed an internship with the Uganda Law Reform Commission, where she honed her legislative drafting skills and was part of the team preparing consolidated versions of laws and making recommendations on updating outdated laws. Following her internship, and after completing her LLB and Bar Course, she volunteered with Children's AIDS Fund Uganda, where she was directly involved in activities of raising AIDS awareness at Makerere University. This included organizing and providing platforms where university students would share experiences and knowledge about HIV and AIDS.

Wanzala Edmond Martin, 29, is Co-Founder and CEO/Team Leader of Allied Youth Initiative – Uganda, where he provides strategic leadership and oversight on almost all aspects of the organization's operations. He is a strong advocate for youth empowerment and development with a keen interest in sexual and reproductive health, human rights, employment, gender equality and youth participation in Uganda. He is also a Senior Partner at Sanshine Communications (U) Ltd, a dynamic media & communications consulting company based in Kampala (Uganda), which offers specialized skills, knowledge, and experience to support national initiatives of large scale and scope and has worked on various assignments with quite a number of clients around the country. Martin holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from Makerere University, Kampala, and has previously Co-Founded the African Youth Development Link. He is a member of Women Deliver 100 Global Young Leaders and the World Youth Congress Executive.



Oketa Jasper Obwot, 30, is currently pursuing a Masters in Commercial Law from the University of Birmingham. He holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice and a Bachelors of Laws Degree from Makerere University. Jasper has also undertaken specialized litigation training from the prestigious National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) in Colorado, USA, the world's premier Continuing Legal Education (CLE) provider of trial advocacy skills, where he obtained a Diploma in the Art of Trial Skills. He also holds a Diploma in Trial Advocacy Instruction from the same institute. He is a practicing advocate of the High Court of Uganda and all subordinate courts. Jasper is an Associate Certified Fraud Examiner. After a work placement in the Directorate of Public Prosecution, he proceeded to pursue a career in commercial legal practice under the specialised commercial legal practices Messrs Impala Legal Advocates and Legal Consultants and Nambale Nerima and Company Advocates. In 2012, Jasper joined the Office of the Auditor General where he currently works. Jasper is a founding member and is actively involved in the Africa Youth Leadership Forum (AYLF) under the Cornerstone Foundation, a group of young like-minded youths who believe and practice the position that every leader should be accountable to his peers and society. Jasper is a member of the Uganda Law Society where he is a member of the Young Lawyers Committee, he is also a member of the East African Law Society.



Mula Anthony, 33, has been employed with State-House as an Economic Assistant to H.E the Vice President of the Republic of Uganda since 2008. Prior to the above assignment, Anthony worked as a business representative of Pacific Consultants Ltd in 2006 and 2007. Anthony is a member of the International Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy Program, the National Monitoring and Evaluation Integrated Program since 2009 and the Uganda Red Cross Society since 1998. Apart from his public office duty as an Economic Assistant to H.E the Vice President, Anthony heads the Rural Agricultural Agency Uganda (RAAU), an NGO that works to promote Agricultural Productivity in Uganda as Board Chairman. In the past, he served as National Chairman of Youth Leadership of National Guidance (YLNG). He holds a bachelors degree of Commerce from Makerere University- 2007, a Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Management from Uganda Management Institute (UMI) -2011, Certificate in Macroeconomic Management from AMR-NDRC, China 2011, and a Professional Certificate in International Trade Policy, Analysis and Negotiations from the University of Adelaide, Australia -2014.



Helena Okiring, 28, holds a B.A. in Procurement and Supplies Management from Makerere University Business School and works as a Project Officer for Uganda Youth Network. She is a self driven individual inspired by an inward desire to lead an exemplary, significant life. She aspires to be an Agent of Positive Social Change and Transformation where ever she can be and has chosen to dedicate her life towards pursuits and ambitions that can better life for Humanity with in and beyond her life time and generation. She embraces every opportunity to learn as a means to build her capacity for Community Leadership and Social Transformation.

Victoria Abigaba, 23, holds a Bachelor's Degree of Community Psychology of Makerere University and a Certificate in Entrepreneurship majoring in Training of Trainers in Income Generating Activities from the National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development - New Delhi, India. Victoria is currently employed with Uganda National Bureau of Statistics as Data Analyst. In the past, she worked with Action for Women, an organization that deals with children and youth development as Project Coordinator. Before joining her current employers, she also worked with Rural Agricultural Agency Uganda as a Programme Officer. As part of social life, Victoria enjoys volunteering in community development work that includes extending entrepreneurship trainings to women and youth with a view of contributing to their transformation.



Jonan Kandwanaho, 27, works with Uganda National Bureau of Standards as a Chemical Analyst in the Chemistry laboratory. His day today work involves use of advanced equipment in the analysis of different chemical, non-chemical products and food products and ensuring their conformance to standards. He holds a BSc. in Industrial Chemistry from Makerere University, an Advanced Diploma in Analytical Skills and Use of Advanced Equipment from University of Helsinki, Finland and is currently doing his research for a MSc. in Technology Innovation and Industrial Development at the Department of Mechanical Engineering of Makerere University. He has undergone quite a number of trainings in trade negotiations, trade policies, analytical chemistry, policy formulation and advocacies among others. He is currently involved in the Project 33 under the European Union, attached to National Atomic Energy Council, under Ministry of Energy, that advocates for preparedness on chemical and radioactive material, profiling their inventory, appropriate handling and disposal.



Claire Linette Seremba, 23, holds a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Social Sciences, majoring in Gender and Development Studies. She is currently working as a volunteer at the Ministry of Education and Sports in the Gender Unit, running a number of projects relating to areas of Girl Child Education. Previously she interned at Trocaire-Uganda on the Gender Based Violence Program, where she trained different faith communities on how to prevent GBV. Claire is passionate about issues regarding "GIRLS AND WOMEN" which influenced her engagement in a number of conferences and

dialogues that seek to create visible change to the 'Livelihoods of Women.' She also has interest in research on issues that have an impact on women and girls. She believes that life is a compendium of aspects both negative and positive, and that as youth it is not just a 'right but a responsibility' to create a just world. She embraces every opportunity to learn new ways to cause change for a more community-conscious vs individualistic human race.

Eshban Kwesiga, 26, is the Deputy Director and Resident Economist at the LÉO Africa Forum, he holds a degree from Makerere University Business School with a major in Finance. He is a published researcher and author of the paper *Quality Assurance and the Independence of Auditors* as well *The Innovation Effect*. Eshban has worked as a business analyst for the Nation Media Group's business and economic coverage, he is also a member at the *Centre for Policy Analysis* and a team leader at *Germinate Africa*; an economic opportunity campaign targeted towards encouraging young people to consider agriculture as an enterprise opportunity to address youth unemployment.





Harris Justus Akampurira, 25, from Rukungiri district-Western Uganda is a graduate of Quantitative Economics from Makerere University. While at University he served in different leadership positions including; Guild Representative to Council for Nsibirwa Hall, Secretary General of The Electoral Commission Makerere University and Prime Minister of Makerere University Students' guild. Currently, Harris volunteers as a peace agent for Uganda under the peace revolution project implemented by the World Peace Initiative. Harris possesses skills, in public speaking, electioneering, debating, public relations, effective communication, and has a strong passion for community organization and development. In February 2014, he also started the "Reading for Leading Initiative" at Makerere University- a forum that identifies talented University students in academics and leadership and brings them together to promote a reading culture and do research through regular academic debates, biography speakers, compiling documentaries, and sessions of book reviews. Harris loves to read, watching football, swimming, and travelling.

Arinda Daphne, 24, is a lawyer and a writer. She is currently pursuing her post graduate Diploma in Legal Practise at Law Development Centre. She is a member of Femrite and the Lantern meet of Poets, organizations which are helping nurture her passion and dream in writing. While at Makerere University she represented The Law School in the All Africa Human Rights Moot Competition and the Oxford University Price Media Law moot. She has worked with communities in Bundibugyo District and in Kikubamutwe (Kampala District). The community work involved teaching communities about the law and how to use that knowledge in day to day situations. Under the East African Youth Ambassadors platform she worked with fellow Youth in Tanzania, Kenya, Burundi and Rwanda to facilitate and involve youth in the integration process. Arinda has an ardent interest in research and has worked on a research project with Prof. Sylvia Tamale and UN Women which involved reviewing laws such as the Anti-Pornography Act, the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Act; and how such laws affect women. The purpose of the research was to make recommendations on the implementation of the laws and possible amendments.

