

# **Panelists & Trainers**

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## PANEL 1

**Lead 1: Creation of decent jobs and development of ideas**

**Lead 2: Industrialization: Cluster and Business Linkages**

**Charles DAN** has been Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Africa of the International Labour Office (ILO), as well as ILO Special Representative to the African Union Commission (AUC) and to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), since 1 July 2008.

He played a pivotal role in the development of the “Roadmap for the implementation of the Global Jobs Pact in Africa” adopted at the 1st African Decent Work Symposium (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, December 2009).



(For more information, visit [http://www.ilo.org/gb/about-governing-body/appointment-of-director-general/WCMS\\_175255/lang--en/index.htm](http://www.ilo.org/gb/about-governing-body/appointment-of-director-general/WCMS_175255/lang--en/index.htm))

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**Djibril COULIBALY**, Coordonnateur National du Programme « Emploi jeunes – Employabilité » et Insertion Professionnelle à l’ONUDI-SENEGAL- IDEA.

Économiste Rural spécialiste du Développement des systèmes de production et du Renforcement des Organisations communautaires et privées.

Depuis une décennie, Mr Coulibaly travaille à l’ONUDI sur l’identification des niches de création de richesses et d’opportunités d’emplois dans les chaînes de valeurs des filières économiques porteuses. Il anime des conférences sur le Développement de l’Entrepreneuriat Privé à l’Université Gaston Berger de Saint Louis au Sénégal.

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## PANEL 2

**Lead 1: Financial environment: Difficulties in financing projects in Africa**

**Lead 2: Developing a sustainable cooperation with the youth and Diaspora**

**Ina DIALLO**, Banque Internationale pour le Mali (BIM s.a)- Attijariwafa Bank



After completing her studies in International Economics in Paris, she moved to London where she worked as a consultant for the World Bank on the Country Economic Memorandum (CEM) of Burkina Faso. She joined Ecobank in Mali in 2007, where she was in charge of the Consumer banking before being promoted Head of Asset Products for Small and Medium Enterprises (SME’s). This position enables her to take part in the implementation of a risk sharing facility to improve business access to finance.

Since 2011, she works for BIM s.a as Head of Retail Banking (consumer banking and SME’s) and is a member of the bank’s credit committee.

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**Günter ENGELITS** is an agronomist who travelled Nigeria extensively during his student years. After a postgraduate in developing studies he was coordinator of rural development programmes (Zambia), advisor in an EU-funded rehabilitation programme (Georgia, South-Ossetia) and regional coordinator (Southern Africa) for NGOs and donors before he settled in Zambia and became a consultant and entrepreneur (farming, food processing, business development services). From 2003 to 2007 he was Portfolio Coordinator in Uganda for SNV – The Netherlands Development Organisation. Since 2007 he works for the Austrian Development Agency ADA as Programme Manager East Africa, being responsible for the focus-countries Ethiopia and Uganda. Günter Engelits is also Chairman of the ADA Works Council and Member of the ADA Supervisory Board.



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**Ritin KORJA** joined UNIDO as an Associate Expert in the areas of technology and innovation policy in 2005 where he has primarily been working on issues of mapping and measuring National Systems of Innovation. Prior to this he worked with the British Council working on policy development in the context of the European Union FP6 Programme and researcher's mobility, and 2 years in the fields of applied biotechnology and Pharma in Australia and Switzerland.

Dr. Ritin Korja holds a PhD from the Vienna University of Technology, Austria, in the field of Management Science. Dr. Korja, holds an MSc in Science, Technology and Innovation, Management from the University of Manchester. In addition he holds advanced post graduate diploma in Bioinformatics from The University of Manchester, UK, and a BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences with Cell & Molecular Biology from Manchester Metropolitan University, UK.

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**H.E. Michael OYUGI** Ambassador Permanent Representative of Kenya

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**Karim SAAFI**, African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe

Karim Saafi is a Board Member at the African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe (ADYNE) and has a Post-Graduated in Management Engineering from Solvay Business School Brussels, Belgium and the Recanati Business School in Tel-Aviv, Israel. He has just finished his mandate as board member of the European Network Against Racism.

An experienced Project Manager and Strategic Planner, he has worked with the youth department of the Council of Europe and the Pan African Youth Union.

He is also in charge of the coordination of the youth and development programme with the North-South Center of the Council of Europe and the European Commission. In addition, he is involved in the trade union « Confédération des syndicats Chrétiens » through the youth department and the « Stop The Killings » movement. Further to this, he has worked in political lobbying and advocacy to the African Union and the European Union on issues relating to Youth Policy. Karim Saafi has extensive experience working in conflict regions and has taken part in numerous debates relating to identity, culture and religion. He speaks French, English and Arabic.



### PANEL 3

**Lead 1: Youth in the development of strategies of the African-European cooperation**

**Lead 2: Peace and policy making**



**Ahmed KOUROUMA** studied General Law and Political Science, followed by a second major in Public Law and Administrative Law. He obtained a Bachelor's degree in Economics, studied Political Science at the Sorbonne with a specialisation in International Relations.

He also served as project head for the implementation and protection of intellectual property on the web at the Universal Music Group 2010: He worked on a project for the French Ministry for Immigration and National Identity to develop a project on diversity at the request of Minister Counsellor

Gaston Kelman, a philosopher and writer of African heritage.

From 2010 to 2011 he was appointed diplomatic consultant for the Republic of Guinea, where he actively participated in the democratic development of the Republic of Guinea. These efforts lead to the agreements of Casablanca und Ouagadougou and consequently to a democratic presidential election.

He currently is Managing partner at Donau-Finanz Afrique, subsidiary of the Donau-Finanz Group.

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**H.E. Tebogo Joseph SEOKOLO**, Ambassador of South Africa, was born on 5 December 1970 in South Africa. He completed a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in English and History. He also completed a post-graduate law programme with the University of South Africa.

Mr Seokolo previously served at South Africa's Mission in The Hague, Netherlands and as South Africa's Ambassador to Turkey, Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan.

Prior to his appointment as Ambassador to Austria and Slovenia and as Permanent Representative to the International Organisations in Vienna, he served as Chief Director: Western Europe in the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa.

Ambassador Seokolo is married with two children.



## TRAINERS

**Valerie WOLFF** is an Austro-American who has completed her higher education in Economics and International Relations in the United States and Austria. As a certified project manager and keen interest in business development, she has accompanied small and medium enterprises in the field of transport, product design, videography and tourism from the idea to its implementation both in Austria and Honduras.

For the past years, she has been working with the Migration & Development Competence Centre at ICMPD, where she has undertaken extensive research on migrant entrepreneurship and diaspora engagement.

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**Malick SY**, see above

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**Djibril COULIBALY**, see above

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**Lorenz PROBST** is assistant professor at the Centre for Development Research of BOKU University. He has a passion for creating learning opportunities, and coordinates the CDR training program. He contributes to graduate and post-graduate courses, with a focus on innovation systems and facilitation of change.

Lorenz holds a Mag.phil. in 'International Development' from the University of Vienna and a Doctorate in Agricultural Sciences from BOKU University. He has worked mainly on urban agriculture, sustainability and change in West and East Africa. Current research interests are indicators of innovation, communicative rationality and design of learning processes.

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