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## L. AMÉDÉE DARGA

L. Amedee Darga is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (U.K). He is an Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Engineers in Mauritius as well as a Fellow of the Mauritius Institute of Directors. He is the Chairman of the Mauritius Africa Business Club and is also the Managing Partner of Straconsult, StraConsult Africa Business Development Services and Green

Activator (Mauritius). He has been from October 2005 to December 2014, the chairperson of Enterprise Mauritius, a public-private institution mandated to promote the development of the manufacturing sector and exports. He also served as a member of the High-Level Project Monitoring Unit under the Prime Minister's Office until December 2014. Served from 2005 to 2011 as a Member of the Bureau of the Committee on Human Development and Civil Society of the U.N Economic Commission for Africa. He was a member of the task force of the OAU for the drafting of the African Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Treaty.

Amédée Darga has acted as resource person for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa for the preparation of the Africa Governance Reports.

Amedee Darga has been party to a number of international trade negotiations at WTO, COMESA and SADC as well as in bilateral negotiations between Mauritius, India, Pakistan and Turkey.

He is presently serving an Independent Director on the Board of CIM Financial Services, Chairman of the Board of Juristax, a Management company in the global business sector and director of the Charles Telfair Institute, a private university.

He is a former member of parliament in Mauritius, elected for the first time at the age of 26 and a former Minister. He also served as Mayor of the second most important town of Mauritius. He is a member of the African Association of Political Science since 1977 and a former executive member of the organization.

As a researcher he has widely researched and published on democracy, governance and economic development issues. His latest publication is a chapter in the book "Advocates for Change – How to overcome Africa's Challenges" edited by Moeletsi Mbeki. "



## **PROF. VINCENT CHINEDUM ANIGBOGU**

Professor Vincent Chinedum Anigbogu was born on October 19, 1954. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in chemistry in 1978 and Master's Degree in Analytical Chemistry in 1981, both from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania, USA. He completed his Ph.D. Degree in Analytical Chemistry in 1986 at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. He taught Analytical

Chemistry for over twenty years from August 1980 as a graduate assistant to May 2004 at four different universities in the USA. In 2006, Professor Anigbogu returned to Nigeria to devote full-time effort towards the development of leaders with leadership and management competencies necessary for the transformation of Africa.

Professor Anigbogu believes that sound, value-based education is central to reconstructing the mindset of Africans and people of African descent towards integrity leadership and quality management skills required for the transformation of their organizations, communities, and nations. Towards this end, he established the Institute for National Transformation (INT) in Lagos, Nigeria in September 2007 for which he serves as the Director General. The Institute focuses on developing “no excuse” leadership of integrity and exceptional organizational skills from both the private and public sectors throughout Africa. Such leaders should proffer performance instead of pronouncements, expertise, and competence instead of title and position, pioneer bold and progressive initiatives instead of dictatorship and control, and leave a legacy in the continent instead of failures and excuses. INT has training centers in Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Ivory Coast, Atlanta (USA), and London (UK).

In 2021, Professor Anigbogu is a Distinguished Professor at Department of religious and Cultural Studies and the Pioneer Executive Director, Centre for Ethical and Moral Leadership (CEMoL) at Akwa Ibom State University - a platform to raise value-based student, faculty, staff, and top leadership leaders within the university and also in the community. In recent years, Professor Vincent Anigbogu has worked with the Akwa Ibom State Government to train several ministries and commissioners of the state, as well as the Nigerian Navy officials, Technological Manufacturing Centre Uganda, Golden Tulip Hotel Management staff, Mountain Top University top officials, staff, and students, Brit Properties, Dominion city leaders, Greensprings School, and other reputable institutions, and organizations.

He is married to Peggy for over 32 years. They work and travel together worldwide as consultants to business establishments, State and National governments, Universities, and Church organizations. Professor Anigbogu admits: “I have an unquenchable passion for a new Africa and to see a fulfilled God's vision for the people of African descent.



## **SARA HAMOUDA**

Sara Hamouda has twelve years of professional experience in the international cooperation and development field. Currently, she works for the African Union Secretariat for Peer Review Mechanism as an officer in charge of the agenda 2063/SDGs continental governance program as well as the South-South Cooperation Portfolio, based in Johannesburg

South Africa. Earlier, she worked for the Cabinet of Minister of International Cooperation in Egypt as Senior Economic Researcher in charge of cooperation with Arab and Regional Funding Institutions and China and professional trainee at the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg. Ms. Hamouda contributes to various publications pertinent to governance, SDGs and Agenda 2063 progress in Africa.

Sara holds two master's degrees: A Master of Arts in International Development from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, and Master of Management (Governance) from University of Wits in South Africa. she also has a Diploma in Peace promotion and disarmament from the University for Peace and Vienna Centre for Disarmament, and a Bachelor's in Political Sciences from the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University. She's an Expert of Moibrahim panel of Governance Index and also awarded amongst TOP 50 influential women in Egypt for Leadership and Community service under the Auspices of the Prime Minister Cabinet.



## **NEWTON BALOYI**

Newton Baloyi is a family man, a professional, an entrepreneur and a community builder.

He is the founder of NBI and SEDGE. NBI has 20 years quantity surveying and multi-disciplinary engineering experience in delivering Mining, Process Plants, Energy and Rail Infrastructure projects.

SEDGE is a Local Economic Development Accelerator specialising in maximising the community impact of large infrastructure projects, and the measurement of Social Return on Investment (SROI).

Newton is the President of the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors, a board member of the African Association of Quantity Surveyors, a former Councillor at the Council for the South African Quantity Surveying Profession, and a former board member of the Johannesburg Property Company.

## **AAQS WEBINAR**

### **THE ROLE OF AFRICAN BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROFESSIONALS IN AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Webinar Topic**

There is a concern that Mega Infrastructure Projects on the African Continent are largely done by multinational companies to the exclusion of local Built Environment Professionals (BEP) and companies. This thus deprive African professional and firms from meaningful contribution in the development of Africa's strategic infrastructure.

#### **Webinar Questions**

The webinar will explore the following questions:

- Is there merit to the concern the African Professionals and Companies are largely excluded in Mega Infrastructure projects in the continent?
- What are the issues affecting the participation of Africans Professionals and firms?
- What is currently being done to address this, and what can be done and by whom?
- What role must continental organisations of professionals such as the AAQS play in addressing this concern?

The Webinar will be divided into two parts. Firstly, the panellists will have an opportunity to share their thoughts on the subject, followed by discussions, questions and answers.

## About the Africa Association of Quantity Surveyors (AAQS)

Africa Association of Quantity Surveyors is a voluntary association of quantity surveying associations in the African Continent. It currently has 18 member associations spread over 17 African Countries.

As part of its functions, the AAQS seeks to identify the needs of Africa which might be met by the quantity surveying profession. The African Union Agenda 2063 captures the needs and aspirations of the continent well which the AAQS is determined to support.

As part of its objectives, the AAQS will promote the development and enhancement of education and training of quantity surveyors throughout the African continent to be relevant to the needs of AU Agenda 2063.

It is with this background that the AAQs has organised a webinar to explore ways in which quantity surveyors and the built environment professionals in general can contribute or prepare themselves to contribute to the AU Agenda 2063.

Full details about the AAQS are available on the Website.