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Jo Addy is an international economist and social investor currently serving as New Initiatives Lead at IDEO.org in San Francisco. In this role, she is exploring strategies and partnerships to strengthen studio-based design-thinking excellence and education in Africa to inspire, ignite, and fuel social impact. As former Managing Director of Alsweb Business Advantage, LLC, Jo advised individuals and groups launching businesses that are global in scope and socially innovative in orientation. Her experience as an economist includes risk oversight for commercial bank portfolios and responsibilities for development portfolios at the World Bank.



Yohannes Assefa, Esq. is an experienced and distinguished business lawyer with high level business management experience spanning 18 years in the United States and Africa. Mr. Assefa is currently the Managing Director of Stalwart Management Consulting PL, a Dubai-based management consulting and investment advisory firm focusing on the development of financial markets in emerging markets, including Africa. At Stalwart, he leads the firm's advisory work on investment advisory and financial market development teams. Mr. Assefa, Esq. is also the Executive Director of the Ethiopian Diaspora Business Forum, the oldest operating Ethiopian Diaspora business association in the United States.



Banny Banerjee is Professor of the Practice at Stanford's School of Environment, Energy, and Earth Sciences, and Director of Stanford ChangeLabs, a platform that is generating new theories and processes to drive transformations where scale, complexity, and urgency are all critical. Banny's area of work is innovation, strategy, and entrepreneurship in the context of complex challenges. ChangeLabs is a global network of institutions, designers, innovation experts, behavioral scientists, and technology strategists all working towards new paradigms for scaled interventions towards sustainable and resilient solutions to global challenges such as climate change, social inequity, energy, water, financial inclusion, and rapid urbanization.



Jason Bauer is a Director in the Finance, Investment and Trade team of Millenium Challenge Corporation, which seeks to catalyze private investment through strengthening the environment for private enterprise. Prior to this role, he established the Private Sector Initiatives team which creates innovative mechanisms to leverage MCC investments. He was an associate with OTF Group, where he worked with private and public sector leaders on a range of strategy issues. He worked at a financial institution performing financial and strategic analysis in the energy, telecommunications, and agribusiness sectors. At the World Bank, Mr. Bauer worked on a micro-credit and SME project.



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Amadou Daffe is the CEO and Co-Founder of CODERS4AFRICA Inc. a software engineering firm that trains, hires, and manages technology teams in Africa. CODERS4AFRICA has distinct outsourced software development service programs and foundry solutions to nourish and grow internal ideas. By trade, Amadou is a Software Architect with 14 years of software engineering and enterprise application development experience, as well as extensive experience in the financial, retail, software, and legal industries. Amadou Daffe holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and a Master's degree in Management Information Systems.



Kwame L. Dougan, Esq., is the Managing Partner of iYa Ventures, a New York-based early stage venture capital firm. Kwame formed iYa in 2013 as a vehicle for North American angel investors looking for promising West African technology companies. Today, iYa identifies, invests in, and advises on technology-based solutions that create positive, practical, and profitable outcomes for communities and investors. iYa Ventures is raising a Community Development Venture Capital Fund (“CDVC”) focused on providing seed capital to rapidly growing technology-enabled companies that have a built-in social impact, the first such fund of its kind.



Christopher Folayan was born with an entrepreneurial spirit. In late 2011, Folayan created MallforAfrica (MFA), Africa's largest online ecommerce platform. Folayan developed the platform from design and testing to implementation and security. Folayan created a first of its kind mobile and online e-commerce platform, including construction of patent-pending proprietary software, with one goal in mind: Empower Africa with the reputation it deserves to conduct eCommerce with USA and UK without any prejudice of any sort. Giving retailers the comfort and security they need to do business in Africa and experience the African potential.



Ade Freeman is Lead Specialist in the Trade and Competitiveness, (T&C), Global Practice at the World Bank where he is responsible for lending operations, analytical and advisory activities, and policy dialogue on issues related to private sector and SME development, value chains, and spatial strategies such as growth poles, growth corridors, and special economic zones. He is currently Team Leader for the Sierra Leone Diaspora Investment and Trade study, providing strategic direction and oversight for research, outreach, and partner engagement. Prior to joining the Bank's Finance and Private Sector Development Department he was Head, Macro Evaluation at the Independent Evaluation Group.



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Eric-Vincent Guichard is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Homestrings. Eric was born in Brooklyn, NY of a Guinean father (West Africa) and an American mother. He spent 20 years growing up in poor rural Guinea, going to primary and secondary school in Fria and then Conakry, the capital. Eric deeply understands that burning desire to make a difference, when you are so far away from loved-ones, and the limitations of currently available investment options that really make an impact and are profitable. That understanding has led to Homestrings – a contraction of Homesick and Heartstrings.



Raymond U. Guthrie is a Principal on the Innovation Investment team at the Skoll Foundation. He develops and structures investments to scale the proven innovative approaches of Skoll social entrepreneurs in order to accelerate impact on the world's most pressing problems. Raymond has dedicated his career to investing in and supporting entrepreneurs in developing countries. Prior to joining Skoll, Raymond served as a Private Enterprise Officer within the USAID India Mission. During his time in India, Raymond managed an early-stage funding program for Indian social entrepreneurs, who have innovative solutions to development challenges within the clean energy, agriculture and health sectors.



Neal Hansch brings over fifteen years of venture capital, product management, technology operations and strategic advisory experience to the MEST Incubator and its portfolio companies. Previously, Neal was a General Partner at Rustic Canyon Partners (RCP), an early-stage focused VC fund with \$500MM under management and offices in SoCal and Silicon Valley. Prior to joining RCP in 2005, Neal worked in Corporate Development at Macromedia (Nasdaq: MACR, acq. by ADBE), where he was responsible for global M&A transactions and strategic equity investments. Neal was also an investor at Technology Crossover Ventures (TCV) and worked in Product Marketing at webMethods (Nasdaq: WEBM).



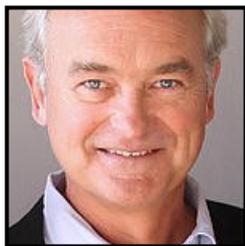
Amini Kajunju is the President and CEO of The Africa-America Institute. As a native of the Democratic Republic of Congo, she is the first African woman to ever serve at the helm of the oldest nonprofit organization of its kind in the United States. Founded in 1953, The Africa-America Institute (AAI) is a premier U.S.-based international organization dedicated to strengthening the human capacity of Africans and promoting the continent's development through higher education and skills training, convening activities, program implementation and management. Ms. Kajunju joined AAI in October 2012 from the New York-based Workshop in Business Opportunities (WIBO).



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Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro is President and CEO of Global Fund for Women. She is an activist for women and girls’ health and human rights, and passionate about using philanthropy and technology to drive social change. Born in Kenya, Musimbi traces her passion for human rights, peace, and justice to her Quaker family and community. She is one of 10 children – every daughter given the same educational opportunities as the sons. Before joining Global Fund for Women, Musimbi was Director for Population and Reproductive Health at David and Lucile Packard Foundation, managing the \$30 million grantmaking portfolio.



John Kohler is the Executive Fellow and Director of Impact Capital at Santa Clara’s Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship and has also been a mentor to social entrepreneurs at the Global Social Benefit Accelerator. In 2011 he authored a report on impact investing entitled *Coordinating Impact Capital: a New Approach to Investing in Small and Growing Businesses* and recently co-authored a chapter on equity investing in *New Frontiers of Philanthropy* (Oxford Press-2014). He is now pioneering a new investment vehicle – the Demand Dividend - that presents investors with a ‘structured exit’ alternative to equity.



Jon Kornik is a Principal in Google’s Energy Access and Investments team where he is working to drive access to clean energy Africa, including through leading Google’s investments into the largest wind and solar PV farms in Africa. Prior to Google, Jon founded and ran the African office of carbon advisory firm South Pole Group, consulted on energy and mining at McKinsey & Company, and advised the South African government, Nike, Intel and others on sustainability and renewables financing. He served as a member of Echoing Green’s Social Investment Council and as a judge for National Geographic’s Terra Watt Prize for energy access.



Ricardo Michel is the director of the Center for Transformational Partnerships in the U.S. Global Development Lab at USAID, responsible for the overall strategic direction to best use local and global public-private partnerships for accelerated sustainable development. Previously, Michel served as acting director for the Office of Innovation and Development Alliances, where he oversaw the agency’s efforts to find innovative solutions, including mobile technology and public-private partnerships, to address development challenges. Michel also served as the senior adviser for economic growth and trade in the Agency’s Bureau for Africa.



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Hugh Molotsi advises and invests in startups and is an active practitioner and teacher of Lean Startup Methodologies. Hugh recently concluded a 22-year career at Intuit where his last position was Engineering Fellow and Vice President. During his Intuit tenure, Hugh worked on QuickBooks and several other small business offerings. Hugh has been a serial innovator and helped launch several new businesses at Intuit including Intuit Payments. Hugh is passionate about grassroots innovation and “giving voice to good ideas” wherever those ideas may come from. Outside work, Hugh is committed to helping underserved youth.



Leigh Moran is a Senior Officer on the Strategic Initiatives team at Calvert Foundation, focused on the design and implementation of investment initiatives based on key social impact areas, such as the Women Investing in Women Initiative launched last year. Leigh is currently leading Calvert Foundation’s work to develop a new initiative to engage diaspora communities to invest in the economic development of their country of origin or heritage. Prior to Calvert Foundation, Leigh spent time at the National Economic Council and also worked with a microinsurance NGO in New Delhi to create an impact assessment framework for field programs.



Eric Osiakwan is a Managing Partner of Chanzo Capital. He is a Tech Entrepreneur and Angel investor with 15 years of ICT industry leadership across Africa and the world. He has worked in 32 African countries setting up ISPs, ISPAs, IXPs and high-tech startups. He Co-Founded Angel Africa List, Angel Fair Africa and currently serves on the board of Clak Impressions, Kuzima, SMSGH, Teranga Solutions, Siqueris, Bulltagger, Ghana Cyber City, WABco, Seed Engine and Appfrica – some of which are his investment. He has founded and built companies and organizations including GNVC, GISPA, AfrISPA, Internet Research, InHand, PenPlusBytes, and African Elections Portal. FOSSFA and Ghana Connect.



Ashit Patel currently leads a team that builds authentication infrastructure for Citrix as Director of Software Development. Prior to Citrix, Ashit has held senior engineering management roles at early-stage startups as well as large companies. He has an MBA from UC Berkeley, a Masters in CS from U of Iowa, and a Bachelors in CS from Indian Institute of Technology.



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Atreya Rayaprolu is Director of New Initiatives at Intellectap and Africa. Prior to this, Atreya led Investment Banking Services at Intellectap and managed a team that had intermediated over USD 180 million into double and triple bottomline businesses in India. He had personally led engagements related to raising equity capital with various entities in different sectors and across different stages of their growth cycles like BASIX, Bandhan, Equitas, and Green Building India Systems and Solutions. Atreya has over 13 years of experience in handling strategy consulting engagements, financial structuring and investment facilitation and technology in microfinance.



Liesl Riddle is an associate professor of international business and international affairs at the George Washington University School of Business. She also is the co-director of GWSB's OntheBoard program, a fellowship program designed to promote women on corporate boards. Dr. Riddle has written extensively about diasporas and development, international entrepreneurship, and trade and investment promotion. Having examined diaspora investment and entrepreneurship for over 20 years, Dr. Riddle has conducted research among 16 different diaspora communities in the USA and Europe originating from countries of origin in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Middle East.



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Ben White @zia505 – coFounder & Community Evangelist : Ben has been working in the African technology and media space since 2003. He started as part of the business development team at Africa Report and later served as commercial director at social venture Africa Interactive. Ben has done extensive ethnographic research on the emergence of software cultures in Kampala, Uganda and established the East Africa ICT Entrepreneurship program at Hivos (investing in Ushahidi, iHub, Sodnet & Map Kibera). He taught a course in Interactive Media & Entrepreneurship at a local college in Amsterdam. Ben is a founding member of AfriLabs, a network of technology incubators, and the African Business Angel Network (ABAN).