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## **Uganda's way:**

youth employment and  
participation post-COVID-19

### **Session 3**

*#BuildForwardAfrica*

# **Building forward more inclusively**

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## Madina M. Guloba



**Dr. Madina M. Guloba** is an economist and Senior Research Fellow at EPRC. At EPRC she is also the Head of the Microeconomics Department. She has worked and coordinated several projects and published in the field of development economics, gender, climate change, education, environment, natural resources and labour markets. Her latest contribution was a book chapter in “Women and Sustainable Human Development: Empowering Women in Africa” and a scoping paper with IDRC on “Policy mapping: women’s economic empowerment in Uganda”.

Dr. Madina has a PhD and Masters of Arts in Economics from University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania under the Collaborative Postgraduate Programme of the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Nairobi-Kenya. She is a member of the International Association of Feminist Economist (IAFFE), AERC alumni, member of the National Advisory Committee on Monitoring and Evaluation at the Office of the Prime Minister. She is also a member of the National African Statistical Society, National SDG steering committee, NUSAF 3 Technical Committee, National Planning Authority Committee member on Green Growth Strategy and member of the Board of Platform for Vendors in Uganda (PLAVU).

## Francis Arinaitwe



**Francis Arinaitwe** is currently a student of Makerere University pursuing a bachelor's degree in development studies. He is a youth think tank alumni of the Mastercard Foundation, a board member of Restless Development Uganda hub, a youth representative at the Initiative for Youth Empowerment and Transformation. He is furthermore a community youth leader with passion in development policy analysis and practice, capacity building and facilitation, youth engagement and inclusion as well as enthusiastic to contributing to matters that affect him.

## Maggie Kigozi



**Prof. Maggie Kigozi** is a medical Doctor by training from MUK 1976 MBChB who worked in hospitals in Uganda, Kenya and Zambia. She joined the private sector in 1994 as a Shareholder Director Marketing and Public Relations in Crown Bottlers (Pepsi)Ltd. At the same time she was elected a board member of Uganda Manufactures Association. Pepsi has since grown from 5million cases annually to 30million plus today. In 1999 she was appointed Executive Director of Uganda Investment Authority and promoted and facilitated investment until she retired in 2011. During this period Uganda attracted \$10billion of Domestic investment and \$4billion of foreign investment. Many jobs were created. She plants trees and runs Zuri Model Farm Ltd to date. She was a keen sportswoman and mother of 3

Prof Maggie Kigozi sits on a few boards

- Trustee Shell Foundation UK
- Chairperson Africa Scout Foundation
- Chairperson Akina Mama Wa Afrika
- PSFU Advisory Board Member
- NCBA Bank Non Executive Director
- Fellow of the Uganda National Academy of Science

## Martin Wandera



**Martin Wandera** is a social and labour economist. He is the Director of Labour, Employment and Occupational Safety and Health at the Ministry of Gender, labour and Social Development of the Republic of Uganda. He is responsible for the development and implementation of labour and employment policy.

Martin's academic preparation includes:

- A Master of Science in Applied Labour Economics for Development of the University of Turin, Italy
- Master of Labour Economics of the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po), France
- A Master of Economic Development (Social Economy and Labour Concentration) of the State University of Campinas, Sao Paolo, Brazil
- A Bachelor of Arts Social Sciences (Economics and Political Science) of Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

## Apollo Muyanja Mbazzira



**Apollo Muyanja Mbazzira** works with the Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU) as the project director for the Master Card Foundation funded Young Africa Works Uganda-Enhancing Lead firm structures for youth employment Project, which seeks to unlock work opportunities for close to 300,000 over the next five years. He is a project manager who possesses cross sector experience having worked with the government, private sector and Non-Governmental agencies (NGOs). He has gathered extensive marketing, communications, agribusiness, value chain development, impact investing, inclusive business, enterprise development, partnerships and resource mobilisation experience over the last fifteen years.

## Joost van Engen



**Joost van Engen** is the founder of Healthy Entrepreneurs. By innovating a truly sustainable supply chain including the last-mile that is independent of national health care systems, Joost van Engen is creating sustainable access to essential medicines, hygiene products and supplements for low income families in remote areas, while at the same time providing health education and basic health consultation, contributing to the quality of their day-to day lives. By empowering existing community health workers, they generate additional income and guarantee smooth service provision at the same time. In the coming years, Healthy Entrepreneurs will deploy more than 20,000 new entrepreneurs.

## Amanda Kabagambe



**Amanda Kabagambe** is an economist and management consultant with experience working with businesses, investors, and development actors in East and South Africa. Previously worked with PwC and Deloitte.

Founder of Bethel Advisors, an advisory firm specializing in project design, market assessments, project finance, social and financial inclusion. Current project portfolio exceeds \$25.6m.

Consultant to the Economic Response Unit established to define and coordinate the Government economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consultant to the World Bank project on refugee skills development.

Ardent traveller, food blogger and host at Trade Talk Afrika, a Pan African podcast on trade, trends, and investment opportunities across Africa.



## Sarah Ssewanyana



**Sarah Ssewanyana** holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics obtained from the University of Sydney, Australia; MSc in Agricultural Economics from University of Manitoba, Canada; and Bachelor of Statistics (Hons) from Makerere University. She joined the Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC) in March 2003 as a Senior Research Fellow and elevated to the position of Principal Research Fellow in 2008. Currently, Sarah is the Executive Director of the Centre. She has steered the Centre to be recognized as one of the globally renowned policy think tanks.

Sarah is a well-grounded researcher with extensive experience in policy-oriented economic research and very conversant with Uganda's development challenges. She has extensively researched on poverty, food security, health, education and social service delivery, among others. Sarah is spearheading the poverty analysis research at EPRC, which has to a great extent positioned EPRC as a reputable policy-oriented research institution. And her poverty analytical works have informed and supported evidence-based policy making process in Uganda.

## Jeroen Vlutters



**Jeroen Vlutters** is First Secretary Economic Cooperation at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kampala, Uganda. He was born in 1976 in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, South America. He got his Master degree in Economics from the Vrije Universiteit (Free University) in Amsterdam.

After university, Jeroen joined the central government trainee program where he worked for the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment and the Ministry of Economic Affairs at the Directorate General Foreign Economic Relations.

From 2013 until 2018, Jeroen worked at the Netherlands Embassy in New Delhi, India and for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands on the International Financial Institutions procurement dossier. In summer 2018, he got appointed to his current posting in Uganda.

Here in Kampala, Jeroen focusses on the 'Aid to Trade' agenda, which includes bilateral trade and investment facilitation, Ugandan private sector development and strengthening business environment. Main topics of interest: access to finance, value chains development, with a more innovative approach.

## Laura Chioda



**Laura Chioda** is a Senior Economist in the The Chief Economist Office of the Latin America and Caribbean Region and in the Office of the Chief Economist for Equitable Growth, Finance, and Institutions at the World Bank. She received her PhD in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley. Prior to joining the World Bank, Laura was an Assistant Professor of Economics at Princeton University. Her research interests range from theoretical econometric issues of identification, limits of experiments, and weak identification to behavioral economics, intra-household decisions, and crime and violence. Her research includes published and ongoing work on the impacts of conditional cash transfers on crime and violence in Brazil, and on the human and economic costs of violence induced by Mexico's "kingpin" strategy. As a member of the World Bank's Development Impact Evaluation Initiative (DIME), Laura co-leads DIME's Program on Fragility, Conflict, and Crime and Violence. She has contributed to the evaluations of social programs in Rio de Janeiro. She also serves as principal investigator on ongoing evaluations of crime prevention programs studying the roles of social networks and labor market and soft skills interventions in shaping antisocial behavior. In Honduras, she studies whether vocational and soft skills training can break the vicious cycle between low productivity and high crime and violence; in Mexico, she leads an experimental impact evaluation of a cognitive behavioral therapy-based intervention targeting at-risk young men.