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## Nicholas Awortwi



**Dr. Nicholas Awortwi** is a Ghanaian, a professional development planner and an expert in decentralization and local governance, public policy, and social protection with 20 years' experience in research, teaching, advisory services and policy engagement. He is currently the director of the Institute of Local Government Studies, Accra, Ghana. Prior to his current position, Nicholas was the Director of African Governance Institute based in The Hague, Netherlands (2017-18), Director of Research at the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR) in Nairobi, Kenya (2012-2016). From 2004 to 2012, he was a Senior Lecturer in Development Management at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of Erasmus University, The Netherlands and a visiting lecturer at F.H.R Lim A Po School of Public Administration & Governance, Paramaribo in Suriname. Working with researchers and policy practitioners, Nicholas has conceptualized, built and implemented a community of practice involving researchers and policy actors working together in Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda and Ghana to ensure appropriate and negotiated policy actions and uptake occur either through programmes, legislation, policies or administrative and other forms of civic actions on issues for which there is research or practice evidence. He has been one of the leading authors of decentralization and local governance, and social protection issues in Africa and provided expert advice to international organizations working in Africa. His two latest books on social protection "Non-State Social Protection in Africa. Governance below the State" and "Politics, Public Policy & Social Protection in Africa: Evidence from Cash transfer programmes" are published by Routledge (London & New York).

## Joyce Kinyanjui



**Dr. Joyce Kinyanjui** (Kenya) is the Managing Director of ziziAfrique, an organization registered in Kenya, focusing on improving education in Africa. ziziAfrique carries out educational research to contribute to the body of knowledge and to inform policy and practice. Her current work includes girls' education, Education in Emergencies, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, evaluation of education programs, accelerated learning and policy formulation and engagement.

She was a visiting Echidna Global Scholar at the Center for Universal Education at the Brookings Institution in 2016. She was a member of the Center for Universal Education (CUE) at the Brookings Institution Learning Metrics Task Force and later with CUE's Learning Champion collaborations. Joyce previously worked as a Program Manager and Executive Officer at Women Educational Researchers of Kenya (WERK). She has over 30 years' experience in the education sector specifically in developing Citizen Led Assessments (CLA) in: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Mozambique, Ghana, Nigeria and Mali; classroom based assessment mainly Early Grade Reading Assessments (EGRA) in English, Kiswahili and Maa and Early Grade Maths Assessment (EGMA); classroom pedagogy having taught Geography and English to students in the 7.6.3 and 8.4.4 education system in Kenya and the British IGCSE; teacher training and teacher mentorship and coaching, developing of teaching and learning materials in Mother Tongue and curriculum development for various intervention programs. She holds a B.A., PGDE and M.Ed. from Kenyatta University and a PhD in Arts from University of Zululand.

## Désiré Assogbavi



**Désiré Assogbavi** is a Member of the Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies since 2014. A lawyer and international development expert, Désiré Assogbavi has been successively the Resident Representative to the African Union and Director of the Liaison Offices of three international organizations: Oxfam International, Plan International, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for 13 years combined between 2006 and 2019, where he worked on a range of issues including humanitarian policies, human security, democratic governance, youth, social and economic justice.

Previously, he coordinated the Africa Team of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, a project of the World Federalist Movement–Institute for Global Policy in New York from 2001 to 2006.

From 1997 to 2001, elected by the Parliament of Togo, Désiré served in both the National Human Rights Commission and the Inter-Ministerial Commission to implement International Humanitarian Law as Commissioner. During the same period, he produced and presented juridical & civic education programs on the National Radio of Togo and was appointed in 1997 as Head of the Civic Education Department (Ministry of Communication).

He published and presented more than 80 articles and papers on various issues, including international humanitarian law, international justice, civil service, governance, the African Union, and African politics and, he led the drafting team of the first-reference manual on the African Union: “African Union Compendium”.

Désiré Assogbavi studied international law, administrative sciences, human rights, and management in Togo, France, Canada, and Austria.

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## Adriano Alfredo Nuvunga



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## Frieda Nicolai



**Frieda Nicolai** is Strategic Policy Advisor for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). A political anthropologist and international development cooperation expert, Frieda Nicolai has served for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) in various capacities both at HQ in the Hague and at Embassies in South Africa and Rwanda since 2004. Furthermore, she worked three years for the Ministry of Health and Welfare on the International Medicines dossier, in particular on access to medicines for developing countries, with WHO and all other relevant stakeholders. Prior to returning to The Hague in 2018, she served for four years as Sr Advisor to the Executive Board of the African Development Bank in Tunisia and Ivory Coast. Her current position is Strategic Policy Advisor at MFA, the Department for Stabilisation and Humanitarian Aid.

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## Njuguna Ndung'u



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## Abebe Shimeles



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