

## SPEAKERS

# Securing Africa's Future, amid a Climate

## ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON AFRICA'S YOUTH POPULATION AND INSERTING YOUTH PRIORITIES AHEAD OF COP27



Road to **COP27**  
FROM JOHANNESBURG TO SHARM EL-SHEIKH



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### Shumirai Zizhou, South Africa (Moderator)

Shumirai is a Programme and Research Associate at the Southern Africa Trust. She has 5 years of experience in miners' rights and compensation in SADC, climate justice and natural resource management, youth empowerment and poverty eradication; with expertise in migration and displacement, child rights governance and SRHR. She holds an LLB Degree (Honours) from the University of the Witwatersrand, and a Postgraduate Qualification in Practical Legal Studies (Cum Laude), from the Kwa-Zulu Natal University. Further, she completed a course on "Caring for Children Moving Alone: Protecting, Unaccompanied and Separated Children", from The University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland."



### Misheck Gondo

Misheck Gondo is an Author, the Regional Coordinator for Southern Africa Youth Forum (SAYoF), Sits in the Dengue Advisory Board to fight Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), sits in the Global Coalition for Youth, Peace, and Security, an UN-CSOs initiative to advance youth, peace, and security, sits in the Community of Practice Global Steering Committee hosted by the Network of Religious and Traditional Peace Makers and sits the United Nations (UN) Country Humanitarian Committee (Zimbabwe).



### Liberman Bhebhe

Lieberman is an accomplished Projects Manager with over sixteen years of professional experience in organisational development, project management, integrated program development, youth development, gender analysis and business incubation. Throughout his professional career, he has designed and implemented successful projects and programs that have enhanced citizen participation, improved youth participation in electoral processes, supported youth enterprises' growth, and improved women's access to opportunities and finance. Lieberman has also served in various capacities within different Boards of Directors. He holds several academic and professional qualifications and is an alumnus of various leadership, academic and professional development institutions.



### Mukasiri Sibanda

A Mukasiri Sibanda is the Stop the Bleeding Consortium Coordinator that steers a pan-African campaign that seeks to curb IFFs from tax, debt, trade, and investment injustices. He is a Chartered Governance and Accountancy finalist. Mukasiri has gained extensive and deep knowledge on natural resource governance in Africa related to fiscal justice gained in the past decade. Reggae music, particularly Bob Marley lights the fire of his soul.



### **Bupe Banda Mhango**

Bupe studied Environmental Education at the University of Zambia. This was followed by an internship with Zambia's Department of National Parks, attached to the Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) Programme, where her interest in working with communities developed. When she was invited to join the Community Resources Board Association, she saw this an opportunity to drive community voices to another level. Her over 6 years of experience in the CBNRM sector has given her knowledge and understanding of communities and their role in conservation both from the government and community perspectives. "It should not always require us (community representatives) making noise just to be heard, policy makers should recognize the need for community voices to be heard, their input to be part of the action and outcome, and their rights to be respected!"



### **Yvonne Tagwireyi**

Ms Yvonne Gamuchirai Tagwireyi is a Public Policy Specialist and a Gender and Child Rights Expert with 15 years of experience in the human rights sector. She has worked with various international and regional non-governmental organisations based in Ethiopia. Her experience covers diverse thematic areas including gender, violence against children, public investment in children, access to justice, child rights governance and sexual and reproductive health rights in Africa. She holds a Master of Laws (LLM) Degree in Child Witness Law and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth South Africa. Yvonne is currently Executive Director of Article21 Consulting – a consulting firm offering consulting services on Human Rights in Africa and also an External Expert for the African Union Working Group on Children's Rights and Business.