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H.E. VOLKAN BOZKIR
President of the General Assembly

On 17 June 2020, the General Assembly of the United Nations elected H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir of Turkey as President of its seventy-fifth session, which runs from September 2020 to September 2021.

After graduating with a degree in law from Ankara University, Mr. Bozkir joined his country’s foreign service in 1972. He held several positions during his 39-year career there, including: Permanent Representative of Turkey to the European Union (EU); Ambassador to Romania; Consul General in New York; Counsellor of the Permanent Representation to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); First Secretary of the Embassy in Iraq; and Vice Consul General in Stuttgart. He also served as the Foreign Policy Advisor to Prime Minister Turgut Özal; Chief of Cabinet and Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to Presidents Turgut Özal and Süleyman Demirel; Deputy Undersecretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs responsible for EU Affairs; Secretary General for EU Affairs.

Mr. Bozkir was elected as a Member of Parliament first in 2011 and then in the following three parliamentary elections. During his nine years in Parliament, he served as the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman of the Turkey-USA Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Caucus and Co-Chairman of the Turkish-Russian Civic Forum. He also served as the Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator from 2014 until 2016. In 2018, he was elected for the fourth time as the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, during which time he chaired the Turkey-Australia Inter-parliamentary Friendship Group. Mr. Bozkir was awarded the Order of the Star of Romania; the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic with the rank of “Knight”; and the 100th Anniversary Medal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan. He is married with two children and three granddaughters granddaughters.
GHADA WALY
Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Ghada Fathi Waly is the Director-General/Executive Director of the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV)/United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) since 1 February 2020, following her appointment by Secretary-General António Guterres. She holds the rank of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Ms. Waly’s work experience includes 28 years in the field of poverty reduction and social protection. She served as Minister of Social Solidarity of Egypt from March 2014 until December 2019. She also served as the Coordinator of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Social Justice and chaired the Executive Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs in the League of Arab States from 2014 to 2019. She was the Chairperson of Nasser Social Bank, a pro-poor developmental financial institution. She chaired the boards of the National Center for Social and Criminology Research, the National Fund for Drug and Addiction Control and the National Authority of Pensions and Social Insurance, which serves 25 million Egyptians.

Prior to that, she held leadership positions as Managing Director of Social Fund for Development (SFD), a multimillion-dollar SME Fund, and as Assistant Resident Representative for poverty reduction at the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), where she was responsible for coordinating the Millennium Development Goals reports and launched the National Strategy for Micro Finance. She was also Program Director of CARE International in Egypt, working in the field of poverty alleviation, and Chairperson of the Red Crescent Association.

Ghada Waly holds an MA and a BA from Colorado State University (US) in Humanities; she also holds a diploma in international development and a diploma in Project Management and is certified in Micro Finance from University of Colorado Boulder. She is fluent in Arabic, English and French and has a working knowledge of Spanish.

JAYATHMA WICKRAMANAYAKE
Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake was appointed as the UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth in June 2017 at the age of 26. In this role, Jayathma works to expand the UN’s youth engagement and advocacy efforts across all four pillars of work – sustainable development, human rights, peace and security and humanitarian action – and serves as a representative of and advisor to the Secretary-General. Originally from Sri Lanka, Ms. Wickramanayake has worked extensively on youth development and participation, and has played a key role in transforming the youth development sector in her home country.

Prior to taking up her post, Ms. Wickramanayake was instrumental in creating the movement for civic and political engagement of young people, especially young women in Sri Lanka named “Hashtag Generation”. Previously, she advocated for global youth development on an international level including as the first ever Sri Lankan Youth Delegate to the United Nations and as the youth lead negotiator and member of the International Youth Task Force of the World Conference on Youth 2014 where she played a critical role in mainstreaming youth in the Post-2015 Process and in the establishment of World Youth Skills Day.
CILL SOUL  
Musician and Fair Play Winner 2020, NIGERIA

Cill (born Chioma Ogbonna) is a Singer/Songwriter, guitarist based in Lagos State, Nigeria. Born and raised in Edo State, Nigeria to a family of seven, she was drawn to music at an early age. Her interest in music was fueled by her eldest brother who constantly introduced anyone who cared to new music in various genres and her father who would wake up each morning to tunes from Jimmy Reeves, Christy Lane, Don Williams, Majek Fashek, Evi Edna, Sunny Okosun, etc. She became interested in the guitar at an early age and used her first salary as a teacher to purchase her first guitar. The ultimate proof of her love for music was when she left her job at KPMG in 2016 to pursue a career in music. Cill loves telling stories using music and uses her music to promote social causes. She is a member of the Music for Democracy Network collaborating with other artists from different parts of the world to promote issues of democracy using music. In 2019 she received the Accountability Music Award by Accountability Lab and One Campaign, being nominated alongside great artists such as Falz, Fatoumata Diawara, Sauti Sol and Platinum Prince.

DELPHINE SCHANTZ  
Representative, UNODC New York Liaison Office

Ms. Delphine Schantz is the Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) New York Liaison Office. Until recently, and over the past 9 years, Ms. Schantz worked at the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) as Chief of the Africa Section and, before that, as Senior Legal Officer and Coordinator for Countering Financing of Terrorism. Ms. Schantz is also very familiar with UNODC’s work and mandate, having managed in a previous assignment the UNODC Global Programme against Money Laundering and Proceeds of Crime.

NERIMA WAKO-OJIWA  
Executive Director, Siasa Place, KENYA

Nerima Wako is the Executive Director of ‘Siasa Place’ and also founder of ‘Visionaries Aloud’ an organization that focuses on creating African docu-series, especially focusing on social and political issues tailored to the youth to enhance civic education and participation. She is a flamboyant pan-African who loves writing. Something that she hopes and continues to work toward is having an engaged youth. Youth who are passionate about the issues in their countries and are bold enough to come up with solutions. Nerima attained a Bachelor’s degree in Journalism and Sociology from Jacksonville State University (JSU), U.S.A. and her Master’s degree in Public Administration from the same institution.

NANDINI TANYA LALLMON  
MAURITIUS

Nandini Tanya Lallmon is engaged in legislative advocacy for wider legal systems reform to not only create or change legislation for social justice, but also to ensure that such legislation is properly implemented. Appointed as African Youth Charter Hustler for Mauritius by the African Union Office of the Youth Envoy, she empowers marginalized youth through access to learning, dialogue and development spaces that are crucial to their social inclusion. In her role of legal lead of the #Reform53 campaign, she lobbies against discriminatory laws on behalf of the Commonwealth Youth Gender and Equality Network under the Royal Commonwealth Society. In parallel, she advocates for diversity and inclusion at the YouthPower2: Learning and Evaluation Youth Advisory Group, Young African Leaders Initiative and Global Schools Program of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network. She has just completed her tenure as country lead of the local chapters of the Youth Advocacy Council, International Youth Council, International Youth Society, International Youth Development Society and African Network of Youth Policy Experts.
RYAN VILLANUEVA
Chief Education Officer, Best Delegate, UNITED STATES

Ryan Villanueva is Best Delegate’s Co-Founder and Chief Education Officer. Ryan brings 20 years of MUN experience to his work with schools, non-profits, governments, and the United Nations on how to engage students and teachers worldwide through Model United Nations. Ryan launched BestDelegate.com, a blog about MUN, out of his dorm room in his senior year at Yale. After graduating, Ryan worked at Goldman Sachs during the 2008 global financial crisis. Ryan decided to leave Wall Street and partner with Kevin to start Best Delegate, an education company that teaches MUN around the world.

Today, Ryan is a highly sought-after expert on MUN. Ryan is a consultant to the United Nations and trains UN officers on how to engage students and teachers through MUN. Ryan created the world’s first MUN certification program for teachers and he leads Best Delegate’s professional development programs. Ryan developed the curriculum for the Model United Nations Institute and he advises educational institutions on how to create MUN courses. Ryan works on aligning MUN with global education standards, including Common Core and the International Baccalaureate. Ryan is an advocate for the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and he helps educators teach the SDGs through MUN.

Ryan is an active member of the global MUN community. Ryan is the Chair of MUN Impact, a UN-affiliated NGO that helps MUN programs create service learning projects that support the SDGs. Ryan is on the advisory board of HELA, an NGO that develops MUN programs in Afghanistan. Ryan has advised NGOs that develop MUN in conflict zones, including Afghanistan, Northeast India, and Israel-Palestine. For his contributions to the MUN community, the THIMUN Foundation and THIMUN Qatar recognized Ryan with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2018 Qatar Leadership Conference.

Outside of MUN, Ryan is passionate about entrepreneurship education. Ryan is the President of the Boston chapter of the Entrepreneurs Organization (EO), a global organization with 12,000 members worldwide. Ryan has also served as Chair of the EO Accelerator program, which helps entrepreneurs scale up to $1M revenue. Ryan is a recipient of EO Boston’s Business of the Year Award. Ryan is working with EO to empower entrepreneurs to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals through their businesses. Ryan graduated from Yale University with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science. He lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

ALMA FEJZIĆ
Legal Consultant, Center for the Development of Youth Activism, BOSNIA

Alma is a legal consultant at the Center for the Development of Youth Activism (CROA) in Bosnia. She attended UNODC Multi-stakeholder workshop on UNCAC and its Review Mechanism in Belgrade in September 2018.

CROA acts as a member of the anti-corruption network ACCOUNT. It monitors anti-corruption procedures in four areas: employment, procurement, processing the cases of corruption and capacity building for developing action plans to combat corruption at the municipal level.

CROA has implemented a project on strengthening youth activism on anti-corruption entitled Knowledge IN, Corruption OUT, supported by the UN Democracy Fund.
CARLOS ANDRÉS RODRIGUEZ CASTRO  
Executive Director, Corporación Ocas, COLOMBIA

Carlos holds a professional qualification in Government and International Relations and a Masters in Government and Public Policies from the Externado University of Colombia. Carlos is the Executive Director of Corporacion Ocas, a non-profit and non-partisan organization that works for a transparent democracy and an autonomous citizenship in Colombia. Carlos has extensive experience in the relationship with territorial government entities, intersectoral articulation and local development with a youth perspective.

MUNEERA Ebrahim H A AlmuHANNADI  
Qatar

Muneera Ebrahim AlmuHannadi is a law student at the University of Qatar. She has conducted research in field of corruption as part of her studies. Muneera aspires to advocate more in the future about anti-corruption, in addition to contributing to rejuvenating a national dialogue and directing energy towards practical mechanisms to reduce corruption and improve ethical practices across sectors and among citizens in the State of Qatar.

Her desire to advocate in this area is influenced by national anti-corruption strategies and UNODC guidance that it is vital to engage all sectors of society in the drafting process of different strategies to fight corruption.

LEO KAPETANOVIC  
Italy

Leo Kapetanovic works in policy making and specializes in anti-corruption matters. Leo works at the OECD, on the Fair Market Conditions for Competitiveness in the Adriatic Region project, which seeks to monitor corruption and provide a level playing field in the Western Balkans. One of the aims of the project is to build a collective action initiative, involving government, the private sector, civil society and academia, and other stakeholders to jointly tackle corruption in the region.

Leo attended the LLB in European Law at Maastricht University. He speaks six languages. Leo is from Italy, but his family background is from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

SUHAAS EMA  
Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC

Suhaas Ema received his triple major bachelor’s degree in Psychology, Sociology and Economics from Christ University, Bangalore, India in 2016. He went on to graduate with a master’s degree in International Security with concentrations in African & Intelligence studies from Sciences Po- Paris School of International Affairs as a Government of France scholarship holder (Charpak scholarship).

In 2018, he began his professional journey at the United Nations as an intern at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Vienna, Austria and is now an Associate Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer at the Corruption and Economic Crime branch. He primarily works on the “Fast-Tracking the Implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)” project and also specializes in addressing the gender dimensions of corruption, whistle-blower protection, and corruption in the context of COVID-19.
NADIA ABDALLA AHMED
Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth, KENYA

Nadia Ahmed Abdalla serves as Chief Administrative Secretary Ministry of ICT, State Department of Innovation and Youth Affairs. She has a Bachelors (Hons.) in Public Relations and Mass Communication from Taylors University Lakeside Campus, Malaysia and a Masters in Arts International Relations and Cultural Diplomacy from Hochshule Furtwangen University, Germany. She is extremely passionate about the providing opportunities for the Youth to better themselves, and make a decent living with available resources. Nadia is also a Mental Health advocate and on all platforms speaks about the need to normalize the mental health conversation in Kenya, create awareness about the various resources dedicated to mental health and create an environment of mindfulness that allows the youth to share their mental health struggles with those who can assist them.

She is currently spearheading the #KenyaNiMimi Campaign that brings together youth to discuss pertinent issues and on-boards various stakeholders (both governmental and non-governmental) who offer youth opportunities for growth in different industries and sectors. She also enjoys cycling, cooking and traveling.

HANNAH HUDSON
Programme Implementation Manager, Integrity Action, UK

Hannah is responsible for supporting Integrity Action’s partner organisations to effectively deliver our approach. Her role involves developing and delivering training and providing ongoing support to partners. Before joining the team in July 2019, Hannah worked as a consultant, supporting social initiatives to scale their impact. Prior to that she worked on Making All Voices Count, a programme that supported social accountability across Africa and Asia. Hannah also has experience researching social welfare and governance issues and working for an NGO in Uganda.

She has an MA in Governance and Development. Hannah’s role at Integrity Action combines her interest in social accountability with her love of exchanging knowledge and working with people. She is interested in how citizens can demand accountability from power holders and enjoys facilitating workshops and working with partners to support this process.

CHERESE THAKUR
Advocacy Coordinator, Amabhungane, SOUTH AFRICA

Cherese Thakur is the advocacy coordinator at amaBhungane Centre for Investigative Journalism, a non-profit investigative journalism hub. Her anti-corruption advocacy has included promoting the expansion of whistleblower protections and advocating for beneficial ownership transparency. She has researched the role of the professional services industry in state capture, illicit financial flows, and accountability mechanisms, and was a member of the reference group for the development of South Africa’s National Anti-Corruption Strategy. Her current role involves advocating for media freedom and access to information. This includes making submissions in legislative processes in respect of laws affecting the media, advising on amaBhungane’s public interest litigation, sharing knowledge in discussions and conferences, and writing articles to raise awareness regarding media-related issues.

Prior to joining civil society, Cherese was a corporate lawyer and served as a law clerk to two Constitutional Court justices. She holds LLB (summa cum laude) and LLM degrees from the University of KwaZulu-Natal and a Bachelor of Civil Laws from the University of Oxford. She is currently working towards her PhD, where her thesis examines the judiciary’s response to cases of corruption and egregious public maladministration.
MOHAMMAD YUSUF AYUBI
Program Specialist, Integrity Watch, AFGHANISTAN

Mohammad Yusuf Ayubi earned his BSC in chemistry and Diploma in Business Administration from Kabul University and Kardan University, respectively. Currently, he is leading the Community-Based Monitoring of School Program in Integrity Watch Afghanistan. While working as CBM-S Program Officer he has participated in two community Integrity Building Workshops in Kenya and Nepal that profoundly broadened his understanding of educational development projects. In this capacity, Yusuf contributed to building the capacity of school students and engaged community members to monitor public schools and improve education quality across 7 provinces of Afghanistan. In 2019, he led and supported the establishment of 180 Integrity Clubs in 180 schools in five provinces of Afghanistan.

Through CBM-S, Yusuf engages public monitors communities to monitor their local schools and hold duty bearers accountable. Despite his current employment that contributes to social capacity building and development, Yusuf has also volunteered to help in generating employment opportunities build Afghan youths’ capacity through volunteering in different platforms. In 2016, Yusuf founded “Young Afghanistan for Peace, Debate Club”, a platform that engages youth to lend their peacebuilding thoughts and ideas as written essays. Shortly after creating the platform, a group of male and female youth showed interest in volunteering in the Club. Yusuf is currently a Semi-Finalist Fellow in Atlas Corp Fellowship in the USA and Semi-finalist in Civil Society Leadership Award for pursuing his Master’s in education policy. Through these experiences, Yusuf has developed a strong leadership and management skills. He has a desire to build his capacity and knowledge to further his contributions in the country throughout his employment and volunteer skills.

MILICENT BARTY
Founder of Millicent Designs, SOLOMON ISLANDS

Millicent Barty is an award-winning social entrepreneur, educational designer and advocate for socio-economical pursuits to empower Youth and women from the Solomon Islands and the Pacific region. A Design graduate from Goldsmiths, University of London, Millicent dedicated her final year undertaking research to design a communications method (Kastom Stori Taem Tool - KSTT) to tackle illiteracy after realizing that only 17% of Solomons’ adult population (25-60yrs) can read and write. Her journey in entrepreneurship began in 2015 as founder of Millicent Designs, to pursue KSTT which combines traditional storytelling and design methods to educate and empower young and marginalized groups across Solomon Islands. Her work includes translating political pledges, land laws, development projects and ideas into information-graphics to ensure that 85% of Solomon Islanders who live in rural communities can be informed and effectively engage in the nation’s socio-economic development. Her work in tackling illiteracy in Solomons through Kastom Stori Taem recognized her a recipient of the prestigious Queen’s Young Leader Award in 2018.

Millicent also operates 2 other social ventures and was the former inaugural manager of the Yher Pacific Program (supported by YGAP and Pacific RISE), a regional accelerator program aimed to support and scale the impact of female-led ventures existing to improve the lives of people and communities across the Pacific.

In her former role as Chair of the Young Entrepreneurs Council Solomon Islands (YECSI 2018-2021), Millicent was instrumental in the establishment of this first-of-its-kind public-private partnership and leading the organization for three years. Through YECSI, Millicent has also designed and implemented local accelerator and incubator programs that champion young people to build their capabilities as entrepreneurs with heavy encouragement for social enterprises. Motivated by social equity, life-long learning and self-direction, Millicent is determined to bridge gaps where necessary in order to action meaningful results that create better access and afford women and youth opportunities to realise their full potential to positively contribute to sustainable development initiatives domestically and in the region.
MARCUS DANIELL
Professional Tennis Player and CEO of High Impact Athletes, NEW ZEALAND

Marcus is an Olympian tennis player from New Zealand with 5 ATP titles, quarterfinal appearances at both Wimbledon and the Australian Open, and numerous caps for the NZ Davis Cup Team. He is also the CEO of High Impact Athletes. Marcus has been involved in the Effective Altruism movement since 2015 and has donated 5-10% of his annual income to effective organisations since then. On January 4th, 2021, Marcus took the Giving What We Can pledge to donate at least 10% of his annual winnings to effective organisations for the rest of his life. Alongside his tennis career, Marcus has completed a B.A. from Massey University in Psychology and Spanish and is presently completing a Masters in Philosophy through the same university.

DANIELLA NEWMAN
UNCAC Coalition, AUSTRIA

Danella grew up bilingually as an Austrian-American dual citizen in Austria, spending summers in the United States. At 15, she did an exchange year in Peru, where her passion for languages and cultures further flourished. After completing two Bachelor's programs in Spanish/French and Cultural Anthropology in Austria and Spain, she went on to do a Master of Arts in Euroculture: Society, Politics and Culture in a Global Context in Germany and Spain, also spending a semester researching gender roles in India. Danella has worked as a full-time paid trainee at the International Ombudsman Institute’s General Secretariat, which also functions as the Austrian Ombudsman Board’s International Office, and in the Director’s Office and Institutional Cooperation and Networks Unit of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

Since November 2019, Danella has been working for the UNCAC Coalition, a global network of more than 350 civil society organizations that work for the promotion and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). As Project Manager, she is leading efforts on civil society shadow reports and the Coalition’s Transparency Pledge, among many others, advocating for more transparency and civil society participation in the global fight against corruption. Danella is fluent in English, German and Spanish and has a high level of French, which are all languages she uses in her daily work.

MARK JACINTO
Online SDG Action Group, PHILIPPINES

Mark Jacinto, known as Mark to his peers and colleagues, has been deemed as a weaver of connections because of his belief that everyone is interconnected and interrelated, and his passion to connect everyone, especially young leaders and youth organizations to each other towards making a mark, together. It is highly shown in his leadership as the Curator of the Online SDG Youth Action Forum, Chief Builder of P4SSitON, and Field SDG Advocate of UN Volunteers, UNDP, and UN SDG Action Campaign's MY World 2030 Programme. His desire to weave and connect young leaders and youth organizations with each other has led him to currently study Masters of Public Administration at the University of the Philippines - Diliman. Mark's passion to weave people and organizations with each other has also led him to represent the country in various events and functions of the ASEAN, United Nations, and other functions in the local, regional, national, and international levels. He utilizes his gained experience to localize the learnings, collaborate with fellow youths, support each other's initiatives and actions, and continue building sustainable and tangible actions in building a better world for all.
LAURABETH GOLDSMITH
Executive Director, Partnerships, Best Delegate, UNITED STATES

Laurabeth Goldsmith is the Executive Director of Partnerships at Best Delegate. She has developed partnerships with governments, nonprofit organizations, school districts, the United Nations, and businesses to create sustainable, student-led, and standards-aligned Model UN Programs. Laurabeth believes in the power of Model UN to help create global citizens and to empower students to succeed in college and beyond.

Laurabeth has traveled to more than sixty countries, created more than fifty partnerships for Best Delegate over the last five years, and has led Model UN trainings for thousands of students and educators around the world. This has included pioneering a multi year partnership with IDEA Public Schools (61 charter schools) and serving as Program Director on many of their programs, creating a partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and delivering educator training at the United Nations in Vienna on Justice, creating a partnership with the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Education to enable students to learn about diplomacy, and managing dozens of Model UN workshops and conferences. Laurabeth also served as Program Director for the MUN Institute summer programs at Harvard, Georgetown, Columbia, and more.

Prior to joining the team at Best Delegate Laurabeth worked for the Carter Center and Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida. She was also the President of Emory’s Model UN team and helped to transform the team into one of the top 15 MUN teams in the country. Laurabeth was consistently an award winning delegate during her time in MUN in High School and University. Laurabeth graduated from Emory University with a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science and completed the Community Building and Social Change Fellowship.

During University, Laurabeth won a full scholarship to spend a semester traveling the world examining gender inequality and teaching international human rights and self defense to girls in Asia, Africa, and Europe. She is currently pursuing a Strategic Management Certificate from the Harvard Extension School.

Laurabeth is an activist for gender equality and has volunteered with Girl Scouts for more than 20 years including in her current role as Girl Leadership Committee Advisor. In her free time she loves to travel, kayak, hike, and scuba dive. She lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

KARI ANN ROTKIN
Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC

Kari Rotkin is an Associate Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer with the Corruption and Economic Crime Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna. In this role, Kari provides technical assistance to jurisdictions with a particular focus on COVID-19 anti-corruption response and recovery.

Kari previously served as Country Director of Justice Base, a non-governmental role of law organization based in Myanmar, and has over six years of experience managing and delivering technical assistance programmes in the areas of criminal justice and anti-corruption, including a number of publications on fair trial rights.

She holds a law degree from New York University School of Law.
SERENA IBRAHIM  
Founder, Youth Against Corruption, LEBANON

Serena is the founder of YAC – Youth Against Corruption, a youth-led organization that aims to prevent and control corruption through youth talents, social innovation and social entrepreneurship. She also works as a sustainability and smart cities consultant for governmental and non-governmental organizations. Serena has an International Master Degree in Sustainable territorial development and a Master degree in Architecture.

Her interest in corruption grew from the fact that she was born and raised in Lebanon, and observed systemic corruption with dreadful impacts on the life of youth. Today, she is committed to fighting for a more sustainable and fair future for victims of corrupt systems and to create an international movement of youth who have the humility, creativity and courage to break the corruption chain.

ABIDEEN OPEYEMI OLASUPO  
Convenor, YvoteNaija.org, NIGERIA

Abideen is a leading Africa anti-corruption crusader, activist and open data analyst. He is an advocate in the realm of fiscal transparency and open governance. Abideen possesses over 7 years’ transnational experience within the field of community organising, public policy and democratic dividend specifically in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He has spoken out against corruption, human rights abuse and disfranchisement of citizens. He coordinated Kwara State for the NotTooYoungToRun movement, a Nigerian Youth movement whose support for young people's right to run for political offices ensured that an age reduction bill was passed across the country promoting youth inclusion in Nigeria's politics. He has continuously analysed government budgetary spendings and identified loop holes using data and storytelling.

Abideen launched knowcovid19.ng to counter fake news, raise awareness, distribute relief materials and track government spending regarding the novel coronavirus. He participated in the "Sector Budget Transparency in the COVID-19 Response", a webinar jointly organized by UNICEF and the International Budget Partnership (IBP) wherein he shared details about his effort at tracking government spending during COVID-19.

He is the Executive Director at Brain Builders Youth Development Initiative - BBYDI (formerly Brain Builders International), a youth-led non-governmental organization in Nigeria that recently launched “iWatch” - a citizen watchdog project to ensure transparency and accountability in government. The organization (BBYDI) also focuses on localising and democratising the SDGs, while also leading the charge for youth inclusion leadership, civic engagement, entrepreneurship amongst other youthful matters. He served as a steering committee member with CIVICUS and currently serves as a Youth Power Panel member.

In recognition of his exceptional qualities in, and dedication to, youth development, Sustainable Development Goals, democratic dividends and anti-corruption, Abideen was named one of the 100 Most Influential Young Nigerians in 2019. Abideen earned a Bachelor’s of Science in chemistry at the University of Ilorin and attended the executive programme at the National Training Academy, Egypt; Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, Ghana; Lagos Business School, Lagos; and Harvard Business School, Boston Massachusetts. He is a member of Transparency Accountability and Participation for 2030 Agenda and International Budget Partnership.
MANTATE MLOTSHWA  
**Magamba Network, ZIMBABWE**

Mantate Mlotshwa is the Founder and CEO of an African inspired brand ‘U Motle’ premised on curating and affirming stories and experiences of African women through fashion. She is Program Lead at Magamba Network, coordinating the Arts4Change program which falls within the New Narratives for Accountability in Zimbabwe, a joint project of Accountability Lab Zimbabwe, Magamba and Kubatana Trust. She is a producer and cohost of The Resistance Bureau show.

A speaker and published author, Mantate uses her work and talents to amplify the plight of women and youth, advocating for their meaningful participation in democracy and governance processes. She is a final year Psychology student at the University of Zimbabwe.

HAMMAD NOOR AHMED  
**PAKISTAN**

Hammad Noor Ahmed currently works as Research Associate and Coordinator for the Pakistan Institute of Human Rights. As a professional, Hammad aspires to assist vulnerable people and devise pragmatic, holistic strategies for the welfare of society. His interaction with UNODC and effective assistance in the implementation of their GiE TOT initiatives made him realize how targeted education can facilitate the eradication of problems in society.

Hammad graduated in 2020 from Lahore University of Management Sciences with a Major in Business and a Minor in Public Administration. During this tenure, he served as a Vice President of LUMS Culture Society to promote inclusivity. Hammad has worked with organizations such as Ernst & Young and The Citizen’s Foundation. Along with others, Hammad created a tourism startup, successfully managed a tour to District Mianwali and drafted a detailed report on the tourism potential of Mianwali.

In all the roles, Hammad’s ultimate goal has been to raise a voice against corruption, so that everyone can enjoy their due rights, and to promote meritocracy on a national and global level.

SUVECHCHHA CHAPAGAIN  
**Accountability Lab, NEPAL**

Suvechchha is pursuing her Master’s degree in International Relations and Diplomacy at Tribhuvan University and has previous work experience as a Communication Associate at Creation Nepal and Copy Editor at SB Web Technology. Passionate about gender, human rights, and governance, she was also a part of a fellowship program of Women Lead Nepal titled Young Women Political Leadership Institution in 2016/17. Moreover, she is an active Rotaract member, currently serving as a Secretary of the Rotaract Club of Manohara.

She believes that only informed and knowledgeable youths can contribute to remove the social and political irregularities within the country and is striving to develop herself further to follow this mission. After being part of the Integrity Fellowship in 2017, Suvechchha was inspired by the work of Accountability Lab around good governance, transparency, and integrity and joined as part of the full-time staff. She considers herself a youth change-maker.