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Economic Leaders of Tomorrow

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The Institut Choiseul Rankings

Through its annual rankings, Institut Choiseul identifies the business leaders and influential figures shaping the economy of today and tomorrow.

These emerging leaders are high-level decision-makers who are already making a significant, direct impact on the economy and are poised to continue driving meaningful change.

Each publication offers a unique perspective on an economy, industry or region through the individuals driving its development. Together, these distinctive yet complementary profiles represent a new generation of leaders challenging the status quo and shaping an ever-evolving economic landscape.

Year after year, the Choiseul rankings lay the foundations for diverse, engaged communities of leaders who come together several times a year at exclusive events.



An African Generation Charting New Horizons

Pascal LOROT

President

Chairman of
Choiseul Africa

When we launched the Choiseul 100 Africa more than twelve years ago, our ambition was to shine a light on a new generation of leaders and support the momentum they were already bringing to the continent. Year after year, we have watched this generation come into its own. Some now lead major corporations, others have built their own businesses, developed new industries or taken on positions of significant responsibility in their countries.

The 2026 edition reflects another particularly compelling evolution. Through the 200 journeys we have selected, we see an Africa entering a new phase of growth and ambition.

What is especially striking is this generation's ability to look far beyond its home markets. Companies founded in Lagos, Casablanca, Abidjan, Dakar or Nairobi are now expanding across borders, raising capital internationally and forging alliances with new partners. The leaders behind them have grown up with this outward-looking mindset and see international expansion as a natural extension of their development.

At the same time, greater attention is being paid to what Africa produces and how it is made. Industry, infrastructure, energy, strategic minerals, finance and technology all feature prominently in this year's edition. Across this diversity of sectors lies a common ambition: to create more value on the continent, build robust value chains and foster African companies with the scale and strength to compete in international markets.

This evolution is part of a broader transformation in the continent's economic relationships. Ties between Africa and Europe are being reshaped, trade between African economies is intensifying, and new corridors are emerging towards Asia. Within this changing landscape, African entrepreneurs and business leaders are playing a direct role in shaping partnerships, choosing their alliances and opening up new markets themselves.

This is precisely what we seek to capture each year through the Choiseul 100 Africa. Taken together, these 200 journeys tell the story of Africa's economy today while offering a glimpse of the one now taking shape.

This is also at the heart of Choiseul Africa's mission: to bring this community to life, build bridges and create the connections that will enable its members to go further together. We look forward to carrying this momentum forward at the 7th edition of the Choiseul Africa Business Forum, to be held on 23 and 24 March 2027 in Lagos, Nigeria, at the heart of one of the continent's most entrepreneurial economies.

Finally, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the 200 laureates whom we have the honour of recognising in this year's edition. Their achievements, ambitions and entrepreneurial drive embody an Africa confident in its strengths and looking boldly to the future.

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The philosophy behind the study

The *Choiseul 100 Africa ranking* – The emerging economic players is an annual study independently carried out by Choiseul Africa. It identifies, ranks, and promotes the 200 young African leaders aged 40 and under who, through their activity and influence, are currently playing, and will continue to play, a major role in Africa's economic development in the near future.

Over several months, Choiseul engages numerous experts and specialists from the continent to conduct this groundbreaking study, which assesses the driving forces of the African economy.

The study aims to represent all regions of Africa and as many countries as possible to identify an elite cohort from across the continent, and from all value-creating sectors.

Methodology of the study

A three-phase project

Preparatory work ▶ **Study implementation** ▶ **Publication and dissemination**

March 2026 — *July 2026* — *November 2026*

Steps of the study

The course of the study of the 2026 edition of the Choiseul 100 Africa spans from March to October 2026, unfolding into four main steps:

- Defining the methodology and objectives;
- Updating the 2025 ranking;
- Researching and selecting new profiles;
- Validating and refining the final ranking highlighting the 200 most promising young African economic leaders.

Eligibility conditions

Only profiles meeting certain conditions are considered:

- Being a national of an African country;
- Being 40 years of age or under on 1 January 2026;
- Being an active contributor to the economic development of Africa.

Selection criteria

A series of criteria guides the pre-selection and final selection of the laureates, including:

- Nationality, activity and type of company/institution;
- Person's role and function within the company/institution;
- Turnover or budget of the organisation;
- Number of employees of the organisation;
- Geographical areas covered;
- Non-profit commitments and influence of the person

The top 100 are ranked from 1st to 100th place. A second list, the Choiseul 200, contains 100 additional profiles, ranked 101st to 200th and grouped into three categories: three stars, two stars, and one star. As the study ended in October 2026, professional developments after this date are not taken into account.

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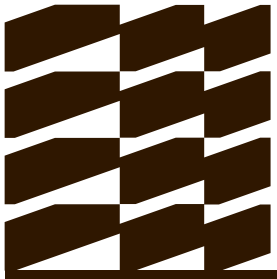
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Company

Previous or Additional Function

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Country



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Partners

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Nicolas DUFOURCQ

Chief Executive Officer

Bpifrance

Africa is a strategic continent for Bpifrance. For 25 years, we have pursued a clear ambition there: building lasting economic partnerships and accelerating co-industrialisation between France and the continent. With more than €1 billion in investment mobilised, and concrete partnerships such as those signed with SAGEMCOM and AXIAN Telecom, or the landmark agreement between MATIÈRE and Sierra Leone, we are working to strengthen economic ties and support the emergence of pan-African industrial champions.

The Choiseul 100 Africa embodies this momentum. By shining a spotlight on 200 young leaders from 45 countries, 43.5% of them women, this ranking reveals the face of a bold, innovative and resilient Africa. These talented individuals, who lead projects in finance, industry, construction and new technologies, are driving the continent's economic transformation. Bpifrance is proud to support them, alongside French and African entrepreneurs, to foster synergies, stimulate innovation and create shared opportunities.

Our commitment is built on concrete tools: the Averroès Africa fund, a pioneer of private equity on the continent; our strengthened partnership with AFD and Proparco; and programmes such as Accélérateur Afrique and Parcours Business International, designed to guide companies as they grow. Our goal? To make Africa a growth driver for French companies, while contributing to the emergence of an integrated economic ecosystem that supports sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In 2026, Bpifrance reaffirms its role as a project accelerator and a catalyst for win-win partnerships. We believe in Africa, in its potential and in the strength of its entrepreneurs. Together, let's be bold and build the future!



Carrying the Legacy Forward, Building the Future : The Rise of a New Generation of African Leaders

Kadia SYLLA MOISSON

Director of Business Development, Africa

Grant Alexander

Supporting the Choiseul 100 Africa means looking beyond individual achievements to reveal a vibrant, ambitious landscape of talent shaping the continent's future. As a trusted partner in governance and executive leadership, Grant Alexander recognises the strategic significance of this endeavour : identifying and celebrating, today, the women and men whose vision and leadership will drive Africa's defining economic successes of tomorrow.

We are at a defining moment. As a generation of established leaders prepares to pass on its responsibilities, a new generation is coming to the fore. Predominantly in their thirties, shaped by the highest international standards yet firmly rooted in their regional realities, these decision-makers embody a distinctly modern form of leadership – open, agile, outward-looking. Navigating digital transformation, the rise of disruptive technologies and the emergence of entirely new industries, they have forged their legitimacy in a profoundly transformed environment, where operational excellence and merit increasingly prevail over inherited models. More than simply succeeding those before them, they embody a new expression of African economic leadership: pan-African in outlook, unconstrained by traditional boundaries, and finely attuned to the shifting dynamics of the global economy.

While the continent's economic momentum has been widely documented, its enduring strength ultimately rests on the calibre of the leadership shaping its strategic direction. Identifying these talents and creating the conditions for them to flourish is therefore essential to strengthening Africa's sovereignty and long-term attractiveness.

Identifying exceptional talent early, understanding the depth and complexity of individual career paths, and enabling leaders to fulfil their potential lie at the heart of Grant Alexander's expertise. This commitment rests on a firm conviction: recognition must also translate into greater representation within the governance bodies and decision-making circles that shape the continent's economy. Our engagement alongside the Choiseul 100 Africa is rooted in this ambition — helping these high-potential leaders make their full contribution, strengthen organisational performance over the long term, and, in doing so, advance Africa's future competitiveness.

To all the laureates of the 2026 edition, we extend our warmest congratulations. Your vision and commitment are Africa's greatest asset for the future.



Guy SIDOS

Chief Executive Officer

Vicat

If there is one continent destined to play a decisive role in the years and decades ahead, it is Africa. While growth trajectories vary from one region to another, the continent's overall economic expansion is projected to exceed the global average. West Africa, for instance, is experiencing, a positive dynamic, underpinned by a steadily rising population.

Africa abounds with opportunities, yet it must also navigate the challenges inherent in rapid economic and demographic expansion. Urbanization and resource management are among the most pressing issues.

The Vicat Group has been present in West Africa (Mali, Mauritania, Senegal) and in Egypt for many years. We contribute to addressing these development challenges by providing construction and infrastructure solutions, backed by our expertise and long-standing experience.

For two centuries, ever since Louis Vicat pioneered modern cement, we have been committed to building a sustainable future that reflects our values.

Cement is a local product, made from local resources and, at Vicat, produced by local teams. We are proud to see this new generation of Africans taking the helm in driving the development of our activities across the continent.

It is this generation that will lead our businesses toward prosperity, while embracing a heightened environmental and social responsibility. Our recent investment in Senegal is a prime illustration: the commissioning of a new kiln that supports economic development while fostering circular economy models for alternative fuels.

We warmly congratulate this generation - one that has so much to share, and so much to teach us.

Our Partners

Bpifrance, the public investment bank, is the trusted partner of entrepreneurs. Bpifrance finances companies from seed funding to stock market listing, including business transfers, through loans, guarantees, and equity. It supports them in their innovation and international projects, and it secures their export activities through a wide range of products. Consulting, university, networking... Bpifrance also provides entrepreneurs with concrete support to sustain and accelerate their growth trajectory. With Bpifrance, companies benefit from a strong, approachable, and proficient partner to meet their financing needs at every stage of their development.

For over 35 years, Grant Alexander has been a trusted partner to organisations and their leaders, helping them drive performance through comprehensive, tailor-made support across all their talent management and development needs. A multi-specialist HR consulting and services group, spanning four areas of expertise - Executive Search, Executive Interim, Leadership Advisory and Value Creation - it works across every sector and function (senior executives, experts and hard-to-find profiles) worldwide. The group has offices across France (Paris, Aix-Marseille, Lille, Lyon, Nantes, Strasbourg and Toulouse) and Switzerland (Geneva, Lausanne, Fribourg and Zurich), and is also the exclusive partner in France and Switzerland for InterSearch, the world's leading executive recruitment network. As part of its commitment to corporate social responsibility, Grant Alexander holds Ecovadis « Committed Company » status.

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The Vicat Group is the heir to an industrial tradition dating back to 1817, when Louis Vicat invented artificial cement. The family-owned business operating in 12 countries offers a range of high-performance mineral and bio-based construction materials, together with associated services, that meet the needs of the construction world. In the close to twenty years the Vicat Group has been working in Africa, its cement plants and other industrial facilities have consistently contributed to local harnessing of resources and to the development of employment in Senegal, Mali, Mauritania, and Egypt.

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Economic Leaders of Tomorrow 2026

Top 100

1 N



Mariya DANGOTE | 35 y/o

Group Executive Director, Commercial Operations – Cement & Foods Businesses
Dangote Industries

Non-Executive Director, Dangote Cement Plc (since 2025)

Nigeria

2



Youssef AHIZOUNE | 40 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Arma Group

Founder and Deputy General Director, Derichebourg Morocco (2012–2019)

Morocco

3 N



Ibrahim Ben Aziz KONATÉ | 31 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Industrie de transformation métallique & Volailles d'Or

President, Federation of Young Entrepreneurs of Ivory Coast (since 2023)

Ivory Coast

4



Fatoumata BÂ | 40 y/o

Founder and Executive Chair
Janngo

Chairwoman of the Board, Auchan Retail International (since 2021)

Senegal

5 N



Mamoudou Nagnalen BARRY | 40 y/o

Chair of the Board
Compagnie du TransGuinéen

Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Government of Guinea (2021–2024)

Guinea

6



Abimbola ADENUGA | 38 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Imperial Boissons

Customer Experience Business Partner, Maersk Line (2014–2021)

Nigeria

7



Hasnaine YAVARHOUSSEN | 40 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Filatex Group

Co-Founder, Hakanto Contemporary (since 2020)

Madagascar

8



Cristina LOURENÇO | 35 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Angola Securities Exchange

Executive Director – Chief Financial Officer, BODIVA (2020 – January 2025)

Angola

9



Shahim ISMAEL | 40 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Inviso Group

Madagascar

10



Malik SEFRIOUI | 34 y/o

Vice President
Ciments de l'Atlas

Vice President, Ciments de l'Afrique (since 2014)

Morocco

11



Mohammed Usman ABDUL-RAZAQ | 40 y/o

Deputy Director, Head of Capital Mobilization and Partnerships
Africa Finance Corporation

Senior Vice President - Head of Capital Mobilization and Partnerships, Africa Finance Corporation (2024-2026)

Nigeria

12



Jordana REMON COUBECHE | 38 y/o

Co-Managing Partner
COUBECHE Group

Commercial Director, Coubeche Group (2017–2020)

Djibouti

13
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Cherif Mahamat GASSIM | 40 y/o

Minister of Communication and Government Spokesperson
Republic of Chad

Vice President of the National Transitional Council (2021–2025)

Chad

14



Seyi TINUBU | 40 y/o

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Loatsad Promomedia

Co-Founder, Noella Foundation (since 2018)

Nigeria

15

Soukayna AKHANNOUCH | 32 y/o

President and Chief Executive Officer
Akwa Group

Morocco

16
N



Hana TEHELKU | 35 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Ethiopian Capital Market Authority

Legal Counsel, Ethiopian Capital Market Authority (2024)

Ethiopia

17



Bogolo Joy KENEWENDO | 38 y/o

Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy
Republic of Botswana

Chairperson of the Board, Bank Gaborone (2022–2025)

Botswana

18



Paul Jr OBAMBI | 36 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Sapro Mayoko

Chief Executive Officer, Power Mines Industry (since April 2025)

Republic of the Congo

19

Kenza ALJ | 36 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Sanam Holding

Morocco

20
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Ramatoulaye CAMARA | 38 y/o

Minister of Employment, Labour and Social Protection
Republic of Guinea

Secretary General, Ministry of Employment, Labour and Social Protection (August–October 2026)

Guinea

21



Marième-Sav SOW | 39 y/o

Vice President, Engagement and Advocacy – Africa
TotalEnergies

Managing Director and Country Chair, TotalEnergies Madagascar (2022–2025)

Senegal

22



Mohammed DANGOTE | 40 y/o

Group Chief Executive Officer
Dansa Holding

Executive Special Assistant to the President, Dangote Group

Nigeria

23



Modeste BAMOUNI | 40 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Group Champy International

Managing Director, Industrial Beverages and Juices Company of Burkina Faso (2022–2023)

Burkina Faso

24



Wendpanga Aimé NONGKOUNI | 35 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Burkina Faso National Hydrocarbons Company

General Director, National Agency for the Supervision of Artisanal and Semi-Mechanised Mining Operations (2023)

Burkina Faso

25



Jailson TEIXEIRA DE OLIVEIRA | 39 y/o

President
Cabo Verde TradeInvest

Chairman of the Board, Caixa Económica de Cabo Verde (2020 – March 2026)

Cabo Verde

26
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Daisy-Helen EYANG NTOUTOUME | 37 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Bank for Trade and Entrepreneurship of Gabon

Business Development Process Lead, BGFIBank DRC (2022–2024)

Gabon

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Kanyisa MKHIZE | 36 y/o

President and Chief Executive Officer
Sanlam Corporate

General Manager, Old Mutual South Africa (2016–2020)

South Africa

29



Adebola WILLIAMS | 40 y/o

Chair of the Board
AW Network

Co-Founder, RED | for Africa (since 2005)

Nigeria

30



Nasser BENJELLOUN | 35 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Aradei Capital

Deputy Managing Director, REIM Partners (2023–2025)

Morocco

31



Abdoul Karim DIALLO | 40 y/o

Chief Executive Officer and Shareholder
Sonoco Group

Vice President in charge of Industry, Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Handicrafts of Guinea (since 2022)

Guinea

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Mohamed-Salem AHMED SALEH | 37 y/o

Director of Investment Attraction and Promotion
Mauritania Investment Promotion Agency

Director of Communications and ICT, Agence de Promotion des Investissements en Mauritanie (2023–2025)

Mauritania

33



Franck KIÉ | 35 y/o

Chief Operating Officer
Genesis Holding Company

Managing Partner, Ciberobs Consulting

Ivory Coast

34



Haroun ELFASSI | 37 y/o

Director, Strategy and Finance
Maghreb Steel

Executive Director of Strategic Programs and Performance, Maghreb Steel (2023–2024)

Morocco

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Isyaku RABIU | 29 y/o

Executive Director
BUA Foods Plc

Commercial Director, IRS Flour and Pasta, BUA Group (2019–2021)

Nigeria

36



Aïda DIOUF | 38 y/o

Executive Director, Africa
Camusat

Group Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, Camusat (2020–2023)

Senegal

37



Olakunle WILLIAMS | 38 y/o

Founder and Chief Executive Officer
Tetracore Energy Group

Board Member, Association of Local Distributors of Gas (since 2024)

Nigeria

38



Cheikh Mohamed ELKARACHI | 33 y/o

President
Elkarachi Holdings

Chief Executive Officer, MFM (since 2023)

Mauritania

39



Pedro FERNANDES LOPES | 39 y/o

Former Secretary of State for the Digital Economy
Government of Cabo Verde

Secretary of State for Innovation and Technical Training, Government of Cabo Verde (2018–2021)

Cabo Verde

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Kouakou Anzoua ABISSA | 36 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Atlantic Group SA

Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Atlantic Financial Group (2015–2021)

Ivory Coast

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Abiodun SOWEMIMO | 40 y/o

President
Cyberpedia Internet Governance Inc.

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, InfoMetriQ Data Network (since 2018)

Nigeria

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Mohamed Ebrahim VARVANY | 39 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Aluminium Trailers Ltd

Chief Commercial Officer, Simba Corporation (2023–2024)

Kenya

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Aomar ELALAMY | 37 y/o

Partner
Accuracy

Managing Partner of the Casablanca Office, Accuracy (2022–2025)

Morocco

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Lynda TEZKRATT | 39 y/o

Chief Executive Officer, Africa
DNV

Algeria Country Manager, Bureau Veritas Group (2019–2021)

Algeria

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Adesuwa OKUNBO RHODES | 36 y/o

Founder and Managing Partner
Aruwa Capital Management

Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Syntaxis Capital Africa (2014–2019)

Nigeria

46



Fatema DEWJI | 37 y/o

Marketing Director
MeTL Group

Founder, Bloom Hub Tanzania (since 2024)

Tanzania

47



Aguibou LY | 40 y/o

Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer
IBS Group

Managing Director for Guinea, ITC Global (2011–2016)

Guinea

48



Kenza SLAOUI | 36 y/o

Co-Chief Executive Officer
Mafoder Group

Deputy Managing Director, Mafoder Group (2021–2022)

Morocco

49



Mohamed Mohamoud DJAMA | 39 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Djibouti Shipping Company

Director of Operations, Djibouti Shipping Company (2022-2024)

Djibouti

50 N



Steven Rodrigue NBIENOU KOUADJO | 33 y/o

Founder and Chief Executive Officer
NBIKO Group

Chief Executive Officer, 1xBet Africa (2018)

Cameroon

51



Chikondi Annabel MPINGANJIRA | 39 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Ekhaya Malawi Group

Principal Officer,
The Thomson and Barbara Mpinganjira Foundation (since 2021)

Malawi

52



Cany JOBE | 40 y/o

Director of Exploration and Production
Gambia National Petroleum Company

Reservoir Engineer and Manager Upstream, Gambia National Petroleum Corporation (2017–2020)

The Gambia

53



Hamza MIKOU | 38 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Attijariwafa Ventures

Head of Mobile Payment, Attijariwafa bank (since 2021)

Morocco

54



Somachi CHRIS-ASOLUKA | 37 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Tony Elumelu Foundation

Partnerships and Communications Director, The Tony Elumelu Foundation (2021–2023)

Nigeria

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N



Eniola ADENUGA | 35 y/o

Founder
RayCorp Group

Group Executive Director, Globacom (2018-2020)

Nigeria

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Moubarak SOUMANOU | 33 y/o

Director General for Industry, Private Investment and Business Climate
Ministry of Tourism and Foreign Trade

Director General of State Holdings and Privatization, Ministry of Economy and Finance (2024)

Benin

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Boipelo LEKUBO | 40 y/o

Chief Financial Officer
Harmony Gold

Non-Executive Director,
UBI General Partner (since 2018)

South Africa

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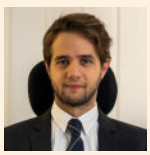
Lisa BICTOGO | 31 y/o

Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Real Estate and Infrastructure
SNEDAI Group

Vice President, Bictogo Initiatives Foundation (since 2019)

Ivory Coast

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Aly EL SEWEDY | 32 y/o

Vice President
Energya Industries-El Sewedy Helal

Board Member, Wadi El Nile Cement Company (since 2015)

Egypt

60



Anne Catherine TCHOKONTE | 40 y/o

Managing Director
Airtel Madagascar

President, Madagascar Telecommunications Association (since January 2026)

Cameroon

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Yanis ARNOPOULOS | 35 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
ARNO Group

Deputy Chief Executive Officer,
ARNO Group (2020–2024)

Cameroon

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Mohamed Ndonga Christian ROUTOUANG | 33 y/o

Chair of the Board
Chad National Cement Company

Minister of Youth, Sports
and Entrepreneurship Promotion,
Republic of Chad (2020–2022)

Chad

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Selamawit SAMUEL TAFESSE | 40 y/o

Executive Vice President
Sunshine Business

Deputy Managing Director
of Business Development,
Sunshine Business (2012–2014)

Ethiopia

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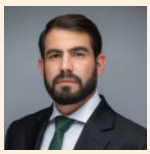
Naïr ABAKAR | 35 y/o

Minister of Youth and Sports
Republic of Chad

Vice President, Normalisation
Committee of the Football
Federation of Chad (since 2021)

Chad

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Hichem DJOUHRI | 40 y/o

Senior Executive Director
ASB Capital

Chief Operations Officer
and Head of Asset Management,
Three Comma Capital Advisors
Limited (2023-2024)

Algeria

66
N



Lotfi BELMAHI | 38 y/o

Chief Executive Officer, INNOVX
Mohammed VI Polytechnic University

Business Unit Executive Director,
Les Domaines Agricoles
(2022-2025)

Morocco

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Lamine Mohamed SECK | 36 y/o

Managing Partner
EDEN Capital

Managing Director,
SF Capital (2023-2025)

Ivory Coast

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Gregory ROCKSON | 35 y/o

Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer
mPharma

Executive Chairman,
Haltons Limited (since 2019)

Ghana

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Walid GHANEMI | 36 y/o

Founder and Chief Executive Officer
Legal Doctrine

Senior Associate Financial and Tax
Auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers
(2015-2018)

Algeria

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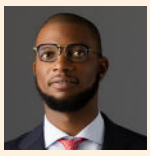
Ibrahima Abé DIALLO | 39 y/o

Director General of Administration
and Oversight of Major Projects
Office of the President of the Republic of Guinea

Chairman of the Board of Directors,
Electricity of Guinea

Guinea

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Bolutife ODUSANYA | 38 y/o

Founder and Group Chief Executive Officer
TREXM Holdings

Principal, Private Equity,
Industry Capital Advisors

Nigeria

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Mbembo BEMBA | 36 y/o

Deputy Chief Executive Officer
FirstBank DRC

Senior Vice President
of Customer Relations,
Standard Bank DRC (2021–2023)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Nissi OGULU | 31 y/o

Co-Founder and Co-Chief Executive Officer
Kemet Automotive

Founder, Creele Animation
Studios (since 2018)

Nigeria

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Lotfy BOUDJEMADI | 31 y/o

Managing Director
Tell Group

Board Member, Tell Markets (Algeria)

Algeria

75 N



Alpha Ousmane BALDÉ | 35 y/o

Deputy Chief Executive Officer
National Investment Bank of Guinea

Senior Manager, Crowe (2018-2022)

Guinea

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Temi Marcella OLATUNDE | 39 y/o

Founding Partner
Alcent Capital

Founding Executive Director,
Evercare Hospital Lekki (2019–2022)

Nigeria

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Omar GUIGA | 40 y/o

Chief Executive Officer
Wallyscar

Chief Operating Officer, Wallyscar

Tunisia

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Nádia TEIXEIRA | 37 y/o

Executive Board Member
Cabo Verde Airlines

Portfolio Manager at the
State-Owned Enterprises Oversight
Unit, Ministry of Finance of Cabo
Verde (2022-2024)

Cabo Verde

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Naïma MERALLI-BALLOU ISMAËL | 39 y/o

President and Chief Executive Officer
Sambika

Chief Executive Officer,
Dité (since 2013)

Madagascar

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Mwiya MUSOKOTWANE | 36 y/o

Founder and Chief Executive Officer
Thebe Investment Management

Co-Founder and
Chief Executive Officer,
Explorer Academy (since 2020)

Zambia

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Jalil BENSAÏD | 32 y/o

Secretary General
Ténor Group

Co-Manager,
Mercure (since 2025)

Morocco

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Emilia NGHIKEMBUA | 40 y/o

Chief Executive Officer and Head
of Cyber Incident Response in Namibia
Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia

Head of Legal Advisory,
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Namibia

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DRIVELECTRIC (2017)

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Morocco

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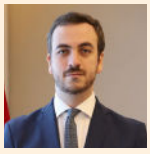


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Mauritania

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Business Developer, Environmental Management System of the French Standardisation Association Certification (2014-2016)

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Director of Development, Marketing and Communication, Congo Bet (2019-2022)

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IT Director, Djibouti Ports and Free Zones Authority (2014-2023)

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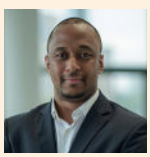


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