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Chiko Chiobvu- Chairperson

A multinational with roots in Zimbabwe and Mozambique. She is currently pursuing a Masters in Agricultural Economics at the University of Pretoria in South Africa and serves as the board chairperson at Mulimi, a Zambian agribusiness. During her time as a student, she has worked in research analysing and assessing various commodity groups in South Africa. She is also an agricultural consultant, assisting emerging agribusiness and farm projects such as Primeland Partners and Rozvy Estates. Chikomborero has a passion for the future of agriculture. This includes African agribusiness development and the establishment of sustainable agricultural systems across the value chain.



Zindaba Hanzala- Secretary

Zindaba is a Zambian farmer and award-winning Agri-entrepreneur. She is the founder of a social enterprise called Mulimi which provides financing, insurance, technical support, and market linkage to small-scale farmers across the Zambian agriculture value chain. She has also established an internship program which is a service that connects students to industry and also trains them before them entering their internships.



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Valiant Odhiambo- Communications Manager

Valiant is a Kenyan Agricultural Economics professional concerned with the application of management and economic principles to solve practical problems in the food and agricultural sector in Africa and beyond. He is a certified Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Analyst with a specialization in Food and Agricultural Policy Analysis. Valiant has special research interests in Food Security and Policy Analysis, Sustainable Food Systems and Food Security, and Production Economics. He has vast experience working with smallholder farmers, food security interventions, and community development-oriented transdisciplinary teams and multisectoral organizations that help developing countries increase food production and income, thus poverty alleviation



Elizabeth Koech- Events Manager

Elizabeth has worked as a Project Officer at Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA Kenya) her work involved creating concept notes and proposals for food security and provided technical expertise in the development and application of program tools. She also worked as a Field Agronomist at CAST NGO and offered technical advice to farmers. She has an International Master of Science in Rural from Ghent University- Belgium, a Master of Agricultural Sciences - Agribusiness specialization



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Dr Thinah Moyo- General Committee and Advisor

Moyo is an Agricultural Economist, with expertise in statistical packages for social scientists. Her career interests include collection, collation, analysis and dissemination of empirical evidence on smallholder farmer development, rural livelihoods, value chain analysis, smallholder farmer market participation aimed at improving the quality of life of smallholder resource-poor farm families. Thinah is a Senior Lecturer at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST). She is also the Coordinator of the Master of Agribusiness Management programme and a Co-Director of the Agricultural Trade Policy Institute (ATPI) at NUST.