



Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program (ADF)

Advisory Council Bios

Chair:

Dr. Paul Tiyambe Zeleza

is the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Quinnipiac University. Prior to joining Quinnipiac, Zeleza was the dean of the Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts and presidential professor of African American studies and history at Loyola Marymount University. Before that, he served as head of the Department of African-American Studies and as liberal arts and sciences distinguished professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Malawi and his master's from the University of London, where he studied African history and international relations. He holds a Ph.D. in economic history from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Zeleza's academic work has crossed traditional boundaries, ranging from economic and intellectual history to human rights, gender studies and diaspora studies. He has published more than 300 journal articles, book chapters, reviews, online essays and short stories and authored or edited 26 books, several of which have won international awards including Africa's most prestigious book prize, the Noma Award, for his books *A Modern Economic History of Africa* (1993), and *Manufacturing African Studies and Crises* (1997). His most recent books include *Barack Obama and African Diasporas: Dialogues and Dissensions* (2009) and *In Search of African Diasporas: Testimonies and Encounters* (2012).

He has presented nearly 250 keynote addresses, papers, and public lectures at leading universities and international conferences in 31 countries and served on the editorial boards of more than two-dozen journals and book series. In 2013, Zeleza was recognized by the Carnegie Corporation in a *New York Times* advertisement for being one of 43 immigrants whose contributions have enhanced America.

Members:

Dr. Ilesanmi Adesida

is the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D from the University of California at Berkeley in Electrical Engineering in 1974, 1975, and 1979, respectively. From 1979 to 1984, he worked in various capacities at what is now known as the Cornell Nanofabrication Facility and School of Electrical Engineering, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. He was Head of the Electrical Engineering Department at Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Nigeria, 1985 to 1987. He joined the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1987, where he is currently the Donald Biggar

Willett Professor of Engineering, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Professor of Materials Science and Engineering. Previously, he served as the Associate Director for Education of the NSF Engineering Research Center for Compound Semiconductor Microelectronics from 1990 to 1997, Director of the Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory from 2000 to 2005, Director of the Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology from 2001 to 2012, and Dean of the College of Engineering from 2005 to 2012.

Adesida's research interests include nanofabrication processes and ultra-high-speed optoelectronics. He has extensive experience in development of novel processes for various semiconductor materials ranging from silicon to gallium arsenide to indium phosphide and to gallium nitride. He has also worked on high performance optoelectronic devices based on compound III-V semiconductors. He has published over 350 refereed journal papers and book chapters, presented over 250 papers at major national and international conferences. He has graduated 34 Ph.D. students and 21 M.S. students, worked with numerous post-doctoral research fellows, and mentored many undergraduate students in his research laboratory.

He has organized and chaired many international conferences including the International Symposium on Electron, Ion, and Photon Beams and Nanofabrication, the TMS Electronic materials Conference, and the Topical Workshop on Heterostructure Microelectronics. He served as the Chair of the TMS Electronics Materials Committee and served the President of the IEEE Electron Device Society. For his many contributions and service, he was awarded the IEEE EDS Distinguished Service Award in 2011. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), American Vacuum Society (AVS), Optical Society of America, and the Materials Research Society. He was awarded the Oakley Kunde Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education and was elected as a University Scholar at UIUC. He was named as an Outstanding Alumnus of the EECS Department at UC, Berkeley in 2009. He was very active in the ASEE Engineering Deans Council and served as the Chair of its Public Policy Committee from 2009 to 2011. In this position, he organized the first Workshop for Engineering Deans held in the Congress with congressional members participating in discussing engineering education and advanced manufacturing. He was also the Chair of the 5th Global University Summit held in Chicago in 2012 which brought Presidents and Chancellors of major universities from across the world together to discuss the education and development of talents for the global economy.

In his current position as the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UIUC, he oversees an academic and professional enterprise that involves over 44,000 students, 2000 faculty members, and numerous staff members. He is active in facilitating and providing interdisciplinary studies and research opportunities to students and faculty and promoting excellence over a wide range of disciplines ranging from engineering to the humanities and the arts. He has promoted diversity as a bedrock of excellence in education and research.

He serves on many advisory boards of both private and governmental bodies. He was a Co-Founder of Xindium Technologies and served as a member of the Board of Directors of the engineering firm, Fluor, for many years. He has been a member of the National Academies Board of Army Science and Technology since 2009. He is a member of the United States National Academy of Engineering.

Dr. Toyin Falola

is a University Distinguished Teaching Professor and holds the Jacob and Sanger Mossiker Chair in the Humanities, University of Texas at Austin. Author and editor of over a hundred books, he is at the moment the Vice President of the International Scientific Committee of UNESCO's Slave Route Project, and the Vice President of the African Studies Association. He holds honorary doctorates from Monmouth University, CUNY-Staten Island, Adekunle Ajasin University, and Lead City University. His forthcoming book, *Counting the Tiger's Teeth*, tells the story of his life as a teenager.

Dr. Alcinda Honwana

is a visiting professor of International Development at the Open University, UK. She has carried out extensive research in Mozambique on children and youth and conflict. Her field research also took her to Angola, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Colombia, South Africa, DRC and Tunisia. Honwana's latest works include *Youth and Revolution in Tunisia* (2013) and *The Time of Youth: Work Social Change and Politics in Africa* (2012). She has also published *Child Soldiers in Africa* (2006); *Living Spirits, Modern Traditions: Spirit Possession and Post-War Healing in Southern Mozambique* (2003) and co-edited *Makers & Breakers: Children and Youth in Postcolonial Africa* (2005). Honwana has published several book chapters and journal articles, and produced various policy reports.

Honwana was awarded in 2007 the prestigious Prince Claus Chair for Development and Equity in the Netherlands. She served as a member of the Board of the Council for the Development of Social Research in Africa (CODESRIA) and of the Board of Directors of the African Studies Association (ASA) in the USA.

Dr. Catherine Kyobutungi

heads the Health Challenges and Systems Research Program at the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) where she joined as a post-doctoral fellow in May 2006. She is also the APHRC interim director of policy engagement and communications, a position she has held since 2011 and a member of the Executive Leadership Team. APHRC is an African-based and African-led premier research institution that conducts policy-relevant research and also builds individual and institutional capacity for research in the African region. As a research program leader, Catherine is intimately involved in mentoring the next generation on African scholars who join the program as post-doctoral fellows, research interns or as regular research staff.

Catherine is an alumnus of the University of Heidelberg, Germany. She obtained her Ph.D. in epidemiology in the then Department of Tropical Hygiene and Public Health in 2006 and a Masters of Science degree in Community Health and Health Management. Prior to her graduate studies, Catherine studied medicine at Makerere University. She has practiced medicine in rural Uganda and also lectured at Mbarara University of Science and Technology. As a researcher, she has strong interest in the epidemiology of non-communicable diseases in the African region and in health systems strengthening.

Catherine is a member of the Board of Trustees of the INDEPTH Network.

Dr. Agnes Mwang'ombe

is a full professor of plant pathology and currently a Principal at the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences at the University of Nairobi. She has served as Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Nairobi. On 12th December 2008, she was awarded EBS By His Excellency, The President of the Republic of Kenya in recognition of Academic Work in the Country. In 2009, the Africa Crop Science Society awarded Prof. Mwang'ombe the certificate for outstanding contribution to crop production in Africa as the best woman Agricultural researcher in Africa. As an eminent scholar, her research works are well published in peer-reviewed journals.

Mwang'ombe served as the first chairperson of Kenya Professional Association of Women in Agriculture and Environment (KEPAWAE) from 1995 to 2001, where she initiated a girlchild scholarship program and mentorship for the same girls. She is a professional mentor to upcoming young professionals and also to women scientists and was actively involved in the activities as a Vice-Chair and member of the Advisory/Steering Committee under the AWARD Initiative, which was lead by the Gender and Diversity Program of CGIAR.

Mwang'ombe has served and continues to serve on a number of national and international committees and boards in various capacities, such as Board Member of Kenya Commercial Bank, President of African Crop Science Society, Advisory Board Member and Scientific Advisory Committee Member at the CTA (Ede, Netherlands), Technical Advisory Committee Member for BASIC, Technical Advisory Committee Member at the RUFORUM (Kampala, Uganda), Director in ASALFO, Advisory Panel Committee Member at Farm Africa (Nairobi, Kenya), Chairperson at the Kenyan Institute for Public Policy, Research and Analysis, Board Member of ATPS, Board member of Vision 2030 Delivery Board, Board Member of FEP and member of Consortium Board of CGIAR.

Dr. Ebrima Sall

is the Executive Secretary of Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA). Before his appointment as Executive Secretary of CODESRIA in April 2009, Sall was Senior Researcher at the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) in Uppsala (Sweden) and Director of the Centre for the Promotion of Village Savings and Credit Associations (VISAC), Gambia. He also taught at the University Gaston Berger of Saint-Louis (UGB) in Senegal for five years. He holds a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (France), and was promoted 'Maitre de Conférences/Senior lecturer in "Sociology-Demography" by the French National Universities Council (CNU) in 1992. He is also a beneficiary of the post-doctoral fellowship of the Yale University Programme in Agrarian Studies.

Before assuming the duties of Executive Secretary, Dr. Sall was the Programmes Officer in charge of the Academic Freedom and Child & Youth & Conflict Programme, Senior Programme Administrator, Research Programme Officer, and Head of Research Programme with CODESRIA. His most recent publications include the following books: *Human Rights and the Dilemmas of Democracy in Africa* (co-edited with Lennart Wohlgemuth), *Citizenship and Violence in Cote d'Ivoire* (co-edited with Jean-Bernard Ouedraogo), and *Women in Higher education: Gender and Academic Freedom in Africa and the Social sciences in Africa*.

Carnegie Corporation of New York Representative:

Dr. Omotade “Tade” Akin Aina develops and implements the Carnegie Corporation of New York’s strategy to accelerate economic and social development in Africa by strengthening teaching, research, scholarship and leadership, as Program Director, Higher Education in Africa. Working in South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Ghana and Nigeria, Carnegie Corporation is investing in initiatives including regional networks of scholars, fellowships to cultivate and harness individual skills in the sciences and humanities, while also building on the Corporation’s decade-long institutional support for universities and libraries.

Tade is an experienced foundation executive, whose decade-long tenure in the Ford Foundation’s Nairobi office, most recently as Regional Representative for East Africa, has been marked by innovation and visionary leadership.

Tade Aina studied sociology at the University of Lagos and the London School of Economics and obtained his doctorate from the University of Sussex. Aina was a professor at the University of Lagos, lecturing on urban poverty, governance and development. At Lagos, where he combined research with activism, Tade was one of the founders of the Nigerian Environmental Study Team and the Lagos Group for the Study of Human Settlements, publishing widely on these and related issues.

Tade joined Ford Foundation in 1998, coming from the Dakar-based Council for Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), where he was the Deputy Executive Secretary. In Ford’s Nairobi office, Tade developed a portfolio in Governance and Civil Society that has focused on the strengthening of the values and institutions of participatory democratic governance.