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Dr. Olivier Nana Nzepa

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Holder of a Ph.D. in communication from University of Montreal (Canada), Dr Olivier NANA NZEPA is also holder of M.A. in International relations from ENAP (Montreal); M.A in Business management (H.E.C. Montreal); M.sc in communication (University of Montreal) and a Bachelor in journalism from University of Yaounde (Cameroon).

He is actually Professor/Consultant, in Public Management at the Institute Supérieur de Management Public (Yaounde - Cameroon) and ICT lecturer with the Advanced School of mass communication (University of Yaounde II).

His involvement in the WSIS process dates back from the beginning and covers a large variety of activities (advocacy, research, social activities etc.).

He is currently ICT Expert for: Atos KPMG consulting (for west and central Africa); UNDP; UNESCO; UNECA; CIDA; Francophonie.

His social engagement covers a variety of responsibilities: General coordinator of the Africa Civil Society for Information Society (ACSIS); Africa Region focal point on the International Civil Society Bureau for the WSIS; Member of the Africa Bureau representing Civil society; member of the RALO Africa, member of AT Large committee and NCUC of ICANN. Editor of a French quarterly dedicated to the Information Society titled " Le defi numerique".

Mr. Roland Stanbridge

Roland Stanbridge teaches courses for international journalists at both Stockholm University and Örebro University in Sweden.

Mr. Stanbridge is a citizen of South Africa with considerable expertise and knowledge on media and ICT issues, working as a journalist for several major South African newspapers between 1965 and 1997. Mr Stanbridge has an MA degree in African Studies from the University of Cape Town (1977) and is currently a doctoral student in journalism and communication at the University of Stockholm (JMK), Sweden. Whilst in Sweden, he is a part-time media/communication lecturer for three Swedish universities (KSM, Campus Norrköping, and University of Linköping), including supervising MA students and teaching a variety of Internet-related courses including a course for African journalists on online research and publishing. He has just been appointed Director of International Masters Programme in Global Media in the Department of Media and Communication at the University of Örebro, Sweden, which will offer course in 2003 to media professionals from Africa and other parts of the world. Mr Stanbridge is also developing a project to link Swedish media researchers with African scholars for joint research activities on pressing media questions, focusing on academic research on ICT and media issues in Africa. From 1996 to 2001 Mr. Stanbridge was

senior lecturer at the Department of Journalism & Media Studies, Rhodes University, South Africa where he is reputed to have founded the New Media Laboratory (NML), and appointed its Director teaching online literacy to undergraduate students and media practitioners as well as more advanced levels in Computer Aided Research (CAR) and Internet Publishing courses. Whilst at Rhodes, he initiated and convened the Highway Africa series of annual conferences over the last five years and was the founding member of the South African chapter of the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) and a board member.

Mr. Chris Kabwato

Chris has been associated with Southern African film and video industry for a number of years. He was Head of Education & Public Affairs at the British Council in Harare from 1998 – 2000 before his appointment as Director of the Southern Africa Communications for Development (SACOD). SACOD is a network of 48 independent film producers spread over 11 southern African countries.

Chris joined Highway Africa in October 2003 as Director. Highway Africa is a project of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at Rhodes University (Grahamstown, South Africa). Highway Africa is a network of African journalists and exists to promote the use and understanding of ICTS and new media by journalists. Highway Africa convenes the largest annual gathering of African journalists (429 people attended Highway Africa Conference 2004).

His portfolio includes projects in governance (media, human rights and gender), education and the arts.

Ms. Emrakeb Assefa

Emrakeb is an Ethiopian woman journalist and have been working as editor and media consultant for various media organizations the past seven years. She was co-founder and staff writer for the Highway Africa News Agency (HANA). Emrakeb followed the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) since 2000 and have attended several preparatory committee meetings of the WSIS in Geneva, Switzerland, Tunis, Tunisia, Accra, Ghana, and South Africa. Moreover, she is currently the deputy editor in chief for The Horn of Africa Oasis, a regional monthly magazine covering Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, Somalia and Sudan.

She has also worked as a senior editor for The Reporter, the leading privately owned English-language weekly, and Addis Tribune, the oldest private weekly in Ethiopia. She reports on economics, business, social issues, cultural affairs and on ICTs. Emrakeb co-founded the Ethiopian Women's Media Association (EMWA), the first women's organization for journalists from the public and private sectors.

Emrakeb has just completed her MA degree in Journalism & Media Studies from Rhodes University in South Africa.

Ms. Gilletta Méa Dilecta GBANHOUN

Gilletta is an information systems engineer from Benin, specializing in planning and management of community-based Projects. Gilletta's professional competence include computing and information systems, education, popularization, training, IT projects evaluation and analysis, management of human resources, administration, conference, public information, and involvement of women and youth in the process of development. Gilletta speaks and writes both in French and English. Her professional experiences include technical, academic and managerial positions at various organizations such as AGeNTIC and ESEC – Ecole Supérieure d'Expertise Comptable. Currently, Gilletta is Interim General Manager of the Agence pour la gestion des Nouvelles Technologies de l'Information et de la Communication (AGeNTIC).

Mr. Etienne Tasse

After a graduation in business administration in 1985, Mr Etienne Tasse has been trained in journalism in Cameroon, Netherland and France. During many years, he has been a reporter, then responsible of the economic column in the cameroonian weekly challenge hebdo. In 1995, he was appointed editor in chief of this newspaper. At the same time, he was the cameroonian correspondant of several news agencies and magazines : IPS, Syfia International, Jeune Afrique Economie, Afrique-Asie, etc. In 1998, he established a small news agency in Cameoon known as JADE Cameroun (Journalistes en Afrique pour le développement). Here, Etienne Tasse and his colleagues write investigation papers which are published in newspapers of several African and European countries, through Syfia international, a network of which he is a member. Mr Etienne Tasse also produces radio programmes to increase population awareness of development issues, and retrain reporters in investigative journalism. In addition, he trains radio reporters to use ICTs, mainly the digital audio techniques.

Mr. Yinka Adeyemi

Yinka Adeyemi is a Communication and Media Specialist with 24 years of track record in Communications/Public Relations and as a Reporter, Writer and Editor.

A Specialist in Strategic Public Relations and Crisis Management, he was the President of ImageDynamics Communications Ltd., New York and a Fellow (Press, Politics and Public Policy,) Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Adeyemi is the author of *A Media Handbook for HIV Vaccine Trials for Africa* (UNAIDS, Geneva 2001) and *The Nigerian Press Under the Military: Persecution, Resilience and Political Crisis (1983-1993)* (Harvard, 1995). Experienced television producer and internet website developer and Server Administrator.