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What will it take?

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# Biographies

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Mette Knudsen is currently Executive Director on the Board of the African Development Bank, representing Denmark, Finland, India, Ireland, Norway, and Sweden. She previously served as the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General for political affairs (DSRSG/P) in UNAMA, the UN mission in Afghanistan. She has also been Denmark's Ambassador to Afghanistan to Kenya, to Somalia, to Eritrea and to the Seychelles. Earlier in her career she served as Danish Ambassador to Greece and Cyprus, Ethiopia and the African Union and ECOWAS. She was head of the Africa Department in the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has also had postings in Zambia and Tanzania.

## Karen Rot-Münstermann



Karen Rot-Münstermann is the Evaluator General at the African Development Bank. She joined the Independent Development Evaluation (IDEV) in June 2014 as Division Manager for Knowledge Management, Outreach, and Capacity Development, before becoming Evaluator General in April 2022. Prior to IDEV, she worked in the AfDB's Resource Mobilization Department, responsible for the three-yearly replenishment process of the African Development Fund and the allocation of ADF resources to African countries. Before joining the Bank in 2009, Karen was a Senior Policy Advisor at the Dutch Ministry of Finance.

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## Joseph Mouanda



Joseph Mouanda has worked with the Independent Development Evaluation (IDEV) of the African Development Bank since 2001. A statistician economist by training, he conducts sector, thematic, impact evaluation, and project performance evaluations of AfDB-funded Infrastructure (transport, energy, and water supply & sanitation). Before joining the Bank, Joseph worked for six years as long-term consultant in the public ministries of Côte d'Ivoire in the education and vocational training sector, mainly with the Statistics, planning, and evaluation department.

## Armand Nzeyimana



Armand Nzeyimana is the interim Director for the Development Impact and Results Department and Division Manager of the Delivery Support and Implementation Division of the African Development Bank. He has led institutional reforms, from the development of the Operations Delivery Dashboard and Joint KPIs in support of the One Bank delivery model, to the review of the Bank's cost structure and cost efficiency. He spearheaded the Bank's support to Government Delivery Units and the establishment of the African Delivery Units Network. Before joining the Bank, he worked in multilateral development institutions and NGOs in Africa and the Caribbean.

## Firmin Croi



Firmin Croi is Technical Advisor to the Minister of Economy, Planning and Development of Côte d'Ivoire in charge of issues of Economic Policy, Macroeconomics, Governance, Environment and Sustainable Development, Agriculture and Climate Change. He is also Assistant Professor, Teacher-Researcher at the Faculty of Economics at Alassane Ouattara University in Bouaké. Before occupying the position of Technical Advisor, he worked within the Administration at the Ministry of Civil Service, as Regional Director of the 2nd Administrative Region of Côte d'Ivoire. He is the author of several scientific publications.

## Tamiru Gedefa



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## Yvonne Quansah



Yvonne Quansah is the Director of Resource Mobilisation and Economic Relations of the Ministry of Finance, Ghana, in charge of development cooperation and external financing from all the bilateral development partner countries. Since joining the Ministry in 1990 and prior to her current position, she was Acting Director of the Debt Management Division and later headed the Financial Services Division. Through her experience in aid and public debt management, she has participated in several major negotiations on behalf of the Government of Ghana. She has also presented and featured in a number of local and international studies, reviews and papers.

## Marco Yamaguchi



Marco Yamaguchi is currently Manager of the Transport and Logistics Division at the African Development Bank, developing partnerships with key market players in the public and private sectors. Before joining the Bank, he worked for over 20 years in the field of infrastructure and climate finance, both in the public and private sectors. His appointments include developing green finance projects/ domestic financing vehicles with organizations such as the Green Climate Fund; managing private equity funds, and financing infrastructure and renewable energy projects at Mitsubishi Corporation.

## Eric K. Ogunleye



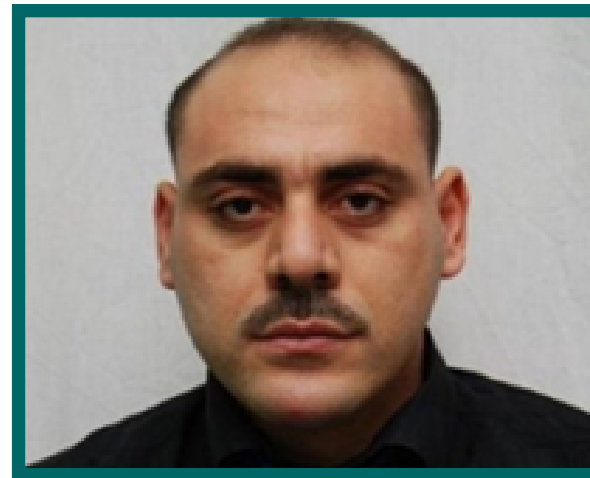
Eric K. Ogunleye is the interim Director of the African Development Institute and Manager of the Policy Management Division. He was previously the Advisor to the Vice President and Chief Economist of the African Development Bank. He has almost 20 years of experience as macroeconomist, development economist, M&E specialist, public governance and regulatory reform expert, policy advisor and project director and manager. Previously, he served as a Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria and Technical Adviser to the Honorable Minister of Budget and National Planning in Nigeria.

## François-Corneille Kedowide



François-Corneille Kedowide has more than thirty years of experience in the field of environmental management, monitoring and evaluation of projects/programs and public policies. He is currently Director General of the Benin Environment Agency. Prior to his appointment, he was Regional Advisor in Evaluation and Results-Based Management at the Regional Center of UNDP in Dakar and Addis Ababa. Since 2015, he has also headed the research and consultancy office "FranConsult" specializing in environmental management, monitoring and evaluation of projects/programs and public policies.

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