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“ Over twenty years the Cities Alliance has witnessed how cities have acted as arrival cities for migrants.

With support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Cities Alliance steers a global initiative on cities and migration to generate new knowledge, collaborative approaches, and lead global advocacy on local migration management.

This Regional Dialogue on rural-urban migration and urban expansion planning across secondary cities in the Horn of Africa and urban ministries, is an important exchange among practitioners and decision makers to pro-actively plan for an increasing urban population.

William Cobbett, Director Cities Alliance





Honorable Aisha Mohammed

Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Construction

Honorable Aisha Mohammed is the Minister for Urban Development and Construction.



Mr. Alemu Abuye Aneley

Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Construction

Mr. Alemu Abuye Aneley is Head of Policy Research and Advisory Bureau at the Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Construction. He provides strategic and result-oriented advice to the Ministry and liaises with development partners. He holds an MA in Transformational Leadership and Change (MTLC) from the University of Greenwich, and a Masters' in Urban Management (GIM) from the International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC).



Mr. Bizualem Admasu Nesir

Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Construction

Mr. Bizualem Admasu Nesir works is the Head of the Land Management Bureau at the Ministry of Urban Development, where he is mainly in charge of giving technical support for regional and city administration land management offices, as well as regulating the land management and administration process at regional and city level. He has a BSC degree from Adama University in Surveying Technology and an MSc Degree in Geo-information Science and Earth Observation Specialization in Land Administration from University of Twente (ITC).

**Mr. Mohammedzeyen Kedir Shurea**

Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Construction

Mr. Mohammedzeyen Kedir Shurea is a Staff Member in the Policy Research and Advisory Bureau in the Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Construction. He identifies and analyses strategic issues and prepares briefings for the Ministers. His particular focus is on monitoring and evaluation processes within the Ministry. He holds an MA in Economics from Addis Ababa University, with specialisation in applied trade policy, and a BSc in Agro-Economics from Haromaya University.

**Ms. Zinet Ebrahim Seid**

Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Construction

Ms. Zinet Ebrahim Seid is the Head of The Minister's Office at the Ministry of Urban Development and Construction. She is leading the day to day activities of the Minister's Office and coordinating the overall activities of the Ministry, where she previously worked as a Senior Land Development and Management Expert. She holds a LLB from Haromay University and M.A from Ethiopian Civil Service University in Urban Management specializing in Urban Land and Real Estate Management.



Dr. Habtamu Kebu Gemedu
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Dr. Habtamu Kebu Gemedu is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Adama Science and Technology University (ASTU), School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SoHSSs), Humanity Unit. He has been working for ASTU since 2006, where he assumed different academic positions including Vice President for Administration & Students' Services. He received BA & MA Degrees in Psychology from Addis Ababa University and did his PhD on Industrial/Organizational Psychology in India, Andhra University. He also acquired, for a year, a Postdoctoral full time Researcher Position at Pusan National University (PNU) in South Korea. He initiated a project funded by City Alliance for Adama City on migrants reception, management & integration.



Mr. Abduljewad Mohammed Ahmed
Dir Dawa City

Mr. Abduljewad Mohammed Ahmed is the City Manager of Dir Dawa City.



Mr. Ibrahim Abdifatah
Mayor of Jigjiga

Mr. Abdifatah has worked with the regional government and with Jigjiga University and research institutes in the region in various capacities. He has worked as technical assistant, Senior accountant and general audit both for Somali Region Pastoral and Agropastoral Research Institute, Jigjiga University and for the Somali Micro-Finance Institute in the Somali region. In addition, Mr. Abdifatah served as an advisor for youth affairs to the president of the Somali Region. Ethiopian Civil Service University.



Dr. Mohammed Seid Mohammed
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Dr Mohammed Seid Mohammed is a Policy and Capacity Building Expert in Diaspora Engagement Project (Cities Alliance funded project) – Jigjiga, Ethiopia. Besides, he is also an Associate Editor for EAJP (East African Journal of Pastoralism) journal. His particular focus is on research, training, and program/ project development, monitoring, and evaluation. Dr Mohammed holds a PhD in Educational Program Evaluation from Addis Ababa University.



Mr. Muhammed Abedella
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Dr. Muhammed Abedella is an Assistant Professor of Sociology currently serving as Quality Assurance Director at Jigjiga University. He also serves as Migration Mainstreaming Expert for the Diaspora Engagement Project being implemented by Jigjiga University and the Cities Alliance. He teaches postgraduate courses for Sociology as well as Disaster Risk Management and Sustainable Development Programs, is a Thesis Supervisor, and engages in research and outreach activities. His research interest lies on socio-economic issues including gender, social conflict, migration and trafficking, internal displacement, social change, drug abuse, disaster risk management, and contemporary environmental problems.



Mr. Tingirtu Gebretsadik Tekle
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Mr. Tingirtu Gebretsadik Tekle is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Jigjiga University. He is also the Director for the Institute for Migration and Displacement Studies, Jigjiga University. Tingirtu is also currently working as a Project Manager for “Diaspora Engagement for Cities Development” Project supported by the Cities Alliance. He has done several researches on migration, displacement, and development.

**Ms. Tirsit Yetbarek**

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Ms. Tirsit Yetbarek is a Researcher at Jigjiga University. Her research area focuses on communication, peace and security, language and migration in the Horn of Africa, especially on Somali Communities. Her PhD research focuses on the language use of Somali migrants in Dollo Ado refugee camps. As a Communication and Knowledge Production Specialist, she is known for her academic platform in Somaliland called Academic Dialog in Hargeisa (ADIH) Africa 40&40 that facilitates knowledge production, networking, knowledge sharing and research works dissemination to the community in the Horn of Africa. She holds BA in Foreign Languages and Literature, MA in Journalism and Communication from School of Journalism at AAU, MA in Peace and Security from Institute of Peace and Security Studies at AAU and PhD (in progress) in Sociolinguistics at Addis Ababa University.

**Mr. Andualem Tenaw**

Ethiopian Cities Association

Mr. Andualem Tenaw is the Director General of Ethiopian Cities Association.



Mr. Efreem Amdework Tesfaunegn

Mr. Efreem Amdework Tesfaunegn worked as Cities Alliance Programme Officer in Ethiopia. He has served as City Mayor and Deputy Bureau Head of Urban Development and Construction of a Regional State in Ethiopia. He consulted the Ministry of Urban Development and Construction in urban land administration and served as Senior Urban Development Advisor to several bilateral development partners in Ethiopia. He holds a Master's Degree in Urban Management and Development from Erasmus University and an LLB from Ethiopian Civil Service University.



Mr. Fitsum Bekele

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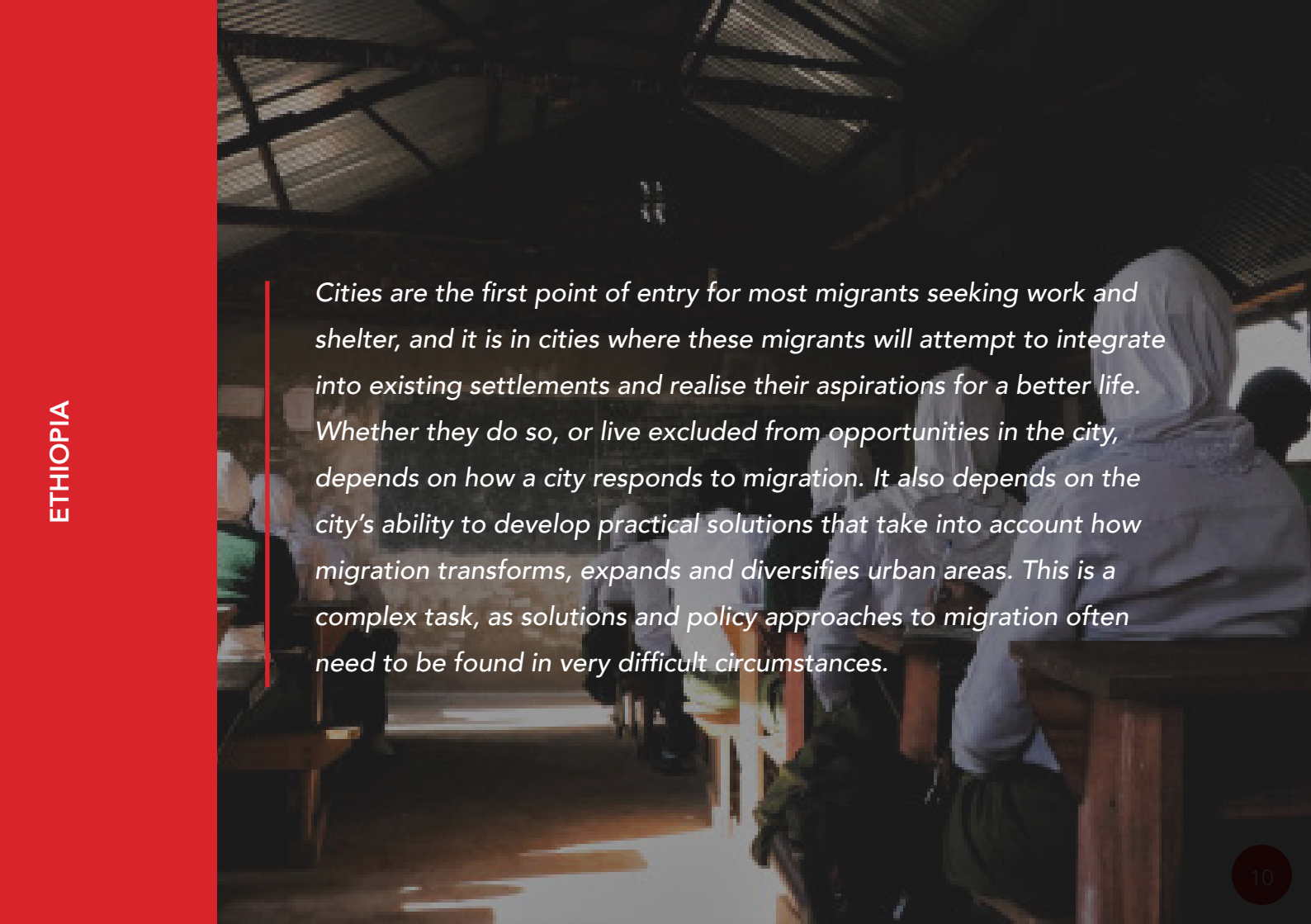
Mr. Fitsum Bekele is a Staff Member of Cities Alliance, working as a Project Analyst, supporting a wide range of grant making and management aspects. While working with various national and international organizations, he has a strong record of accomplishment in designing, facilitating, and managing grant related activities for grass root and civil society organizations. Fitsum holds an MSc in Finance & Investment from London Metropolitan University and a Chartered Accountant with ACCA.



Ms. Tsigereda Tafesse Mulugeta

Cities Alliance

Ms. Tsigereda Tafesse Mulugeta is an Urban Expansion Planning Expert. Earlier, she worked as Programme Design Specialist at the Ethiopia Diaspora Trust Fund. She is a governance and management professional with a strong track record of engagement in public sector capacity building, decentralisation and governance, urban management and service delivery. She contributes with ample experience in programme planning and management, setting up monitoring plans and instruments for development projects as well as designing and implementing communication strategies.



Cities are the first point of entry for most migrants seeking work and shelter, and it is in cities where these migrants will attempt to integrate into existing settlements and realise their aspirations for a better life. Whether they do so, or live excluded from opportunities in the city, depends on how a city responds to migration. It also depends on the city's ability to develop practical solutions that take into account how migration transforms, expands and diversifies urban areas. This is a complex task, as solutions and policy approaches to migration often need to be found in very difficult circumstances.

Mr. Hailu Jelde
Mayor of Adama

Mr. Hailu Jelde is the Mayor of Adama City.

Mr. Abera Sori
Construction Bureau

Mr. Abera Sori is the Head of the Construction Bureau in Adama.

Mr. Salih Abdella
Adama City

Mr. Salih Abdella is a Land Management expert

Dr. Lemi Guta
Adama Science and Technology University

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Mr. Oumar Mohammed
Mayor of Asosa

Mr. Oumar Mohammed is the Mayor of Asosa.

Mr. Anmaw MekonnenBahir Dar City

Mr. Anmaw Mekonnen is the City Manager of Bahir Dar.

Ms. Alemtsehay ShiferawMayor of Bishoftu

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Mr. Ahmed BuhMayor of Dir Dawa

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Mr. Biniam Gebretinsai Nerea is the Head of the Planning Department at Dir Dawa City.

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Mr. Gebeyehu Tilahun is the Head of the Land Management and Development Bureau at Dir Dawa City.

Mr. Biru Wolde

SNNPRS Industrial Parks Development Corporation

Mr Biru Wolde Gujo is the CEO at SNNPRS Industrial Parks Development Corporation in Hawassa. He oversaw feasibility studies, project implementation and operations of large scale projects. Mr Wolde implemented the Hawassa City Structural Plan, Local Development Plan (LDP) and regularization of informal settlement. He also manages urban local development projects funded by the World Bank. Mr. Wolde has a BA in in Urban Management, and an MA in in Business Management.

Mr. Hashi Abdulahi

Vice-Mayor of Jigjiga

Mr. Hashi Abdulahi is the Vice-Mayor at the Jigjiga City Administration.

Dr. Ahmed Shafi

Jigjiga City

Dr. Ahmed Shafi is the Head of Planning at Jigjiga City Administration.

Dr. Abdulfetah Bihi

Regional Urban Development and Construction Bureau

Dr. Bihi is the Head of the Regional Urban Development and Construction Bureau in Jigjiga City.

Mr. Beshir Abdullahi Mahammoud

Jigjiga University

Mr. Beshir Abdullahi Mahammoud has a B.A. in Accounting from ECS University, a MBA in finance from Jamia Hamdard in New Delhi and a M.A. and doctorate from Andhra University in India. He covered various positions in the Somali Regional State Bureau of Finance and Economic Development (BOFED) between 1998 -2010. Later he worked as Administration and Finance Officer in Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and then joined Jigjiga University in 2012 reaching the top position in the Institution and implementing communication strategies.

Dr. Frew Mengistu

Ethiopian Civil Service University

Dr Frew Mengistu is the Director of the School of Graduate Studies in the Ethiopian Civil Service University (ECSU). He is an architect town planner and holds a Master's in Urban Management and a PhD in Real Estate Markets and Institutions. He worked in the urban development and management sector in public offices, while at ECSU he became the Proxy Programme Manager for the first Urban Management Master's Programme. His research interest areas include: complexity, resilience and urban planning, urban transformation management and informality in developing countries. He had been member of the team representing the ECSU in the Ethiopian Urban Expansion Initiative Project led by NYU and the Ministry of Works and Urban Development.

The Cities Alliance collaborates with secondary cities in the Horn of Africa, Northern Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean to improve local migration management.

**Ms. Jennifer Nawoi Long'or**

Ministry of Lands, Energy, Housing and Urban Areas Management

Ms. Jennifer Nawoi Long'or is the County Executive in charge of Lands, Energy, Housing and Urban Areas Management in Turkana County. She holds a Master of Science in Energy Studies with a specialisation in Energy Finance from the Centre for Energy, Petroleum, Mineral Law and Policy University of Dundee-Scotland. Her responsibilities concern the provision of the required leadership in designing suitable policies, laws, plans and strategies for the efficient and effective land and energy administration. The scope of her work implies the promotion of security of tenure, equitable access to land and renewable energy resources and the provision of the infrastructure necessary for development of urban areas within the County.

**Mr. Joshua Lemuya**

Ministry of Lands, Energy, Housing and Urban Areas Management

Mr. Joshua Lemuya is the County Chief Officer at the Ministry of Lands, Energy, Housing and Urban Areas Management in Turkana County. He is responsible for designing plans and strategies. He has developed spatial plans and frameworks, provision planning and management of urban infrastructure, contributed to the county's land policies and regulations for effective land governance and promoted public participation and inclusiveness on land management and governance. He holds an M.Sc. in Development Studies from Moi University, Kenya.

Ms. Esther Lokwei

Ministry of Lands, Energy, Housing and Urban Areas Management

Ms. Esther Lokwei works at the Ministry of Lands, Energy, Housing and Urban Areas Management in Turkana County.

Mr. Sulaiman Hassan Haddi

Mayor of Borama

Mr. Sulaiman Hassan Haddi is the Mayor of Borama.

Mr. Mohamed-Amin Omar Abdi

Mayor of Gabiley

Mr. Mohammed-Amin Omar Abdi is the Mayor of Gabiley.



Honorable Isaac Isanga Musumba

Ministry of Lands, Housing & Urban Development

Mr. Isaac Isanga Musumba is the Minister of State for Urban Development.

Between 2000 and 2020, less-developed countries increased their urban populations by 1.39 billion (70%) (United Nations 2018). Cities have been growing through a mix of natural increase and migration, and migration on average contributes more to population growth in smaller cities than in larger ones (Keyfitz 2010).



Mr. Pade Joseph Walter
Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development

Mr. Pade Joseph Walter is a Commissioner for Urban Development in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development in the Government of Uganda, where he is responsible for the urban development sector including the National Urban Policy. He holds a Master's Degree in Urban Governance and Management and a Postgraduate Diploma in Urban Governance and Management from the Uganda Management Institute in Kampala, while he holds a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning from Makerere University. He has over 15 years of experience in the planning, development, administration and management of urban spaces, infrastructures and local governments. In his work he applies urban environment and climate change awareness, integrating it also to informal settlements and slum upgrading. Earlier, he worked with Soroti District Local Government as the District Planner in charge of Physical Planning and Urban Development. Therefore, he is experienced in both local and central Government planning, management and development processes.



Ms. Edidah Busingye
Ministry of Local Government

Ms. Edidah Busingye holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences (BA. SS) from Makerere University and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Uganda Martyrs' University. She works as a Principal Urban Officer at the Ministry of Local Government in Uganda. She is a Professional Administrator, focusing on strategic planning and budgeting, on partnerships collaborations, on monitoring and supervisory, and on co-ordination of urban local governments and inter-department activities for improved service delivery. Ms. Busingye has a track record with the Ministry of Health in the administration of district, regional and national referral hospitals, of the Uganda Virus Research Institute and the Uganda Cancer Institute. She strongly believes in teamwork and performance improvement for quality service delivery.



Mr. Isa Kato Afeku,
Mayor of Arua

Mr. Isa Kato Afeku is the Mayor of Arua. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Islamic University, Uganda, and a Diploma in Project Planning and Management. He has extensive experience in business management.



Mr. Jobile Cornelius
Arua City

Mr. Jobile Cornelius is the Deputy City Clerk of Arua City with fourteen years of experience in urban management. Jobile holds a Master of Public Administration from University of Exeter (UK), a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration and Management from Uganda Management Institute and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Makerere University. Moreover, he has further specialized by participating to international training courses tailored to urban planning and management at the Human Settlement Management Institute (New Delhi), Weitz Centre for Development Studies (Israel), and International Centre for Local Democracy (Sweden).



Mr. Fred Asedri
Arua City

Mr. Fred Asedri is Senior Environment Officer in Arua City, where he is responsible for natural resources and environment management. Mr. Asedri is a strong advocate of sustainable development in the region. He holds a BSC Degree from Makerere University specializing in Natural Resources Management, a PGD in M&E (UMI), a PGD in Environment Management from Maastricht School of Management and a Diploma in Environmental Health and Pollution Management from IHS-NETHERLANDS. Moreover, he has attended trainings in Climate change mitigation and adaptation management at Makerere University.



Mr. Jimmy Droma
Arua City

Mr. Jimmy Droma is a Land Supervisor in Arua City Council, where he is responsible for land acquisition and management. Mr. Droma is experienced in ensuring compliance and development control in the city. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration and a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration, while he has also a Diploma in Law.



Mr. Lumu Musa
Arua City

Mr. Lumu Musa is a City Statistician at Arua City. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Statistics Science from Kampala International University, a Postgraduate Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation and a Postgraduate Diploma in Project Planning and Management from Uganda Management Institute. His job consists in analysing and collecting data, providing technical advice, review and monitoring for city plans and local governments' projects.



Mr. Felix Ociti
Arua City

Mr. Felix Ociti is working as a Physical Planner in Arua City Council, where he is responsible for the city spatial planning. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Makerere University. In his work he brings the passion for orderly and organized city developments, which was applied during his involvement in the supervision of physical planning at Maracha Town Council.



Mr. George Labeja
Mayor of Gulu City

Mr. George Labeja is the mayor of Gulu City, while being a prominent businessman. Before his political career, he worked with refugees within their settlements in Gulu Town. As part of his work he resettled and restored several children back with their families. Besides, he participated and contributed towards the successful implementation of the Joint Work Programme (JWP) on Equitable Economic Growth in Cities in 2019. He strongly believes in collective effort and teamwork as drivers for success.



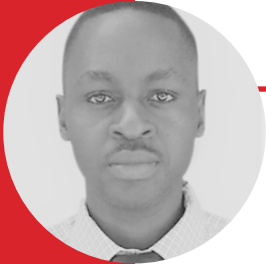
Ms. Sarah Apio
Gulu City

Ms. Sarah Apio holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation from the Uganda Management Institute. She works as an Economic Planner for Gulu City, where she coordinated and contributed to the successful implementation of the Joint Work Programme (JWP) on Equitable Economic Growth in Cities. Currently, she is the Coordinator for Local Economic Acceleration through Partnerships (LEAP) funded by the United Nations Capital Development Fund.



Ms. Evelyn Mukonyezi
Gulu City

Ms. Evelyn Mukonyezi is a Senior Physical planner at Gulu City. She is the Secretary of the Physical Planning Committee at the city level. Evelyn holds a Bachelor's degree in Urban planning from Makerere University and a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Development Planning and Management from Dortmund University, Germany. In addition, she has attended several short courses in Urban and Regional Planning



Mr. Michael Cristophar Ocan

Gulu City

Mr. Ocan Michael Christophar is working as Environment Officer in Gulu City Council, where he is responsible for effective sustainable environmental management. He ensures implementation and monitoring of the national environment management policies, laws and regulation and action plans. Moreover, he is experienced in environmental Management and climate change action and is passionate about sustainable development. Mr. Ocan holds a Bachelor's in Environment Science, Technology & Management.



Mr. Walter Opiyo

Gulu City

Mr. Walter Opiyo is a member of the Physical Planning Committee of Gulu City Council, where he is responsible for surveying government land, setting out roads before opening, checking survey data for any building plans submitted for approval, carrying out boundaries opening for government land and for other developers where there is disputes and checking any building that is encroaching the roads, advising communities on survey and titling processes and checking work of private surveyors.



Mr. Majid Batambuze

Mayor of Jinja

Mr. Majid Batambuze is the Mayor of Jinja. He studied Business Administration in London. He is Chairman of Urban Authorities Association of Uganda (UAAU), a union of all cities, municipalities and towns of Uganda advocating for equitable and sustainable urban development. He firmly believes that to solve the impending urban challenges, developing secondary cities is the most promising pathway.

**Mr. Kizito Leviticus**

Jinja City

Mr. Kizito Leviticus is the Economic Planner for Jinja City, where he is responsible for statistical data collection and analysis and production of reports. He is also responsible for the planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation of development projects. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Development Economics from Makerere University and has enrolled for a Postgraduate Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation at Uganda Management Institute.

**Mr. Abbey Luyuyo**

Jinja City

Mr. Abbey Luyuyo has been working as Physical Planner for Jinja City since 2018, while earlier he worked with CME Consult Group as Consultant. He is responsible for the planning of physical space within the city through the development and implementation of physical development plans. In his work he combines the passion for order, beauty and sustainable land use with his experience in community and stakeholder engagement for participatory planning. He holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration from the Uganda Management Institute and a Bachelor's in Urban Planning from Makerere University Kampala.

**Mr. Peter Mawerere**

Jinja City

Mr. Peter Mawerere is the Deputy Town Clerk in Jinja City, where he is responsible for the daily administrative work within the city as well as the supervision of all staff and deputies of the Town Clerk, while in the last 25 years he has worked as an administrator at the Municipal Council. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences from MUK, a PGD in Public Administration from UMI and an advanced Professional Training in Management of Urban Infrastructure from the Centre for Infrastructure Planning of the University of Stuttgart in Germany.



Mr. Charles Nampendho

Jinja City

Mr. Charles Nampendho is a Senior Physical Planner for Jinja City, he has a Master's Degree in Urban Planning and Design from Makerere University and a Postgraduate diploma in Urban Governance and Management. Working as a Senior Physical Planner, Mr.Nampendho covers the role as the Urban Expansion Focal Point person for Jinja City. Moreover, he is highly passionate about sustainable urban planning in cities' contexts and about people-centered decisional processes within urban areas, thus considering them key factors in bringing improved living standards of the urbanites and city visitors.



Mr. Sanya Wilson

Mayor of Koboko

Mr. Sanya Kirk Fixer Wilson First (Pioneer) is the Mayor of Koboko, he has been working for the Municipal Council since 2016 and he is also the National Vice Chairman of Urban Authorities Association of Uganda (UAAU). Mr. Wilson holds a Bachelor's Degree in Ethics and Development Studies, a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration and Management and a Honorary PHD in Philosophy in Community Transformation from the St. Judy University. Mr. Wilson is passionate about refugee rights, while he demonstrated his activism also on academic level by publishing a research on the plight of refugees in Africa focusing on the case of South Sudanese refugees.



Mr. Mafabi Mutwalibi Zandya

Mayor of Mbale

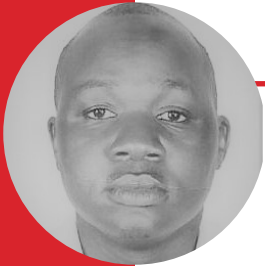
Mr. Mafabi Mutwalibi Zandya is the Mayor of Mbale City Council, where he acts as the Political Head of the City. He supervises the management of the city to ensure effective administration, and implementation of government policies and city programmes. He holds a Diploma in Public Administration and he has a wide experience in business management and in running public affairs.



Mr. Paul Batanda

Mbale City

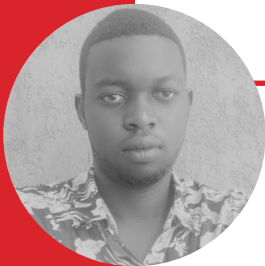
Mr. Batanda Paul is Town Clerk of Mbale City. He is responsible for ensuring orderly urban services and is experienced in urban governance, project management, where he brings his passion for liveable cities, and urban management. He holds an MBA from Uganda Martyrs University, he graduated in Economics and Social Administration at Makerere University and has two Postgraduate Diplomas in Urban Governance and in Management from the Uganda Management Institute.



Mr. Johnson Gimuyi Watson

Mbale City

Mr. Johnson Gimuyi Watson works as Superintendent of Works in Mbale City Council, where he is responsible for the supervision of roads and buildings' works. Mr. Gimui has experience in the design and construction management, while he is attentive in ensuring quality and safety standards in the city. He holds a Bachelors' Degree in Civil Engineering from Ndejje University in Kampala and a Diploma in Civil and Building Engineering from Elgon Technical in Mbale.



Mr. Chris Han Kuloba

Mbale City

Mr. Chris Han Kuloba works as Land Supervisor at Mbale City Council, where he is responsible for managing land issues in the city. He has experience in land surveying and land information management, while he is passionate about serving the public with integrity. Mr. Kuloba holds a Diploma in Land Surveying and Geomatics from the Institute of Land Management and Surveying in Entebbe.

**Mr. Fred Nambafu**

Mbale City

Mr. Fred Nambafu is working as a Senior Physical Planner in Mbale City Council where he is responsible for spatial planning. He has 12 years of experience in the undertaking of physical planning and in ensuring development control, while he always applies his passion for orderliness in city. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning from Makerere University, Kampala.

**Ms. Nyaribi Rhoda**

Mbale City

Ms. Nyaribi Rhoda works as Senior Environment Officer at Mbale City Council, where she is responsible for managing all environment aspects of the city. Ms. Rhoda has 14 years experience in Urban Environment Management and in her work she applies her passion in environmental conservation. She holds a Master's of Science in Natural Resources Management specializing in Planning & Coordination from ITC the Netherlands and a Bachelors' Degree in Environment Management from Makerere University.



Ms. Anna Juliet Bukirwa

ACTogether Uganda

Ms. Anna Juliet Bukirwa is a Program Officer at ACTogether Uganda an NGO that supports slum dwellers, coordinating the strengthening capacity for urban migration management and migrants' livelihood improvement in Jinja City, Uganda. She holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration and in International Business with a specialty in Human resources Management from Amity University Uttar Pradesh, India, and a Bachelor's Degree in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management from Makerere University. Her academic background provided her a solid base upon which she has built her career supporting the most vulnerable communities through the upgrading of their livelihoods.



Ms. Sarah Nandudu

Slum Dwellers Federation, Uganda

Ms. Sarah Nandudu is a National Coordinator of the Slum Dwellers Federation of Uganda. She acts as co-Chair to the Board of Slum Dwellers International (SDI). She has been engaged extensively with mobilization of communities under the Secondary Cities Programme. She is a strong advocate of the rights of the urban poor and is fully committed to the promotion of partnerships to enhance synergies in programmes aimed at empowering the urban poor.



Mr. Alfred Ogwang

Urban Authorities Association of Uganda

Mr. Ogwang Alfred is the Secretary General of the Urban Authorities Association of Uganda (UAAU) and he holds a Master's Degree in Statistics from the Makerere University Kampala. He has worked with SDU II/ARD/USAID as a Fiscal Decentralization Strategy Specialist, while his earlier experiences include a work with Uganda Local Government Association of Uganda as a Research, Planning and Data Management Officer. He strongly believes in urbanisation as a universal and historical developmental process for countries and peoples.



Ms. Deborah Asikeit

Cities Alliance

Ms. Deborah Asikeit is a Project Manager with Cities Alliance/UNOPS and is currently implementing a Social and Environmental Safeguarding Project for a major Government of Uganda infrastructure Project – the Kampala-Jinja Expressway. She is also a Lawyer and a Coach. Earlier, Deborah worked as Resident Programme Manager for the Association of Municipalities in the Netherlands (VNG International) and she has been a Programme Manager at the British Council heading the Governance and Society Portfolio, while she started her career at GIZ. Ms. Asikeit holds a BA, MA and an LLB – all from Makerere University. Deborah is passionate about leading teams, and believes that each individual has a positive contribution to make, at every level.



Mr. Didas Kisembo

Cities Alliance

Mr. Didas Kisembo is the Senior Communications Officer at the Cities Alliance Uganda Programme. He is an expert in communications and knowledge management with a strong background working with international organisations including the British Council, FCDO, PWC and USAID. In Uganda, Didas supports the Cities Alliance Kampala-Jinja Expressway “No One WorseOff” Project that seeks to secure tenure for the displaced persons in the right of way. He also provides communications advisory on the cities and migration programme.



Mr. Samuel Mabala Shibuta

Cities Alliance

Mr. Samuel Mabala is the Country Urban Advisor representing Cities Alliance in Uganda. He has previously served as the Director for Housing in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development. He coordinated the Secondary Cities Programme for Transforming of Settlements for the Urban Poor in Uganda, supported by the Cities Alliance. Mr Samuel Mabala holds Postgraduate Studies in Housing, Planning and Building from the Institute of Housing & Urban Development Studies, Rotterdam, and Geo-Information Systems for Urban Applications from ITC University of Twente.



Dr. Ronard Mukuye
Cities Alliance

Dr. Ronard Mukuye is the Country Programme Support Officer for UNOPS-Cities Alliance in Uganda. He has previously worked as a Lecturer at Makerere University and Programme Officer with World Vision Uganda (Micro Enterprise Development Network). He also worked as an Urban Specialist on the Cities Alliance Future Cities Africa Programme (2015-2017) in Uganda funded by DFID/FCDO. Dr. Ronard Mukuye holds a PhD in Social Sciences (Cultural Anthropology) from University of Vienna, an MA in Development Studies (ISS-Netherlands) and Post Graduate Diploma in Urban Management Tools for Climate Change from the Institute of Housing & Urban Development Studies, Rotterdam.

Secondary cities in Sub-Saharan Africa doubled their population and increased their extents by a factor of 2.5 during this period (Angel et al 2016). Much of this urban expansion was disorderly, lacking adequate infrastructure, and with serious environmental concerns (Friesen et al 2019 and Lamson-Hall et al 2019). In Sub-Saharan Africa, 80% of the residential areas developed over the past 25 years are informal and unplanned (Angel et al, 2016).

Mr. Anthony DradriaArua City

Mr. Anthony Dradria works as Engineer in Arua City.

Ms. Agnes Oyella AlaiGulu City

Ms. Agnes Oyella Alai works as Land Officer at Gulu City.

Mr. Christopher OjokGulu City

Mr. Cristopher Ojok works as Engineer in Gulu City.

Ms. Victoria KakaireJinja City

Ms. Kakaire Victoria works as Senior Environment Officer at Jinja City Council. Her mandate revolves around developing an integrated approach to urban environment management to strike a balance between development and environment conservation. She holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Project Planning and Management from Uganda Management Institute, a B A in Environmental Management from Makerere University and a Master's Degree in Climate Change and Risk Disaster Management.



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The simplest and most cost-effective way to contribute to the integration of migrants is by providing them access to the city through proactive urban expansion planning that connects the urban periphery to the existing city by preparing a basic grid of arterial roads on the urban periphery before it is developed (Angel et al, 2016).

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