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Naidoo, Kumi

Secretary-General and Chief Executive Officer, Civicus:World Alliance for Citizen Participation, South Africa

Kumi Naidoo is the Secretary-General and Chief Executive Officer of Civicus:World Alliance for Citizen Participation, which has a membership base of more than 500 organizations and individuals from 97 countries. Kumi Naidoo became an activist early, but after having been arrested as a result of his anti-apartheid activities and going underground for one year, he finally decided to live in exile in England until 1989. During this time, he was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford and earned a Doctorate in Political Sociology. After Nelson Mandela's release in 1990, Kumi returned to South Africa to work on the legalization of the African National Congress. During the 1994 democratic elections, he was the official spokesperson of the Independent Electoral Commission and directed the training of all electoral staff in the country. He was also the founding Executive Director of the South African National NGO Coalition (SANGOCO), an umbrella agency for the South African NGO community. He is recognized internationally as a forceful advocate for gender equity and against gender violence.



Nakada, Hiroshi

Mayor of Yokohama, Japan

In April 2002, Hiroshi Nakada became the youngest person ever (at the age of 37), to lead one of Japan's largest cities. A graduate of Aoyama Gakuin University's Department of Economics, he entered the Matsushita Institute of Government and Management, an educational facility devoted to the fostering of the next generation of political leaders of Japan, where he specialized in Waste Management Policy. Concurrent to his studies, he served as secretary to a Member of the House of Councillors of Japan and took an active part in the formation of the Japan New Party in 1992. After studying at the Matsushita Institute of Government and Management, he became a member of the House of Representatives of Japan in 1993, eventually serving three terms before being elected Mayor of Yokohama.



Ndiaye, Papa

Managing Director, Emerging Markets Partnership, Senegal

Papa Ndiaye is a Managing Director of Emerging Markets Partnership, and Manager of the African Infrastructure Fund, the largest private equity fund in Africa. Prior to this, Ndiaye held senior responsibilities in the International Finance Corporation's equity and debt investment activities in Africa. Before joining the IFC, Ndiaye returned to Senegal where he worked pro bono as a special adviser to the Minister of Commerce and Industrialization. Papa Ndiaye started at Salomon Brothers' Corporate Finance Department and then joined JP Morgan's Emerging Markets Group. In the aftermath of the 2000 presidential election in Senegal, Ndiaye became Special Adviser for Economic and Financial Affairs to the President of the Republic of Senegal and Chairman of the Senegalese Presidential Economic and Financial Advisory Council. In 2000, Ndiaye also launched MIDROC-BVI, an investment vehicle in Africa for Saudi businessman Sheikh Mohammad Hussain Al-Amoudi, to target investments across a broad spectrum of industries. He serves on the boards of several companies and institutions affiliated with Africa. Papa Ndiaye has a joint MBA from the Wharton School of Business and an MA in International Affairs from the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania. He also holds a BA in Economics from Harvard College.

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**Neilson, Trevor****Executive Director, Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, USA**

Trevor Neilson is Executive Director of the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, an alliance of businesses dedicated to utilizing the business sector's skills and expertise to combat AIDS. He was previously Executive Vice-President of the Casey Family Programmes, the foundation created by the United Parcel Service (UPS) founder, Jim Casey. He has also worked for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the White House, the US Congress, and Evans Group Public Affairs. He formed DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa) with Bill Gates, Bono and George Soros, and serves on the organization's founding Board of Directors. In addition, he is a member of numerous advisory committees, including those of: Columbia University; the World Health Organization; the World Association for Children and Parents; Debt Relief, AIDS and Trade for Africa (DATA); www.keepachildalive.org. He studied at Washington State University and the Seattle University School of Law.

**Nelson, Curtis****President and Chief Operating Officer, Carlson Companies, USA**

Curtis Nelson is the President and COO of Carlson Companies, a global leader in the marketing, travel, and hospitality industries. Previously he was President and Chief Executive Officer, Carlson Hospitality Worldwide. He is active in various business groups, industry associations and in philanthropic causes, including the Travel Business Roundtable (a coalition of 70 CEOs representing all sectors of the travel and tourism industry), various governmental initiatives, and the World Travel and Tourism Council. Curtis received the 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Hospitality Industry Diversity Institute, for his commitment to advancing the cause of minorities, women, and people with disabilities. He received a BSc from Cornell University, and an MBA from the Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota.

**Newsom, Gavin****Mayor of San Francisco, USA**

Gavin Newsom is the Mayor of San Francisco. He was first appointed to the city's Board of Supervisors in 1996, subsequently winning two additional terms before his election as Mayor in December 2003. Newsom first rose to political prominence with the passage of a measure that reformed San Francisco's welfare system. Known as "Care Not Cash," it introduced a new approach in addressing homelessness, recognized as the city's most intractable problem. In just one year as Mayor, Newsom navigated a severe budget crisis while protecting vital city services, challenging the status quo on homelessness, and taking steps to protect American civil rights. He has a reputation for innovation, forward-thinking and creative solutions to difficult problems. Before joining the Board of Supervisors, Newsom was a successful businessman, opening his first business in 1992 (the PlumpJack Wine Shop), which became a multi-million dollar restaurant and hospitality enterprise, employing over 1,000 people. Gavin Newsom graduated from Santa Clara University in 1989 with a BA in Political Science.

**Newton-King, Nicky****Deputy Chief Executive Officer, JSE Securities Exchange, South Africa**

Nicky Newton-King is the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of JSE Securities Exchange. In this position, she has been leading the JSE's initiative to develop a socially responsible investment index for the South African market. She is a member of the Standing Advisory Committee on Company Law, the Financial Centre for Africa's Strategy Committee (which develops strategies to position South Africa as a financial centre), and the Financial Markets Advisory Board. She also is Chairperson of the JSE's Art Committee, which focuses on supporting South African artists from previously disadvantaged groups. She was a partner in the Financial Services Unit of Webber Wentzel Bowens, and named Businesswoman of the Year in 2003. She received an LLM (Hons) from Cambridge University.

**Nguyen, Bill****Founder, Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Seven Networks, USA**

Bill Nguyen is the Founder, Chairman and Co-CEO of Seven Networks, a leader in mobile communications software. He played a critical role in the success of six start-ups, including Onebox, which he sold for US\$ 850 million in 2000. He was named one of the top 100 innovators by MIT's Technology Review, and one of the Red Herring magazine's Top 10 Entrepreneurs. Nguyen belongs to the CTIA Wireless Internet Caucus Leadership Council and the Vortex Advisory Council.

**Nieto, Juan Jose****Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Palmera Capital y Servicios-Madrid, Spain**

Juan Jose Nieto is Chairman and CEO of Palmera Capital y Servicios-Madrid, a privately-held investment management company that focuses on media and communications companies. He is also a director of CVC Capital Partners, Dorna (Moto GP), Mediaplanning Group and Fundación Sagardoy. His former posts include: Chairman of Service Point Solutions (SPS); Managing Director at Telefónica; Chairman and CEO of Admira (formerly Telefónica Media); CEO of Antena 3 Television. During the early years of his career, he worked as a Vice-President of Bankers Trust in London, as a financial analyst for Goldman Sachs (London) and as an executive of Natwest Group. Juan Jose Nieto is a graduate in Business Administration from ICADE and holds a BA (Hons) in European Business Administration from Middlessex University. He also attended the Advanced Management Programme at Stanford University and the Finance Programme at the London Business School.

**Nini, Achinoam (Noa)****Singer and Songwriter, More Productions, Israel**

Achinoam Nini is a singer and songwriter at More Productions BP. She began composing songs at the age of eight, and at 17 she left New York's High School for the Performing Arts and moved to Israel, where she attended the Rimón School of contemporary music. During military service she was a singing sergeant in a unit responsible for entertaining the troops. She considers it her mission to make people think, particularly about the power of communication and how it can break down the barriers separating cultures.

**Nwuneli, Ndidi Okonkwo****Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Leadership Effectiveness Accountability and Professionalism (LEAP), Nigeria**

Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli is the Founder and CEO of LEAP, a non-profit organization which is committed to inspiring, empowering and equipping a new cadre of African leaders. She is also the Founder of NIA (Ndu - "life", Ike - "strength", Akunuba - "wealth"), a non-profit organization committed to empowering female university students in south-eastern Nigeria to achieve their highest potential in life. Prior to establishing LEAP and NIA, she was the pioneer Executive Director of the FATE Foundation, and a management consultant with both the Bridgespan Group and McKinsey and Company. While with McKinsey, she served the non-profit sector and Fortune 500 companies in Chicago, New York and South Africa. She also worked as a consultant with the Ford Foundation's West Africa Office and the Centre for Middle East Competitive Strategy in Palestine and Israel. She currently serves as a director for a range of non-profit organizations in the US and Africa. In 2004, she received a national honour - Member of the Federal Republic - from the President of Nigeria. She received her undergraduate degree (with honours) in Multinational and Strategic Management from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.

