

IDRC's Scaling Advisors

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<p>Odunayo Clement Adebooye</p>  <p>Professor of Plant Physiology, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria; Secretary-General, African-German Network of Excellence in Science</p>	<p>Odunayo Clement Adebooye, Professor of Agronomy holds a PhD (Agronomy) of the University of Ibadan, Ibadan-Nigeria. He is a winner of 19 competitive international research grants, about 50 travel grants and 4 local grants all valued at about US\$15.0 million. He has published about 90 research articles in high impact journals. He currently serves as the Ambassador Scientist of the German Government Humboldt Foundation in Nigeria. He is also the Secretary-General of the African-German Network of Excellence in Science (AGNES), a funding agency of the German Government. He is a Fellow of the United Nations University, a Fellow of the German DAAD and a Fellow of the German Government Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. He has successfully served as Regional Project Manager for IDRC projects in West Africa.</p>
<p>Ali Ben Charif</p>  <p>Postdoctoral Researcher in knowledge translation, Laval University</p>	<p>Ali Ben Charif is a postdoctoral researcher in knowledge translation in patient-oriented research at Laval University. Originally from Comoros, Ali studied in Senegal and France before settling in Canada. His research focuses on patient-oriented scaling research in primary care. He has thrown himself into this new field and has already mastered the area sufficiently to be internationally known as an expert. He published the first knowledge synthesis on scaling strategies in primary care, developed the Innovation Scalability Self-administered Questionnaire (ISSaQ), and led the scalability assessments of 57 Canadian primary care innovations. He is involved in several international advisory committees and has been guiding Canadian primary care networks to talk with their decision makers and patient partners about the scalability assessment of their innovations. Ali's expertise is crucial as it will ensure that there is a fit between the values, preferences, and perspectives of the intended beneficiaries and the innovations to be scaled.</p>

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<p data-bbox="216 300 495 326">Petronella Chaminuka</p>  <p data-bbox="226 561 485 659">Principal Economist, Agricultural Research Council, South Africa</p>	<p data-bbox="531 300 1848 678">Petronella Chaminuka is the Principal Economist at the Agricultural Research Council in South Africa. She leads a team responsible for integrating socio-economic analysis and gender in R&D programmes and conducting impact assessment to guide investment decisions. Petronella holds a PhD in Environmental Economics from Wageningen University in the Netherlands, and an MSc in Agricultural Economics from the University of Zimbabwe. She has more than 20 years' international experience working as a lecturer, researcher and facilitator in rural development processes. Petronella has extensive experience working in multidisciplinary teams and has participated in many international collaborative projects focussing on capacity development and research. She was part of a project on "Novel livestock vaccines for viral diseases in Africa towards improved food security" under the Canadian International Food Security Research Fund and participated in developing a scaling up strategy for the project. She has published articles in peer reviewed journals, book chapters and numerous short articles.</p>
<p data-bbox="258 863 453 928">Oumoul Khaïry Coulibaly</p>  <p data-bbox="212 1164 499 1365">Socio-anthropologue Enseignante-chercheure Ecole Supérieure d'Economie Appliquée Université Cheikh Anta DIOP</p>	<p data-bbox="531 863 1856 1105">Oumoul Khaïry Coulibaly is a PhD. in socio-anthropology and lecturer-researcher at the Higher School of Applied Economics of the University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar. Specialist in gender issues, the work of Dr. Coulibaly addresses the issues of women's empowerment, land governance, migration, the gender impact of climate change, gender-based violence and political participation women. She is also a specialist in development project management and since 2015 she has coordinated two action research projects funded by IDRC in collaboration with the NGO ANID (African Network for Integrated Development) and the Think Tank IPAR (Initiative Prospective Agricole Rurale).</p>

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<p data-bbox="260 302 449 326">Berhane Gebru</p>  <p data-bbox="205 634 506 695">Director of Programs, FHI 360 Digital Development</p>	<p data-bbox="531 302 1864 540">Berhane Gebru is a researcher and practitioner in climate change adaptation and ICT4D focusing on data systems, digital health, digital literacy, digital inclusion, and social network analysis. Over the past 16 years, he successfully led multiple projects in 40 countries involving digital solutions to improve climate change adaptation action, strengthen health and education systems and build the entrepreneurial capacity of small businesses. Throughout his career, he led award-winning projects including the Climate Change Adaptation and ICTs project that received the UNFCCC's Momentum for Change Award (2015) and the Mobile Health Information System that received the World Summit on the Information Society's 2015 Prize.</p>
<p data-bbox="254 740 457 764">Amédé Gogovor</p>  <p data-bbox="205 1040 506 1485">Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Health and Social Services Systems, Knowledge Translation and Implementation Component of the Quebec SPOR-SUPPORT Unit Canada Research Chair in Shared Decision Making and Knowledge Translation, Laval University</p>	<p data-bbox="531 740 1871 873">Amédé Gogovor is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Health and Social Services Systems, Knowledge Translation and Implementation Component of the Quebec SPOR-SUPPORT Unit and Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Shared Decision Making and Knowledge Translation, Laval University. He holds a postdoctoral award from the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé.</p> <p data-bbox="531 881 1864 1084">Dr. Gogovor is leading the development of a reporting guideline for scaling studies that integrates patient-oriented research principles and sex and gender considerations, and that is overseen by an international executive committee. He has been involved in the design, implementation and dissemination of results from serial Health Care in Canada surveys of the Canadian public and health professionals since 2007. First trained in veterinary medicine, Dr. Gogovor holds a MSc in Pharmaceutical sciences from University of Montreal and a PhD in Experimental medicine from McGill University.</p>

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<p data-bbox="260 302 451 326">Rachid Hakkou</p>  <p data-bbox="212 597 501 865">Full Professor, Department of Chemistry, Cadi-Ayyad University and IDRC Research Chair in Management and Stabilization of Industrial Mining Wastes</p>	<p data-bbox="531 302 1864 610">Rachid Hakkou received his Ph.D. in geosciences and raw materials at the <i>Institut National Polytechnique de Lorraine</i>, Nancy, France in 1993 and a Moroccan PhD in 2001 in solid waste management and treatment. He is a Full Professor at Cadi-Ayyad University (Morocco). Since 2009 to 2017, he was Chairholder of IDRC Research Chair on “Management and Stabilization of Mining and Industrial Wastes”. He is a member of the international board for the journal <i>Mine Water and the Environment</i> (Springer). His research interests focus on the management and valorization of mining wastes. He has more than 55 peer-reviewed publications (h-index = 15). According to Elsevier's Scopus (1966-2019), he is ranked as the second author publishing in the field of phosphate mine wastes. In 2016, he was awarded Hassan II prize for the Environment in the category of Scientific Research, delivered by the Moroccan Environment Ministry.</p>
<p data-bbox="260 881 451 906">Ursula Harman</p>  <p data-bbox="226 1177 485 1302">PhD in Inclusive Innovation, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú</p>	<p data-bbox="531 881 1856 1190">Ursula Harman is a sociologist with a Ph.D. in Inclusive Innovation from the University of Queensland, Australia, and a Master’s degree in Innovation and Technology Management and Policy from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP). She has more than 12 years of experience facilitating research, technological development and innovation processes with emphasis on community development. Currently, Ursula is a lecturer and researcher at PUCP university, elected District Councilwoman of San Bartolo for the 2019-2022 period, a member of the Research Ethics Committee of the San Ignacio de Loyola University and Regional Director for South America at the International Association for Community Development. She is an Eisenhower Fellow with interest in social inclusion in innovation processes, learning interactions and cross-sectoral collaboration in socio-technical adequacy processes and sectoral innovation systems in energy, agriculture, biodiversity and tourism.</p>

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<p data-bbox="262 300 449 326">Ermel Johnson</p>  <p data-bbox="228 561 483 656">Implementation lead, West African Health Organization</p>	<p data-bbox="531 300 1864 540">Ermel Johnson is from Benin, West Africa. He is a Medical Doctor, with a Master’s degree in population and health research; and has served as a practitioner in Burkina Faso. Dr Johnson has six years of experience in international organizations during which he worked in the humanitarian NGO <i>Médecins du Monde</i> France and since 2015 at the West African Health Organization (WAHO) as professional in charge of the implementation of the IMCHA program in West Africa. His interest in implementation as the key to successful programmes and health systems strengthening; he embraces the field of implementation science. Therefore, he is doing a PhD in Health Policy & Health Systems at the African Institute for Health Policy & Health System in Nigeria.</p> <p data-bbox="531 545 1850 610">Dr Johnson is member of several networks and professional associations including Health System Global, African Evidence Network, and West African Network of Emerging Leaders in Health Policy & System (WANEL).</p>
<p data-bbox="262 669 449 695">Lynette Kamau</p>  <p data-bbox="220 928 491 1205">Senior Policy and Communications Officer, Policy Engagement and Communications Division, African Population and Health Research Center</p>	<p data-bbox="531 669 1864 945">Lynette Kamau has over eight years’ experience in project management, policy engagement, and communications in the research and humanitarian sectors. She has a keen interest in global health policy, health equity, reproductive, maternal and child health, and gender issues. She believes that investing in research and using evidence in decision making will facilitate the development of local solutions to address the world’s challenges and unearth new frontiers. Lynette works with African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC), where she coordinates the Eastern Africa Health Policy and Research Organization, a consortium of three organizations, APHRC; East, Central, Southern Africa – Health Community; and Partners in Population and Development – Africa Region as part of the Innovating for Maternal and Child Health in Africa Initiative.</p> <p data-bbox="531 950 1850 1084">Through the consortium, she works with 13 research teams in six countries to engage communicate, share evidence, with decision-makers, partners, and other stakeholders’ who work in the maternal and child health sector in national, regional and local platforms. Her work aims to enhance the use of evidence to inform decision making for policy and practice to improve maternal and child health outcomes.</p>

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<p data-bbox="254 302 453 326">Blanca Llorente</p>  <p data-bbox="249 537 464 597">Research director, Fundación Anáas</p>	<p data-bbox="531 302 1864 605">Blanca Llorente is an economist (Universidad Javeriana), social evaluation specialist (Universidad de los Andes) and MSc in Public health (LSHTM University of London) with experience in environmental and public health policies and as advisor to private sector in human rights/social management practices. Almost 30 years as teacher in several Colombian universities. Former Vice Dean and Research Director at the School of Economics in Universidad Sergio Arboleda. She is currently the research director at Fundación Anáas, a Colombian public health think-tank and researcher of CREER-IHRB, a center that encourages a multi-stakeholder approach to strengthening government and company efforts to protect, promote and respect human rights. Her work in tobacco control started in 2008, frequently in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, with researchers and other NGOs and is focused on research-to-action strategies.</p>
<p data-bbox="239 621 468 682">Teresa Mosquera-Vásquez</p>  <p data-bbox="222 919 485 1049">Professor, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Faculty of Agricultural Science</p>	<p data-bbox="531 621 1856 894">Teresa Mosquera-Vásquez is from Colombia. She conducted undergraduate studies in biology, and graduate studies in genetics and plant breeding, obtaining her Doctoral degree in Agricultural Science, from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia in collaboration with Max Planck Institute in Germany. At present, she is a full Professor at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Faculty of Agricultural Science, where she leads projects for scaling-up technological and social innovations aiming at improving the nutritional status of Colombians. Her research strategies feature participative research and adoption by farmers and consumers of new nutritious cultivars, with the view of promoting nutrition-sensitive agriculture and the development of new technologies. To that end, she focuses on education and food security with high impact on public policies.</p>

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<p data-bbox="260 302 451 326">Tatiana Rincón</p>  <p data-bbox="226 561 485 691">Vice-President, Social and Livelihood Promotion, Fundación Capital</p>	<p data-bbox="533 302 1871 431">Tatiana Rincón is Vice-President of Social and Livelihood Promotion at Fundación Capital. She has over 15 years of experience in social protection, poverty reduction policies, and graduation programs. She holds an MA in International Relations from Carleton University in Canada and a degree in Finance and International Relations from the Universidad Externado in Colombia.</p> <p data-bbox="533 440 1864 643">Prior to joining Fundación Capital, she worked for the Carter Center and as a consultant for the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). She was formerly the coordinator for the National Project on Economic Development and Commerce for the Delegation to the European Union and the Ministry of Commerce in Colombia, and also served as Colombia's Director for International Cooperation for the Justice and Interior Ministry. Ms. Rincón has worked as a professor and graduate program director at the Universidad Externado in Colombia.</p>
<p data-bbox="226 740 485 764">Tobias Schonwetter</p>  <p data-bbox="212 1032 499 1268">Director, Intellectual Property Unit and Associate Professor, Department of Commercial Law, University of Cape Town, South Africa</p>	<p data-bbox="533 740 1871 1227">Tobias Schonwetter is the Director of the Intellectual Property (IP) Unit (www.ip-unit.org) and an Associate Professor at the University of Cape Town's law faculty. He is a Principal Investigator for various intellectual property-related research and capacity building projects, including Open AIR (www.openair.africa). Previously, Tobias was a Senior Manager - Technology and Innovation Law - at PwC South Africa as well as the Regional Coordinator for Africa and Legal Lead South Africa for Creative Commons. He also served as an editor for the African Journal of Information and Communication's (AJIC), Thematic Issues on Knowledge Governance, and was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Cape Town's IP Unit. In 2018-19, Tobias was the acting deputy dean for Internationalisation and Outreach in the law faculty at the University of Cape Town. Tobias specialises in and teaches intellectual property and cyberlaw, particularly the relationship between intellectual property, innovation and development. Tobias studied and practiced law in Germany and holds Ph.D. and LL.M. degrees from the University of Cape Town. In 2018, Tobias became an Associate Member of the Centre of Law, Technology and Society at the University of Ottawa, Canada; and in 2019 he joined the Department of Science and Innovation's Open Science Advisory Board. Tobias has written numerous articles on intellectual property law and has spoken at various national and international conferences.</p>

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<p data-bbox="254 302 457 326">Patterson Siema</p>  <p data-bbox="218 565 493 732">Director, Policy Engagement and Communications, Africa Population and Health Centre</p>	<p data-bbox="533 302 1860 646">Patterson Siema is the Director of Policy Engagement and Communications at the Africa Population and Health Center. He has more than 18 years of experience in policy engagement communications and advocacy. Under Siema’s direction, the APHRC is developing innovative approaches to traditional activities; maximizing impact and widening networks of potential allies and collaborators. He also leads on the knowledge translation value chain that translates APHRC evidence into policy, and guides the visibility, branding and outreach strategies for the Center. Prior to joining APHRC, he was the communications and advocacy specialist for Eastern and Southern Africa at the United Nations Gender Entity, UN Women. He also served for eight years as the head of communications for United Nations Development Programme in Kenya. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology and degree is in Strategic Communications from Daystar University.</p>
<p data-bbox="264 776 447 800">Issiaka Sombié</p>  <p data-bbox="233 1049 483 1248">Acting Director, Directorate of the Department of Public Health and Research West African Health Organization</p>	<p data-bbox="533 776 1850 1122">Issiaka Sombié is a senior researcher with more than 25 years’ experience in health research in West Africa. He is registered Medical Doctor from University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; and graduated a PhD in Public Health from Brussel Free University (Belgium). He is a full Professor of Epidemiology at the Medical School of University of Nazi Boni in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso. His areas of interest are maternal and child health, clinical trial and health policy and systems research, research system development and research ethics. He is member of several research networks both regional and global level. He worked over fifteen years in Centre MURAZ before joining the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) in 2008, where he led the regional research programme, which aimed the development of research systems in ECOWAS region. Currently, he is actually Acting Director of the Directorate of the Department of Public Health and Research. Professor Sombié is the author of more than a hundred scientific articles in international journals.</p>

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<p data-bbox="289 300 420 329">Abu Syed</p>  <p data-bbox="205 565 508 800">Senior Fellow, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies and Director, Nansen- Bangladesh International Centre for Coastal, Ocean and Climate Studies</p>	<p data-bbox="531 300 1860 683">Abu Syed is a Senior Fellow at Bangladesh Centre for Advanced (BCAS) since 2008 and founding Director of Nansen-Bangladesh International Centre for Coastal, Ocean and Climate Studies (NABIC), Bangladesh since November 2011. He holds a PhD in Climate and Geospatial Modeling. He did his MSc in Geoinformation Science and Earth Observation; and Post-Graduate Diploma in Geomatic Engineering. Dr. Syed possesses expertise on environmental assessment, monitoring, natural resources, SDGs, regional agreements and policies. He worked extensively on application of remote sensing, GIS, geoinformatics in agriculture, water and forest resources; coastal environment, investment, conservation and adaptation planning, climate change impacts, and policy analysis. He supervised 8 PhD and 22 MSc researchers in environment, climate change, adaptation, climate modeling, early warning and DRR, DRM with different universities. He worked and contributed in many national and regional policy documents and effective changes in national policies in water, forestry and fisheries sector in Qatar and Bangladesh. He has numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals papers and book chapters.</p>
<p data-bbox="262 844 447 873">Ivonne Villada</p>  <p data-bbox="205 1109 508 1138">Director, Proyecto Capital</p>	<p data-bbox="531 844 1860 1122">Ivonne Villada has a Masters in Rural Development from the Javeriana University of Bogotá, Colombia, and Environmental Management of the Technological University of Pereira. She has more than 12 years of experience in the design, implementation, evaluation and improvement of public policies and private initiatives aimed at overcoming poverty and financial inclusion with a differential approach. She has worked with public entities such as Social Prosperity Department in Colombia and research institutions in Chile and Peru with the Institute of Peruvian Studies. In recent years, Ivonne served as Director of the "Proyecto Capital", a regional initiative for Latin America and the Caribbean supported by the Ford Foundation and the IDRC, which links social protection and financial inclusion as part of the set of rights that people need to overcome poverty and transform their lives.</p>