

A photograph of four Black women standing in a workshop with green walls. They are all smiling. The woman on the far right is wearing a white t-shirt with a 'G.R.E.A.T. TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT' logo and a headwrap. They are working with a large pile of red shredded paper. In the foreground, there are two red cylindrical containers filled with dried plant material.

How to Strengthen Business Exchange between Refugees and Host Communities?

Call for Solutions – Jury Members

Jury members

The following persons have agreed to support us with finding the best solutions for our challenge:

- **Agnes Schneidt**, Energy Lab Manager at UNHCR Innovation, Switzerland
- **Benjamin Kumpf**, Policy Specialist at UNDP Innovation, USA
- **Arifur Rahman**, Manager for Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion at UNHCR Rwanda
- **Nozuko Nkumanda**, Strategic Business Development Manager at Social Impact Partners, Germany
- **Todd Khozein**, Partner at SecondMuse, USA
- **Annika Calov**, Country Director for KfW, Tanzania
- **Efosa Ojomo**, Research Fellow at Clayton Christensen Institute for Disruptive Innovation, USA
- **Sam NG**, Emerging Technologies Lead at WFP Innovation Accelerator, Germany
- **Boris Alberda**, Manager Innovation at Oxfam Novib, Netherlands
- **Annelies Withofs**, Programme Manager at Ikea Foundation, Netherlands
- **Inga Klünder-Preuß**, Deputy Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Rwanda
- **Richard Gasana**, Livelihood Specialist at the Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugees (MIDIMAR), Rwanda

From GIZ the following persons will be members of the Jury:

- **Bodo Immink**, Country Director for GIZ, Rwanda
- **Astrid Peter**, Advisor on forced displacement at GIZ, Germany
- **Katja Suhr**, Head of Innovation in Business Development for GIZ, Germany

The individual members of the following organizations or groups still need to be confirmed:

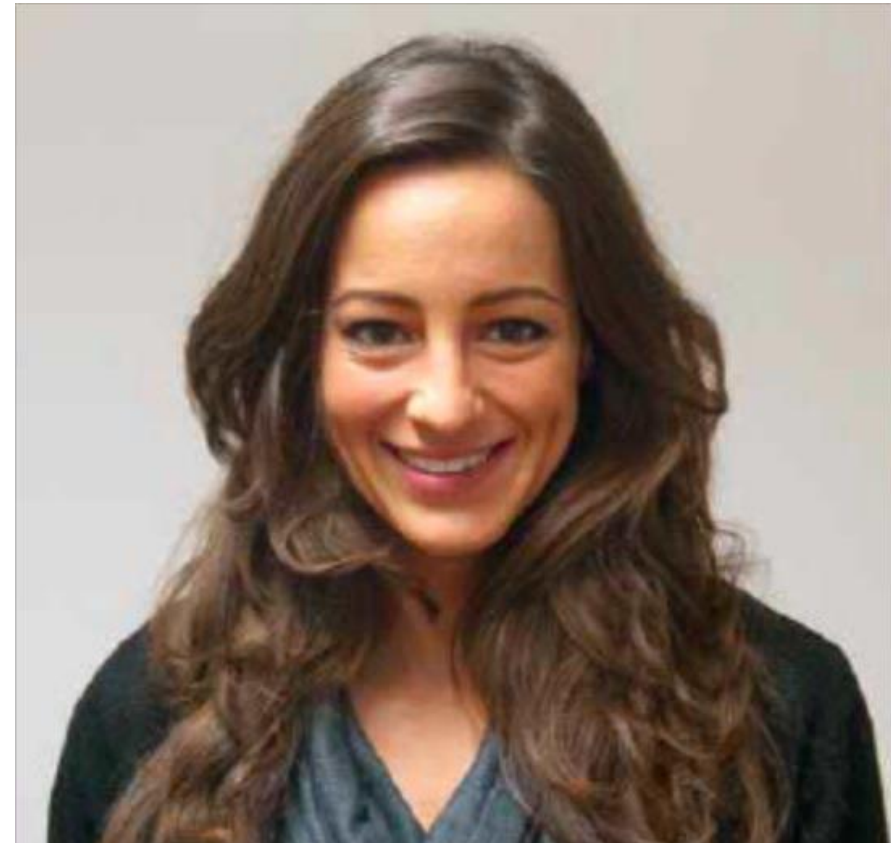
- NN member of refugee community Kigeme, Rwanda
- NN member of host community Kigeme, Rwanda

Jury members

Agnes Schneidt

UNHCR

Agnes works as Innovation Officer at UNHCR's Innovation Service and primarily focuses on energy and environment challenges. In her early career, she has spent time in the tourism sector by working in tourism destination marketing and by supporting the management of a large resort in Jamaica. She has gained further experience in the private sector as a branch manager in Europe's biggest car rental agency. Agnes had joined GIZ from 2010 until 2016, working on Local Economic Development projects, strategic communication as well as a Green Economy project in the Philippines. She holds a diploma in Business Administration and a Master's degree in Sustainability and Quality Management.



Jury members

Benjamin Kumpf

UN Development Programme (UNDP)

Benjamin Kumpf leads the Innovation Facility of the UN Development Programme (UNDP) in New York. Benjamin manages UNDP's Innovation Fund, a pooled funding vehicle created to support and scale innovations that address challenges related to poverty, governance, climate change and gender equality across the globe. Benjamin advises internal and external clients on social innovation, his work experience includes assignments in Rwanda, Nepal, India and Jordan.



Jury members

Arifur Rahman **UNHCR**

Arifur Rahman leads the Livelihoods Portfolio of the UNHCR Rwanda operation promoting self-reliance and economic inclusion of the refugees and their host communities. He is an international development practitioner with more than 20 years of experience in designing, managing and leading development and humanitarian projects as well as programmes. Specializing in economic development, resilience building, and the promotion of livelihoods and food security, he has been working with leading international development agencies including DFID, CIDA and CARE International. Arifur holds two Masters in Development Studies and Economics and a Bachelor in Agricultural Economics.



Jury members

Nozuko Nkumanda

Social Impact Partners (SIP)

Nozuko Nkumanda is an experienced Management Consultant having worked for an international consulting firm and an insurance company. Her passion has been to direct effort to the areas that enable sustainable social impact. She is Director of Business Development (Africa) for SIP. SIP exists to use Risk Management expertise to enable and build resilience in the social development sector. As part of this, SIP developed a methodology to compare countries' vulnerability towards climate and disaster risks and their readiness for insurance solutions. Nozuko also currently serves as a mentor for the African Social Investment Accelerator, which has the objective to support African social entrepreneurs to become fully financially sustainable and investment ready.



Jury members

Todd Khozein SecondMuse

For the last twenty years Todd Khozein has been involved in the study and application of systems theory, in particular as it applies to economic development. Beginning with the use of biological systems as models for cashew farming cooperatives in Honduras, he went on to develop and build businesses in the Medical, Entertainment, Real Estate, E-commerce and Food & Beverage industries. For the past ten years through his work with SecondMuse he has accelerated over 300 impact businesses, raising over \$400M and generating over \$11B in market value. At the centre of this work is the development of economies that create social and environmental justice.



Jury members

Annika Calov

Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)

Annika is Director of KfW Country Office to Dar es Salaam overseeing the German portfolio for Financial Cooperation with Tanzania and the East African Community. With 20 years in development cooperation she previously worked on health, education, social security and urban infrastructure and is a trained moderator and mediator. Annika sees today's approaches to vulnerability challenged but is convinced that the international donor community can play a catalytic role between humanitarian aid and private entrepreneurship. A role that needs to be spelt out in much more detail.



Jury members

Efosa Ojomo

Clayton Christensen Institute for Disruptive Innovation

Efosa Ojomo is a senior research fellow at the Clayton Christensen Institute for Disruptive Innovation. Efosa's work focuses on using disruptive innovation theory to fundamentally change the discourse in the global development community, thus enabling nations to engender their own path to long-term growth and prosperity. Prior to joining the Institute, Efosa worked as a researcher under Professor Christensen at the Forum for Growth and Innovation at the Harvard Business School. He also worked at National Instruments for a number of years. At that time, he co-founded Poverty Stops Here, a non-profit organization that provides Nigerian communities with access to wells, small business microloans, and primary education for children.



Jury members

Sam Ng

WFP Innovation Accelerator

Sam leads frontier innovations at the WFP Innovation Accelerator. He has an entrepreneurial background, having started and exited from three technology and design businesses before working on USAID and WFP initiatives. Sam has supported the growth of innovative programs in social impact investment, digital skills livelihoods and vocational training programs for both vulnerable and refugee populations.



Jury members

Boris Alberda

Oxfam Novib

Boris is Innovation Manager at Oxfam Novib. In this role he and his innovation team facilitate Innovation Labs on multiple topics around the globe. They also manage the Oxfam Novib Innovation Fund supporting teams around the world to design, develop and scale initiatives for social impact. Boris is a member of the selection committee in the Dutch Relief Alliance focusing on Innovation in Humanitarian Aid.



Annelies Withofs

IKEA Foundation

Annelies Withofs is Programme Manager at the IKEA Foundation. She works closely with UNHCR and many other humanitarian agencies, developing programmes that stimulate the sector to innovate and catalyse self-reliance of refugees. The IKEA Foundation sees opportunities for employment creation and livelihood development, in particular in the areas of climate change adaptation, the renewable energy sector and in sustainable agriculture and agri-entrepreneurship. Annelies previously worked on solar energy, water and sanitation, as well as small and medium entrepreneurship. She holds a Master's degree in Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology.



Richard Gasana **MDIMAR**

Richard Gasana is a Livelihoods Specialist at the Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugee Affairs (MIDIMAR). He is in charge of promoting self-reliance for refugees and host communities in Rwanda. Moreover, he has gained 10 years of experience in managing and implementing humanitarian and livelihood projects funded by V.S.O, PEPFAR, JICA, DGD and PRM. Richard holds a Masters degree in Business Administration and Project Management Option as well as two international certificates: one in Business provided by the Business Development Centre established by Regent University in the United States and one in Social Participation and Livelihood of Persons with Disabilities provided by JICA Okinawa International Centre.



Jury members

Katja Suhr

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Katja is the head of the Innovation in Business Development team at GIZ which is leading major innovation initiatives worldwide such as in the following areas: business engagement in fragile states; migration and electric mobility powered by renewables. Her aim is to deepen the impact of GIZ's work through innovative cross-sectorial approaches, pilot projects and new partnerships. She also works as a freelance business consultant for a mechanical engineering company in clean air technology and does pro bono work for organic and fair-trade products from Zimbabwe. Katja gained her major country experiences in Colombia, Zimbabwe, Afghanistan.



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