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U.S.-AFRICA ENERGY SUMMIT 2017

Collaborative and Partnership Opportunities in the United States
for Steady-State Supply of Electricity in Africa

September 18-19, 2017 • Madison, Wisconsin, USA



The US-Africa Energy Summit 2017 to be held in Madison, Wisconsin, USA, on September 18-19, 2017, is a solution-driven summit that would offer firms and investors in the energy sector in sub-Saharan Africa the means and opportunities to seriously address the perennial shortage of electricity supply in their respective countries through collaborations and partnerships with US-based firms, funding from growth fund managers, and financial institutions that specialize in energy projects. In addition to these private sources of funding, federal and state governments in Africa, the World Bank, the IMF, and the Power Africa project led by the US government, have dedicated material resources and funding to encourage private investments in the sub-continent's energy sector.

The US-Africa energy summit is designed to be an annual event with alternating venues in Africa and the United States, thus providing maximum exposure of what the summits have to offer to an ever-increasing pool of participants. To achieve its objectives each summit would serve as an enabling forum for Africa-based energy firms to meet and engage in collaborative initiatives and partnerships with established power companies in the US. But more importantly, they afford both US and African energy companies opportunities for growth through innovative research and product development, technology transfer, and financial stability. Furthermore, the summits would help shape a model for future energy generation, transmission, and distribution that recognizes the need to improve older technologies (coal-fired plants, oil and gas), while enhancing the capacity for renewable energy such as wind, biomass, natural gas, and solar-based power generation. The inaugural summit of 2017 articulates the first steps in this promising enterprise.

Bridging the funding gap in the power sector

In addition to financial commitments made by several African governments (Nigeria, for instance, has budgeted US\$1.3 billion to the power sector in its 2016 budget), Power Africa, a US led consortium, has set aside over US\$42 Billion to fund the electrification of sub-Saharan African countries. This initiative aims to boost existing power supply by 30,000MW of electricity to power 60 million households and businesses in the sub-continent. This additional source of funding is crucial to the energy sector, for it bridges the financing gap African governments and private investor are unable to fill. The summit shall make available experts from USAID, the administrators of "Power Africa" to provide guidance and assistance to existing and new private investors in the energy sector. Registered participants from Africa would be offered assistance, if needed, in securing US visas to the summit through our offices in Abuja and at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Highlight of benefits to participating African firms/investors:

- Better understanding of power generation and distribution under a decentralized regime
- Access to modern power generation and distribution equipment and technologies
- Access to advanced technologies for harnessing renewable energy, and utilization in power generation—solar, wind, and bioenergy
- Billing and revenue recovery systems, and smart metering technologies for efficient and reliable revenue collection
- Access to established U.S. energy companies for collaborative and partnership opportunities
- Funding opportunities with private investors willing to provide debt and equity financing of energy projects
- Access to equipment and software producers and suppliers
- Training and consultancy opportunities
- Waste management, environmental protection, and public safety measures

Highlight of benefits to US participants:

- Exposure to international energy firms, and expansion of customer base
- Opportunity to offer international participants your products and services, and build long-term business relationships
- Export opportunities for products and services from U.S. firms
- Investment opportunities for private equity funds and investors seeking areas of rapid growth
- Training and consultancy opportunities for U.S. firms
- Access to funding provided by Power Africa, a U.S. Agency for International Development administered program to fund energy projects in sub-Saharan Africa

Economic impact on Wisconsin and surrounding states

The potential trade, economic and employment impact of the summit on the regional economy would be remarkable. The summit offers firms in Wisconsin and neighboring states opportunities to expand both domestic and global capabilities in terms of product and service competitiveness, technology development, expansion of market share, enhancement of local and domestic job creation with attendant beneficial externalities that impact economic growth, and quality of research in higher education facilities.

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Summit agenda

Day 1 – Sept. 18

- 8–9:30 a.m. Registration of participants
- 10–10:30 a.m. Opening remarks
- 10:30–11:30 a.m. Welcome remarks by Wisconsin government officials
- 11:35 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Plenary Session 1 – Why global collaboration amongst energy firms is essential to growth, stability, and technical advances in the power sector, and benefits to domestic economies.
- 12:35–1:30 p.m. Coffee/Lunch break
- 1:40–2:15 p.m. Plenary Session 2 – The role of governments through public policy and regulations in facilitating collaborations, technical assistance, and partnerships between Africa-based firms and established U.S. energy firms and equipment manufacturers.
- 2:30–3 p.m. Plenary Session 3 – Financing of power projects: funding sources
- Funding from the Power Africa project, USAID
 - Private banks, energy sector investors, publicly held funds that specialize on energy projects
 - The World Bank, International Finance Corporation, African Development Bank, and NGOs.
- 3:15–3:45 p.m. Plenary Session 4 – Navigating the legal complexities of international transactions, partnerships, collaborations, contracts, and technical cooperation amongst firms; Discussion by legal practitioners and academics.
- 4–6 p.m. Interaction session between U.S. energy firms, product manufacturers, service providers and Africa-based energy firms.

Day 2 – Sept. 19

- 9:30–10:30 a.m. Plenary session 5 – The choice of fuel-mix in generating electricity—cost effectiveness, efficiency, and environmental considerations as determining factors of fuel selection, and how to make a choice of fuel-mix. Given the drive towards sustainable sources of fuel, are solar, wind, biomass, natural gas the future of the energy sector; discussion of current research findings.
- 10:45–11:30 a.m. Plenary Session 6 – Smart metering as powerful tools for cash flow enhancement, and cost containment; presentation of modern smart meters, and current technologies by manufacturers.
- 11:35 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Plenary Session 7 – What combination of technical knowledge, and technologies is essential to sustain cost-effective, reliable electric power generation, bulk power transmission, and distribution?
- 12:30–1:15 p.m. Coffee/Lunch break
- 1:30–2:15 p.m. Plenary session 8 – Cyber and physical security of grids, distribution lines, generating equipment and infrastructures. How susceptible are existing infrastructure to deliberate attacks and disruptions; discussion session by security experts.
- 2:20–4:25 p.m. Interaction session between U.S. energy firms, product manufacturers, service providers and Africa-based energy firms.
- 4:30–5 p.m. Closing remarks – The rapid departure from a centralized, top-down power supply model to one of decentralization and privatization; the benefits of privatization of Africa’s energy sectors, and how it engenders industrialization in the continent.
- 5:10–6:30 p.m. More networking and interaction among participants.

Speakers **more to be added*



Scott K. Walker, Executive Governor of Wisconsin

Scott K. Walker is the 45th governor of the state of Wisconsin, U.S. Prior to assuming his current office in 2011, he served as the Milwaukee County Executive for eight years. In 1992, Walker was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly, representing a district in western Milwaukee County. In 2012, he won a recall election, and was re-elected governor in 2014. In 2016, he contested for the Republican candidacy for the president of the United States.

Under his leadership, Wisconsin has had a budget surplus each year, which in turn contributed to economic growth within the state. In 2016, more people are employed in Wisconsin than ever before in the state's history. The unemployment rate is at its lowest in 15 years, and the percentage of people with gainful employment is one of the highest in the nation.



Tammy Baldwin, U.S. Senator

Tammy Baldwin was elected to the U.S. Senate after serving seven terms representing Wisconsin's Second Congressional District in the House of Representatives. Throughout Baldwin's career in public service she has made it her priority to fight for fairness and grow the middle class. In the U.S. Senate, Baldwin is focused on strengthening the economic security of the middle class and moving our economy forward for small businesses, manufacturers, and Wisconsin families.

In the 113th Congress, Baldwin serves on the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, the Senate Budget Committee, and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. She also serves on the Senate Special Committee on Aging.

Baldwin was born on Feb. 11, 1962. She received an A.B. degree from Smith College in 1984 with majors in government and mathematics and in 1989, earned her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School.



Professor Steven Chu, U.S. Secretary for Energy (2009–13)

Dr. Steven Chu is the William R. Kenan Professor of Physics at Stanford University. From 2009 to 2013 he served as U.S. Secretary of Energy in President Obama's administration. As the longest serving secretary of energy, he recruited top scientists and engineers to advance the energy needs in the U.S., and implemented various initiatives that led to the U.S.-China Clean Energy Research Center. Before joining President Obama's administration, he directed the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, headed the Quantum Electronics Research Department at AT&T Bell Laboratories, and was professor of physics at the University of California-Berkeley.

Chu is the recipient of the 1997 Nobel Prize in physics for laser cooling and atom trapping. He has published 260 papers in atomic and polymer physics, biophysics, and batteries, among others. He holds ten patents in these areas of expertise.



Bert O. Nnaji, Chairman and CEO of Geometric Power

Professor Bart O. Nnaji served as Nigeria's Minister of Power from July 2011 to August 2012. He is currently the Chairman/CEO of Geometric Power Limited, the first indigenously owned private sector power company in Nigeria. Prior to that, he served as special advisor to Nigeria's president on power, and chaired the Presidential Task Force on Power from June 2010 to July 2011. During this period, he developed the roadmap for power reform in Nigeria. He subsequently led the implementation of the power roadmap, as well as privatization of Power Holding Company of Nigeria, the state-owned utility monopoly. In 2009, he was appointed to the National Energy Council, and in 1993, he served as Nigeria's federal minister of science and technology.

Nnaji was a professor of mechanical and industrial engineering at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst from 1983 to 1996. He subsequently became the Alcoa Foundation professor of engineering at University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 1996 to 2003, Also in 2003, he served as the William Kepler Whiteford professor of engineering at the University of Pittsburgh.



Dean Baumgardner, CDO of Upepo Energy

Mr. Dean Baumgardner is the co-founder and Chief Development Officer of Upepo Energy Group; an energy company that currently develops and operates wind and solar plants in Africa. Dean has more than 25 years of experience in renewable energy and utility operations. As founding partner in Wind Capital Group, a US-based developer and operator of wind farms, Mr. Baumgardner served as Chief Development Officer and also directed technical services and construction on 1 gigawatts of wind energy projects.

Prior to Wind Capital Group, Mr. Baumgardner served as business development manager at RMT (now IEA), an engineering and general contractor in the wind industry. His experience further includes 20 years with Alliant Energy, a US Midwest utility in various senior management positions involving electrical and natural gas operations, strategic planning and economic development. Mr. Baumgardner holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Pennsylvania State University.



Gwen Moore, U.S. Congress

Congresswoman Gwen Moore was elected to represent Wisconsin's Fourth Congressional District in 2004, making her the first African-American elected to congress from the state of Wisconsin. She is a member of the prestigious House Committee on Financial Services, which has jurisdiction over the banking, insurance, and housing industries. She serves as the ranking member on the Financial Services' Monetary Policy and Trade Subcommittee, which oversees domestic monetary policy as well as the U.S.'s relationship with multilateral development and finance organizations like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Moore also is a member of the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee, which is responsible for federal insurance regulation, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Government National Mortgage Association.

Moore earned a B.A. in political science from Marquette University, and went on to serve as a community leader spearheading the start-up of a community credit union as a VISTA volunteer for which she earned the national VISTA Volunteer of the Decade award from 1976–86. She was also a member of the Wisconsin State Assembly and senate before serving in congress.

She served in the Wisconsin State Senate from 1993–2004. Prior to her election to the senate, she served two consecutive terms in the Wisconsin State Assembly from 1989–92. In 2000, she earned a Harvard University Certificate for Senior Executives in State and Local Government.



Ambassador Mninwa Johannes Mahlangu, South Africa

Mninwa Johannes Mahlangu is the current Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa to the United States. He is one of the leaders who played a critical role in the processes leading up to the first democratic South Africa. Between 1991 and 1994, he was a negotiator at the Congress for Democratic South Africa and the Multiparty Negotiation Forum. In 1993, he became the co-chairperson of these bodies. From 1993 to 1994 he was a member of South Africa's Transitional Executive Council.

He has represented South Africa in many international platforms, including the U.N. and G20 Speakers Conferences. He was the leader of the South African Parliament's delegation to the Pan-African Parliament. His duties in this continental body included serving on the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Discipline. He has held the positions of chairperson of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Africa Region) and president of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (International) respectively.



Ambassador Joseph Henry Smith, Ghana

Joseph Henry Smith is the ambassador of the Republic of Ghana to the United States. He was appointed to the current position by his excellency Mr. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana, in September 2014. An excellent military officer, astute politician and a fine diplomat, Smith brings to Washington DC, his exceptional rich experience in his many fields of endeavour. It is also much to his credit that he is the first Ghanaian, ever, to be appointed to the position of Ghana's Ambassador to the U.S., who has previously served as the Defense, Military, Naval and Air Attaché in Washington. Smith has a personal resolute determination to keep an open door policy, to be extended to various stake holders spanning the Ghanaian Diaspora Community; a vision in line with the country's foreign policy and the Better Ghana Agenda of the Government of Ghana, i.e. to promote and deepen strategic partnership, security, and economic cooperation between Ghana and the U.S.



Ambassador David John Newman, Botswana

Ambassador David John Newman is the 12th Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Botswana to the United States.

Prior to his appointment as Ambassador-Designate, Newman served as judge of the High Court of Botswana, and sat from time to time as judge of the Botswana Court of Appeal. From 2009 to 2012, he also represented the Administration of Justice in the Design and Build of the High Court and Court of Appeal Headquarters, and chaired the committee charged with the relocation of both courts to Gaborone. Newman's first appointment in Botswana was in 1982, as senior lecturer in the law department at the University of Botswana. Previously, he had lectured in law at the University of Malawi.



Alan Perlstein

Alan Perlstein is the Executive Director of Midwest Energy Research Consortium's. He is a founding member of the organization and served as its first chairman; he remains active in the consortium's organizational development activities as a member of the board's executive committee. Perlstein draws upon 35 years of experience in shipbuilding, power electronics, design development, and program management for navy nuclear ship controls, propulsion, and power distribution technology. Perlstein has worked extensively at building effective public-private partnerships in numerous organizational settings, and has served on the boards of very successful and effective initiatives such as the North-West Side Community Development Corporation, and the Milwaukee Work Force Investment Board.

Perlstein received an M.B.A. from Northwestern University, and a B.S. with honors in economics from American University.



Dr. Kalu I. Kalu, former Nigeria Federal Minister of Finance

Dr. Kalu I. Kalu has served as the chairman, board of governors, African Development Bank, and has been a member of the Development Committee of the World Bank. His public sector career in Nigeria commenced when he served as commissioner of finance and economic planning in Imo State, Nigeria. At the federal level, Kalu served as the minister of finance on two occasions, from 1985 to 1986 and 1993 to 1994. He also served as the minister of national planning from 1986 to 1987, and thereafter the minister of transport from 1987 to 1989. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he was research fellow, and subsequently worked as country economist in the East Asia and Pacific Program Department of the World Bank.



Paul R. Soglin, Mayor of Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.

Mayor Paul R. Soglin is the 51st, 54th, and 57th mayor of Madison, Wisconsin. He was elected nine times as mayor of Madison, most recently in 2015, and three times as a common council member. Soglin's terms are noted for the balanced investment in human capital and appropriate municipal infrastructure. Whether it was the bicycle path around Lake Monona, or the Monona Terrace and Community Convention Center, or thousands of units of low income and senior housing, or neighborhood centers and community gardens, the focus has been on equity and developing a tax base that can support human services. Soglin is frequently invited to make presentations to academic, public interest, and urban affairs organizations. He received a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Attorney Steve Hurley

Steve Hurley is a trial lawyer, and a senior partner in the law firm of Hurley, Burish & Stanton, S.C.—a law firm that is highly respected in Wisconsin for its reputation for robust representation in all areas of legal practice to individual clients, corporations, and public institutions.

Individuals and corporate entities come to Hurley when they have a serious problem that needs to be fixed; whether it's a criminal charge or a civil complaint. Highly regarded for his ability to solve problems and to try cases, Hurley was nominated and elected by his peers to the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers and, for a decade, has been selected as one of the Top 10 Lawyers in Wisconsin by Superlawyers®. His reputation earns him many referrals from colleagues for both criminal and civil cases, and also made him a highly sought after speaker on legal issues. Since 1989 he has also been an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School teaching evidence and trial advocacy.



Professor John Ifediora

Professor John Ifediora is the Director and Editor-in-Chief of the Council on African Security and Development. An economist and attorney at law, he specializes on public policy analysis, development economics, and international law. For over 20 years, he has lectured widely in these fields at various universities in the U.S., Europe, and Africa; and has served as a consultant to governments in Africa, and to state governments in the U.S. In recent years, he advised the Wisconsin Department of Revenue on its tax incidence study, served as a special consultant to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in its economic impact study, advised Illinois State Senate on the economic impact of the state lottery on the economy of Chicago, Illinois, and provided guidance on public healthcare initiatives at the federal level to various African governments.

Ifediora has authored and co-authored books and articles in economics, International law, and public policy, and remains very active in development programs in Africa. As a career academic, he served as the chair of the Department of Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where he established and directed the Center for Applied Public Policy. He is the founder and director of Mobile Medics for Africa, a non-profit organization that provides guidance on modern healthcare delivery systems in Africa.

He earned a B.A. from Dakota Wesleyan University; M.A. from the University of Chicago; M.St. from Oxford; M.S. from Cambridge; Juris Doctor, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School; Ph.D. in development economics/applied economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; Ph.D. in economics/public policy analysis from the University of Illinois at Chicago; and did his post-graduate studies in economics at the London School of Economics.



Professor Jonathan Leape, London School of Economics

Professor Jonathan Leape is the Executive Director of the International Growth Centre at the London School of Economics. He is a professor of economics at the London School of Economics and was previously director of the highly innovative LSE 100 The LSE Course: Understanding the Causes of Things since 2009. He was the founding director of the Centre for Research into Economics and Finance in Southern Africa, which was established at LSE in 1990 as an initiative of the Commonwealth Heads of Government to support the democratic transition in South Africa. His research interests center on public economics. He has a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University and degrees from Oxford University and Harvard University.



Dr. Wayne Weber, Dean, College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture

Dr. Wayne Weber is the Dean of the College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture at UW-Platteville. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology (genetics emphasis), a Master of Science in Zoology (genetics emphasis) and a Ph.D. in zoology (genetics emphasis) from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. During his Ph.D. he did his research at the Analytical Genetic Testing Center in Denver, Colorado, where he worked on human molecular phylogenetics and did case work for the company. His work on human phylogenetics was published in the journal *Human Biology*. Weber has been a professor in the biology department at UW-Platteville for 14 years and served as biology department chair for six of those years. During that time, he has been quite active in the university serving on multiple committees including Faculty Senate for six years.



Louis I. Nzegwu

Louis I. Nzegwu is Professor of Marketing and Executive Director of the International Business Resource Center at UW-Platteville. He is a visiting Professor of Marketing at the Lagos Business School of the Pan Atlantic University, Lagos, Nigeria. He teaches a variety of marketing courses, including sales management, marketing management, marketing research, and global marketing courses, among others.

Nzegwu has authored, co-authored, and presented numerous papers; served as paper reviewer and panelist at several state, regional and international conferences, and a consultant to textbook publishers in management and market research. He is a recipient of several teaching excellence awards that include a 2007 University of Wisconsin System Underkofler Award for Teaching Excellence, and was named a Wisconsin Teaching Scholar by the University of Wisconsin System in 2007.

In 2002, Wisconsin Governor Scott McCallum recognized Nzegwu as one of Wisconsin's top academic researchers. As a recipient of numerous external and internal grants, Nzegwu has been honored as a Wisconsin Idea Fellow by the UW System Board of Regents for his contribution to the quality of life in Wisconsin through his international activities. In 2006, under his leadership, the UW-Platteville's International Business Research Center received the State of Wisconsin's distinguished Governor's Export Achievement Award.



Professor Timothy Donohue, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The principal investigator, and director of the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center (GLBRC), Donohue is an expert in how microbes harness and convert solar energy. His laboratory researches genetic pathways and networks that microbes use to generate biomass or biofuels from sunlight. His work employs genome sequence, microarrays, proteomics and molecular techniques to determine how the energy in sunlight or renewable nutrients is diverted into cell biomass or biofuel formation.



Professor Mark H. Anderson, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Mark Anderson is Research Professor and Director of Thermal Hydraulics Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has research groups working on supercritical fluid heat transfer, turbomachinery and materials, reactor safety, high temperature coolants, and advanced diagnostics. Anderson has worked on supercritical fluids for about eight years starting with work on the GENIV supercritical water reactor designs. He is currently the US representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency for the coordinated research project on supercritical fluids. He is an active member of the American Nuclear Society, and was recently awarded the young investigator engineering achievement award from the American Nuclear Society for his work in supercritical fluids and other areas.

Anderson earned his bachelor's degree in physics from UW-River Falls and his doctorate in Mechanical Engineering from UW-Madison. He has been awarded 3 patents and has published over 150 papers along with contributions to books in his field of interest.



Okafor Akachukwu, Founder, Change Partners International

Akachukwu Okafor is the founder, and lead consultant at Change Partners International, an energy, environment and sustainability consultancy firm that specializes in helping investors into emerging markets across Africa. He has over 11 years of experience in energy, international development and diplomacy. Okafor also serves as a senior energy and policy analyst at Sustivar Energy, a renewable energy company that specializes in designing and deploying renewable energy solutions for agricultural purposes. He is also the Editor, Energy and Environment, at the Initiative for Policy Research and Analysis.

He writes regularly on energy, environment and climate issues in *Business Day* (Nigeria's top business and financial newspaper) and speaks frequently in the media. Okafor have received international awards and recognitions, chaired and spoken at conferences in cities including London, Geneva, Seoul, Brussels, Nairobi, and Accra. He is also a peer reviewer for *Energy Research and Social Science* journal published by Elsevier. Okafor holds a Master of Science in Energy Policy for Sustainability from the University of Sussex, United Kingdom. He is a Mandela-Washington Fellow, and received public management and leadership training from the University of Maine, Orono, USA.



Ellen Nowak, Chairperson, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

Ellen Nowak was first appointed to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin in July 2011 by Governor Scott Walker. She was reconfirmed for a new, six-year term beginning on March 1, 2013. Commissioner Nowak was named Chairperson of the PSC of Wisconsin in March 2015.

As Second Vice President, Chairperson Nowak serves on the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Her duties at NARUC also include serving on the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and the Task Force on Environmental Regulation and Generation. Chairperson Nowak also serves on the Advisory Council to the Board of Directors for the Electric Power Research Institute, the Advisory Council for the Center for Public Utilities and the Advisory Committee for the Critical Consumers Issues Forum.

Ms. Nowak holds a law degree from Marquette University and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

Patricia L. Kampling, Chairwoman, President and CEO, Alliant Energy



Patricia L. Kampling is Chairwoman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Alliant Energy Corporation. Her broad experience within the utility industry has proven essential to Alliant Energy's ability to ensure competitive costs and reliable service for customers, while strategically leveraging a balanced generation portfolio.

Ms. Kampling joined Alliant Energy in 2005 and served originally as Alliant Energy's Vice President of Finance. She then transitioned into roles as Vice President and Treasurer; Vice President Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. In 2011, she became President and Chief Operating Officer. She was responsible for overall corporate operations and was instrumental in the execution of Alliant Energy's capital plan, commitment to customers, environmental planning and safety initiatives. She was named Chairwoman, President and CEO in 2012.

Ms. Kampling holds bachelor degrees in Engineering and Economics from Swarthmore College, an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School, and is a registered Professional Engineer. She serves on the Boards of Directors of American Transmission Company and Briggs & Stratton Corporation.



Wayne A. Reschke , Senior Vice President, Alliant Energy

Wayne A. Reschke joined Alliant Energy in 2009 as a vice president, and was named senior vice president in 2016. Previously, he was a partner in the Center for Organization Effectiveness, and lectured at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Business, and Fluno Center for Executive Education. From 1994–96, Reschke was the owner of Oracon Group and a co-founder of Survey-Works.

Other previous positions include vice president and general manager at Howick and Gray Inc., director of training and development at UW-Madison, assistant director and general faculty – career planning and placement and training and development director at the University of Virginia, and manager/consultant at Career Planning Consultants Inc.

He holds degrees from Northwestern University and University of Virginia, and did post-graduate studies at UW-Madison.

Reschke’s community involvement includes: Member, Wisconsin’s Governor’s Council on Workforce Investment; Executive Sponsor, Wisconsin Energy Workforce Consortium; Member, Business Education Collaborative, Madison Regional Economic Partnership; and Board of Governors, HR Leadership.



Hon. Precious Ngelale, Former Nigerian Minister of Commerce

The Hon. Precious Ngelale served as Nigeria Minister of Commerce where he successfully engaged in numerous international trade missions beginning in 2002 that resulted in trade agreements between Nigeria and countries throughout Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and North America. Many of these trade agreements remain serviceable to the Nigerian economy, and continue to have positive impacts on domestic productivity and employment. Prior to his appointment as Minister of Commerce, he was the Minister of State for Water and Natural resources.

Ngelale’s interest in public service began soon after he returned to Nigeria from the US upon completion of his university studies. He went on to serve as an elected representative in Rivers State House of Assembly. He holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin.

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The Council on African Security and Development is a non-profit, research-driven collectivity of experts and academics dedicated to a holistic advancement of Africa and its inhabitants. It serves as a reservoir of experts that African ministries, agencies, universities, and international organizations may confidently and readily access for specific projects, guidance, and counsel. Its vision for Africa is multi-faceted: to see an end to ethnic and religious tensions that lead to civil strife, violence and instability with the potential to disable and discourage sustained human and economic development; to bring to an end pervasive hunger and privation that have singularly defined the lots of individuals and groups in the continent; and ultimately to witness an African renaissance with its own brand of democracy in which human rights and dignity are advanced and protected, and its economies are less dependent on primary commodities and natural resources. Given these preferred visions for Africa, the means to them must equally be multi-faceted.

To these ends, the council engages the expertise of internationally recognized academics, policy analysts, and scientists in innovative research and discovery of new knowledge that liberate and inform public policy and its implementation. Through partnerships and alliances with universities and development-oriented centers in Africa, Europe, Asia, and North America, the council would enhance its technical abilities to deliver beneficent blends of high research and policy analysis. The acquired knowledge generated by the council would be consistently disseminated to governmental agencies, policy makers, and social actors in the fields of development and security through seminars, international conferences, and publications. One of the primary objectives of the council is to provide linkages between scholars and researchers whose professional interests are in African development and security. Such effort would necessarily lead to active collaborative scholarship between African and non-African experts and specialists with the singular goal of making African issues part of mainstream international concern and attention.

About the International Business Resource Center

One of the missions of the International Business Resource Center is to partner with educational institutions, training centers, international management consultants, departments and chambers of commerce, government departments, and public corporations to provide the required international exposure and training that will enable the institutions and participants to compete effectively in the global marketplace. The exposure also offers opportunities for international business relation, networking, and insight into new and innovative business techniques, as well as helping business executives to realign their business plans with global economic realities.

The IBRC offers resources with a team of professional business consultants to handle local and global business issues as well as provide the required platform for companies, professional institutions, and governments to take advantage of opportunities in the international business environment, create business networks and receive other professional advice - based on experience and exposure. Our focus is to establish frameworks for private and public institutions to increase their revenue generating capacities.

Since 2006, the IBRC has worked with international institutions and governments across America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East to create structures that will improve local economies and international relations. The IBRC has developed close ties with the governments of Israel, China, Singapore, Indonesia, South Africa, Kenya, Algeria, Nigeria, and the U.S., to mention a few. In Nigeria, we have worked with state agencies in helping to establish effective economic development strategies as well as assist organizations and government agencies to source foreign direct investments from international organizations.



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