

**Investment Climate Facility (ICR) Webinar on:  
Inclusive Impact Investing and Social Finance During the COVID-19 Crisis and  
Beyond: Lessons and Experiences from African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries**

**Speaker Profiles**

**Panel 1: Responses to the COVID-19 crisis**

**Zipho Sikhakhane**



Zipho Sikhakhane is CEO and Founder of EMZ Advisory based in Johannesburg, South Africa, which provides business and leadership solutions for medium to large corporations that have a national, continental and global economic footprint. Zipho invests in entrepreneurs across Africa and has worked on 6 continents and travelled to over 30 countries, bringing a global perspective to local opportunities and challenges

**Mide Alonge**



Mide Alonge is an innovation expert, entrepreneur, and investor in Sub-Saharan Africa. He is the Managing Director of Accelerate Africa, a seed advisory company, and the outgoing Head of Innovation at the Private Sector Health Alliance, Nigeria, an impact investment fund initiated by Bill Gates and Aliko Dangote (Africa's largest philanthropist). Over the years he has worked with the World Bank-IFC, governments, and private sector corporates on strategy to identify and curate innovations that ignite high-impact change for African communities. He sits on the global board of Nutriglobe, Innovation Corner and Child Health

Advocacy Initiative. A graduate of Harvard University and Louisiana Tech University. He is based in Nigeria.

**Kevin Burrows, CFA CAIA**



Kevin Burrows, CFA CAIA is the Founding Partner and Chief Investment Officer (CIO) of Diomedea Capital Advisors, a Bahamas-based investment consultancy. He is the former outsourced CIO to the Adi Dassler International Family Office (ADIFO), the wealth management arm of the heirs of the founder of Adidas. Mr. Burrows is also the Chairman and President of Elatus Capital Advisors, a Caribbean-based private-equity investment firm, and serves as the Chairman of the Bahamian Government’s Fiscal Responsibility Council.

**Panel 2: Building a more robust, agile and resilient ecosystem in which investment can foster more inclusive transformation in ACP countries**

**Christelle Kupa**



Christelle Kupa is the CEO and Founder of Uhusiano Capital which is as an enterprise devoted to “*real people, real projects, real assets, real impact*” She established Uhusaino in 2016, after years spent in investment banking. The enterprise was set up as a catalyst to facilitate better business in the African impact investing sector, with a particular interest in agriculture and women economic empowerment. Christelle is Belgian- Congolese, based in London, with extensive work on the African continent.

## R. Yofi Grant



R. Yofi Grant is CEO of the Ghana Investment Promotion Center. The Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC) is a Government agency, responsible for encouraging and promoting investments in Ghana, to provide for the creation of an attractive incentive framework and a transparent, predictable and facilitating environment for investments in Ghana. What role can traditional IPAs play in ensuring that ESG funds serve country ESG needs and are not color washing the agenda.

## Dr. Frank Aswani



**Dr. Frank Aswani is CEO of the African Venture Philanthropy Alliance (AVPA).** AVPA aims to increase capital flows into social investments in Africa and also make sure that the capital is most effectively deployed. This is done by not only bringing together the whole continuum of investors (Philanthropists, Impact investors, DFI's, Governments, Debt and Equity players) but also supporting them to apply innovative financing models like blended finance to ensure maximization of social investments across Africa.