

## Panelists



**Regina Honu** is the CEO of Soronko Academy, a leading center for technology, coding and digital skills development in Africa that equips young people, and especially women, with the necessary technical and personal skills to receive and fulfill decent jobs, bridging the gender gap in the IT sector. Honu has already received several national and international awards for her social entrepreneurial commitment. The Ghanaian Ministry of Education lists her among the top 50 CEOs in the country. Among others, she is currently cooperating with the Mastercard Foundation to give 2.1 million Ghanaian women access to the labor market..

**Elsie Kanza** is a Tanzanian economist, member of the Executive Committee of the World Economic Forum (WEF) and Special Adviser to the WEF President. As head of the WEF's regional agenda on Africa, she has led numerous public-private partnership initiatives since 2011 to solve systemic challenges in connection with the sustainable development goals of the UN and Agenda 2063 of the African Union. From 2006 to 2011, Elsie Kanza served as economic advisor to the President of Tanzania. Between 1997 and 2006 she worked in the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Tanzania.



**Dr Sabine Müller** has been the Director General of the Africa Department at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH since August 2017. The doctor of agricultural economics initially worked for a consulting firm that carried out studies for GIZ, the World Bank and other development policy institutions. She has now been with GIZ for over 30 years, where she led various regional departments between 2004 and 2014. From 2015 to 2017, she was the Director General of the Sectoral Department. She also managed the company's internal reorganisation process dedicated to establishing a viable structure for GIZ's future development.

**Kizito Odhiambo** is the Founder and CEO of agriBORA GmbH, an agricultural technology platform in Kenya with over 36,000 smallholder farmers that helps reduce the risk of smallholder farming systems. He studied electrical engineering and information technology at the Technical University of Darmstadt. Before founding agriBORA, he was the CEO of Kedo Solutions Ltd, a contract farming company that worked with smallscale farmers in Western Kenya to produce value-added products in rural markets. He is also a speaker for global learning and is committed to a differentiated image of Africa in Germany.



**Dr Stefan Oswald** has been the Head of the Marshal Plan with Africa department; Flight and Migration in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) since May 2018. He has been working in development cooperation for 30 years and has held various national and international positions. Before his current position at the BMZ, he led the Sub-Saharan Africa sub-department. From 2011 to 2016 he was head of the "Afghanistan; Pakistan" unit and was also Deputy Asia Director in the BMZ. From 2010 to mid-2011 he led the OECD/DAC unit; G7/G8/G20; Cooperation with other donors; ODA statistics.