

# HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES PROGRAM

## 2018 PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES

### MAMBU S. FEIKA

DIRECTOR

PRISON WATCH SIERRA LEONE

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE

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Mambu is the Director of Prison Watch Sierra Leone (PWSL), an organization dedicated to monitoring prisons throughout the country and advocating for the humane treatment of individuals who are detained. Mambu represents PWSL on the Sierra Leone Correctional Service Council, which advises the President of Sierra Leone on policy matters pertaining to the correctional services and centers. Mambu holds a Bachelor of Law from the University of Sierra Leone-Fourah Bay and will be attending the University Institute of Geneva in 2019 for the Master's in International Relations.



### ROBERT KIRENGA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NATIONAL COALITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS UGANDA

KAMPALA, UGANDA

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Robert is the Executive Director of the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U), a network organization focused on advocating and securing the rights of human rights defenders who have been threatened or are under attack. In addition to his work with NCHRD-U, Robert serves as a human rights trainer for the national human rights organizations, law enforcement agencies, civil society groups, and institutions of higher learning. Over the course of his career, Robert has worked in Uganda, Somalia, South Sudan and Zimbabwe. Robert earned a Master of Arts in the Theory and Practice of Human Rights from the University of Oslo and a post-graduate diploma in International Law, and Organization from the Institute of Social Students at The Hague.

# ORIANA LÓPEZ URIBE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BALANCE PROMOCIÓN PARA EL DESARROLLO Y JUVENTUD  
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

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Oriana is the Executive Director of Balance Promoción para el Desarrollo y Juventud (Balance), an organization based in Mexico City that seeks to transform national policies, programs, and actions so that sexual and reproductive rights are guaranteed throughout Mexico. Oriana is responsible for connecting with donors, developing a monitoring and evaluation system for programs, setting the strategy to internally strengthen Balance, and representing the organization. Prior to serving as the Executive Director of Balance, Oriana worked at the organization in the following capacities: Abortion Fund Manager, Deputy Director, Representative to the NACA, and the Youth Advocacy Coordinator. Oriana has also volunteered with the Youth Coalition for Sexual Rights, where she has also served on the board of directors. She is a member of the feminist alliance RESURJ, Realizing Sexual and Reproductive Justice, a member of Vecinas Feministas por la Justicia Sexual y Reproductiva en América Latina y el Caribe, and a board member of Mama Cash. Oriana earned a bachelor's degree in social communication from the Autonomous Metropolitan University. She has taken specialized courses focused on population and equity, advocacy in practice, and leadership and youth.



# JULIE LUNGWE

PROGRAM COORDINATOR, YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT  
CENTRE D'ÉDUCATION ET FORMATION INTÉGRÉE  
UVIRA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

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Julie is the Program Coordinator for Youth and Development at Centre d'Éducation et formation Intégrée, an organization focused on engaging young people in community development and in the eradication of human rights abuses. In collaboration with her colleagues, Julie cultivates dialogue between marginalized persons and local government entities and develops community trainings on advocacy, monitoring, and mobilization. Her areas of focus include community mobilization in rural regions, development of educational toolkits, and engaging women and children who have been affected by armed conflict in advocacy projects directed at government stakeholders. Julie has received specialized training on gender-based violence, peacekeeping, and environmental protection. She earned her bachelor's degree in information science from Sikkim Manipal University.

## SOLOMON COLLINS NKULINGA

PROGRAM ASSISTANT, DISABILITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM  
NATIONAL UNION OF DISABLED PERSONS OF UGANDA-NUDIPU  
KAMPALA, UGANDA

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Solomon is a Program Assistant with the Disability and Human Rights Program at the National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda-NUDIPU, an organization that advocates for the rights of persons with disabilities. NUDIPU engages with religious, cultural, civic, and political leaders in the region in dialogue around how to cultivate equal rights and access for individuals with disabilities through the enactment of national laws and policy. As a Program Assistant, Solomon is responsible for coordinating the Human Rights Project for Refugees with Disabilities, which seeks to improve the quality of life and access to development services for refugees with disabilities. He has been involved with a mapping project aimed at linking refugees in Western Uganda with disabilities services. In addition to Solomon's work with NUDIPU, he has chaired the Persons of Concern working group in coordination with UNHCR emphasizing the levels of discrimination and stigma that refugees with disabilities face. Solomon holds a bachelor's degree in adult and community education from Kyambogo University.



## PEPE JULIAN ONZIEMA

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR  
SEXUAL MINORITIES UGANDA  
KAMPALA, UGANDA

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Pepe is the Programs Director for Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG), an organization focused on monitoring, coordinating, and advocating for the rights of the LGBTI community in Uganda through influencing legislation, challenging discriminatory laws, and spreading awareness on the status of human rights for individuals identifying as LGBTI in Uganda. As the Programs Director, Pepe is responsible for the coordination and administration of all ongoing programs, including the development, organization, and implementation of fundraising campaigns, mobilization initiatives, and advocacy work. Prior to serving as Programs Director, Pepe was the organization's co-director and office administrator. As a longtime advocate for LGBTI rights and as an out transgender man, Pepe is personally connected with the population he is currently serving. He was the recipient of the 2012 Global Citizen Award from the Clinton Global Initiative and received a GLAAD award in 2015. Pepe holds a diploma in shipping and freight from Kampala College of Business Studies and the Advanced Certificate of Education from Makerere College School.

# MARIJANA SAVIC

DIRECTOR

**ATINA - CITIZENS ASSOCIATION FOR COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS AND ALL FORMS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**  
BELGRADE, SERBIA

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Marijana is the Director of ATINA - Citizens Association for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and All Forms of Gender-Based Violence. ATINA promotes women's and children's rights within the developing social and political environment of Serbia, specifically advocating for victims of trafficking, sexual abuse, labor exploitation, discrimination, and violence. As the Director, Marijana is responsible for providing overall organizational leadership, engaging with new partners and grassroots organizations, and monitoring ATINA's programs. In addition to her work with ATINA, Marijana has served as a consultant for international NGOs and state governments advocating for the inclusion of marginalized trafficking victims in human rights policy. Marijana received her law degree from the University of Podgorica.



# LINA CASTELLANOS

BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

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Most recently, Lina was a Policy Research Fellow with the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security. Prior to earning her M.A. in International Affairs from The New School, Lina interned for Human Rights Watch where she worked with the Development and Outreach division and the Americas division. She has also worked with the Peace and Security section of UN Women. Before moving to New York, Lina worked in Bogotá, Colombia with the Director General for the Colombian National Protection Unit, analyzing cases of human rights violations and advising the Director on the approval of security measures for over 300 cases. Lina has a B.A. in Political Science.

# ANONYMOUS

ACTIVIST

MIDDLE EAST

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As a women's rights activist in the Middle East, this HRAP participant has dedicated her career to developing and maintaining a grassroots campaign that engages other women in an effort to protect, educate, and build equality for women throughout the region.



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