

Panel Moderation Experience Portfolio

A seasoned moderator with extensive experience facilitating high-level discussions on current and political issues for NGOs, government institutions, corporate entities, and international organizations. Below is a detailed list of panels moderated and events hosted as Master of Ceremonies, showcasing expertise in conflict resolution, sustainable development, governance, and public health across Africa.

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African Union and Governance Events



African Union and APRM Retreat

Date: February 24–26, 2020

Role: Master of Ceremonies

Topic: Positioning the APRM as an Early Warning Tool for Conflict Resolution

Sponsor: African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and African Union (AU)



5th Pan-African Network of the Wise Retreat

Date: November 16–17, 2017

Role: Master of Ceremonies

Topic: Democracy, Elections, and Governance in Africa and Their Implications for Peace-Making

Sponsor: African Union

Location: Kampala, Uganda



Third Retreat of the Panel of the Wise

Date: November 16–17, 2015

Role: Master of Ceremonies

Topic: Strengthening Regional Mechanisms for Peace and Security

Sponsor: African Union

Location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Special Envoys and Mediators Retreats



7th Annual Retreat of Special Envoys and Mediators

Date: October 26–27, 2016

Role: Master of Ceremonies

Topic: Promotion of Peace, Security, and Stability in Africa

Sponsor: African Union

Location: Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt



6th Annual Retreat of Special Envoys and Mediators

Date: October 21–22, 2015

Role: Master of Ceremonies

Topic: Promotion of Peace, Security, and Stability in Africa

Sponsor: African Union

Location: Windhoek, Namibia



5th High-Level Retreat of Special Envoys and Mediators

Date: October 21–23, 2014

Role: Master of Ceremonies

Topic: Promotion of Peace and Stability in Africa

Sponsor: African Union

Location: Arusha, Tanzania



Third Retreat of Special Envoys and Mediators

Date: November 5–6, 2012

Role: Moderator

Topic: Turning Commodity to Asset: The Financial Stakes

Sponsor: African Union

Location: Cairo, Egypt



Sustainable Development Goals Forums

Forum on Leadership for SDGs in Africa

Date: December 11, 2017

Role: Moderator

Topic: The Role of Leadership Required to Achieve the SDGs in Africa

Sponsor: Government of Ghana

Location: Ghana

Notable Panelists: H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo (President of Ghana), H.E. Paul Kagame (President of Rwanda), Ms. Leymah Gbowee (Nobel Laureate), Prof. Jeffrey Sachs (UN SDGs Advocate)

Panel on Partnerships for SDGs in Africa

Date: December 12, 2017

Role: Moderator

Topic: Partnerships Required to Achieve the SDGs in Africa

Sponsor: Government of Ghana

Location: Ghana

Notable Panelists: Dr. Charles Abugre, Wayne Dunn, Bukar Tijan, Amma Sefa-Dedeh Larteh, Benedict Okey Oramah



Health and Development Panels

Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health Panel

Date: October 30, 2018

Role: Moderator

Topic: Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health in Africa

Sponsor: Organisation of African First Ladies (OAFLA)

Panelists:

- H.E. Amira Elfadil Mohammed Elfadil, Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union
- Mr. Lucien Kouakou, Africa Regional Director, IPPF
- Dr. John Kinuthia, Head of Research & Programs, Kenyatta National Hospital
- Ms. Maurine Murenga, Ambassador, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation

UNDP National Human Development Report Launch

Date: February 24, 2016

Role: Moderator

Topic: Inaugural Launch of UNDP's National Human Development Report on South Sudan

Sponsor: UNDP South Sudan

Location: South Sudan

Panelists:

- Nhial Deng Nhial, Chief Negotiator, Government of South Sudan
- Bishop Emeritus Paride Taban, 2013 Sergio Vieira de Mello Prize Winner
- Professor Pauline Riiak, Former Head, South Sudan Anti-Corruption Commission
- Taban Deng Gai, Chief Negotiator, Sudan People's Liberation Movement

Youth and National Development



National Youth Convention

Date: June 6, 2014

Role: Moderator

Topic: Youth Education and Training

Sponsor: Office of the Presidency of Kenya, Ministry of Devolution & Planning, National Youth Council

Location: Kenya



Distinguished Panelists

H.E. William Samoei Ruto, Deputy President, Republic of Kenya

Cabinet Secretary Anne Waiguru, Ministry of Devolution & Planning, Republic of Kenya

Honorable Sakaja Johnson, Member of Parliament, Republic of Kenya



Youth Leaders

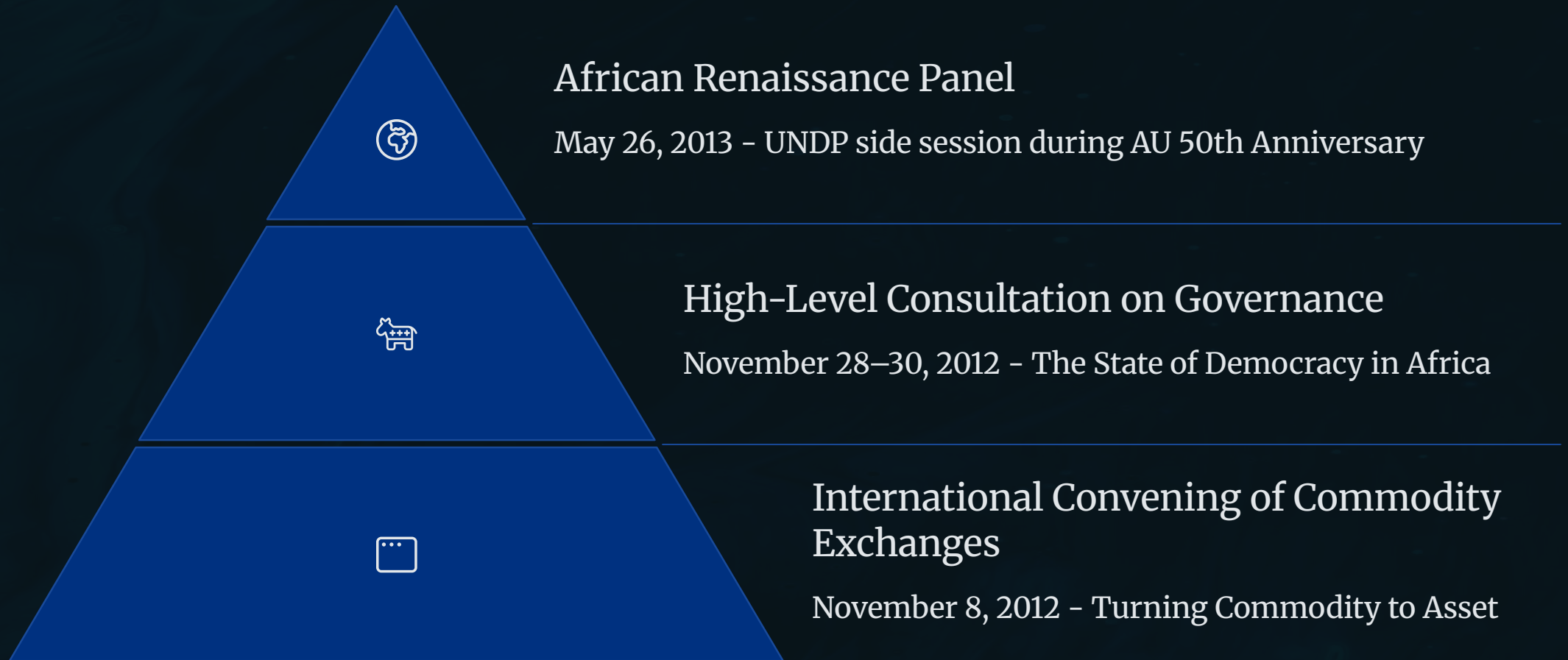
Senator Kipchumba Murkomen, Elgeyo Marakwet County, Republic of Kenya

Rafael Obonyo, Leader, National Youth Congress

Rose Komu, Leader, National Youth Council



African Renaissance and Governance



Notable Participants: H.E. Helen Clark (UNDP Administrator), H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo (Former President of Nigeria), H.E. John Kufuor (Former President of Ghana), H.E. President Pedro Piros (Former President of Cape Verde), Dr. Brigalia Bam (Member, AU Panel of the Wise), Lakhdar Brahimi (UN Special Envoy for Syria)

Professional Summary and Additional Events



Professional Summary

- Facilitated discussions with heads of state, Nobel laureates, UN officials, and global thought leaders.
- Expertise in moderating complex topics including peace and security, sustainable development, governance, and public health.
- Proven ability to manage high-profile events with diverse stakeholders across Africa.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, ensuring engaging and productive dialogues.

Additional Moderation (2009-2011): Moderated panels on commodity exchanges, political governance, conflict prevention, women in political leadership, peace processes, and development across various high-level events in Ethiopia, Egypt, Kenya, and Uganda.