



# A QUARTER CENTURY IN ENERGY AND MINING IN CENTRAL AFRICA

Explore the journeys of these  
extraordinary women  
and their 25 years of expertise





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### Ms. Marie-Chantal Kaninda

**PRESIDENT OF GLENCORE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KCC**

Marie-Chantal Kaninda, a Congolese national, is a leading figure in the African mining sector. She is the first woman to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors of Kamoto Copper Company SA (KCC) and has also been President of Glencore DRC since January 2023. She brings together more than 25 years of professional experience in the mining industry.

Her career has been marked by senior leadership roles within major international groups. She served as Director of External Relations for Africa at Rio Tinto and held positions in administration, communications, and external affairs at Ashanti Goldfields, AngloGold Ashanti, and De Beers. In March 2017, she became the first woman Executive Director of the World Diamond Council (WDC), where she contributed to advancing the Kimberley Process and represented the WDC at the United Nations, the European Council, the African Union, and the OECD. Since September 2019, she has been with Glencore DRC, where she leads the world's largest industrial producer of cobalt. She actively advocates for improved access to education for girls and women and for greater inclusion in the mining sector, notably through the MCKM Foundation that she founded to support girls' education in the DRC.

Holding a degree in economics from the University of Liège in Belgium and recognized as one of the most influential women by Forbes Africa for three consecutive years, she embodies ethical, dynamic, and strategic leadership. She is known for her ability to adapt to diverse environments, her creativity, her attention to detail, her excellent interpersonal skills, her ability to manage stress, and her capacity to learn quickly. A true team player, she is honest and guided by impeccable ethics. Her commitment to inclusion and to the advancement of women in the industry is a fundamental value throughout her career.





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### Mrs. Yvonne Mbala

#### **DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CHEZ PERENCO RDC**

Yvonne Mbala is a key figure in the oil sector in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). She serves as Deputy Chief Executive Officer at Perenco DRC, a subsidiary of the Franco-British oil company Perenco. With a career spanning more than 25 years in the oil industry, she represents female expertise in Central Africa.

Yvonne Mbala joined Perenco shortly after the company established operations in the DRC in 2000. She quickly assumed representation and leadership roles, becoming a Board Member of Perenco REP SPRL (2008–2011) and President of the Petroleum Products Distributors Group within the Federation of Enterprises of the Congo (FEC). She was recognized as Perenco's representative in Kinshasa and served on the Executive Committee of EITI DRC. Around 2019, she became Vice President of Perenco in the DRC, influencing recruitment and operational strategy. Currently, as Deputy Chief Executive Officer, she oversees oil exploration and production operations, with a particular focus on onshore challenges such as environmental and community management. Her expertise covers the operation of mature oil fields, and she has contributed to increasing production through continuous investment.

Her career illustrates a path of excellence in a sector that is strategic for the economy of the DRC, inspiring women in Central Africa to pursue careers in energy. Yvonne is a strong advocate for transparency in the extractive sector, serving on the Executive Committee of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in the DRC. Her leadership is marked by initiatives promoting local recruitment and the employment of Congolese talent. She embodies the values of transparency, responsible leadership, community inclusion, and sustainability within the oil sector.





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### Ms. Nathalie Moudiki

#### **ADVISOR N° 2 TO THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF SNH**

Nathalie Moudiki, a Cameroonian national, currently serves as Advisor N° 2 to the General Management of the National Hydrocarbons Corporation (SNH) of Cameroon. Having begun her career on August 18, 1998, she brings together more than 27 years of experience in the oil sector.

Throughout her career, Nathalie Moudiki has steadily risen through the ranks within SNH, holding several key positions. In June 2019, she was appointed Head of the Legal Division before joining the Executive Management as Advisor N° 2 to the General Management, becoming the first woman to hold this position.

Her career reflects a significant contribution to the development of the hydrocarbons sector in Cameroon, demonstrating her influence and deep understanding of the company's operations and governance.

Academically, Nathalie Moudiki is trained as a lawyer and also holds a degree in corporate engineering, with recognized expertise in this field.

The values she embodies and promotes throughout her career include perseverance, leadership, and a strong commitment to the development of the hydrocarbons sector.

Her steady rise within a major Cameroonian institution reflects a determination to break glass ceilings and to excel in a demanding field.





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### Dr Odette Nzaba Makaya Delbrah

#### **FOUNDER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ONMACED & FILS**

Dr. Odette Nzaba Makaya Delbrah, a Gabonese national, is a distinguished expert with an exceptional 30-year career in the oil industry. She is currently the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of ONMACED & Fils.

Her career, which began in 1992 at Shell Gabon, has led her to hold several senior leadership positions, notably at Assala Energy, as well as serving as Special Advisor to the President of the Republic of Gabon.

Her professional journey is marked by a remarkable rise. She began as a production and reservoir engineer at Shell Gabon, where she supervised the optimization of mature oil fields.

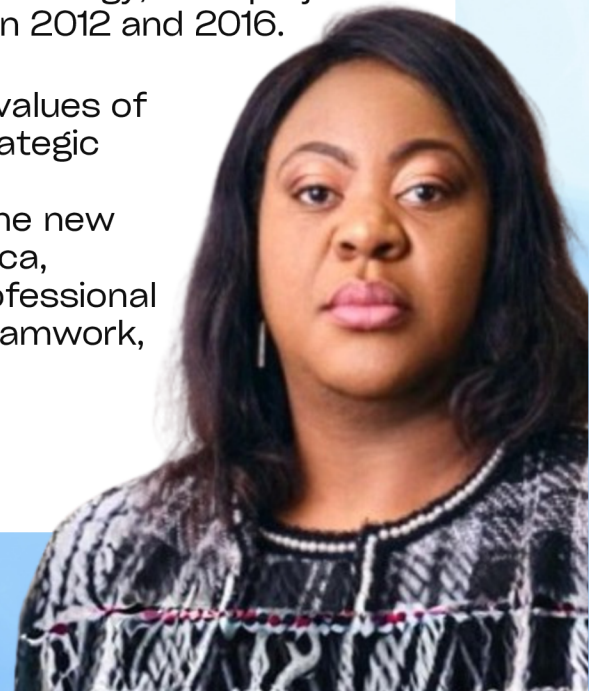
Between 2005 and 2015, she held the strategic position of Production Director, managing large-scale budgets and coordinating crude oil transportation infrastructure. Following the acquisition of assets by Assala Energy in 2015, she continued to hold senior leadership roles, combining field sustainability strategies with environmental compliance.

In 2024, she founded ONMACED, a consulting firm specializing in leadership coaching, business portfolio management, investor advisory services, training, and oil and mining development.

Dr. Odette Nzaba Makaya Delbrah holds a State Doctorate (PhD) in Geology from Paul Sabatier University in Toulouse, France (2001), as well as a Diploma of Advanced Studies (DEA) in Geology (1996). She has also completed several training programs in economic and commercial project management, business strategy, and project management at Shell Open University between 2012 and 2016.

Dr. Odette Nzaba Makaya Delbrah embodies values of pioneering leadership, technical expertise, strategic vision, and mentorship.

Her career serves as a guiding compass for the new generation of female engineers in Central Africa, demonstrating the ability to adapt to new professional environments while maintaining autonomy, teamwork, and excellence.





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### Ms. Hermélia Hayes

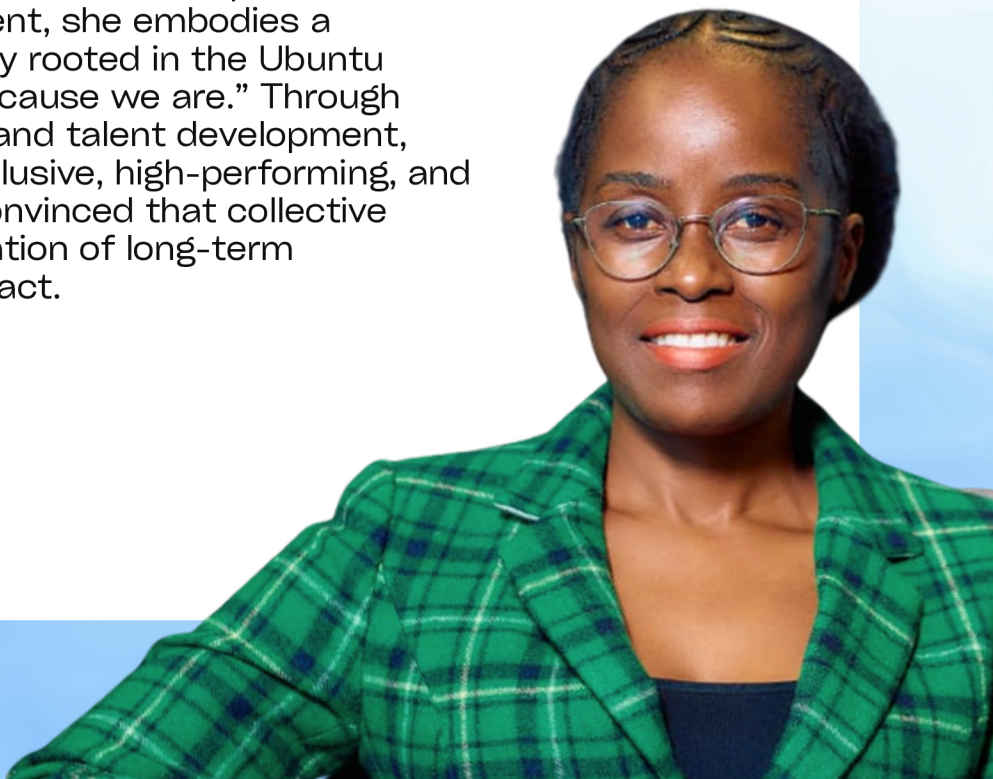
#### DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT VAALCO ENERGY

Hermélia Hayes, a Gabonese national, is Deputy Chief Executive Officer at VAALCO Energy Gabon. With more than 25 years of international and multicultural experience, she is recognized as a leading figure of female leadership in the energy sector in Central Africa.

An engineer by training, she has built an outstanding career within international groups such as Shell, Olam, and Assala Energy, combining technical excellence, strategic leadership, and human-centered governance. Her experience spans the entire oil value chain — from production and drilling engineering to asset planning, performance management, joint ventures, and regulatory relations — with tangible contributions to operational optimization and the reliability of critical equipment.

She holds a Master of Technology in Petroleum Engineering from Curtin University and a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering from Loughborough University. Hermélia Hayes is also a Chartered Fellow Manager (CMI), a Chartered Fellow of the CIPD, a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), and certified by ITCILO in the promotion of equity.

A committed leader and award recipient for women's empowerment, she embodies a leadership style deeply rooted in the Ubuntu philosophy — “I am because we are.” Through coaching, mentoring, and talent development, she works to build inclusive, high-performing, and sustainable teams, convinced that collective success is the foundation of long-term performance and impact.





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### Ms. Valerie Commelin

#### **DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OF THE N'DJAMENA REFINING COMPANY (NRC)**

Valérie Commelin, a Chadian national, is a leading figure in the hydrocarbons sector in Central Africa, with more than 25 years of professional experience. In 2026, she serves as Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the N'Djamena Refining Company (SRN), a position she has held since February 2019. She is also Chad's national representative on the Executive Board of the African Petroleum Producers' Organization (APPO).

Her career has been marked by significant achievements, notably in her role as Advisor for Downstream Activities to the Director General of the Hydrocarbons Company of Chad (SHT), where she oversaw refining and distribution operations. Her engagement within APPO has been marked by important reforms, earning her recognition from the Federal Republic of Nigeria during the Second Nigeria International Petroleum Summit in January 2019. Her contributions have strengthened national and regional structures in refining and oil production, promoting more effective management of extractive resources.

She graduated from the University of Picardie Jules Verne (UPJV) in Amiens, France, where she received a strong academic foundation that laid the groundwork for her expertise in the hydrocarbons sector.

Valérie Commelin thus embodies perseverance, strong technical expertise, notable strategic influence, and a deep commitment to promoting gender diversity in a traditionally male-dominated environment. Her ability to challenge gender norms through leadership and dedication is a source of inspiration.





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### Ms. Kátia Epalanga

#### EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR AT SONANGOL E.P

Kátia Epalanga, an Angolan national, is an executive leader in the oil sector with more than 25 years of experience in the industry. She currently serves as Executive Administrator at Sonangol E.P. and is a member of the company's Sustainability Council.

She previously worked for companies such as Chevron and TotalEnergies before joining Sonangol. Among her notable achievements, she has led the UKEMBO Association since at least 2023, a women's network dedicated to employees of Sonangol and its subsidiaries, aimed at promoting a culture of support, respect, and inclusion, while increasing female representation in leadership positions.

Under her leadership, the association has organized mentoring initiatives, leadership and empowerment workshops, and gender equality awareness campaigns. She also plays a key role in Sonangol's sustainability efforts, including advances in renewable energy, the energy transition, emissions reduction, and carbon offset initiatives. She regularly participates in international conferences such as Angola Oil & Gas, where she discusses innovation, collaboration, and Sonangol's evolving strategy.

A senior engineer recognized among the 100 most influential women in Angola, Kátia embodies the values of transformative leadership, commitment to gender equality, sustainability, innovation, and mentorship. Her work contributes to positioning Sonangol as a key player in the sustainable development of Angola and Africa, breaking barriers and inspiring future generations of leaders.





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### Ms. Natacha Massano

#### **EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR AT THE NATIONAL AGENCY FOR PETROLEUM, GAS AND BIOFUELS (ANPG)**

Natacha Massano, an Angolan national, currently serves as an administrator at ANPG (National Agency for Petroleum, Gas and Biofuels). With more than 28 years of experience in the oil industry, she is also a business consultant, a high-performance mentor, and the founding president of MUHATU Energy Angola.

Her career is defined by strategic vision, strong leadership, and an unwavering commitment to organizational transformation. She has held senior leadership positions within institutions such as Sonangol and ANPG. She founded MUHATU Energy Angola, a network dedicated to promoting opportunities for women in the energy sector, and has been recognized for her role in advancing equity in the oil industry. Natacha is an important voice for women in energy, participating in conferences and initiatives aimed at strengthening their presence and influence.

Having begun her career at Sonangol E.P. at a young age and now serving as a board member of ANPG, Natacha embodies the values of integrity, responsible leadership, inclusion and equity, sustainability, and transformative mentorship.

She promotes a culture of excellence, resilience, and innovation, and is committed to supporting leaders and organizations in achieving sustainable and competitive performance.





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### Ms. Maria de Fatima Fernando

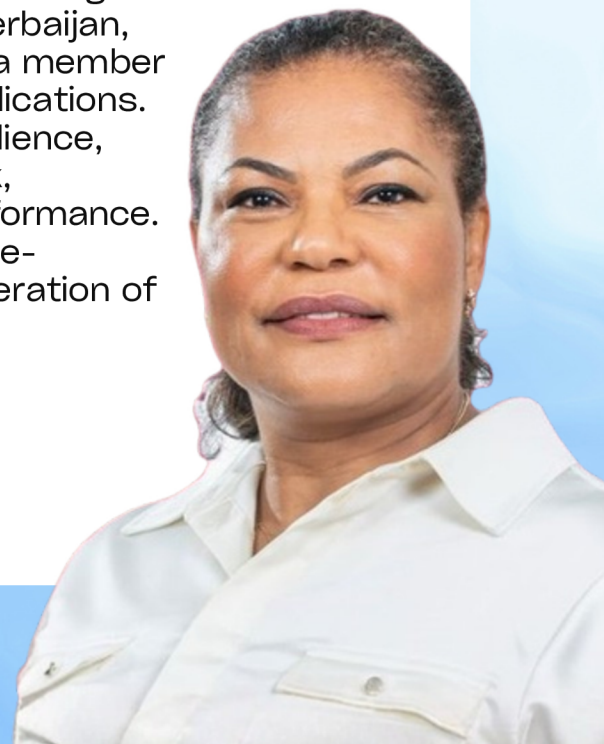
#### **PRESIDENT OF OIL CONCESSIONS BLOCKS AT ANPG (NATIONAL AGENCY FOR PETROLEUM, GAS AND BIOFUELS)**

Maria de Fátima Fernando, an Angolan national, is a resilient and assertive pioneer in Angola's energy industry, with more than 35 years of professional experience in the oil sector. She currently serves as President of Oil Concession Blocks at ANPG (National Agency for Petroleum, Gas and Biofuels).

Her remarkable career began in May 1991 at Sonangol, where she held various roles for nearly 35 years. She started as a well geologist, interpreting logs and coordinating reservoir characterization. She later led the geology department, conducting 3D reservoir modeling for numerous projects and supervising formation evaluation studies. She also contributed to 3D reservoir modeling at TOTAL/GDM4.

Since March 2020, at ANPG, she has been leading block management and coordination with operators, having previously headed the project team for the pre-salt reassessment of the Kwanza Basin. Her many achievements include honorary mentions and certificates of recognition, demonstrating her self-control and her ability to make critical decisions.

Holding a degree in Geology from the University of Lisbon – Faculty of Sciences – Portugal, and having completed training programs in Portugal, Azerbaijan, the United States, and France, she is today a member of the EAGE and the author of scientific publications. Maria de Fátima embodies the values of resilience, leadership, emotional self-control, teamwork, empathy, initiative, and results-oriented performance. She has broken barriers in a traditionally male-dominated environment, inspiring a new generation of women leaders and fostering innovation and operational excellence.





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# Ms. JOSINA MARÍLIA NGONGO MENDES BAIÃO

### **INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT ACCESS BANK ANGOLA S.A., AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SONANGOL**

Josina Marília N M Baião, an Angolan national, is a prominent figure in the Angolan oil sector. She currently serves as an Independent Non-Executive Director at Access Bank Angola, S.A. and as a Member of the Board of Directors of Sonangol. Her professional career spans more than 25 years in the industry.

She joined Sonangol E.P. in 2001, where she held several positions within the Concessions Economics Division until 2012. In May 2019, she joined the Board of Directors of Sonangol, after serving as CEO of Sonangol Holdings. She has also chaired the boards of several Sonangol joint ventures and subsidiaries, including Sonils, Sonangalp, Sonamet, and Sonadiets, demonstrating her influence and expertise across the Angolan oil and gas value chain.

She also served as Vice-Chair of the General Assembly of Banco BAI and has been a board member of Puma Energy International, Banco Caixa Geral Angola, and several other companies.

She holds a degree in Economics (1998) and an MBA from Indiana University in the United States (1999).

Ms. Josina Marília embodies values of strategic leadership, economic expertise, and corporate governance.

Her role in the management of Sonangol's assets and subsidiaries, as well as her participation in various boards of directors, highlights her commitment to Angola's economic development and the advancement of the oil and gas industry.





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### Ms. Mireille Toulekima

#### **NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DE MT ENERGY RESOURCES**

Ms. Mireille Toulekima, a Gabonese national, is a petroleum engineer and expert in energy strategies and governance, with more than 25 years of experience. She is a recognized figure on the global energy stage, having worked for industry giants such as Shell, Santos, Woodside Energy, and Sasol, and currently serves as Non-Executive Director of MT Energy Resources.

Her groundbreaking career spans four continents, holding senior leadership positions with major companies such as Shell (Gabon, Netherlands, Malaysia), Santos and Woodside Energy (Australia), and Sasol. Her technical expertise has led her to manage large-scale projects worth billions of dollars.

A visionary and entrepreneur, she founded MT Energy Resources, becoming a leading international advisor for emerging markets. She is also a recognized authority on Local Content and natural gas strategies, which she shares through reference works such as “Local Content: Key Enabler for Energy Projects.”

She is an influential member of the CABEF Advisory Board and actively contributes to initiatives such as STEM QUEENS and Mission ShakthiSAT, promoting scientific careers among young girls.

A trained petroleum engineer, Mireille Toulekima embodies excellence, visionary leadership, entrepreneurship, and a deep commitment to promoting women in scientific careers. She is a powerful force in a historically male-dominated industry, working toward a sustainable and inclusive energy transition in Central Africa.





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### Ms. Claudine Manga

#### **DIRECTOR OF THE DOUALA BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL HYDROCARBONS CORPORATION (SNH)**

Claudine Manga a Cameroonian national, is a prominent figure recognized for her expertise in petroleum geology, exploration strategy, and corporate governance.

She currently holds several key positions, including Director of the Douala Branch of the National Hydrocarbons Corporation (SNH) of Cameroon, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of Chanas Assurances Vie and Chanas Assurances S.A., Chair of the Special Petroleum Procurement Commission at SNH, Coordinator of Hydrocarbon Exploration and Production Activities at SNH, and Chair of the Internal Procurement Committee of TRADEX S.A.

With nearly 30 years of experience within a national oil company, she combines deep technical expertise with strategic leadership. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a remarkable ability to combine technical mastery with strategic vision. Her achievements include the study of continental and oceanic basins, the integration and interpretation of complex geological data, reservoir characterization, and the generation and evaluation of petroleum prospects.

She has also contributed to the development of exploration strategies, the monitoring of drilling operations and crude lifting, and the representation of the State in overseeing the activities of oil companies. She is also actively involved in coaching junior staff and supervising the women's committee within SNH.

A geological engineer, she holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Université du Littoral Côte d'Opale (France). She also holds certifications in Cryptocurrency Trading (GIT, 2019) and Project Management (MOOC Project Management, 2018).

Claudine Manga embodies dynamic and ethical leadership, committed to promoting mentorship, integrity, and responsible governance in support of the development of the energy sector.





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### Ms. Amélie Tang

#### **SENIOR TECHNICAL COORDINATOR FOR THE AFRICA DIVISION AT TOTALENERGIES – PARIS, FRANCE**

Amélie Tang, a Gabonese national, is a seasoned expert in the oil sector with a career spanning more than 30 years, focused on corrosion engineering, asset integrity, project management, and technical coordination. She currently serves as Senior Technical Coordinator for the Africa Division at TotalEnergies in Paris, France.

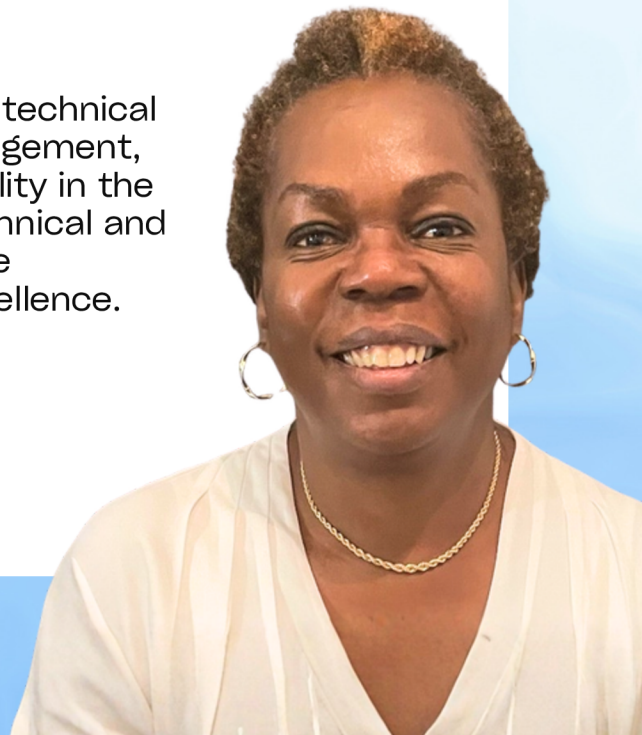
Her career began in April 1993 at Elf Aquitaine Production, after which she joined Total Gabon in 1994 as a Corrosion and Treatment Engineer, where she optimized chemical injection systems and managed corrosion protection studies.

She later held key roles at Total S.A. and Total Exploration & Production France, designing and implementing corrosion protection systems. As Head of the Inspection and Treatment Department at Total Gabon, she ensured the integrity of regulated equipment and managed significant budgets.

She also served as Asset Integrity Manager, Petroleum Architect at Total in Paris, and Project and Construction Director at Total Gabon.

Her achievements demonstrate extensive expertise in anti-corrosion engineering, integrity management, and process optimization, contributing to the safety, sustainability, and efficiency of TotalEnergies' international operations.

A trained engineer, Amélie Tang embodies technical expertise, rigor, leadership in project management, and commitment to safety and sustainability in the oil industry. Her ability to excel in both technical and managerial roles demonstrates remarkable adaptability and a constant pursuit of excellence.





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### Ms. Yvette Ossalougou Ovenga

#### HEAD OF MAINTENANCE BUSINESS SUPPORT - ASSALA

Yvette Sophie DO REGO OSSALOUGOU Epouse OVENGA, a Gabonese national, is an electromechanical engineer currently serving as Head of Maintenance Business Support at Assala Gabon. She has built her professional career over approximately 25 years in the oil and gas sector.

Her career began at Shell Gabon, where she worked on well monitoring and optimization as well as production supervision. She managed a team of 32 people at Rabi-Kounga, developing strong leadership skills and the ability to make decisions under pressure while aligning teams around common objectives.

She later held cross-functional roles, including Production Programmer for the Gamba/Ivinga/Totou and Koula fields, and Integrated Activity Planning (IAP) Lead, where she helped reduce production deferrals.

For nearly 10 years, she has worked in maintenance support, combining financial analysis with operational management. At Assala Gabon, she leads a team of seven people, ensuring major maintenance planning, monitoring of work orders via SAP, and the qualification of new equipment.

Her various roles have provided her with a broad perspective of the oil and gas sector, from reservoir and production to maintenance and logistics.

A graduate of EPM/USTM in Gabon, Yvette Sophie embodies values of leadership, technical rigor, decision-making under pressure, clear communication, and a shared commitment to safety and excellence.

She strongly believes that sustainable organizational performance depends on well-managed teams, clear strategic leadership, and strong alignment around objectives—without ever compromising safety.





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### Ms. Yolanda Asumu

#### **FOUNDER AND CEO – ICUBEFARM**

Yolanda Asumu is a workforce visionary dedicated to empowering Africa's talent. With more than 28 years of experience, she has focused her career on connecting African professionals to opportunities across strategic sectors, including energy. Her work aims to strengthen systems that support talent development, workforce mobility, and sustainable economic growth.

She is the founder and CEO of iCUBEFARM, a human resources technology company transforming how organizations identify, develop, and deploy skilled professionals across Africa. Under her leadership, iCUBEFARM has grown into one of Central Africa's most influential talent networks, connecting over 20,600 professionals and providing workforce solutions to organizations from emerging companies to multinational corporations.

Known as the "People Pipeline Producer," Yolanda has built a reputation for creating sustainable talent pipelines that support business growth and industry development. Through iCUBEFARM's digital platforms, the company supports recruitment, workforce planning, and professional development programs that strengthen Africa's human capital.

Her professional journey is closely linked to Africa's energy sector. Through the creation of Bioko Business Center GE SL, she provided workforce solutions to major operators such as Hess, Marathon Oil, and EGLNG in Equatorial Guinea, helping increase local workforce participation in the oil and gas industry.

Today, through iCUBEFARM, she continues to support the energy sector by helping companies develop sustainable talent pipelines and workforce programs. The platform has collaborated with organizations such as Chevron Equatorial Guinea, supporting workforce and internship initiatives for African professionals.

Beyond her work with companies,

Yolanda is a recognized voice on Africa's workforce future. She has spoken at global platforms including the U.S.-Africa Energy Forum in Houston, Congo Energy & Investment Forum, CABEF Beyond Borders, Africa Skills Week in Addis Ababa, and the African Union High-Level Africa Private Sector Forum.





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### Ms. Jacquie Patcha

#### **INDEPENDENT SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT AND NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE MICHAEL & MAURITIA PATCHA FOUNDATION**

Jacqueline Patcha, a Cameroonian national, is an expert in supply chain management and finance within the oil and gas industry. She currently serves as an Independent Supply Chain Management Consultant, National Director of the Michael & Mauritia Patcha Foundation, and Vice President of the Corporate Awards.

With extensive experience serving on boards of directors, she possesses recognized expertise in financial oversight, capital access, and governance. Her professional experience in the oil and gas sector spans more than three decades.

Jacquie Patcha has built an illustrious career, notably as Supply Chain Manager at Addax Petroleum Cameroon Company S.A., where she led local content development initiatives and supply chain operations. Prior to this role, she developed a strong financial career with multinational companies such as Pecten/Shell in Cameroon and Shell Nigeria, holding positions in accounting, financial reporting, treasury management, business strategy, and economics.

Among her key achievements, she led a team that delivered record year-end results at Addax Petroleum, reducing inventory discrepancies by 90%.

She is also a recognized speaker on local content challenges and has served on several boards, including the American School of Douala and the PECTEN Employees Co-operative Credit Union (PECCU).

She holds an MBA in Finance from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and a Professional Diploma in Purchasing and Supplies (MCIPS) from the Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply.

Jacqueline Patcha embodies values of operational leadership, financial excellence, mentorship, collaboration, and social commitment. Her ability to deliver tangible results, build strong partnerships, and contribute to philanthropic initiatives reflects her holistic leadership and strong sense of responsibility.





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### Prof. Marie Joseph NIDA Epse NTAMAK

#### **FULL PROFESSOR AND DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DOUALA**

Professor Marie Joseph Nida Epse Ntamak, a Cameroonian national and sedimentary geologist, has served as Full Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University of Douala since 2019, and is also the Coordinator of the PETROMINES Center. Her professional career spans more than 30 years.

Her achievements are numerous and diverse. She is the founder and coordinator of the PETROMINES Center since 2015, a training and research center dedicated to petroleum and mining sciences. A pioneer in her field in Cameroon and Central Africa, she was the first geologist recruited and the first Head of the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Douala. Teaching at Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral levels, she has co-authored dozens of publications in the field of hydrocarbons and has supervised many students.

She also serves as a UNESCO expert and consultant, a scientific expert for AUF (CREES), and has participated in numerous national and international forums and projects. Since 2022, she has chaired the Organizing Committee for the International Women's Day activities at the University of Douala.

She holds a PhD from Henri Poincaré University in Nancy, France, specializing in sedimentology and basin analysis. In 2001, she initiated a research project funded by the National Hydrocarbons Corporation (SNH) in the Kribi-Campo Basin in southern Cameroon.

She is a member of several professional organizations and scientific societies, including the Central Africa Business Energy Forum (CABEF), the Geological Society of Africa (GSAf), the Association of African Women Geoscientists (AAWG), the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), and is a founding member of the Cameroon Geosciences Society (SCG).

Professor Nida embodies values of academic excellence, scientific leadership, educational innovation, and commitment to the advancement of research and training in geosciences.

Her pioneering role and dedication to knowledge transmission remain key pillars of her career.





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