GYAN Updates and Reimagining the Office for Education Abroad

ISP Directors Meeting
October 25, 2022
Panel 1 Youth & COVID-19: Response, Recovery and Resilience

Aisha Jaffar - Kenya

Aisha Jaffar is a journalist and communications professional. She has contributed to international and local media since 2014 with the Special Award of the Nobel Peace Prize. As a Development Journalist, Aisha has worked on major projects such as the UNICEF’s coverage of Conflicts and Developments and for the Foreign Correspondents’ Association of East Africa. Born and raised in Zambia, Aisha is currently managing the Trust Africa, an initiative she started to provide food and meals during these times of Covid.

Anjali Chauhan

Anjali Chauhan is a Digital and Mobile Strategy Lead for the South Asia Digital and Mobile Strategy at Facebook. She is passionate about helping organizations develop digital and mobile solutions for their audiences, and she works with teams across the organization to implement strategies that drive positive impact.

Alikuddi Raduan - Brunei

Alikuddi Raduan is an award-winning educator and media activist. He is the founder of the Peace and Development Network, a non-profit organization that promotes peace and development in Brunei. He is also the founder of the Peace and Development Network for Youth, a non-profit organization that focuses on youth development and peace. Alikuddi has received numerous awards for his work, including the Peace and Development Network’s Peace and Development Award and the Peace and Development Network for Youth’s Peace and Development Award.

Panelists Bios and Positions

- Alikuddi Raduan
  - International @ MSU

- Anjali Chauhan
  - Digital Strategy Lead, Facebook
  - International @ MSU

- Aisha Jaffar
  - Journalist and Communications Professional
  - International @ MSU

- Tanveera Marwaha
  - University Student and Co-founder of the Campaign for Young Minds
  - International @ MSU
Panel 2 Education: Empower the Youth to Change the World

James Ntakiruti Gihugu
Uganda

- James Ntakiruti Gihugu is the Founder and Director of the Youth Initiative for Development Organization. He is a refugee from South Sudan. Gihugu has a strong passion for education and has worked to help other children in his community. He is the creator of the book "The Little Book of Remittances," which teaches children about the importance of money and how to manage it.

Joel Sabo Mvula
Zambia

- Joel Sabo Mvula is the Founder and CEO of Masambilo Research and Action. He is dedicated to driving sustainable development, research, and outreach. He is a proud Michigan State University Innovation Lab on SDG Alumnus and Tübinger International European Studies Student. He co-founded the Zambian Ambassadors, the first Zambian World Congress on UNA Research. He is a recipient of Pretoria Tuks Merit Bursary and United People Global Scholarships and Projects.

Ralycia Andrews
St. Vincent and the Grenadines

- Ralycia Andrews is a proud Garifuna, Vincentian, aspiring Biological and Cultural Anthropologist, feminist, and youth activist. Currently, she is pursuing her Bachelor of Arts in Biology with a minor in Cultural Studies at the UWI Cave Hill Campus. Andrews is an advocate for diversity, inclusion, equality, and cultural sustainability. She has published a number of papers, hosted and participated in panels, and engaged in research internships on African-American and black identities and their relationship with ancestral veneration and a need for sustainable development through servant leadership.

Rebekah Gordon

- Dr. Rebekah Gordon is an Education Abroad Program Coordinator and Interim Program Coordinator for American Semester Programs and Exchanges at MSU. She is a dedicated educator with a demonstrated history of working in higher education and government educational exchange programs. She is passionate about facilitating international communication and conducting qualitative research focused on international education and other global education topics.

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Panel 3
Enabling Environment: Sustainability in Youth

**Abraham Kalonga**
Tanzania

Abraham Kalonga is a Tanzanian applications on agricultural biotechnology and represents the Government of Tanzania. He is the founder of Gedeze Farming Cooperative Society Ltd, an organization and diagnostic laboratory for agricultural inputs for smallholder farmers in the country. He has over 30 years of experience in his field and has developed a strong network with researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders. He received his BSc in Agricultural Economics from the University of Dar es Salaam in 2010 and has since contributed to leadership in business and entrepreneurship.

**Johnmary Kavuma**
Uganda

Johnmary Kavuma is an award-winning social entrepreneur from Uganda, the co-founder of Upcycle Africa, Global Impact and Gwada Foundation. As a speaker, he has been invited on several platforms including the One Young World Global Leaders Summit, Social Innovation Africa, the World Economic Forum, Future of Africa Summit, and many others. He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Future 100 list, the World Economic Forum’s Young Global Leader, and the United Nations’ Young Leader for the World's Children. He is also a UN Messenger of Peace and a United Nations Foundation Young Leader.

**Michael Dida**
Nigeria

Michael Dida is an ambitious social innovator whose passion for social impact innovation has afforded him the opportunity to work across multiple platforms and sectors. He is a co-founder of Pache, a platform focusing on waste management, zero-waste to circular. He is also a co-founder of SMILE, a platform focusing on water management, and has been recognized as one of the top 100 social innovators in Africa by the International Network for Social Innovation. He is also a fellow of the African Leadership Initiative and the Africa Philanthropy Forum. He is currently serving as a special advisor to the President of Nigeria on the implementation of climate change policies.

**Engwe Bern**
Uganda

Engwe Bern is the founder of Sabin Foods. He has been recognized for his work in agricultural monitoring and evaluation, logistics, marketing, crop value, and supply chain. He has over 15 years of experience in the field of business management and finance. He is passionate about sustainability and the impact it can have on society, particularly in the agricultural sector.

Panel 3
Youth Moderator & Faculty Discusant

Benson Abila
Kenya

Benson Abila is a Malawi-born graduate of MSU, currently working as a faculty member at the University of Zambia. He is a social entrepreneur and has over five years of experience in non-profit fundraising, and partnership management. He is also the founder of the Young Leaders Forum, an organization dedicated to fostering leadership skills among young people. He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Young African Leadership Award, the Young Leader for the World competition, and the United Nations Youth Award for Outstanding Achievement. He is also a member of the Young African Leaders Initiative and the African Leadership Initiative.

Felix Kweke Yebodd
Kenya

Dr. Ewanne Yebodd is the Director of Social Innovation, Community Partnerships, and Programs at the Office of International Studies and Programs at MSU. For more than a decade, he has been advocating for social innovation and public policy, focusing on the importance of education and leadership initiatives. He is the founder of the International Network for Social Innovation and has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the World Economic Forum’s Young Global Leader Award and the United Nations’ Young Leader for the World award. He is also a member of the African Leadership Initiative and the Africa Philanthropy Forum.
Panel 5
Social Entrepreneurship: Redefining and Amplifying Youth Voices

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Christopher Omowa is a filmmaker and the Creative Director of Chris Charis Concept, an emerging creative social enterprise that leverages performance and visual art to promote social change in underserved communities. His efforts are directed at accomplishing the UN SDGs 3 & 16.

Within a year, he successfully produced three short films addressing social issues, as well as stage plays infused in his community with the theme of sustainable development.

Hsu
Myanmar/Burma

Hsu is from Myanmar and she is currently residing in Thailand. She has been actively resisting the military junta since February 2021, and she is helping civil servants who participated in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM). Together with her partners, she manages an online community that provides a safe space and a platform for CDM civil servants. Hsu is currently helping CDM civil servants access basic necessities by providing them with start-up funding and vocational training to start small businesses.

She is the 1st Place winner of the Global Voices Essay Contest 2021 hosted by the Global Youth Advancement Network at MSU.
Creating a World for All Ages

• Youth Mentoring Program
  ❖ Facilitating connections
  ❖ Coaching on presentations
  ❖ Supporting personal and professional development

• Youth Word Collage
GYAN launched the Global Voices webinar series to showcase the work that global innovators at MSU and around the globe are doing in relation to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The series serves as a coordinating platform for research and outreach activities, and it connects young innovators with faculty and industry mentors who can help scale their work.

View the Global Voices Webinar episodes on our YouTube channel!

- Episode #1 Food Security
- Episode #2 Jobs for Youth
- Episode #3 Quality Education
- Episode #4 Peace and Justice
GLOBAL VOICES
Spotlight Series

- With Dr. Marcy Hessling O'Neil
- With Dr. Peter Glendinning
- With Chibuzor Agomuoh

This series provides a space for intergenerational conversation between young people and professionals devoted to meaningful global engagement and problem-solving via research and outreach activities related to youth.
Celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide.

**November 14 – 18, 2022**
IEW Activities and Goals

2022
• Raise awareness about IEW
• Promote existing activities
• Committee building

2023
• Increase engagement outside of ISP
• Move some events to IEW week
• Pilot programming

2024+
• New IEW programming
• Robust slate of campus-wide events
• Platform for MSU Faculty-led research
• Program and Admin Support
• Youth Engagement