

PROFESSOR ESTHER MOMBO

Professor Esther Mombo is a Kenyan, and a member of the Anglican Church of Kenya. She is a professor in the department of theology at St. Paul's University in Limuru, Kenya. She has previously served St. Paul's university as the deputy vice chancellor (Academics). She teaches Church history and theologies from women's perspectives and interfaith courses. She has written extensively on women's issues, evangelism, HIV/AIDS, Christian-Muslim relations, and poverty in Africa.

Professor Mombo is well known for her commitment to the empowerment of Women. She in collaboration with mission agencies abroad have promoted the education of women in theology, a field of study that has been dominated by the male gender for many years. She is a members of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians.



She works closely with PROCMURA in various ways; including teaching of the masters' course in Islam and Christian-Muslim relations at St. Paul's university. A course jointly initiated by PROCMURA and St. Paul's university. Esther has participated and facilitated in many of PROCMURA's programmes. She is also one of PROCMURA's trustees. Her contribution to PROCMURA's work and to women empowerment is remarkable.

DR. AGNES REGINA MUREI ABUOM

Dr. Agnes R. M. ABUOM is the Moderator (President) of World Council of Churches (WCC), Central Committee. She represents the Anglican Church of Kenya on the WCC governing bodies and has been a member of the National Christian Council of Churches (NCCC) Executive Committee. She serves on the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) Advisory Committee on Peace, Healing and Reconciliation; Chairs the Board of KESWICK Books and Gifts as well as serving on the Board of Inter-peace a Swiss NGO.

Dr. Abuom has served as an Ecumenical Accompanier for AACC and WCC. She was a Co-President of Religions for Peace. Dr. Abuom is the founder and Executive Director of TAABCO Research and Development Consultants and an FBO known as Building Eastern Africa Community Network (BEACON), Nairobi. She holds a PhD in Development Studies.



She has partnered with PROCMURA in various project. She and her team have been involved in building the capacity of the PROCMURA central office staff on a number of Issue. She has been involved also in carrying out evolution of PROCMURA's work and also working with the PROCMURA team in the process of developing strategic plans. She has contributed immensely to PROCMURA's work

ELDER, MRS. JUSTINA MIKE NGWOBIA

Elder, Mrs Justina Mike is from Nigeria, a member of the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria. She is ordained as a ruling elder of the church. She previously worked with the Christian Council of Nigeria-the Institute of Church and Society in Nigeria. Presently, she is the Executive Director of Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Movement (JPRM), Nigeria. Founder and co- chair, Women Peace Builders Network in Nigeria (WOPEN), and also a co-chair Women Peace Mentors and Mediators Forum (WPMMF) an initiative of UN Women Mentors Nigeria. She holds a Masters Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Jos, and currently, a PHD researcher in peace and conflict studies at the University of Jos, Nigeria.

Mrs Justina is a peacebuilding practitioner in Nigeria, known and recognised across the globe. Her interest in women and youth participation in peace and security issues that led to her establishment of various women peacebuilding Networks in Nigeria is phenomenal. Her contribution to peace building in Nigeria through her organisation JPRM is incredible.



She became an active member of PROCMURA far back in 1996. She has attended trainings organised by PROCMURA and has also facilitated in some of the programmes. She has travelled to various countries for PROCMURAS programme among others include: Togo, Ghana, Ethiopia, Benin Republic, Kenya, Germany and the Netherlands. Elder, Mrs Justina Mike has been working alongside PROCMURA to promote Christian-Muslim relations in Nigeria. She has made incredible contributions to peace and Christian-Muslim relations, with a specific attention on women.

ELDER DR. REGINA WOTANY

Elder, Dr. Wotany is from Cameroon, and a Christian of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon (PCC). She has served as the National President and girl's representative of the Christian youth fellowship (CYF), and the National President of (Christian) Bakweri choirs association (RECA). Presently, she is a dedicated elder of the church, the Presbytery Chairperson of the Fako North presbytery, and vice chairperson of PC Small Soppo congregation. She is also the councillor of Small Soppo for the Buea Municipal Council. Dr Regina is a scientist and senior lecturer at the University of Buea. She is a member of the association of female politicians in Buea, and the association of African Women Geoscientists. She holds a PhD in Applied Geology.

Dr, Wotany is involved in humanitarian programmes in the communities, especially to victims affected by the ongoing Anglophone crisis. she alongside other women leaders have been outstanding in raising their voices, and spearheading women in the communities to speak against the killings in the English speaking regions and the effects of the crisis especially on women and children. She is involved in women empowerment through training women, and assisting women to start small businesses. She is also particular about the active involvement of women in science. She has been supporting outstanding but vulnerable female science students (Christians and Muslims) with schools fees to help them complete their studies in the university.



She is a member of the PROCMURA Area Committee in Cameroon. Dr Wotany has also participated in PROCMURA's programmes and was trained as a trainer on freedom of religion. She has made invaluable contributions to church and the community.

LANTANA BAKO ABDULLAHI

Mrs. Lantana is a Muslim woman from Nigeria. She has an extensive experience in Nigeria's non-profit, peacebuilding and; women, peace and security sector. She is currently the National Co-Coordinator of the Nigerian Women Mediators Network and leads a local women-focused organization called Women for Positive Peacebuilding Initiative. She is presently a member of the Steering Committee of the Women Mediators Across the Commonwealth and the FemWise West Africa as well as being a member of the Global Alliance of Regional Women mediator Networks. Lantana is a 2018 Fellow of the King Abdullah Ibn Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue in Vienna Austria.

Lantana has participated in many mediation efforts both locally and regionally, including facilitating mediation between pastoralists and farmers to respond to the incessant violent conflicts in Central Nigeria. Lantana has served as a lead mentor with UN Women towards increasing the participation of women in leadership and decision making in northern Nigeria.



She is actively involved in interfaith and interreligious activities especially through programme design and support to the Interfaith Dialogue Forum for Peace in Nigeria. She has participated and facilitated in various programmes organised by PROCMURA in Nigeria and other parts of the world. She has made incredible contributions to women empowerment, peace building and interfaith relations.

COKKIE VAN LEVEN

She studied Theology at the Utrecht University and graduated in 1986. She was then Ordained in the Ministry of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands that same year and joined the Mission work as fraternalworker in January 1987 with the Reformed Mission Council in Oegstgeest.

She and her husband were welcomed into the Methodist Church of the Gambia, where she worked as a Minister and Area Advisor for Senegal and Gambia with the Islam in Africa Project, now the Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA). She was linked to the Gambian Interchurch Interfaith programme, supporting the inauguration of the Senegalese Area Committee, and training and teaching on interfaith relations in the Francophone Region. One main development was the establishment of a women's wing for PROCMURA in all member countries, and organize continental and regional women's meetings with Christian and Muslim women participants.



She was part of the research and the edition of a brochure on Christian Muslim Interfaith marriage, published by PROCMURA in 1991. She witnessed the development of PROCMURA into a continental organization with an All Africa agenda.

During the long years of service of Dr Johnson Mbillah as General Advisor, she witnessed the development of a role in African International Relations and peace building. She has always expressed joy in working and supporting PROCMURA works during a period of 20 years.

ANNIE P. BELLE (MS.)

Madam Annie P. Belle (Ms.) is from Gambian, and a Christian of Methodist church in Gambian. She served as a member of the Gambia Methodist Synod, and a member representing the Methodist Church at The Gambia Christian Council.

She became a member of PROCMURA in 1990, at that time, Rev. Cookie Van Leven from The Netherlands was Area Adviser for the Gambia. She worked with a number of Area Advisers including; Rev. Martha Fredericks from The Netherlands, Sister Catherine Jarra, a Gambian Catholic nun, and Father Edward Gomez, a Catholic priest who succeeded Sister Jarra.



She attended and facilitated PROCMURA's programmes locally and internationally. She was appointed to represent women in Anglophone countries in the Executive Committee. She always recounts her joy and experience when she had to cut the cake with the then vice president of Kenya at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of PROCMURA. She has contributed immensely towards PROCMURA's work.

MARTHA FREDERIKS

Martha Frederiks (1965) studied theology and Islamic studies at Utrecht University, the Netherlands, and the Duncan Black MacDonald Institute in Hartford, USA. From 1993-1999 she lived and worked in West Africa, where she served as Area Advisor for the Gambia and as Anglophone West Africa Regional coordinator (1995-1998). Since 1999 she works at Utrecht University, where she obtained her Ph.D. (2003, cum laude) at Utrecht University with a study about Christianity in The Gambia *We have toiled all night. Christianity in The Gambia 1456-2000* (Zoetermeer, 2003).



From 2007-2014 she held an endowed chair for Missiology: World Christianity and Interreligious Dialogue. Since 2014 is a full professor, holding a chair for the Study of World Christianity. The years 2013-2019 she was head of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. Currently, she serves as vice-dean of Education (undergraduate programs) at the Faculty of Humanities at Utrecht University. She is also an extraordinary professor at the University of Pretoria.

Martha sacrificed her all to ensure that PROCMURA achieve its goal and Mission. Her invaluable contribution to the work and development of PROCMURA is indelible.

RABIATU DEINYO AMMAH

Senior Lecturer

Education or Qualification:

PHD in Theology (Islamic Studies)
University of Birmingham 1985-1989

MA in Theology (Islamic Studies)
University of Birmingham 1983-1984

Diploma in Islam (Islamic Studies)
University of Birmingham 1982-1983



RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Islam and Ecumenism
- Gender Issue in Islam
- Christian Muslim Relations in Ghana\

PUBLICATIONS

2014: "Ghanaian Muslim Women Negotiating Leadership Space for Self-Actualization."
in

Unpacking the Sense of the Sacred A Reader in the Study of Religions. (eds.) Abamfo Atiemo, Ben-Willie Golo Lawrence Boakye, (Accra: Ayebia Clarke Publishing, 2014), pp.104-115.

- 1990: “Muslims and Christians in Africa: The Challenge of Ecumenical Education”, in Theological Education in Africa, Quo Vadimus? (eds.) J.N. Kudadjie and J.S. Pobee, (Accra: Asempa Publishers,1990), pp. 98-119.
- Among many others

BOOK REVIEWS

PEER REVIEW JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2007: “Christian-Muslim Relations in Contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa” in Islam and Christian Muslim Relations April 2007, vol. 18 no.2 pp.139-154
- 2002: “The role of Women in a Free Ghanaian Society” in The Seed vol. 1. p. 2
- 1994: “Women in Islam”, Procmura: A Project for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa. Jan./Feb. p.1

HADJA MARIAMU SOW



Madame Cissé Hadja Mariama Sow is president of the Union of Women Ulama of Guinea. Over her long political and professional career, covering several sectors, her work for women’s causes has been a consistent highlight. Born in 1942 into a large family in Guinea’s Labé region, she became involved in politics around the time of Guinea’s independence in 1958. In 1972, she was elected general secretary of the

Union of Revolutionary Women of Guinea and to the National Assembly, where she sat for 12 years. She was the first president of the West African Women's Association, and was involved with the Economic Community of West African States. She has worked with various non-governmental women's associations, as well as with youth organizations, particularly the youth wing of the African Democratic Rally and the National Organization of Free Unions of Guinea. She has a long involvement in interreligious peace organizations and efforts, and she has also worked for national reconciliation. She is a Co-President of Religions for Peace. As President of the Union of Women Ulama of Guinea and the Coordinating Office of Muslim Women's Associations of Guinea, she advances religious participation in national and international affairs and interreligious cooperation. She was one of the 1000 women nominated for the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize. Since 2017, Madame Cissé Hadja Mariama Sow has served as the president of the Group of Religious Leaders for Health, Development, and Peace in Guinea.

MRS. CAROLINE AWU-ADZRY



Mrs, Caroline is from TOGO, a Christian from the Evangelical Presbyterian church. Her engagement with PROCMURA started in 1987. She participated in the first meeting which brought together women from English and French speaking countries in Banjul (Gambia) in 1989. In this meeting Ms. Dorothy GILBERT was appointed as the Coordinator of the "Women's Wings", later referred to as "Women's Programmes".

She is among the pinior women in PROCMURA's programme and hers contributed immensely towards PROCMURA's work

CHRISTINE SAI

Served as the first chairperson for PROCMURA Area committee in Benin.

Served as the women representative of the Francophone west African region.
Organized and mobilized women in Benin and Togo.

Participated in Christian women issues and challenges in the Franco-phone west Africa region.