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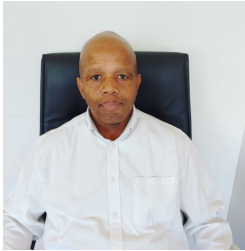
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Dr. Ehud is an expert on Youth Employment and Skills Development with over 20 years of professional and technical experience in youth employment programs in Kenya and abroad. Currently, the Director of Ajira Digital project at Kenya Private Alliance, a Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs project that is Funded by Mastercard Foundation. Also provided technical oversight of KEPSA's youth employment work that spans across the area like digital economy, TVET Development, Entrepreneurship, labour intermediation services and embedded research and extension.

Prior to this Ehud worked for a USAID Kenya Youth Employments and Skills Project implemented by Research Triangle Institute, World Bank Kenya Youth Empowerment project implemented by KEPSA. He also worked as an Executive Director of Eastleigh Community Centre which is an NGO that supports livelihood development and job creation for youth in Nairobi.

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Nidal is a TVET expert with 20 years of vertical and horizontal experience on technical and management levels, with national and international partners. He was the Director General of TVET directorate in Palestine. He is working now as a Skills Development Fund Expert with Enabel. Nidal is the Official Delegate at the WorldSkills Organization and was the National coordinator of Torino Process. He is well known with his support to the partnership approach and teamwork and believes in the private sector role for the development of the TVET system.



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He is the co-author of the best-selling book, *The Future of the Professions* (2015) and the author of *A World Without Work* (2020), described by *The New York Times* as "required reading for any potential presidential candidate thinking about the economy of the future". His TED Talk, on the future of work, has been viewed more than 1.6 million times. Previously he worked in various roles in the British Government — in the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit, in the Policy Unit in 10 Downing Street, and in the Cabinet Office. He was a Kennedy Scholar at Harvard University.

Paul Comyn



**Senior Skills and Employability Specialist
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Paul Comyn has over 30 years' experience in TVET and skills development as a technical specialist and consultant. He has worked on various assignments and projects associated with the reform or expansion of TVET and skill systems in more than 35 countries. He has a PhD in vocational education and training policy and has authored various journal articles and book chapters on the topic. His interests include comparative skills policies and industry engagement in skills development. He has worked for the ILO for the past thirteen years and since 2015 has been the Senior Skills & Employability Specialist leading the work of the Skills Policies and Systems Group in Geneva.

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She is currently engaged in several research programmes focused on transitioning the Vocational Education and Training in Africa. She is the current President of Environmental Education Association of Southern Africa.

Prof Ewart Keep



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Professor (emeritus) Ewart Keep has been researching the links between education and training and the labour market for 40 years. He has worked with national governments, their agencies, and international bodies such as the OECD. His main interest is how skills can contribute to economic development.

Cynthia Mene



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She served in both domestic and international markets in African continent including but not limited to Nigeria, South Africa, and Malawi. She has key skills in Start-Up Capacity building, project management, Business Development, Business modelling, Coaching and Facilitation in variety of Sectors.

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15-year work experience with the ILO in the field of skills, enterprises, and green jobs, including the management of projects in Zimbabwe, East Africa and Ghana and the coordination of global capacity development programmes for the ILO's International Training Centre. Work experiences with the private sector in the tourism and IT sectors in France, Spain, and the UK.

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Lowell Williams



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Janavi Da Silva is an experienced environmental scientist, with 6 years' experience in developing leadership and entrepreneurship skills and competencies in environmental professionals to enter the workplace and make a meaningful contribution to the green economy.

Having been the first person in her family to obtain a university degree, she felt the frustration of not know where to go or what to study. When her studies were complete, she had the added responsibility of finding a path in the green economy, with no guidance or advice. She worked in environmental consulting for 8 years before joining GreenMatterZA 6 years ago, where she now works as Director of Programmes.

Janavi is responsible for the implementation of programmes and business development for the organisation. She is passionate about coaching green professionals in the water, biodiversity, and environmental sectors to reach their full potential and become highly effective, self-assured, and emotionally intelligent leaders, who act responsibly to create a favourable future for all. As well as leaders who drive the environmental sector and have the personal freedom to pursue new opportunities with abundance mindset when solving environmental problems on a global scale. She has a Masters in Environmental Science from the University of Johannesburg and a certificate in Social Entrepreneurship from GIBS Business School.



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