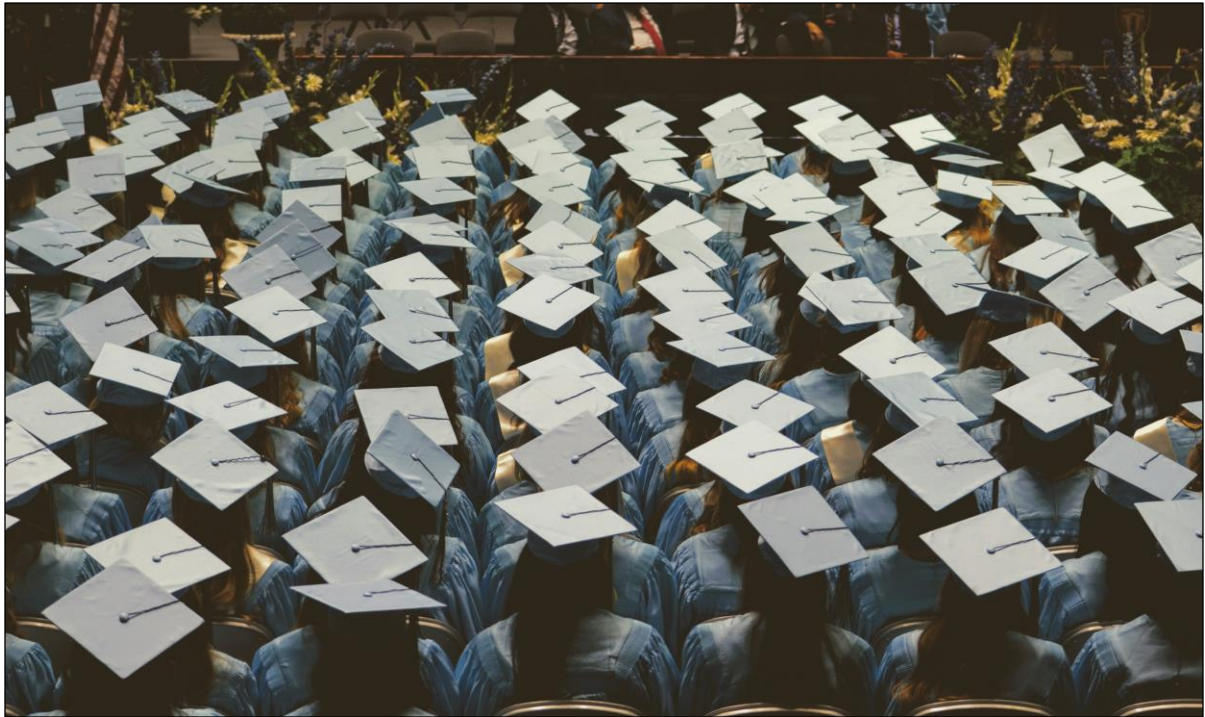




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## SUMMIT BOOKLET

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### **THEME: EDUCATION AS A PANACEA TO UNEMPLOYMENT IN AFRICA**

**A Summit organised by Firdaous Integrated  
Services (FIS)**

**SATURDAY**

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**7th November 2020**

**10.00 A.M. - 12.00 Noon (WAT)**

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**VENUE: WEBINAR**

# ORGANISING COMMITTEE



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## **Dr. Tajudeen Sanni**

Senior Lecturer Kampala International University - Uganda

## **Yvonne Shasuvila**

Career Development Coach, Co-Founder StaffScout - Kenya

## **Remi Adeoye**

Founder Alpha Trust Investment Club (ATIC) – Nigeria

## **Dr. Leah Ndimurwimo**

Senior Lecturer Nelson Mandela University - South Africa

## CONCEPT NOTE

Recent data on unemployment shows that developing nations, in general, and Africa, in specific, are the locales most influenced by the youth's unemployment. The rate of youth unemployment in Africa is higher compared to the entire world. For example, in 2017, the youth unemployment rate in Africa, which stood at 12.5%, was approximately four times the rate of Southeast Asia. Indeed, in Africa, the seriousness of this issue shifts between the distinctive sub-regions and most critically, this issue may be exacerbated in the future, given the forecast that 29% of the world's youth population will dwell in Africa by the year 2050.

The major cause of unemployment in our view is lack of connection between what is taught in the classroom and what is required to be accepted and survive in the labor market. This is shown in the inability of an average graduate to translate the "knowledge and skills acquired" in the college or university to what is required in the job market. To demonstrate how irrelevant our educational system is fast becoming, imagine if it takes between 6 months to 2 years to learn fashion design, plumbing, photography or painting and at the end of this period, the apprentice can translate these skills to money making venture. However, same cannot be said of our graduates even after investing more years and finances. What this means therefore is that, our educational system is continually producing soldiers of frustrated graduates roaming around the streets jobless because what they learnt in the university has no connection with what is needed to survive in the job market

So what is the essence of investing 4 or 5 unproductive years in the University when one can simply invest between six months to two years in a vocational training which teaches practical problems solving skills which can be translated to making money ventures upon graduation? In all of these, the economic condition and situation of the continent is grossly affected. Hence the

need for all stakeholders to find a realistic approach in addressing this huge gap between what is taught and what is needed. If not, in the next five years, there will be no justification to go to university. And where that happens, the continent of Africa literacy wise will go back to the age dark ages while the rest of the world move to the next industrial revolution.

Against this background, Firdaous Integrated Services Limited in collaboration with development partners and other stakeholders has deemed it necessary to organize an educational summit aimed at providing sustainable and practical solutions to all the problems identified.

# SUMMIT PROGRAMME

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

10 a.m. – 12 Noon (West African Time)

Venue: Webinar

**10:00 – 10:10 a.m. Opening Remarks**



**ABDULKAREEM AZEEZ**

FIS President & Director of Studies

(Welcome Remarks and brief about Firdaous Integrated Services Limited & the Summit Theme)

**10:10 – 10:30 a.m. Keynote Address**



Keynote Address on the theme Education as a panacea to Unemployment in Africa

# SESSION

**10:30 – 10:45 a.m. First Speaker Presentation**



**DR. TAJUDEEN SANNI**

Senior Lecturer Kampala International University

The role of career guidance and counselling in course selection and job creation

**10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Second Speaker Presentation**



**YVONNE SHASUVILA**

Career Development Coach, Co-Founder StaffScout

Why graduates are unemployed?



**11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Third Speaker Presentation**



**REMI ADEOYE**

Founder Alpha Trust Investment Club (ATIC)

The role of employers in job creation and curriculum design

**11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Fourth Speaker Presentation**



**DR. LEAH NDIMURWIMO**

Senior Lecturer Nelson Mandela University

Using Education to create jobs

11:30 – 11:50 a.m. Questions & Answers Session

11: 50 – 12 Noon Closing Remarks



**AKINWUMI JOHN AYOBAMI**

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Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks

# **SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHY**



## **DR. TAJUDEEN SANNI**

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Dr Tajudeen Sanni has holds a doctoral of Law (LLD) from Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, LLM at University of Ilorin, LLB at Ahmadu Bello University, and bar qualification at Nigeria Law School, Nigeria. He is a Barrister and Solicitor of Supreme Court of Nigeria. Dr Sanni specializes in Law of the Sea, Marine Law, International Economic Law, Environmental Law, (International) Energy Law and comparative law. He has taught and supervised thesis in these disciplines at undergraduate and post graduate levels as well as in other areas such as Jurisprudence and Equity and Trust.

Sequel to joining academia, Dr Sanni worked at Yunus Uztaz Usman (SAN), a leading law firm in West Africa and at Dr Ariyoosu and Co, after which he cofounded Ishola and Sanni Consort, a law firm whose main objective was to assist the underprivileged to have access to justice. Dr Sanni is currently a senior lecturer at Kampala International University, Kampala, Uganda. He was Head, Commercial Law Department r at Kampala International University where he also founded and headed Environmental and Energy Law Research Forum.

Dr Sanni has also taught in Islamic University in Uganda, served as legal advisor to the American NGO, Global Institute for Allied Health, Psychology and AIDS. As a law manuscript editor for Panamáline Law Publishers, he has worked on a number of books such as ‘Casebook on Lawyers Ethics and Professional Conduct’ by Prof. George Kayeinhamba, a former Ugandan Supreme Court Justice and Judge of African Court of Human Rights. Dr Sanni has been involved in consultancy research of societal relevance, for example, he was commissioned in 2014 by the Ugandan Parliamentary Commission to conduct research on alignment of Ugandan Energy/ Mineral Laws and budgetary projections with policy documents such as Vision 2040. He has keen interest in social justice advocacy research as exemplified by the founding of Academics against Injustice in which he is currently the Chairperson.

Dr Sanni has many academic publications to his credit and belongs to a number of professional associations such as International Law Association, Society of International Economic Law and Society of Legal Scholars, UK.



## **YVONNE SHASUVILA**

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Yvonne is a career coach who has spent over 6 years using her personal experiences to offer support to individuals looking to improve their careers.

While her focus is on career development and training, Yvonne also adds bespoke value to her clients by offering guidance on proper CV and cover letter writing, interview coaching and on improving their LinkedIn profile.

She is currently managing a group of talented individuals at StaffScout.



## REMI ADEOYE

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Mr. Remi Adeoye is the founder and President of Alpha Trust Investment Club (ATIC). He obtained his Bachelor Degree from Obafemi Awolowo University, MSc Legal, Criminological and Security Psychology from University of Ibadan, Supply Chain Management from University of Cape Town, Property Development and Investment from University of Cape Town, Venture Finance from University of Oxford, Financial Technology from Harvard University and International Defense Management from the Naval Postgraduate School, California.

He did his Youth Service in Government Science College, Kagara, Niger State. He enlisted as a recruit constable in the Nigeria Police Force and during his training he was appointed number one of almost 1000 recruits in training in the final month.

He was posted to State CID and was later promoted to Corporal one year into service. Nine months later he was promoted Inspector jumping the rank of Sergeant and later promoted to Acting Assistant Superintendent of Police and sent on Officer Course.

During his time in CID, he handled a number of high profile cases which he executed so well to earn him Commendation and award from the Commissioner of Police and the State Government.

In 2005 he was sent to Liberia on peacekeeping with the United Nations. Where he served as a Crime Analyst in the office of the UN Police Commissioner. He won several UN commendations and a medal during his tour of duty. He was part of the team that conducted the first ever election after the civil war that brought in Mrs Ellen Johnson Sirleaf as president.

He was one of the two UN Police Officers detailed to arrest Charles Taylor on arrival from Nigeria.

He won both Rotary Club Award and Lion Club's recognition for vocational service. He also won not less than 7 commendations from three Commissioners of Police who headed the Port Harcourt State Command.

He served as Police Logistics Officer for the AU Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and as Police Coordinator and Head of Police Component.

He served as a Consultant to North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). He was also privilege of addressing Inspectors-General of Police from UN member states in the General Assembly Hall of the United Nations in New York.

In his police career he has been trained in Nigeria, Ghana, United States, United Kingdom and by Israeli MPD Systems.



## DR. LEAH NDIMURWIMO

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Dr Leah A. Ndimurwimo is a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the Nelson Mandela University in South Africa. She holds a PhD in public international law, a Masters' degree (LLM) in labour law and LLB. She is an author of a book, book chapter and co-author of peer-reviewed articles on violations of human rights and labour law in Africa. Her works include, but not limited to:

- “Access to Justice for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs): The Global Legal Order” “Law, Development and Responsible Governance in the Post-conflict Burundi”
- Post-conflict Reconciliation and Transitional Justice: A Case Study of Human Rights Violations in Burundi
- “Violence against Women: A Comparative Analysis between Malawi and South Africa”.
- “Strikes in Essential Services in Kenya: The Doctors, Nurses and Clinical Officers Strikes Revisited and Lessons from South Africa” and
- “Justification and Thoughts on a Roadmap: The Right to a Decolonised Education in South Africa”.
- “Rethinking Violence, Reconciliation and Reconstruction in Burundi”,
- “Protection of Refugees and IDPs’ Rights: A Case Study of Post-conflict Burundi”,

Her research interests are: international human rights, humanitarian law, refugee law, constitutionalism, labour law, transitional justice and interdisciplinary studies in Africa.