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Nicholas is the CEO of the Lusaka Securities Exchange and past President of the Capital Markets Association of Zambia. He has extensive experience in banking, capital markets, and investment management across several African markets.

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Sabelo is a Senior Manager for Biodiversity Planning in eThekweni Municipality. He focuses on developing and maintaining open space systems and implementing biodiversity protection tools.

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Melat is a senior executive at Meridiam, a B-Corp global investor in sustainable infrastructure. She focuses on projects that generate economic value while promoting environmental stewardship and social equity.

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Alessandro is an experienced finance professional specialising in investment banking, investment management, and alternative investments. His expertise includes private debt, private equity and sustainable finance.

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Astou identifies and supports climate companies at BlackRock. Previously, she gained investing experience at Acumen and co-founded Tamaji, an investment fund. She holds an MBA from Wharton.

ASTOU DIAGNE
BLACKROCK



Dee is a manager at Natural Heritage Capital, focused on growing nature-positive enterprises across Africa. Dee was formerly with McKinsey, where he served leading organisations across the continent on operations and strategy topics.

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Anthony is the Product Development Manager at ICEA Lion General Insurance. With 24 years in the Kenyan insurance industry, he has worked in underwriting, business development, and country management.

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Eric is the Head of Sustainable Finance at KCB Group, leading the financing of green projects. With 25+ years in finance and consulting, he is a Sustainability & Climate Risk expert.

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Brenda is an environmental lawyer and climate justice advocate. Founder of the Enyuatta EcoJustice Centre, she empowers marginalised communities in Kenya. She is also a lecturer and mediator.

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Kipkorir is the Director of Strategic Partnerships and Policy at the Insurance Development Forum. He has extensive experience in financial and disaster risk management at global institutions.

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Atna is the Manager of Environment and Social Sustainability at the Development Bank of Namibia. She is a sustainability expert with experience in environmental management and sustainable finance.

ATNA MUTAGO CHITUTI
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Beatrice is the Founding Executive Director and Senior Advisor at Natural State. With 25+ years in development and conservation communications, she leads Nature's Pitch, a natural capital incubator.

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Vatosoa is a passionate advocate for small-scale fishers and an expert in stakeholder engagement. She led Madagascar's Locally Managed Marine Areas Network and is now a Regional Coastal and Ocean Governance Manager for IUCN.

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Dipeeka is a sustainability professional with 14 years of experience in banking and environmental management. She specialises in integrating sustainable practices into corporate strategies and developing sustainable financial solutions.

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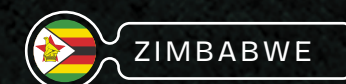
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Philip is the Senior Director of Conservation at IFAW, leading global landscape conservation strategy. With over 18 years' experience, he manages projects focused on wildlife crime, community engagement, and research, having previously worked with ZimParks and WWF Zimbabwe.

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Sarah is founder of Kijani Pamoja, The Kilimanjaro Project, and co-founder of the Art of Forests. Sarah is passionate about connecting finance to nature and local communities that depend on nature for their direct livelihoods. She believes that there is immense opportunities for new nature informed economic models.

SARAH SCOTT
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Samir is WWF South Africa's Green Trust and Corporate Engagements Manager. He oversees conservation projects and collaborates with corporations to embed sustainability into their strategies.

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Daniel is a Principal in Nedbank's Sustainable Finance Solutions team, leading the development of advisory services focused on ESG, sustainability, and circular economy. He has 15+ years of investment banking experience.

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Gbenga is an Assistant General Manager at Access Bank Plc, Nigeria, heading Group Environmental and Social Risk Management. He has 20 years of experience in finance, risk management, and climate finance.

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Hellen is the Head of Sustainability at Equity Bank Tanzania, leading the bank's sustainability strategy. She focuses on managing Climate, Nature, Environmental and Social risks and Sustainable Financing opportunities.

HELLEN DALALI
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Stephen is the Principal, Investments at FSD Africa Investments (FSDAi). With 15+ years of experience, he is responsible for investment execution and has been involved in transactions with a cumulative value of over USD 500 million.

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Cecilia brings 25 years of experience in sustainable finance, policy, and investment instrument development. She has worked for IFC and UNEP, focusing on ESG integration and sustainable investing.

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