

Panelists :

Satoshi Nara (Minister, Permanent Delegation of Japan to UNESCO)

Oumar Keita (Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Mali to UNESCO),

Ibrahim Assane Mayaki (Chief Executive Officer of the New Partnership for Africa's Development - NEPAD)

Kadidia Gazibo (University of Tahoua, Niger)

Dominique Saatenang, (African Kung-fu Master and Ambassador of the Shaolin Temple, China).

Moderator : Oumarou Barry (Press Specialist, Former Editor-in-Chief and Presenter of two Pan-African TV Shows)

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Panelists' Profile

Kadidiatou GAZIBO

Professor, University of Tahoua

Dr. Kadidiatou Gazibo is a lecturer and researcher at the University of Tahoua in southwest Niger. She holds a PhD in Political Science from the Panthéon-Sorbonne University in Paris. Her thesis examined The Regionalisation of Peace and International Security in the Economic Community of West African States in the Post-Cold War Era. Dr. Gazibo's research interests are democracy, development, law, peace and security as well as political science.

Oumar KEÏTA

Ambassador, Permanent delegate of the Republic of Mali To UNESCO



Dr. Oumar Keïta is a Political Science alumnus of EHESS. He also holds a dual doctorate degree, in History and Civilizations, and in Anthropology, from EHESS and ISFRA (Institut Supérieur de Formation et de Recherche Appliquée, University of Bamako, Mali) In 2002, Dr. Keïta took up an associate position, and became in charge of distributing social science academic publications, at the Centre Interinstitutionnel pour la Diffusion des Publications en Sciences Humaines. He designed and set in motions the promotion and marketing of editorial items.

As a senior consultant with Ergo Advisor, a company of primary research, which contributes to spreading expert knowledge, Dr. Keita was a major actor in the creation of required solutions within the field of business, diplomacy, and academia.

An academic himself, since 2011, Dr. Keïta has been an associate researcher with GSPR/EHESS, where he has actively worked on the topic of democratic participation. He led reflections on policy-making in the Sahel-Sahara area, as well on political and security solutions towards a way out of the crisis in Mali, and for lasting stability in the region.

Aged 46, Dr. Oumar Keïta has been holding the position of ambassador of Mali to UNESCO since 2014.

Ibrahim Assane MAYAKI

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)



Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki of the Republic of Niger is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency, head-quartered in Midrand, South Africa.

Dr. Mayaki holds a Masters degree from the National School of Public Administration (Enap), Quebec, Canada and a PhD in Administrative Sciences from the University of Paris I, France.

Between 1996 and 1997 he was successively appointed Minister in charge of African Integration and Cooperation and Minister of Foreign Affairs. In November 1997, he was appointed Prime Minister, a function he held until January 2000. In August 2000, he set up the Analysis Center for Public Policy.

From 2000 to 2004, Dr Mayaki was a guest Professor at the University of Paris XI, where he lectured on international relations and organizations; he also led research at the Research Center on Europe and the Contemporary World within that university. He has also worked as a Professor of Public Administration in Niger and Venezuela.

In 2004, he was appointed as the Executive Director of the Platform in support of Rural Development in West and Central Africa, the Rural Hub, based in Dakar, Senegal, from where he was recruited as CEO of the NEPAD Agency.

The appointment of Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki was announced by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H. E. Dr. Jean Ping during the 20th Summit of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) on January 31, 2009 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The appointment was endorsed by the Committee and subsequently by the 12th AU Assembly on February 2, 2009.

Dr. Mayaki is the author of the book entitled "Quand la caravane passe" relating to his political career.

Satoshi NARA

Minister, Deputy Permanent Delegate of Japan to the UNESCO

Having graduated from a Bachelor of Laws at the University of Tokyo, Mr. Satoshi NARA joined the Ministry of Education, Sports, Culture, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan in 1989.

He was seconded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) and served as Education Counselor at the Embassy of Japan in the United States from 2006 to 2009. In this occasion, he was dealing with Japan-US exchange teacher programmes.

Specializing in Education-related matters, Mr. Satoshi Nara was appointed Director for School Management, in the Elementary and Secondary Education Bureau of the Ministry of Education, Sports, Culture, Science and Technology in 2012. In this framework, he managed the *National Assessment of Academic Ability in mathematics and Japanese language* carried out by MEXT for students at the end of elementary school and of lower secondary school. These results are being utilized to improve education and educational policies nationwide.

In 2013, Mr. Satoshi Nara was nominated Director for School Facilities, under the direct authority of the Minister of Education, Sports, Culture, Science and Technology of Japan. Learning from the lessons of the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 2011, MEXT worked on safety measures for school facilities in Japan. Mr. Nara worked on the strengthening of the disaster protection functions of the schools, making the buildings and non-structural parts of suspended ceilings earthquake-resistant, and taking countermeasures against deterioration. According to the *Survey on Refurbishment of the Earthquake Resistance of Public School Facilities*, the current ratio of earthquake-resistance work done on public elementary and junior high schools is now about 90%.

Mr. Satoshi Nara is presently Minister, Deputy Permanent Delegate of Japan to the UNESCO since August 2014.

Dominique M. SAATENANG

African Kung-fu Master and Ambassador of the Shaolin Temple, China



Dominique M. Saatenang was born in Bafou, a village in the western region of Cameroon where his grand father is the ruling traditional authority. At the age of 8, the young prince played in his primary school's soccer team. At 10, the budding footballer became the team's captain. It is during this period that he watched for the first time Bruce Lee's movie entitled "Enter the Dragon" at the Douala Omnisport Stadium. This movie sparked in him the strong desire to practice martial arts.

Despite the strong disapproval of his family, DMS started practicing Wushu in High School and joined the school of "Black Tigers" with the secret hope of going to China to complete his training.

This dream became a reality years later when the young business man decided after he got his master in management, to sell all his property in Africa (companies, Wushu training centers) to go to China in order to continue studying. He was exceptionally admitted into the Shaolin Temple. Later, Chinese experts recommended him to the Sport University of Beijing where he successfully got a degree in Wushu with good academic performance. He got the certification of International Judge and referee, and Wushu expert.

DMS is presently the first Black and fourth foreigner to be designated as member of the Shaolin Temple of the 34th generation called SHI YAH MAI, by the Abbot of the SHI YONG XIN temple.

DMS has been taking part in many high level sporting events. From 1998 to 2005, he won many medals during Wushu international competitions in Asia, Europe and Africa. He got two silver medals during the Wushu World Championships in 2006. In the same year, he was awarded a gold medal at the Wushu International Festival in Hong Kong, and received another medal at the UNESCO competition in 2009. DMS is among the 33 best sportsmen nominated to the National Sports Hall of Fame in Cameroon from 1959 to 2009.

DMS is also a Businessman, he is currently the Vice-President of the Federation of Investors China-Africa and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DMS International Group with headquarters in Africa, France and England. On a regular basis, DMS holds conferences and seminars about his unusual background and experiences in universities and international forums from all around the world (Europe, Asia, Africa, USA.) DMS performs on stage with the Shaolin monks where they are touring in foreign countries to demonstrate kung-fu.

In 2012, Dominique Saatenang created a bombshell troupe of artists under the name of "Shaolin Black and White", distinctively composed of the monks of the Shaolin Temple and artists from the four corners of the world. Each exhibition is re-invented and distinctly unique, "Shaolin Black and White" takes audiences on a colorful journey to the heart of many cultures.