



**Dr. Fodé Ndiaye**, a Senegalese National, is currently the initiator and founding member and President of the Center of Excellence for Leadership and Management for Africa's Development (CELMAD), a Think – Act Institution, promoting a combined approach of contextualized and innovative Leadership and Management to ethically transform Africa for and by her citizens. He is a Board member and Deputy CEO (pro-bono) of Africa Institute of Governance (AGI). Retired UN Senior Leader, (July 2022), Fodé has more than 40 years of experience in leadership, governance and management in the fields of development, finance and humanitarian operations. Notably, he has been Rwanda UN Resident Coordinator (2017 – 2022) and UNDP Resident Representative (2017 – 2019) (following UN Reforms); UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative (2012- 2017) in Niger. He was a member of the UN Reference Group on UN reforms ; a Board member of the UN initiatives dealing with UN initiatives in the Sahel and the Great Lakes. Fode has held the positions of UNCDF Regional Director (Southern & Eastern Africa (2004 – 2008) and West and Central Africa (2009 – 2012)) and Secretary – General of the Caisse Nationale de Credit Agricole (currently la Banque Agricole) (1991-1998).

Fode has developed or contributed to socio-economic transformation, governance and leadership initiatives, with governments, UN, Financial development partners, private sector, NGOs, CSOs with impact on populations, institutions, systems and ecosystems, for inclusive sustainable development.

He has published papers, a book « la microfinance en Afrique de l'ouest : quelle viabilité (2009) » ; a chapter in the book « Banques et finance en Afrique : les acteurs de l'émergence » (2016). He has organized and has been a speaker at various conferences and workshops on development and finance. Fode has been an international consultant with IFC, Regional banks, NGOs, Financial development partners and UN. As a benevolent, Board member of a Swiss Foundation « Recherche, Action pour les Financements alternatifs au Développement » (RAFAD), Fode has been a founding member and First President of the International Guarantee Fund, a Swiss Cooperative, set up by RAFAD and African and Latin – American NGOs , supporting access to local financing to small producers through guarantee scheme with Swiss Bank Corporation.

Dr Ndiaye holds an MPA from Harvard Kennedy School of Government, a certificate in public policy and management from HKS as a Mason fellow; a Ph.D. majoring in economics from Erasmus University and a diploma “Ingénieur Agronome” from ENSAT.

**Motivation for CELMAD :** Fode strongly believes that a combined approach of contextualized and innovative leadership and management is a critical factor for the ethical systemic transformation of Africa by and for her citizens ; therefore, he has initiated CELMAD. He is dedicated to contributing to promoting a critical mass of leaders and managers to conduct this much-needed transformation.