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**Dr. Truphena E. Mukuna**

**Executive Director**



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Truphena E. Mukuna is the Executive Director of the Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA). She holds a PhD in Education with specialization in curriculum and instructional technology. She is a Multi-disciplinary social science researcher with extensive, hands-on experience and technical expertise on issues in Education; Research and Capacity Building, leadership and governance, institutional strengthening and Mentoring early career researchers; Disaster Risk Reduction; Climate Change, Social Protection, Gender studies, Resilience analysis, Environmental Sustainable Development, Adolescents and Youth affairs. Dr. Mukuna has technical expertise in linking Research to Policy with experience of working in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural teams. She is also a Human Rights advocate with keen interest on social protection and gender issues of the marginalized vulnerable groups of people. Mukuna is presently the co-principal investigator of a 3 year project named Youth Inclusive Mechanisms in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism in the IGAD Region funded by IDRC. She also sits on the steering committee of the Borderlands Dynamics Project, funded by NORHED. She is the OSSREA coordinator of the Informal Cross-Border Trade in the IGAD Region, funded by SIDA and a member of the project Quartet sitting at Life and Peace Institute. Truphena has conducted research, analyzed and published extensively (see LinkedIn:<https://www.linkedin.com/in/truphena-e-mukuna-phd-98099429>)

## **Alemu Tesfaye**

### **Research Uptake and Communication Officer**



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Manager for information and Knowledge Management at OSSREA since December 20008. Have several years of experience in research uptake, communication, online learning and knowledge management in the field of social sciences. Got considerable skills in various technologies suitable for research uptake and communication such as content management systems, knowledge management systems, e-learning systems, Infographic development systems, animated videos development systems and social media networks. Interested in multi-disciplinary research and online learning. Currently working as research uptake officer for two projects namely, Youth-Inclusive Mechanisms for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism in the IGAD Region funded by the IDRC and Migrating out of Poverty Project funded by DIFD. Worked at different capacities for various organisations as a knowledge manager and communications officer. A graduate in Information Technology with an MBA from Manipal University of India.

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## **Sunday Angoma OKELLO PhD**



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Sunday Angoma OKELLO has been awarded PhD in Public Policy majoring in Conflict, Security and Development from the International Development Department at the University of Birmingham, UK. His thesis focuses on *Post-War Social Recovery: Grassroots Perspectives and Non-governmental Organisations*. His Master of Arts in Peace and Reconciliation Studies was from Coventry University, UK; Earlier, he obtained a Post Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution Skills from Lancaster University, UK. This was a shift in education after his Manufacturing and Systems Engineering studies from Vaxjo University, Sweden.

He is currently working as *Conflict Analyst (CA)* with Conflict Early Warning and Early Response Mechanisms (CEWARN) unit of Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD). Before Joining CEWARN, he was Assistant Professor and Senior Researcher at

the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), Addis Ababa University. His extensive research was conducted under the African Union, African Peace and Security Programme (APSP) at IPSS. While at IPSS, he has been actively involved in the flagship research of the African-led Solutions (AfSol) to Peace and Security, which is a journal now. His extensive research in South Sudan has produced a compendium of 90 community conflicts that were systematically analysed for over 2 years in South Sudan and with South Sudanese. He is currently sitting member on the peer review committee of ISS-ENACT Project in Pretoria, the African Solutions for African Problems (AfSol) Journal of Addis Ababa University, and IGAD-CEWARN Conflict Analyst peer review chairman. Okello is currently the Principal Investigator of this 3-year project named *Youth Inclusive Mechanisms in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism in the IGAD Region* funded by IDRC.

He has published 2 books, all are peer reviewed, 6 chapters in 6 edited books, 9 journal articles, several policy briefs and analyses, working papers, OpEds, and many editorials. All these have been in areas of peace and security, governance, state building, international relations and politics, management, elections and political parties and their funding, development studies, political economy and public policy, institutionalism, engineering, social policy of transportation, migration and refugees, and many more. With close to 30 years of experience, Dr Okello has extensive knowledge of Africa; in particular, the Great Lakes Region, Horn and Central Africa, and South Africa. He has worked in Uganda, South Sudan, Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia, Sudan, and in Eastern DRC following the activities of the Lord Resistance Army (LRA) and state building in South Sudan. He has also travelled extensively and lived in Serbia, UK, Sweden, Canada, Cambodia, Norway, Denmark, Tanzania, France, and Italy.

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