



Chemonics International is pleased to host this [Thinking and Working Politically \(TWP\) Learning and Futures Symposium](#) to present experience and research from the past five years of Chemonics' programming and others' experiences using political economy analysis (PEA) and savvy, adaptive approaches to improve development effectiveness and sustainability. The Symposium, taking place in-person at Chemonics' Washington D.C. office and virtually on Zoom, will also explore future uses of TWP, including integration with behavior science and ways of supporting and transitioning to truly locally-led development.

Over the past several years, Chemonics has championed the integration of evidence-based technical solutions with politically savvy approaches grounded in deep contextual understanding to improve the impact and sustainability of development outcomes around the world. From Mozambique to Mexico, the Philippines, Syria, Ukraine, and beyond, we have expanded our use of thinking and working politically (TWP) across all sectors with tools including applied PEA used in over 20 projects, [problem-driven iterative adaptation \(PDIA\)](#) to test politically promising solutions grounded in local assets, and the [actor-based change \(ABC\) framework](#) linking TWP and behavior science for measurable system-level change.

Systematic study of this experience and ongoing reflection with others across the global TWP Community of Practice has led us to look closely at the different ways, benefits, and challenges of applying TWP. We have also been considering the possibilities of what TWP can and should look like in the future – hitting at the very core of what inclusive development itself can and should look like in the shift [from programs to progress](#), and from international to locally-led development. We are honored to welcome you and this distinguished group of practitioners, thinkers, reformers and change agents to discuss all these questions and more over the course of this two-day symposium.

#### THINKING & WORKING POLITICALLY AND RELATED RESOURCES

- [TWP Community of Practice, supported by FCDO](#)
- [USAID TWP Learning Lab Resources](#)
- [USAID's Local Capacity Strengthening Policy](#)
- [The Policy Practice Online Library](#)
- [From Poverty to Power – Duncan Green et al](#)
- [#ShiftthePower.org](#)

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

\* Live closed captioning will be provided throughout the online portions of the event \*

### DAY 1 - DECEMBER 15, 2022: LATEST LEARNING – WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW?

- 8:30-9:00am EST: **Arrival and Informal Discussion** [in person]
- 9:00-9:15am EST: **Welcome and Opening Remarks** [hybrid]
- 9:15-10:45am EST: **TWP in Action: Key Takeaways from Current Programming** [hybrid]  
*Findings and recommendations from recent USAID and Chemonics research on the use of applied political economy analysis (APEA) and other TWP practice, including a panel and breakout discussions to explore implications.*
- 10:45-11:00am EST: **Break**
- 11:00am-12:00pm EST: **From Thinking to Working Politically: What it Means & What it Takes** [hybrid] *A deeper dive into efforts to use contextual insights to inform and take concrete action including devising or updating strategies and doing the everyday work of politically savvy influence and reform promotion.*  
\* simultaneous translation for Spanish will be provided \*
- 12:00-12:05pm EST: **Day 1 Closing Remarks and Takeaways** [hybrid]
- 12:05-12:30pm EST: **Informal Discussion and Lunch** [in person]

### DAY 2 - DECEMBER 16, 2022: FUTURES OF TWP – WHERE CAN WE GO FROM HERE?

- 8:30-9:00am EST: **Arrival and Informal Discussion** [in person]
- 9:00-9:10am EST: **Welcome and Day 1 Recap** [hybrid]
- 9:10-10:20am EST: **Politics, Systems, and Behavior: TWP and Behavioral Change** [hybrid] *A presentation of Chemonics' experience integrating TWP with behavior science and systems thinking using the Actor-Based Change model, followed by a discussion to explore the application of such approaches in different contexts.*
- 10:20-10:30am EST: **Break**
- 10:30am-12:00pm EST: **TWP and Localization – Who Needs to Know What and Why?** [hybrid] *A panel and discussion with change agents and academics from around the world to discuss the use of TWP not only by and for international aid entities but also by and for local actors driving change in their own communities.*
- 12:00-12:05pm EST: **Symposium Closing Remarks** [hybrid]
- 12:05-12:30pm EST: **Informal Discussion and Lunch** [in person]

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## DETAILED AGENDA AND SPEAKER INFORMATION

### DAY 1: LATEST LEARNING – WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW?

8:30-9:00am EST: Arrival and Informal Discussion [in-person only]

9:05-9:15am EST: Welcome and Opening Remarks



*Speaker*

**Tomas Bridle, Senior Global Practice Lead, Democracy & Governance, Chemonics International**

*Tomas Bridle has more than 20 years of experience designing and implementing democracy and governance projects world-wide. Tomas joined Chemonics from USAID where he served as the Senior Advisor at the Center of Excellence for Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (DRG). At DRG, Tomas supported the design and implementation of programs in anti-corruption and accountability, elections, civil society engagement, gender and youth policies, political economy assessments, political reform, legislative capacity, and support to municipal and local governments. He authored the USAID Policy on Legislative Strengthening and subsequently supported program designs on budget oversight, transparency, and accountability for USAID missions in Serbia, Ukraine, Burkina Faso and Ethiopia.*

9:15-10:45am EST: Session 1 – TWP in Action: Key Takeaways from Current Programming

This session will present and discuss a Chemonics study of over a dozen projects using APEA and other TWP practice and resulting recommendations. This will include a summary of findings followed by facilitated discussions with project teams to hear their perspectives and own recommendations to others seeking to apply TWP for better development effectiveness and sustainability. This session will also build on other recent research in this area, including the upcoming report on USAID procurement of PEA produced by USAID and Chemonics in partnership with the D.C. Working Group of the global TWP Community of Practice.

1. **Welcome, Session Objectives, and Introductions**  
Facilitator: **Jennifer Swift-Morgan**, Chemonics International
2. **Study of USAID Procurement of PEA Conducted by Contractors: Topline Findings**  
Presenter: **Jonathan Rose**, USAID
3. **Chemonics Study of TWP Practice: Topline Findings**  
Presenter: Renee Kantelberg, TWP Learning Specialist
4. **Panel: Project Insights from TWP in Action**  
Moderator: **Kaitlyn Coogan Miller**, Chemonics International  
Panellists: **Francesca Bruschi**, Chemonics Deputy Team Leader, FCDO Mozambique Potenciar programme; **Eric Viala**, Chemonics Senior Advisor, USAID Tajikistan Rural Water Supply Activity; **Joseph (Jem) Armovit**, Chemonics Deputy Chief of Party, USAID Philippines Delivering Effective Government for Competitiveness and Inclusive Growth activity
5. **Small-Group Discussion**
6. **Plenary with Readout**  
Moderator: **Kaitlyn Coogan Miller**, Chemonics International
7. **Discussant Remarks**  
Discussant: **Annette Fischer**, Governance and Accountability Specialist
8. **Closing**  
Facilitator: **Jennifer Swift-Morgan**, Chemonics



*Facilitator*

**Dr. Jennifer Swift-Morgan, Senior Advisor, Chemonics International**

Jennifer Swift-Morgan is an education and governance specialist with more than 20 years of experience designing, managing, and evaluating innovative programming in Africa, South Asia, and the Middle East. Her expertise includes strengthening education systems for learning, assets-based political economy analysis to inform public service reform and applied research for iterative program adaptation. Jennifer served as technical director of USAID's All Children Reading activity in Senegal, recognized as one of the most effective large-scale early grade reading programs in the world. She is a senior advisor in Chemonics' Education and Youth Practice and acting director of Chemonics' Center for Politically Informed Programming. Previously, Jennifer worked for USAID, KfW Development Bank, Columbia University's Earth Institute, Education Development Center, and the National Democratic Institute. A 2020 Fulbright U.S. Scholar, Jennifer teaches international and comparative education at the George Washington University, holds a doctorate in international education policy from Columbia University's Teachers College, and is fluent in French and Pulaar.



*Presenter*

**Dr. Jonathan Rose, USAID**

Jonathan Rose currently serves as the Political Economy Analysis Advisor at the DRG Center of USAID. He is a researcher and practitioner with over seventeen years of experience working with international institutions, civil society, governments, and academia. His major accomplishments include co-authoring the governance and justice background paper for the 7th Five-Year Plan of Bangladesh, developing a strategic plan on justice for BRAC, and completing a study with over 10,000 civil servant survey respondents in Comoros for the World Bank. He has authored over 20 articles, working papers, books and reports covering wide-ranging topics such as local citizen participation, civil service reform, labor regulation, international supply chains, e-government, decentralization, nutrition, the governance of health & education, crime & politics, justice, and energy



*Presenter*

**Renee Kantelberg, TWP Learning Specialist**

Renee Kantelberg is a strategic advisor with 20+ years' experience across Africa, Middle East and Asia in monitoring and evaluation, learning, gender and social inclusion, civil society, political economy and governance. She has designed, evaluated and advised on over 25+ governance programs globally, looking at local approaches with partners on how to assess, learn and build thinking and working politically in practice to influence and make change happen. She has facilitated organizations and programmed globally to bring about collective thinking, learning and opportunities to enhance their strategies and effect change on the ground.



*Moderator*

**Kaitlyn Coogan Miller, Senior Manager, Chemonics International**

Kaitlyn Coogan Miller has nearly twelve years of experience with U.S. government proposal development, project management, and research initiatives across technical sectors including education, health, agriculture, environment and climate change, and private sector development and within multiple regions including Asia, Middle East, Latin America,

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and Africa. She has led the creation of multiple youth-focused communication campaigns in different topics including climate change in the Maldives, education in Pakistan, and tourism development in Timor-Leste. Kaitlyn has led the design and implementation of multiple USAID-funded grants programs across Asia as well as designed and wrote political economy analyses in Timor-Leste, Bangladesh, and Pakistan.

*Panelist*

**José Dias, Team Leader, FCDO Mozambique Potenciar programme**

*José Dias is POTENCIAR's Team Leader since November 2020. José has over 15 years' experience in research and project management related to civic engagement and Social Accountability at the national, district, provincial and municipal levels. José has successfully conceived innovative tools that have contributed to making the governance process and citizenship more vibrant in Mozambique. In his career, José performed the role of Manager of the DIÁLOGO and CEP Programmes, both funded by DFID, which are successful references in the field of Social Accountability. José profile combines working in civil society sphere with the experience of working at the Technical Unit of Public Sector Reform (UTRESP), which makes him profoundly aware of the dynamics of institutional reforms.*



*Panelist*

**Eric Viala, Senior Advisor, USAID Tajikistan Rural Water Supply Activity**

*Eric Viala is a water resources and irrigation engineer with more than 30 years' experience working in over 30 countries. Eric recently served as Chief of Party of the Tajikistan Rural Water Supply Water Activity where he facilitated private public partnerships to engage local entrepreneurs to supply drinking water. He was previously the Chief of Party of the Sustainable Water Partnerships where he developed a water security improvement approach and led teams implementing it in Cambodia, Nepal, Kenya/Tanzania, Burkina Faso, and Niger. He also served as Chief of Party of the Lowland WASH Activity in Ethiopia and the Litani River Basin Support Project in Lebanon. Earlier in his career he was USAID Regional Water Advisor for the Middle East and North Africa where he developed innovative activities to transform water governance by improving water security and increasing water productivity. Eric also has experience working on irrigation, leading the establishment of 600 Water User Associations in Egypt and the rehabilitation of irrigation systems in Afghanistan.*



*Panelist*

**Joseph (Jem) Armovit, Deputy Chief of Party, USAID Philippines Delivering Effective Government for Competitiveness and Inclusive Growth activity**

*Jem has been involved in public sector reform in the Philippines for the past 2 decades in various capacities as a government official and a consultant and staff for a number of international institutions that include the Millennium Challenge Corporation, the World Bank and USAID. He has helped the government introduce reforms in tax policy and tax administration. This includes the design of critical legislation and the introduction of procedures and methodologies that help promote the effective management of tax incentives. Other areas of expertise include public procurement and budgeting. Previous involvement in international media has taught Jem to appreciate the value of change management using effective communications strategies to create champions in and out of government and to instill a reform mindset amongst key stakeholders.*



### *Discussant*

#### **Annette Fischer, Governance and Accountability Specialist**

*Annette is a Governance & Accountability Practitioner and Researcher with an academic background in social change, governance and conflict studies, and proven professional experience in designing, leading and evaluating complex programs in challenging environments. Annette has 15 years of experience in the fields of voice & accountability, participatory action research and human rights, delivering projects in over 25 countries. Annette has experience working with and supporting national and sub-national governments in a range of countries to deliver more responsive services to citizens. She designs and implements interventions to strengthen accountability systems and participatory community-based mechanisms for monitoring service delivery. Annette specializes in delivering and evaluating work on projects which can be described as politically smart, locally led and adaptive.*

### **11:00am-12:00pm EST: Session 2 – From Thinking to Working Politically: What it Means and What it Takes**

**\* With simultaneous translation for Spanish \***

This session will go deeper into the application of context analysis and mapping in different ways that lead to the strategic and everyday work of politically savvy efforts and adaptation. This will include examples from the Chemonics' study and discussion of others' experience, building from reflections from the USAID webinar as well as other donor and actor learning from across the global TWP Community of Practice and beyond.

#### **1. Welcome, Session Objectives, and Introductions**

Facilitator: Bryce Watson, Chemonics International

#### **2. Introductory presentation: Highlights on “working politically” from Chemonics’ recent study**

Presenter: Jennifer Swift-Morgan, Chemonics International

#### **3. Fireside chat: What does “working politically” mean in your experience?**

Moderator: Alina Rocha Menocal, director of the TWP Community of Practice

Panelists: Paola Barragan, Chemonics Chief of Party of the USAID/Peru Transparent Public Investment

Activity; Sobeida Gonzales, USAID/Peru Program Management Specialist; Nyungu Anthony, DT Global

Chief of Party of the USAID/Uganda Feed the Future Institutional and Systems Strengthening Activity;

Christian Adanu, Creative Associates Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Manager for the

USAID/Nigeria Northeast Connection project

#### **4. Q&A and discussion**

#### **5. Discussant remarks: “Working politically” and upcoming FCDO guidance**

Discussant: Tia Elise Raappana, governance advisor for FCDO and the World Bank

#### **6. Closing**

Facilitator: Bryce Watson, Chemonics International



### *Facilitator*

#### **Bryce Watson, Specialist, Center for Politically Informed Programming, Chemonics International**

*Bryce Watson is the specialist for Chemonics’ Center for Politically Informed Programming. Bryce has experience delivering technical assistance on thinking and working politically (TWP) to over 20 projects across the globe, and in developing innovative approaches to programming such as Systems Prototyping. He also has experience building the capacity of staff to effectively implement these approaches through writing technical guidance and practical training and generating and disseminating information on best practices for implementation.*



*Presenter*

**Dr. Jennifer Swift-Morgan, Senior Advisor, Chemonics International**



*Moderator*

**Alina Rocha Menocal, Director of the TWP Community of Practice**

*Alina Rocha Menocal is the Director of the TWP Community of Practice and Principal at The Policy Practice. Until June 2022, she was a Principal Research Fellow on politics and governance at the global affairs think tank ODI, where she remains a Senior Research Associate. Alina was also a USAID Senior Democracy Fellow on APEA. Alina's areas of expertise include political settlements, state-society relations, governance and power and the politics of inclusion, corruption, and peace-and-state building processes in comparative perspective. Over the past fifteen years, she has been involved in a series of projects and assignments that seek to bridge the gap between research and policy in thinking about governance, as well as to inform more effective engagement and ways of working among international development actors in developing country settings. She has done extensive work on political economy, and on how the international development community can think and work in more politically aware ways.*



*Panelist*

**Paola Barragan, Chemonics International Chief of Party, USAID Peru Transparent Public Investment Activity**

*Paola Barragan is a governance, transparency, and rule of law expert with 26 years of experience. She has experience leading complex international donor-funded transparency, justice, anticorruption, and institutional-strengthening projects in Latin America and Africa.*

*As a four-time USAID chief of party (DRC, Colombia, El Salvador and now Peru), Barragan has led, implemented, and delivered democracy and governance programs. She has also led World Bank, IDB and United Nations projects in the Sahel, Liberia, South Sudan, Burundi, Bolivia, Honduras, and Ecuador, where she developed strong relationships with a wide range of actors from diverse cultural, geographic, economic, political, and social contexts in seventeen countries.*



*Panelist*

**Sobeida Gonzales, USAID/Peru Program Management Specialist**

*Since 1996, Sobeida Gonzales has worked for USAID PERU as a Project Management Specialist in the Office of Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (DRG). For the first 7 years, she managed the Special Development Fund, managing around 15 small grants per year and implementing activities to empower youth and women's participation and civic education. For the past 20 years, she has been in charge of various governance programs, managing USAID Peru's flagship decentralization program for 14 years, and several grants with civil society entities to promote citizen participation. Since 2020, Ms. Gonzales is the manager of DRG Peru's largest program focused on promoting transparent public procurement (TPI), the EITI initiative, and public procurement reform.*



*Panelist*

**Anthony Nyungu, DT Global Chief of Party, USAID/Uganda Feed the Future Institutional and Systems Strengthening Activity**

*Anthony Nyungu has 17 years of work experience managing and implementing donor-funded projects and applying a market systems approach. Anthony has extensive familiarity with private sector development approaches and holds practical experience in applying market systems principles and political economy dynamics in programming.*



*Panelist*

**Christian Adanu, Creative Associates Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Manager for the USAID/Nigeria Northeast Connection project**

*Adanu Christian Oyigocho is the Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) Manager for the USAID Nigeria NE Connection program. He is a social science researcher and MEL expert with more than 7 years' experience conducting research, performance monitoring, implementing, and leading knowledge management and learning activities to advance aid effectiveness. In Nigeria, he has worked with UN agencies, international donor organizations, government, and national non-governmental organizations. He has technical expertise in strategic program management, research, MEL, and Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA). In his role Christian oversees the implementation of the program's CLA strategy, serving as the adaptive management focal point for the program. He has supervised and conducted political economy analysis, conflict analysis, assessment of violent extremist tactics and influence, and social network analysis in Northeast Nigeria.*



*Discussant*

**Tia Elise Raappana, Governance Advisor for FCDO and the World Bank**

*Tia Raappana is a Senior Public Sector Specialist in the World Bank's Global Governance Practice. Tia, a Finnish national, is on secondment from her role as a governance adviser in the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO). She has two decades of strategic, management, and operational experience in the public sector and economic governance, anti-corruption, and PFM – working and thinking politically is particularly close to her heart. She has worked in Afghanistan, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, the UK, the US, and South Africa. Tia's latest position before joining the World Bank in early 2020 was working in the FCDO on DFID's strategic governance approach to address global development challenges. She has also worked with several international financial institutions such as the Asian Development Bank, and as a senior adviser to two Afghan Finance Ministers.*

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## DAY 2: FUTURES OF TWP - WHERE CAN WE GO FROM HERE?

8:30-9:00am EST: Arrival and Informal Discussion [in-person only]

9:00-9:10am EST: Day 2 Welcome and Opening Remarks

*Speaker*



**Tomas Bridle, Senior Global Practice Lead, Democracy & Governance, Chemonics International**

9:10am-10:20am EST: Session 1 – Politics, Systems and Behaviors

With increasing recognition of the importance of both behavioural science and systems thinking, Chemonics has been working to better integrate TWP with social and behavioural change principles and tools for greater development impact. This session will present Chemonics' experience integrating these approaches using the Actor-Based Change framework and then will include discussion with project teams, partner specialists, and others to explore how this approach might be applied in different contexts.

**1. Opening Remarks**

Facilitator: **Jennifer Swift-Morgan**, Chemonics International

**2. Actor-Based Change (ABC) presentation and Q&A**

Presenters: **Jeta Pajaziti Doli** and **Bryce Watson**, Chemonics International

**3. Panel discussion**

Moderator: **Bryce Watson**

Panelists: **Christopher Marshall**, Chemonics International team leader of the FCDO Western Balkans Rule of Law Initiative; **Laura Van Berkel**, Behavioral Economist, USAID Center for Economics and Market Development; **Laura Cojocaru**, Principal Behavioral Designer, ideas42

**4. Q&A and Discussion**

Moderator: **Bryce Watson**

**5. Closing**

Facilitator: **Jennifer Swift-Morgan**

*Facilitator*



**Dr. Jennifer Swift-Morgan, Senior Advisor, Chemonics International**



*Presenter and Moderator*

**Bryce Watson, Specialist, Center for Politically Informed Programming, Chemonics International**



*Presenter*

**Jeta Pajaziti Doli, MERL Manager, Chemonics International, West Bank Rule of Law Initiative (WB ROLI)**

*Jeta currently serves as the MREL Manager of the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office-funded Western Balkans Rule of Law Initiative (WBROLI). WBROLI is a highly adaptive transparency & accountability and criminal justice program working across Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia. Jeta has over seven years of experience as the monitoring, evaluation, and learning lead at USAID/Kosovo activities and at WBROLI, as well as other experience in the public and private sector in Kosovo. Her background includes public policymaking and audit, private sector and youth development, and higher education improvement and management.*



*Panelist*

**Christopher Marshall, Team Leader of FCDO-funded WB ROLI**

*Chris currently serves as team leader on the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office-funded Western Balkans Rule of Law Initiative, a highly adaptive transparency & accountability and criminal justice program working across each of the Western Balkans 6. Chris is a lawyer by background and has worked on many aspects of criminal, civil, and commercial justice as well as on administrative, regulatory, and criminal justice responses to corruption and illicit financial flows. He has extensive experience working in politically complex, fragile, and post-conflict environments and has worked across East and South Asia as well as Sub-Saharan Africa and Europe.*



*Panelist*

**Dr. Laura Van Berkel, Behavioral Economist, USAID Center for Economics and Market Development**

*Laura Van Berkel is a Behavioral Economist in USAID's Center for Economics and Market Development. She advises and supports USAID Office, Bureau, and Mission staff on the use of behavioral economics and experimental methods in USAID programming; serves as a liaison to the USAID behavioral science and experimental economics community; and develops and manages staff training programs in behavioral science and experimental economics. Prior experience includes USAID's Center for Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance; Democracy International, Inc.; and the National Science Foundation.*



*Panelist*

**Dr. Laura Cojocaru, Principal Behavioral Designer, Ideas42**

*Laura Cojocaru is a behavioral designer with over 10 years of research and applied work experience, particularly in developing countries. She has developed and supported the implementation of behavior change interventions in fields such as public administration and governance, tax collection, labor, financial health and others.*

**10:30am -12:00pm EST: Session 2. TWP and Localization – Who Needs to Know What and Why**

This panel session will include an array of speakers, including change agents and institutes in the Global South, for a discussion of the different current and potential uses of TWP not only by international technical assistance teams ("implementers") to promote locally led development, but also directly by government and civil society reformers and other local actors driving change in their own countries and regions.

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Facilitator: **Jennifer Swift-Morgan**, Chemonics International

**2. Opening Remarks**

Speaker: **David Jacobstein**, USAID DRG Center

**3. Panel Discussion**

Moderator: **Charles Abani**, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Ghana

Panelists: **Larisa Romanenko**, Chemonics International Deputy Chief of Party, USAID Ukraine DG East; **Kojo Asante**, Director of Advocacy and Policy Engagement at the Ghana Center for Democratic Development; **Vivi Restuviani**, Programme Director, Jakarta Feminist; **Prof. Nadine Machikou**, Professor of political economy, University of Yaoundé II

**4. Q&A and Audience Discussion**

Moderator: **Charles Abani**

**5. Closing Remarks**

Speaker: **Jenny Hodgson**, Executive Director, Global Fund for Community Foundations

**6. Closing**

Facilitator: **Jennifer Swift-Morgan**



*Facilitator*

**Dr. Jennifer Swift-Morgan, Senior Advisor, Chemonics International**



*Speaker*

**David Jacobstein, Democracy Specialist, USAID DRG Center**

*David Jacobstein serves as a Democracy Specialist in the Policy Coordination and Integration Division of the Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance Center, where he focuses on issues of capacity development, systems thinking, political economy, and cross-sectoral integration. Previously, he worked for Pact and the American Bar Association supporting civil society strengthening and rule of law programming across Africa, Europe, and Asia.*



*Moderator*

**Charles Abani, UN Resident Coordinator, United Nations**

*Charles Abani is a seasoned international development practitioner with over 25 years of experience in the public, private and non-profit sectors having worked in senior country and regional leadership roles in Africa, Asia, and in Europe. Specifically, he has worked with ActionAid International, Oxfam GB, Absolute Return for Kids, Palladium and Chemonics. Mr. Abani has also led the successful implementation of projects for DFID and USAID. Most recently, Charles served as Africa Director in Chemonics' UK Division, prior to which he led USAID's flagship civil society project in Nigeria – USAID-SACE.*



*Panelist*

**Larisa Romanenko, Chemonics International Deputy Chief of Party, USAID Ukraine DG East**

*Larisa Romanenko, Esq. is Deputy Chief of Party of the Ukraine USAID Democratic Governance East Activity (DG East). As DCOP she is responsible for all aspects of technical and operational implementation of the program across four regional portfolios focused on the eastern and southern parts of Ukraine, including annual workplan development and implementation, technical deliverable preparation and approval, and annual applied political economy analyses (APEAs). Prior to this role, Larisa served in leadership positions including activities pool director, senior operations director, compliance and project director on complex global health supply chain, democracy and governance and economic growth programs in Europe and Eurasia and Afghanistan. She has 16 years of experience in international development, civil society and government.*



*Panelist*

**Kojo Asante, Director of Advocacy and Policy Engagement, Centre for Democratic Development**

*Kojo Asante is a key member of the CDD-Ghana research team. He has led and managed several of the Center's most significant projects including the World Bank's research on conditions for social accountability in Ghana; strengthening of the technical departments and committees of Parliament; the Center's disability projects. Kojo's research focus is the politics of development, particularly the role of coalition politics and the implications for development outcomes.*



*Panelist*

**Anindya Restuviani, Program Director, Jakarta Feminist**

*Vivi is an Indonesian feminist activist who is involved in a wide variety of initiatives that advocate for intersectional feminist issues. She initiated Women's March Jakarta and coordinated a team of amazing feminist activists throughout Indonesia and Southeast Asia during her role as program director of Jakarta Feminist. Vivi has been involved in influencing policy and legal reform regarding sexual and reproductive rights in Indonesia, and part of the team advocating the legalization of the Anti-Sexual Violence Bill in Indonesia. She was recently spotlighted among 40 Women Leaders in Gender Lens Investing by UN Women Indonesia.*



*Panelist*

**Prof. Nadine Machikou, Professor of Political Science, University of Yaoundé II**

*Nadine Machikou is a tenured professor in political science and Co-Editor in Chief of the Review Politique Africaine. She is also Director of seminars at the International War College of Cameroon and Director of the Center for Study and Research in International and Community Law (University of Yaoundé II). Her work today focuses on the practical and symbolic expressions of violence, the political and moral economy of emotions (compassion for Africa, anger in the context of the Anglophone crisis or the Islamist sect Boko Haram, etc.), public policy and community integration in Africa.*



*Speaker*

**Jenny Hodgson, Executive Director, Global Fund for Community Foundations**

*Jenny Hodgson has been the Executive Director of the Johannesburg-based Global Fund for Community Foundations (GFCF) since it was established in 2006. She has overseen its emergence as the leading global voice on community philanthropy as a core strategy for people-led development and shifting power closer to the ground. Based variously in Uganda, Kenya, Russia, Singapore and Thailand, Jenny has been involved in philanthropy development in emerging markets and developing contexts for the past two decades.*

The graphic features a blue gradient background with a white circular icon containing a stylized building with a flag on top. Inside a white outline of a human head, there are yellow gears and a bar chart icon. Below the head are icons of a group of people and a circular arrow. The text "THINKING AND WORKING POLITICALLY" is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below it, "LEARNING AND FUTURES SYMPOSIUM" is in smaller white capital letters. At the bottom, a white rounded rectangle contains the text "HYBRID EVENT | DEC. 15 AND 16 | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM EST".