

## UNU-IAS Seminar

# “Education and Skills for Employability in Africa”

Date/time: 7th December 2017 (Thursday) 15:00 – 16:30

Venue: UNU Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Committee Room 2 &3

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### **Program**

15:00 *Opening by UNU-IAS*

15:10 *Lecture by Ms. Oley Lucretia Clara Dibba-Wadda, Director of Human Capital, Youth and Skills Development, African Development Bank.*

*Topic: ‘Education and Skills for Employability in Africa’*

16:00 *Q & A*

### **-Guest Lecturer’s profile-**

#### **Ms. Oley Lucretia Clara Dibba-Wadda**



Ms. Dibba-Wadda is a Social Development Executive Leader, a Strategic Analyst and an Expert in African and International Policies on Education, Gender Equality, Women’s Rights and Youth Development. She has over 20 years of leadership and management experiences and has headed three Pan African Development Organizations whose focus are on youth development, education policy and management, gender equality and women and girls’ rights in Africa. She was the Executive Secretary of the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) and the first female to head ADEA - a Pan African Institution (hosted by the African Development Bank), which brings together Ministers of Education across the 54 African countries, and Development Cooperation Partners to dialogue on education in Africa. Prior to working with ADEA, Ms. Dibba-Wadda was the Executive Director of Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) - a Pan African Organization on women, peace and security in Africa; and before joining FAS, she worked with the Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE) also as Executive Director and similarly, a Pan African organization on girls’ education across Sub-Saharan Africa. Ms. Dibba-Wadda has equally held several management and advisory roles in various international development agencies including Oxfam GB; Commonwealth Education Fund and Concern Universal amongst others. She spearheaded innovative strategic initiatives and successfully raised and managed multi-million Dollar programs as well as successfully led and coordinated organizational restructuring and change in the organizations she headed. She is a Global Ambassador for 10X10 and Concern Universal and chairs and sits on several Advisory Boards and Committees.

A Certified Life Coach, Ms. Dibba-Wadda has over the past 19 years been providing coaching and mentoring support on emotional life skills to several youth across the African continent. She is the founder of the Gam Africa Institute for Leadership (GAIL) in The Gambia and a strong advocate and champion for youth development in Africa. She authored “Memoirs of an African Woman on a Mission” and has co-edited and contributed to several studies and publications on gender, education and international development. In recognition of her exemplary contribution towards human development, Ms. Dibba-Wadda was awarded; “Inspiring Woman of Excellence” in 2012 and “African Woman Leadership” in 2013 and was one of the nominees for the 2017 New African Woman in Education.

Ms. Dibba-Wadda combines a Master’s degree in Gender Analysis in Development from the University of East Anglia in the United Kingdom, a Diploma in Gender and Development and acquired several professional certifications.