



BRIDGES INITIATIVES

Local Efforts for Global Peace and Development



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Founding Thoughts

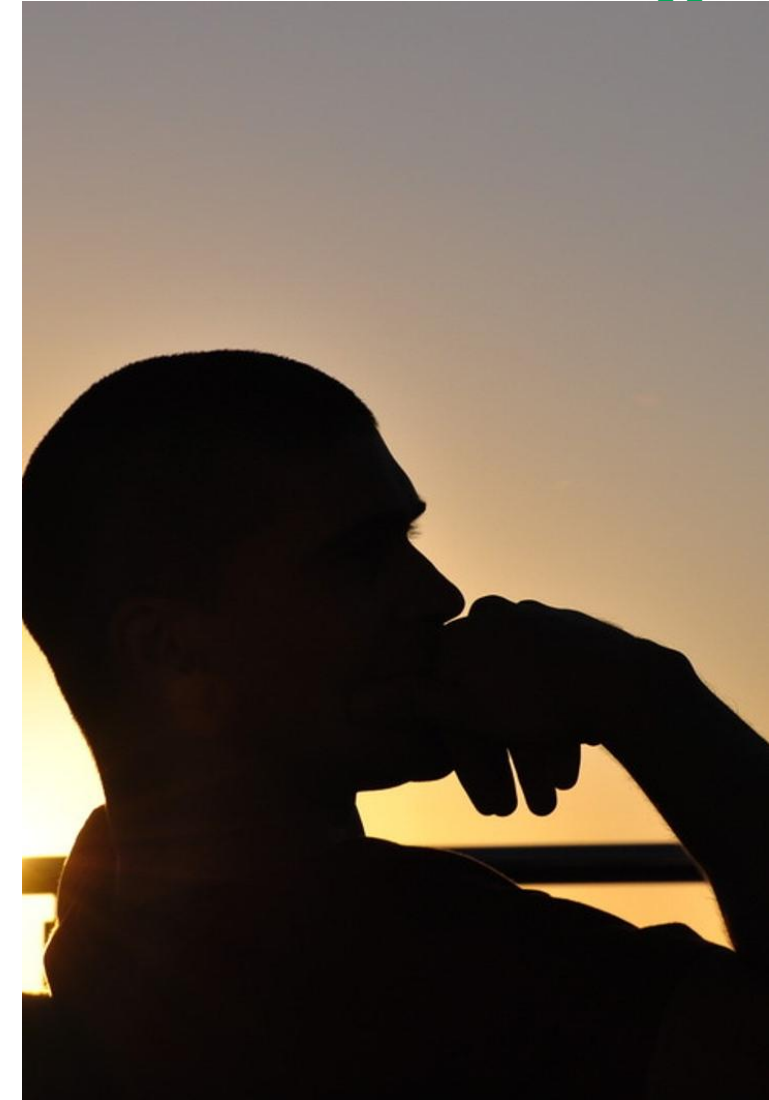
Connections: *"We build too many walls and not enough bridges." - Isaac Newton*

Engagement: *"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding." - Albert Einstein*

Development: *"Local development is about mobilizing and utilizing the full range of local assets, skills, and resources—civic, political, cultural, and economic—for the benefit of all members of the community." - UNDP*

Prosperity: *"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own." - Cesar Chavez*

Local Efforts: *Local communities play a crucial role in peacebuilding and conflict resolution. Grassroots organizations, community leaders, and civil society groups often implement innovative initiatives to promote reconciliation, dialogue, and social cohesion.*



Key Principles

UNITY

Bridges emphasizes the importance of unity, recognizing that collaboration and cooperation among diverse individuals and communities are essential for achieving lasting peace and sustainable development.

SECURITY

Security is a fundamental human need. Bridges works to assist in creating safe and secure environments where individuals feel protected and can thrive without fear of violence or conflict.

GROWTH

Bridges is committed to fostering growth and progress at both individual and societal levels, empowering people to reach their full potential and contributing to the advancement of communities and nations.





What is Bridges?

'Local initiatives for global peace and development'



Bridges is a Non-Profit Organization that promotes global peace and development by engaging people, nations and ideologies on unity, security and growth through Local Efforts and initiatives across various communities.

Our Values

Local Initiatives for Global Peace
and Development

Our Vision

To inspire local efforts for peace, development and economic prosperity.

Our Mission

Foster economic empowerment, community development and global peace through local efforts to build bridges for sustainable futures.





Core Values

What we stand for...

- **PEACE:** We believe in the inherent dignity and worth of every individual and strive to promote peace, reconciliation, and understanding among all communities, regardless of race, ethnicity, or creed.
- **RESILIENCE:** We recognize the importance of resilience in the face of adversity and are dedicated to supporting communities in building resilience to overcome challenges and thrive in the face of uncertainty.
- **INTEGRITY:** We conduct ourselves with the highest standards of integrity, honesty, and transparency in all our interactions and operations. We are accountable to our stakeholders and committed to upholding ethical principles in everything we do.
- **COOPERATION:** We believe that collective efforts and partnerships are essential to achieving our mission. By working together with individuals, communities, institutions, and organizations, we can create impactful and sustainable solutions.
- **EMPATHY:** We approach our work with empathy and compassion, listening to the needs and perspectives of those we serve and striving to meet them with sensitivity and understanding.



A group of people in a meeting, with a woman in the foreground looking up and smiling. The background is blurred, showing other people and colorful sticky notes.

Inspiring a better world: **#OneFamily**
For Peace, Growth and Development

General Information

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Convener/ Founder: Aina Segun Aina

Governance: Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees meets once a Quarter (or when otherwise necessary) to examine the business of the Foundation

Daily Running: Operational/Administrative Team

The Operational/Administrative team shall provide a monthly, quarterly and annual report of activities

Advisers: Board of Patrons and Advisers

Advocacy Volunteers/Promoters: The Bridge Builders Coalition

Bridges Ambassadors will hold an annual congress to celebrate the activities, achievements and impact of the foundation

Annual General Meeting: Trustees, Patrons, Advisers, Donors, The BBC leaders etc. (Major Voting members on key decisions or positions are only done by the BOT)



Our Main Focus

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Bridging the Gaps

Why Bridges?

The world faces stiff competition and growing tensions yet in active quest for development. The need for peace and development is imperative for preserving humanity, addressing root causes of conflict, fostering social cohesion, protecting the environment, and building a more prosperous and sustainable future for all.

Targeted Local Efforts are imperative to achieve sustainable Global Development. **This is why Bridges exist.**

How Can We Achieve This?

- Continuous engagement for Global Peace and Cooperation
- Fostering Social Cohesion
- Conflict Resolution
- Environmental Sustainability
- Promoting Economic Growth, Empowerment and Prosperity



The Needs & The Impact of Local Efforts!

Needs Analysis

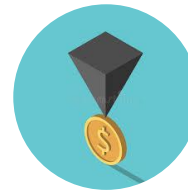
Significant population live in poverty with tendency for violence and desperation.

There is a substantial number of active violence across the world with potent threat to humanity.

These realities provide a picture of the various factors affecting peace and development at the local level. We identify critical areas of need and design targeted interventions to promote global peace and development effectively.



Rising global tensions: Fostering understanding, empathy, and respect for diversity, Local Efforts can help bridge divides and build trust among nations, societies and communities.



Economic instability: Local Efforts can empower individuals and communities to build resilient economies that withstand economic shocks and promote prosperity for all..



Increased social and political polarization: By fostering open communication, tolerance, and mutual respect, Local Efforts can help reduce polarization and strengthen social cohesion.



Growing need for cross-cultural understanding: By celebrating diversity and highlighting the richness of different cultures, Bridges can break down stereotypes, prejudices, and barriers to communication, fostering greater empathy and cooperation among diverse communities.

IMPACT

Bridging the Gaps

Local actions can have a significant and far-reaching impact on various aspects of community well-being, national development, and global peace. Here are some expected impacts of local actions:



Conflict Prevention and Resolution



Cultural Preservation & Environmental Sustainability



Community Development Empowerment & Economic



Social Cohesion and Improved Security

Bridges Initiatives

...Our Works

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Signature Programs

Bridges main initiatives, programs
and projects

Heroes Honour

A "Thank a Soldier" Campaign

Bridges Heroes Honor initiative, serves as a citizens' heartfelt expression of gratitude and appreciation for the selfless contributions of the armed forces towards peace and development.

The Heroes Honor" initiative embodies the spirit of motivation, gratitude, respect, and solidarity towards the armed forces, recognizing their indispensable role in safeguarding the freedoms and opportunities that enable peace and development to flourish.



Bridges Food Bank

The primary objective of "The Bridges Food Bank" initiative is to alleviate hunger and promote food security by providing nutritious food and essential supplies to individuals and families facing food insecurity. It aims to ensure that everyone has access to an adequate and reliable food source, regardless of their socio-economic status.

The Bridges Food Bank

"The Bridges Food Bank" initiative represents a compassionate and community-driven response to the urgent need for food security, embodying the values of solidarity, compassion, and social justice. By providing essential food assistance, promoting nutrition education, and advocating for systemic change, the initiative contributes to building healthier, more resilient, inclusive and peaceful communities.



Bridges Access to Education

Bridges Foundation aims to contribute to the promotion of education security, peace, and development by providing marginalized children with the opportunity to access quality education and realize their full potential.

The Bridges Access to Education Program



The establishment of Bridges International Academy serves as an educational intervention aimed at promoting education security and fostering global peace and development.

Provide scholarships, grants, or financial assistance to underprivileged students to access primary, secondary, and tertiary education.

Establish community schools, libraries or learning centers in underserved areas to increase access to education and information resources.

Donate Books, Distribute educational materials, such as textbooks, school supplies, and digital resources, to students in need.

BridgesTV

Theme: Inspire Action

Bridges TV, the media and digital channel of Bridges, serves as a platform for advocacy to promote peace, understanding, and global cooperation through new media, documentaries and storytelling.

Through Digital advocacy, Bridges aims to harness the power of media as a force for positive social change, empowerment, and reconciliation in communities around the world.

- Promote Advocacy
- Educate and Inform
- Promote Dialogue
- Inspire Positive Action

"OneFamily"

Theme: Hope and Resilience

Bridges Peace Concert, tagged "OneFamily," aims to promote unity, understanding, and peace among diverse communities.

Through the "OneFamily" International Peace Concert, Bridges aims to inspire individuals and communities to embrace their shared humanity, transcend differences, and work together towards a more peaceful and harmonious world.

- Promote Peace
- Celebrate Diversity
- Build Bridges
- Inspire Action

Ancillary Programs

Other initiatives, interventions,
programs and projects

Health Security

Promotion of Healthcare Intervention Programs

Health security refers to the measures and initiatives aimed at protecting populations from health threats and ensuring their resilience to health emergencies.

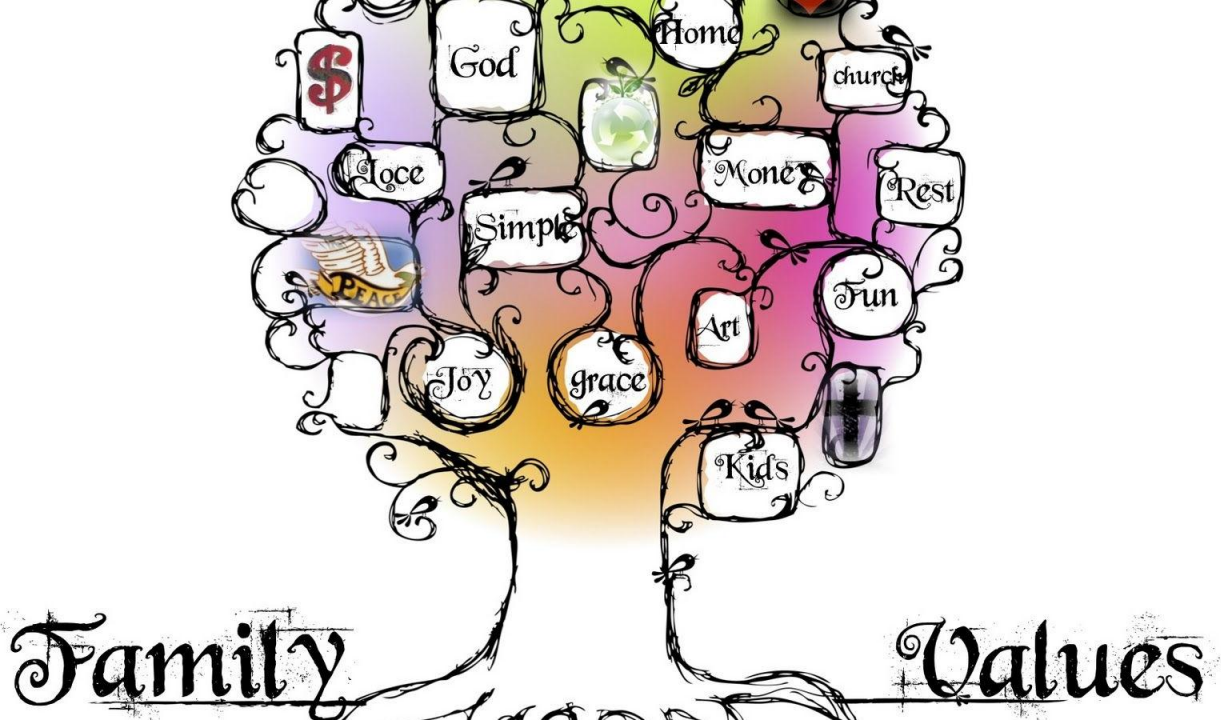
- Prevention and Preparedness
- Global Cooperation and Collaboration
- Risk Communication and Community Engagement

Bridges Harmony

Theme: Values and Ethics

Bridges Family Values initiative is designed to promote world peace by emphasizing and reinforcing the importance of strong family values worldwide.

Through the Bridges Family Values initiative, we aim to create a world where families are empowered to cultivate love, cohesion, coordination, decorum, understanding, and harmony within their households, thereby contributing to a more peaceful and compassionate global community with a special focus on promoting quality lives for the family especially children, eliminating gender-based violence, domestic violence and social vices.



- Educational Programs
- Community Outreach
- Cultural Exchange
- Media Campaigns
- Policy Advocacy

Bridges Tourism

Theme: Borderless Integration

"Bridges Tourism for Peace and Development" is a visionary initiative aimed at leveraging the potential of tourism as a catalyst for fostering peace, promoting sustainable development, and enhancing cross-cultural understanding.

Bridges Tourism for Peace and Development represents a holistic approach to tourism that goes beyond mere economic gain to promote sustainable development, cultural exchange, and peacebuilding, ultimately contributing to a more just, equitable, and peaceful world.

- Cultural Exchange
- Environmental Conservation
- Safe Cities and Societies
- Cultural Heritage Preservation
- Social Cohesion
- A Borderless Globe

Our People

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Organizational Structure

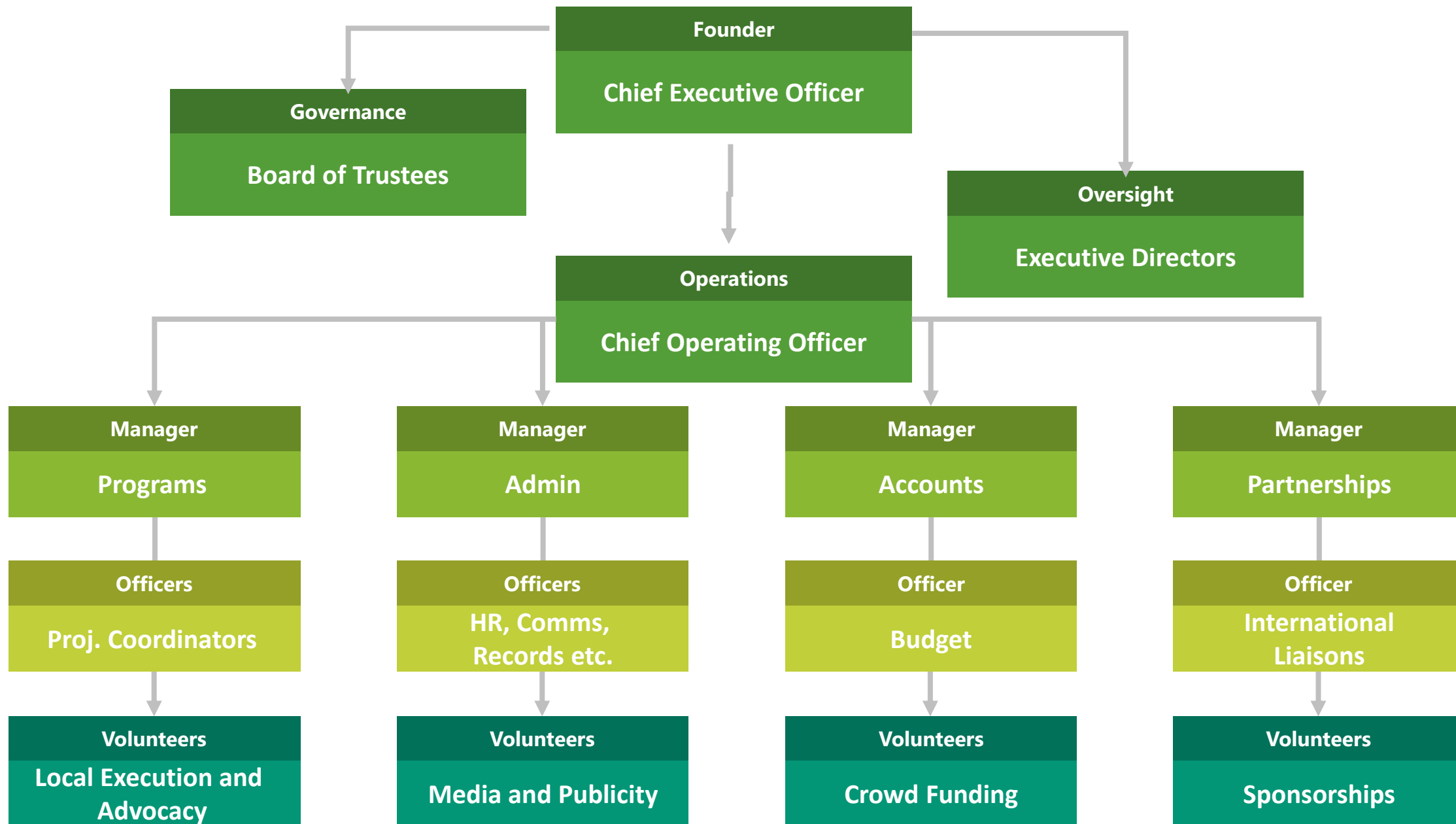
The Board

Provides strategic oversight and governance for the organization.

Executive Leadership Program Departments

Responsible for operational management and implementing the NGO's vision.

Diverse teams focused on specific .



Governance

Responsible for Governance,
Policy and Advisory



Founders and Vision Bearers

The foundation was conceived many years ago by Aina Segun Aina who then shared the vision with the following people who took part in the setting up of the initiative playing various roles. I specially appreciate these ones for listening to my jargons at that time.

Aina Segun Aina –
Founder

Adebambo Sukurat Aina
– Co-Founder

Tony Odeh

Peter Emmanuel

David Asotie

Chinelo Eze

Joshua Oghorlalu

Sunday Atuma

Emmanuel Makanjuola

Femi Benjamin

Anjola Babatunde

Elizabeth James

Mayowa Adegbile

Omobukola Fathima Usman

Babatunde Alao

Wale Oshinaike

Lateef Abayomi Oladipupo

Unwana Eyoh

Nadia Abdulahi



Board of Trustees

Inaugural Board
Hybrid Meeting



Board of Trustees

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Diverse Expertise

The board consists of respected leaders from various backgrounds, including law, finance, international relations, and community development.

2

Committed to Mission

Board members are deeply passionate about the NGO's mission and contribute their time and resources to advance its goals.

3

Oversight and Governance

The board provides strategic direction, ensures accountability, and upholds the organization's values and ethical standards.



Bridges Team:

Board of Trustees

Aina Segun Aina

Founder/Chairman, Board of
Trustees



**Adebambo
Sukurat Aina**

Co-Founder/Vice Chairman



**Atuma Jonas
Sunday**

Secretary, Board of Trustee



Femi Benjamin

Treasurer, Board of Trustee

Bridges Team:

Board of Trustees

Mayowa Adegbile

Member, Board of Trustee



Adewale Oshinaike

Member, Board of Trustee



Emmanuel Mekanjuola

Member, Board of Trustee



Asotie David

Member, Board of Trustee

Bridges Team:

Board of Trustees

Babatunde Alao

Member, Board of Trustee



Nadia Ahmed

Member, Board of Trustee



Bar Chinelo Eze

Legal Adviser



**Joshua Aigbona
Oghorialu**

Chief Operating Officer

Operations and Administrative Structure

Responsible for the Day to Day Running

Executive Leadership

The EDs are entitled to attend the meeting of the BOT to give reports and updates but without voting rights

ED (Grants, Partnership and Sponsorships)

Facilitate the acquisition of grants, and sponsorships and also partnerships

ED (Administration and Programs)

Oversee administration, human resources, office management and technology in the organization.

ED (International Relations)

In charge of liaison with international organizations, embassies, countries, involved with diplomacy and other external missions

ED (The Bridge Builders Coalition)

Coordinates the activities of the membership-based coalition and association across the world.

Management Leadership

CEO (Chief Executive Officer)

Provides overall vision and direction for the organization, ensuring alignment with the mission and strategic priorities.

COO (Chief Operating Officer)

Responsible for the day-to-day operations, overseeing program implementation and managing the NGO's resources efficiently.

CFO (Chief Financial Officer)

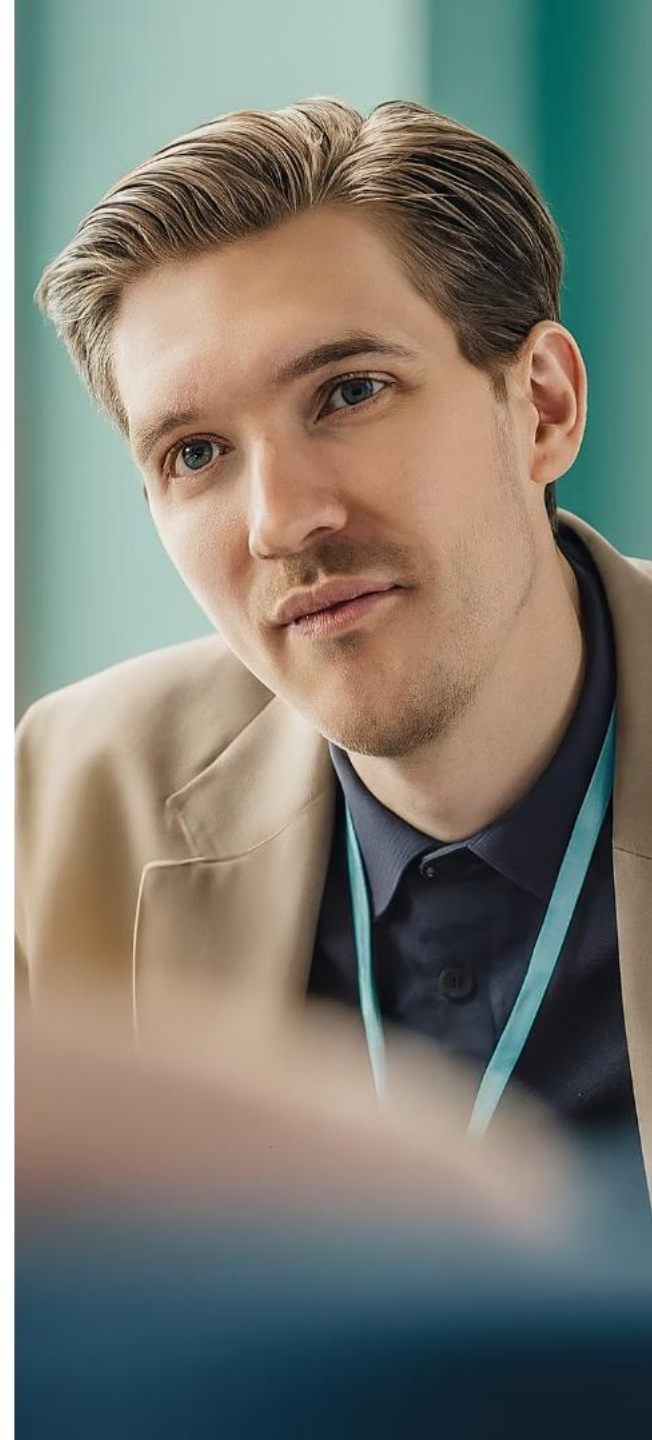
Oversees the organization's financial management, ensuring responsible allocation of funds and compliance with regulations.

CPO (Chief Program Officer)

Leads the organization's policy advocacy efforts, working to influence global and local policies that impact the NGO's mission.

Program Departments

- 1 — Peace Building
- 2 — Societal Development
- 3 — People Development



Bridges Membership: Operations and Administration

Aina Segun Aina

Founder/Chief Executive Officer



**Joshua Aigbona
Oghorialu**

Chief Operating Officer



**Aina Sukurat
Adebambo**

Executive Director
(Admin and Projects)



**Patience
Otobotekere**

Media Manager

Bridges Membership: Operations and Administration

Tony Odeh

Branding and Promotions



Peter Emmanuel

Program Officer 1



Brenda Ocheibi

Media Manager



Elizabeth James

Finance and Accounts



Bridges Membership: Operations and Administration

**Isiaka Mariam
Ajara**

Personnel , Membership and
Administration



Nene Akinola

Grants and Sponsourships



Taiwo Fashola

Media



Enyo Ati

Media



Bridges Membership: Operations and Administration

Oluwatosin Ligali

Tech Consultant



**Omobolanle
Fathima Usman**

Program Officer 1



Segun Emmanuel

Media Consultant



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Esther Bamisebi

Bridges FoodBank



Bridges Membership: Operations and Administration

Anjola Babatunde

ICT



**Abdulmalik
Wahab Itopa**

Program Officer 1



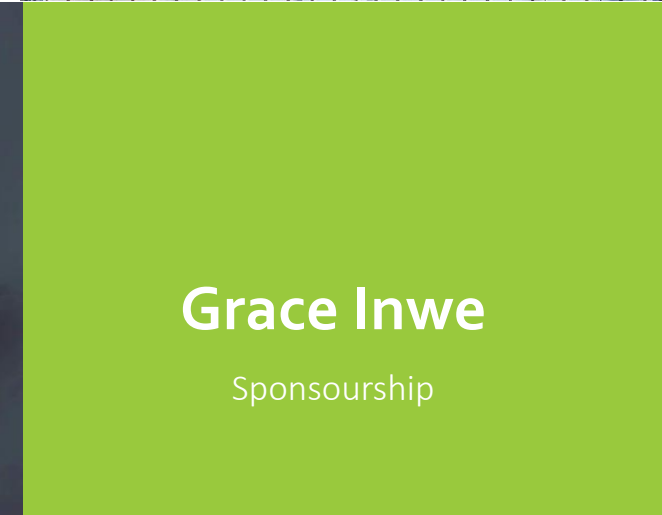
Sola Bankole

Bridges Magazine



Grace Inwe

Sponsorship



Operations and Administrative Structure

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Bridges Team

Working for Peace and Development



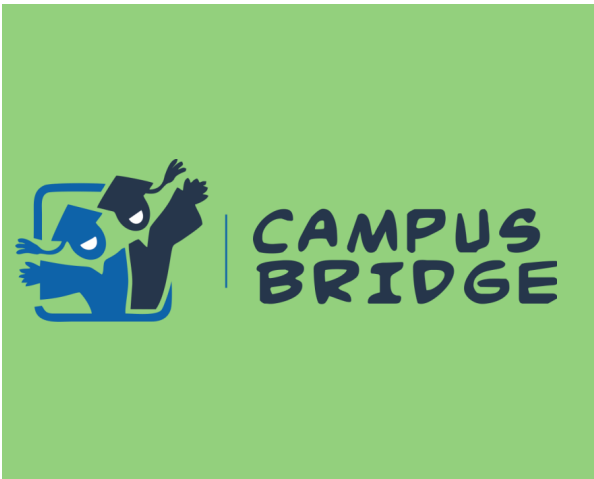
Bridges Team

Working for Peace and Development



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DONATE & PARTNER WITH US

A membership-based network of individuals promoting the ideals of the association.

The Bridge Builders Coalition aims to advance the mission and vision of the Bridges Foundation by mobilizing support, fostering collaboration, and promoting awareness of its ideals and activities across different communities and societies.



Promote Engagement, Awareness and Support



Advocate for Change, Dialogue and Understanding



Facilitate Grassroot Collaboration and Empower Communities



Celebrate Achievements and Sustain Momentum



**CAMPUS
BRIDGE**

Conclusion

These are our defining moments, we must make it count!

The world of today is made possible by the sacrifices and compromises of the past even in the face of difficult circumstances.

In difficult times, some people distinguished themselves in extraordinary ways to ensure that a future is reserved against all odds.

In times like this, this mission calls out on the extraordinary people of today to make those extra ordinary sacrifices that will shape the future of the world even in the most difficult times of today.

This is our defining moment, we must make it count. The time is NOW!!!
Rather than the walls that puts us far apart above which we throw stones, missiles and hate,
Let's Build the Bridges that connects us to a more united world.

Partners

Our Current and Prospective Supporters



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