

CHIDO CLEOPATRA MPEMBA

Ms Chido Cleo Mpemba is the African Union Special Envoy on Youth appointed by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, as the youngest diplomat in the chairperson's cabinet to lead on youth affairs across the 55 Member States. She is a Pan – African youth advocate on a mission to use her strengths, influence and voice to lead work that changes the lives of young people in communities. She has worked with various institutions to coordinate activities focused on social equity, public health, policy advocacy and climate change. She is a Mandela Washington Fellow who was selected under President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative. She is part of the Global Shapers Community, an initiative of the World Economic Forum and has held leadership roles including being selected as part of the Global Taskforce, representing the Africa region, former Hub Curator and Climate Reality Leader trained by former US Vice President Al Gore . Ms. Mpemba has strong private sector experience, having started her career as a banker at Standard Chartered Bank for seven years. She has also worked with the Zimbabwe Minister of Youth, Sports, Arts & Culture , and World Olympian Kirsty Coventry. Ms. Mpemba is featured in the book of Top 100 Go Getter Millennials and The Women Excel book of successful Zimbabwean Women. She took part in a high-level leadership training as a visiting fellow at Dartmouth College , Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and Social Sciences. She holds an MBA Degree from Midlands State University and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Cape Town. She is an Emerging Security Sector Leader trained at the National Defence University under the US State Department of Defense.

