

Ambassador Working Group Progress Report

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Background

Following the successful publication of the Community Ambassador Handbook early last year, we welcomed the inaugural cohort, in August 2024. The ambassadors are spread across the globe and voluntarily working to bring about a more equitable, collaborative, and understanding society:

1. **Alejandro Carrillo Gómez** ([@AlexDeYucatan](#))
2. Amarthya Shree Nagendrapandian ([@Amarthya](#))
3. Aurora Adwubi Agyemang ([@Auri](#))
4. Chun Lin ([@e-clin](#))
5. Derek W. Ren ([@derekren](#))
6. **Ebuka Ezeike** ([@ebuka](#))
7. Mbunzama Narcisse ([@Narcisse](#))
8. Ratiranjan Senapati ([@ratiranjan](#))
9. **Samuel Boadu Duah** ([@Samuel](#))
10. **Tobias Wenzel** ([@MakerTobey](#))

On January 25, 2025, a meeting was held to evaluate the progress of the ambassador program. The ambassadors (in bold above) attended plus a representative from the WG (Juan P Maestre) and a representative from the Council (Karl Kaddu). No apologies were registered from those absent.

Progress and Challenges

Clarification was sought on:

- **What happens after submitting the work plan?** As outlined in the [program expectations](#), the work plans are submitted for information purposes so that the working group (WG) gets to appreciate what each ambassador is undertaking, ensure alignment with the handbook, and also inform the nature of support the WG and the Council need to provide to each ambassador or the entire program as a whole.
- **Funding support?** The WG and the Council understand that while the ambassadorship role is largely voluntary, some aspects of the work require financial support, and the Council, with partners, is continuously working to

achieve this objective. The program will be promptly informed once funding is secured.

Recommendations/Observations

- All ambassadors should endeavor to participate in the quarterly progress report interfaces with the Council or Working Group. The feedback provided during these interactions is important in improving the program. Ambassadors should strive to report either in person or in writing.

Note: It was observed that some ambassadors have demonstrated commitment to the program by sharing work plans and attending meetings. The WG should reach out to those who might have fallen through the cracks and provide remedial interventions.

- Ambassadors are encouraged to network and share experiences using the most convenient tools. The ambassadors set up a [WhatsApp group](#) to facilitate interaction.
- Ambassadors should submit their work plans to the working group and the council before implementation. Work plans should be aligned with the [Community Ambassador Handbook](#).
- When faced with challenges, ambassadors are encouraged to seek counsel from the working group, Council, or community coordinator

Next meeting

The team should schedule the meeting in early May.