

## **Macani Toungara**

Macani Toungara has 14+ years of international economic development and management consulting experience in the private and non-profit sector. She recently joined the United States Agency for International Development as a Senior Advisor in the Bureau for Africa. In that role, she serves as the senior technical expert in developing strategies for major Agency programs of national scope and impact.

Previously, she was the Manager of International Programs, Africa for the Obama Foundation, where she managed programming across the African continent. The flagship program, Leaders: Africa, inspires, empowers and connects 200 emerging African Leaders through a year-long program of capacity building.

Prior to that, Ms. Toungara was the Senior Director for Program Development at TechnoServe, an international economic development non-profit, where she managed the development of strategic bids and led donor engagement with the Gates Foundation, U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.K. Department for International Development. She developed expertise on subjects including public private partnerships, supply chain linkages, SME development, market systems development, food security promotion and job creation.

Before joining TechnoServe, Ms. Toungara was a consultant with the Boston Consulting Group, where she worked on projects in consumer goods and financial services. She holds a B.A. in economics from Harvard University, a Master in Public Affairs from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs and a J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center.