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## Twaweza's Aidan Eyakuze named as one of Apolitical's Agile 50

*The world's 50 most influential people revolutionizing government*

**Tuesday 15 December:** Twaweza's Executive Director, Aidan Eyakuze, has been named by Apolitical and the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Agile Governance as one of the world's 50 most influential people revolutionizing government. He is one of only three Africans on the list and one of only eleven who work directly outside of government.

The Agile 50 list is compiled based on peer and expert nominations, research into all nominees and then shortlisting and review by the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Agile Governance. Candidates are selected for a range of leadership qualities including: a focus on outcomes, innovating and experimenting, and connecting locally, nationally and globally. Aidan Eyakuze was selected as a citizen-centred champion.

The list seeks to highlight those politicians, civil servants and entrepreneurs driving agility in governments all around the world. Long before the pandemic, governments were grappling with how to seize the opportunities of innovation while mitigating the risks. The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified this challenge, increasing the need for governments to enable new approaches in the face of widespread social and economic disruption.

Apolitical is a global network of public servants in over 160 countries. The platform, which is co-designed with and funded by governments, provides events, connections, courses and articles for public servants that support them to deliver on their responsibilities.

The Global Future Council on Agile Governance brings together leading experts from business and government to drive regulatory reform that unleashes innovation and drives economic growth.

Aidan Eyakuze said: *"I am honoured to be include in this list of governance revolutionaries. It is very encouraging to see the names of public servants from around the world who realise that government works best when it is open responsive and ready to try new things. And societies thrive when citizens are all free to contribute, to imagine new possibilities and to work together. I am proud to be part of a growing movement of innovators who are re-imagining governance with citizens at its core."*

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### Notes to Editors

Twaweza works to demonstrate how citizens can come together to collectively address their problems, and make government work better for them; enable citizens' voices, interests and experiences to be heard and taken seriously in decision-making; promote and protect open civic space which enables citizens to freely assemble or organise, speak and act in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. We have programs, staff and offices across all three countries, and a globally respected practice of learning, monitoring and evaluation. Our flagship programs include *Sauti za Wananchi*, Africa's first nationally representative mobile phone survey. We undertake effective public and policy engagement, through powerful media partnerships and global leadership of initiatives such as the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD).