

Dr. Sulley Gariba Joins the Mastercard Foundation

I'm delighted to announce that Dr. Sulley Gariba joined the Foundation on November 11th in the role of Head, Country and Regional Program Impact. Based in Accra, Ghana, he will support and coordinate Impact activities of the Foundation across the Africa Region, presently covering 10 countries. Sulley is an evaluation and governance specialist and former Ghanaian diplomat, with over 35 years of experience advising government and non-governmental institutions. Most recently, Sulley served as Ghana's High Commissioner to Canada from 2014 to 2017, and Senior Policy Advisor to the President of Ghana, where he established the Policy Delivery and Evaluation Unit in the Presidency of Ghana from 2010 to 2014. Sulley is a long standing friend of the Foundation having participated in reviews of the Foundation's Youth Livelihoods program as well as moderating some of the Foundation's high-level policy forums.

In the field of evaluation, knowledge management and learning, Sulley is a leader in the international evaluation movement. He was founding President of the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS) and President of the African Evaluation Association (AFREA). He advised the first round of the Evaluation of the Paris Declaration; was team leader for the Review of UNDP's Evaluation Policy; led the evaluation of UNDP's HIV and AIDS programs in 11 African countries; and designed and delivered training on citizen-based tools for evaluating poverty to over a dozen African Parliaments.

More recently, Sulley has led research, learning, and training initiatives on Evaluating Collective Action Movements in Africa, using the results to train five youth-led collective action movements across Africa. This work is influencing the reconsideration of youth-led forces demanding accountability for public policies in Africa, and using evaluative tools to assess knowledge, attitudes, and practices. He was on the Board of the International Initiative on Impact Evaluation (3ie), a member of the Evaluation Advisory Panel of AGRA, and on the Technical Advisory Panel of the UNICEF Evaluation Office. He established the Institute for Policy Alternatives, Ghana www.ipaghana.org, a policy think tank and research organization based in Ghana.

Sulley studied at Carleton University in Canada, obtaining a Master's and PhD in Political Science. His cherished academic career includes senior lecturer in Political Science at the University for Development Studies in Northern Ghana; and a sessional lecturer at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. Carleton conferred a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, on him in recognition of Sulley's longstanding work and academic scholarship in international development in Africa. Sulley is the first African to be given this award from Carleton.