

Richard Kiplagat begin term as the new Board Chair at the Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority

The Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority (UFAA) has welcomed the appointment of Richard Kiplagat as chairman of the Board effective May 3, 2019

Kiplagat brings with him a wealth of experience gained while serving as the chairman of the Warren Foundation and Jamii Bora Bank; and as a director at Brand Africa and Akiba Group of Schools. Previously, he has served as a director at the Kenya ICT Federation, the Kenya ICT Board, Kenya Youth Business Trust and Kenya National Chamber of Commerce.

Kiplagat is also the Chief Operating Officer at African Practice, a Pan African Strategic Communications Advisory group.

He has previously been the Head of Global Strategic Alliances at Microsoft Africa for five years and was responsible for managing Microsoft's strategic engagements with development partners and inter-governmental organizations across 47 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and the Indian Ocean islands.

While at Microsoft, Kiplagat was instrumental in establishing Microsoft's partnerships with The African Union (AU), African Development Bank (AfDB), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), World Bank and the East African Community (EAC) among others to increase access to technology across the continent.

Richard is a frequent contributor to both print and electronic media on Pan African issues and has spoken at conferences and facilitated panel discussions on a wide range of subjects. He is particularly passionate about unleashing the potential of a more integrated and collaborative continent and the need for Africa to think about its human capital in a more holistic way.

Kiplagat studied economics and political science at the University of Toronto Canada, with a focus on the economics of development.