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Summary:

Dr Chinje – N Boding is the Lead Advisor to the Secretary General of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group, a position she has held since 1 June 2019. She joined the Office of the Secretary General from the Bank's Southern African Regional Hub where she had been working as an International Consultant in the office of the Director General for the Region, delivering on these primary responsibilities: business development, stakeholders' relationship building and management (including private and public entities) as well as resource management. She was also the focal point for the Africa Investment Forum (AIF) in Southern Africa. She joined the African Development Bank (AfDB) in August 2016 as an International Technical Consultant on private sector development in Africa. For 2 years, she consulted to the Fund for African Private Sector Assistance (FAPA) - a multi-donor fund consisting of the following donors: The Government of Japan, Government of Austria, and AfDB. She provided advice, guidance and support that led to the approval & funding of key gender and women-led as well as SME initiatives in the Bank such as the Fashionomics Digital Platform and the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Lab.

Dr Chinje – N Boding has over 20 years professional experience, working in the private sector as a Corporate Employee holding management positions in Johannesburg Stock Exchange Listed blue-chip companies. She has also worked for one of the top 4 global management consulting firms in South Africa. She is the Founder of Upbeat marketing Pty Ltd & also held the position of Executive Director for Weconnect International in South Africa – Helping to launch and successfully execute this USA-based not for profit organization's women economic empowerment program in Africa, and more specifically, South Africa.

Dr Chinje – N Boding has designed and delivered training and capacity development programs on gender leadership in Ghana and Nigeria as part of the Women Entrepreneurship and Leadership in Africa (WELA) program offered by the China-Europe International Business School in Africa where she is a Visiting Associate Professor.

Dr Chinje – N Boding is a recipient of these awards: 2019 Social Innovation Leadership Awards by the World Congress Leadership (awarded in Johannesburg, South Africa); and the 2017 Global Business Leadership Award by African Leadership Magazine (awarded on 21 Sept.17 in New York City - USA). She is a finalist for the 2017 New African Woman Award – Business Category, by New African Woman and IC Publications (UK), and a Semi-Finalist of the 2017 Africa's Most Influential Woman in Business and Government – Professional Category by CEO Magazine in South Africa.

Dr Chinje – N Boding holds a PhD in Business Administration from Wits Business School at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa; and a Master in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Stellenbosch Business School in South Africa. She is a Chartered Marketer CM (SA).

She is a member of the Institute of Directors in Southern Africa (IoDSA) and also of the Singapore Institute of Directors (SID).