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## **AGS Announces New Everywhere She Maps Program Director**

WASHINGTON, DC — The American Geographical Society (AGS) has announced the appointment of Ms. Stella Wavamuno Nakacwa as Program Director for YouthMappers' Everywhere She Maps program and Coordinator of Sponsored Projects. Ms. Wavamuno Nakacwa will be leading AGS' initiative to support Advanced Placement Human Geography (APHG) educators.

Ms. Nakacwa will be responsible for leading the Everywhere She Maps program, which is a targeted training program designed to increase women's participation within the YouthMappers network and rapidly expanding industries that utilize geospatial technologies. Three core activities are being carried out to achieve this goal: a leadership program for women in technology, Everywhere She Maps Regional Ambassadorship, and mapping and geospatial data creation relevant to women's needs. She will also be coordinating all activities surrounding the AGS Geography Educator Initiative.

AGS has partnered with YouthMappers for several years and is committed to furthering the collaboration between the two organizations.

Ms. Nakacwa, based in West Virginia, has been actively volunteering and working with YouthMappers for five years, by leading open mapping initiatives, serving as a Leadership Fellow, and training and mentoring students and communities in the use of open geographic data for community development. As a former "Everywhere She Maps Regional Ambassador", Ms. Nakacwa provided technical support to water and energy mapping projects aimed at providing data insights to improve livelihoods for marginalized communities. She recently earned a Masters in Geography degree from West Virginia University.

Through Everywhere She Maps, young women will grow their professional and networking skills and broaden their technical proficiency. Resulting in increased engagement by women in the geospatial industry, leading to a stronger and more accurate representation of half of the world's population in mapping and geospatial data collection. Because after all — everywhere she maps, she makes a difference!

\*Insert paragraph about our APHG programs

**About The American Geographical Society:** The American Geographical Society (AGS) is a 21st-century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, knowledge, and understanding across business, government, academe, social sectors, and most importantly with teachers and students. Established in 1851, AGS is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States. It is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education for over 170 years. The mission of AGS is to advance

and promote geography in business, government, science, and education. Our goal is to enhance the nation's geographic literacy to engender sound public policy, national security, and human well-being worldwide. AGS seeks to engage the American public, from its youngest to its oldest citizens, with new and amazing ways to understand and characterize our changing world. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.

**About YouthMappers:** [YouthMappers](#) is an international consortium of 345 university-student-led campus chapters in 69 countries that uses open geospatial technologies to identify and directly address development challenges worldwide. YouthMappers' founding institutions are Texas Tech University, The George Washington University, West Virginia University, and Arizona State University is the lead fiscal home. The United States Agency for International Development generously supports YouthMappers through a grant from the US Global Development Lab's GeoCenter.



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