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Clarisse is the Chief Executive Officer of HeHe, a leading geolocation-technology company she founded 10 years ago out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Global Startup Program. HeHe's vision is to enable Africans to live a life of abundance by optimizing supply chains to match demand and supply. HeHe is now the largest e-commerce business in Rwanda, digitizing over 200 businesses, and serving 2 million consumers.

Since 2016, Clarisse has also served as a member of the African Development Bank's Presidential Youth Advisory Group that provides an important platform for the Bank to hear directly from young changemakers on ways to harness the skills, talents, and ideas of Africa's youth. She advises on issues relating to the Future of Work, in line with the Bank's vision is to build inclusive and transformative African economies where young people across different countries, socio-economic strata, rural-urban divides, gender, and age groups have access to productive, sustainable opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship.

In 2019, Clarisse was appointed to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) as an eTrade for Women Advocate, an initiative aimed at harnessing the positive impact of digital technology, combined with the transformative power of female entrepreneurship to help accelerate wealth creation and poverty reduction in developing countries.

In 2020, Clarisse was appointed to the Africa Climate Foundation's Advisory Council alongside four of Africa's leading thinkers in the field of energy, development economics, industrial policy and trade, agriculture, gender, and social inclusion, and the role of technology.

Clarisse joined the second edition of the Karman Fellowship Programme alongside 15 change-makers and global leaders who are shaping the future of space and The World Economic Forum's Young Global Leaders class of 2021.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering from the University of Rwanda's College of Science and Technology and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the African Leadership University School of Business (ALUSB).