

Chike Aguh (pronounced Chee-kay Ah-Goo) serves as the inaugural Head of Innovation & Strategy at the Kapor Center, founded by Dr. Freada Kapor Klein and Lotus founder Mitch Kapor. Reporting to Co-Chair Kapor Klein, he operates across philanthropy, impact investing and policy to scale startups using frontier technologies to address America's biggest challenges like the future of work and economic mobility. Partnering with leading mayors, governors, and civic leaders, these efforts will transform American lives through better jobs, education, housing, and healthcare.

Previously appointed by the president on day one during the height of COVID-19 in 2021, Chike served as Chief Innovation Officer at the U.S. Department of Labor leading efforts to use emerging technologies (AI, machine learning, etc.) to benefit American workers. He helped lead a \$2 billion modernization of the unemployment insurance system, co-created the Department's first enterprise data strategy, and served as its lead to the National Space Council. He was the first Black person to serve in the position.

In Chike's cross sector career, he has worked as a teacher and policy official in America's largest school system, been a Fulbright award recipient in Asia, led a national nonprofit connecting more than 500,000 low-income Americans to broadband and digital skills, and held corporate-strategy and future-of-work leadership roles at EAB, McChrystal Group (founded by Gen. (Ret.) Stan McChrystal), and Accenture. A Senior Advisor at Harvard's Project on Workforce, Chike holds degrees from Tufts University (B.A), Harvard (MPA, Ed.) and Wharton (MBA). He is a board member at Britebound (formerly American Student Assistance), NAF (founded by Sandy Weill), a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a Presidential Leadership Scholar.

Chike serves as Vice Chair of the Maryland Higher Education Commission, appointed by Gov. Wes Moore. He, his wife, and their children are proud Marylanders and Prince Georgians, spend significant time in Greater Baltimore, and are members of Zion Church in Greenbelt, MD.