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EDUCATION

Wits Business School

Johannesburg/South Africa

Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration and Management
2019-2020

University of the Witwatersrand

Johannesburg/South Africa

Master of Arts in International Relations
2016-2018

KEY STRENGTHS AND EXPERTISE

- Business Intelligence
- Research & Reporting
- Advocacy
- Data life-cycle management
- Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning
- Communication
- Content Creation

DIGITAL SKILLS

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| • Microsoft 365 | • Jupyter Notebook |
| • Miro | • GitHub |
| • Mailchimp | • Hugging Face |
| • Google Workspace | • Visual StudioCode |
| • Slack | • Pycharm |
| • Asana | • Power BI |
| • Canva | • Python |
| • Copilot Designer | • HTML |

LANGUAGES

- English (Fluent)
- French (Fluent)
- Swahili(Beginner)

EXTRACURRICULAR

- Steerco Member @SAMEA Tech-Enabled MERL Community of Practice
- Children's book Author(Amazon KDP)
- Newsletter Author(AI in the DRC)
- Independent contractor

REFERENCES

Khotso Tsotsotso-Acting Head of Foundation & Senior Education Manager - Old Mutual Foundation: Old Mutual Group Marketing, Public Affairs and Sustainability(GMPAS)
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Results-oriented data professional with nearly a decade of experience transforming data into actionable intelligence. Driven to leverage technology in pursuit of positive change and data-driven decision-making. Consistently bolstered the business growth efforts of organizations through optimized and effective data stewardship.

EXPERIENCE

Co-founder @*Congo Excel Technologies (CET)*

October 2022- Present

Key Responsibilities

- Leading the launch of the first nationwide AI education initiatives in the DRC, with the aim to reach over 500 schools through in-person workshops, online training and the offering of digital data solutions.
- Positioning CET as a leading voice in the national discussion around the Fourth Industrial Revolution and responsible AI use and development.
- Organizing interviews with community leaders to better understand the local needs and concerns around emerging technologies.
- Engaging with SMEs to offer expertise in integrating AI-powered tools for optimized business performance and efficiency.

MERL Officer (Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning)

@Data Innovators

March 2020-October 2023

Key Responsibilities

- Ensured the implementation of streamlined data collection and management processes.
- Enhanced decision-making accuracy through collaboration with cross-functional teams to identify and address data needs.
- Ensured data accuracy and reliability, leading to a reduction in errors by spearheading data cleaning and pre-processing initiatives.
- Developed MERL systems and frameworks to improve performance of projects/programmes.
- Closely monitored progress toward projects targets and identified areas of improvements.
- Supported strategic decision-making, resulting in business growth through actionable insights delivered to senior management.
- Delivered conference presentations discussing pertinent issues in the African MERL landscape and sharing insights and lessons learned.

Research Assistant @*University of the Witwatersrand*

March 2015 - November 2018

Key Responsibilities

- Conducted comprehensive literature reviews to identify relevant academic sources and inform research methodologies
- Assisted in the design and development of research instruments and interview protocols
- Collected, organized, and analyzed qualitative and quantitative data
- Contributed to the interpretation of research findings and the identification of emerging themes and insights
- Collaborated with the research team to draft research reports, articles, and presentations of findings
- Provided administrative support, including scheduling meetings and maintaining project documentation