

## Cover Letter

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to express my profound interest in the **Project Manager visionnaire** position at YiRI, as advertised on recrutement @yiri.africa. The opportunity to serve as the "chef d'orchestre" for a mission that so elegantly marries tradition with technology—a project aimed at allowing "l'Afrique d'inventer sa révolution numérique à son image" and "bâtir un héritage"—resonates deeply with my professional experience and personal commitment to technological advancement in Africa.

With over six years of experience leading complex data and AI initiatives, I am confident in my ability to steer this historic project with strategic vision and operational excellence. At **Orange Côte d'Ivoire**, as a Project Manager Consultant, I successfully led the Agile implementation of critical decision-support systems and data-driven solutions, consistently achieving a **97% on-time delivery** rate for mission-critical tools. My expertise in coordinating cross-functional teams and optimizing processes, as highlighted in my "Project Management Expertise" skill set, directly aligns with your need for a leader who can pilot the complete implementation and coordinate multidisciplinary teams effectively.

Furthermore, my extensive background as a Senior Data Scientist & Product Manager, particularly in deploying cutting-edge AI, directly addresses your requirement for innovation technologique, including the deployment of digital platforms and delivering a revolutionary AI model. My experience at **Data354** involved the implementation of advanced ML and LLM-based decision-support systems, including a voice-enabled AI assistant for healthcare and leveraging RAG for legal query understanding. Crucially, my work on projects like the **Wolof NLP Dataset Pipeline** at Baamtu Datamation demonstrates a practical application of AI in an African linguistic context, reflecting a genuine understanding and passion for leveraging technology to preserve and promote African cultural identity, which is at the heart of YiRI's mission.

I am particularly drawn to YiRI's vision of technology serving to preserve a tale, a song, a memory. My comprehensive experience in stakeholder management, team leadership (scaling impact to 700+ trainees at GIBT), and a proven track record of bringing innovative AI solutions to fruition, prepares me to navigate the complexities of managing a project of this magnitude and its impressive budget. I am eager to contribute my leadership and technical acumen to this transformative endeavor, ensuring its strategic objectives are met with transparency and significant impact.

Thank you for considering my application. I am very enthusiastic about the prospect of joining YiRI and would welcome the opportunity to discuss how my skills and vision can contribute to making this historic mission a resounding success. My CV is attached for your review.

Sincerely,

Esaïe Alain-Emmanuel KOUPOH