ELENA SOSA LERÍN

Communications Specialist

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF) Social Media Advisor and Trainer Bogota, Colombia Jan. 2018 – Dec. 2018

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Communications Specialist Juba, South Sudan April 2016 – January 2017

Various Clients Communications Consultant Gaborone, Botswana March 2015 – February 2016

National Aids Coordinating Agency (NACA) Communications Adviser

Gaborone, Botswana February 2014 – February 2015

July 2013 - January 2014

April 2012 - April 2013

International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) Web Content Analyst Winnipeg, Canada

International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) Communications Associate Winnipeg, Canada Designed and delivered on-site social media training workshops and technical manuals for a hundred agricultural cooperative organizations across Colombia on content creation and profile maintenance to promote their businesses, activities, and products to multi-stakeholders and clients.

Produced and implemented a communications and advocacy strategy to increase the visibility of a peace and stabilization project involving the governments of Norway, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda to strengthen South Sudan's civil service.

Provided communication services to businesses, charities, civil society organizations, and professionals in Botswana and South Africa, including the Rainbow Coalition of Botswana, the Young Women Leadership Association of Botswana, the Women's NGO Coalition of Botswana, and South Africa Gender Links.

Developed and managed a communications strategy focused on increasing awareness of HIV/AIDS issues related to key populations identified by the United Nations.

Analyzed and interpreted complex scientific research, translated it into clear and concise copy in compliance with SEO and accessibility best practices.

Identified and produced success stories based on IISD's body of research for its case for support and designed and produced its monthly internal e-newsletter. Journalists for Human Rights (JHR)

Journalist and Media Trainer

Blantyre, Malawi June 2011 – Feb. 2012

ParlAmericas
Programme and Communications
Officer

Ottawa, Canada January 2010 – June 2011

ROKon Magazine Managing Editor and Contributor Seoul, South Korea April 2007 – March 2008 Mentored local journalists from Blantyre News Limited (BNL) weekly newspaper on finding and developing feature stories on issues like mental health, labour rights, gender issues, and access to education.

Reported to the Director General and the Executive Committee comprised of 12 parliamentarians in the Americas, successfully designed and implemented a strategic communications programme and a new website; facilitated the regular monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of all projects and programmes.

Managed a national, bilingual (English and Korean) culture and entertainment publication with a monthly circulation of 2,500 issues.

EDUCATION

Certificate of Website Development

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Calgary, Canada

Master of Arts, International Migration and Ethnic Relations

Malmö University, Malmö, Sweden

Bachelor of Journalism Combined Honours with Political Science

University of King's College, Halifax, Canada

January 2019 – June 2019

August 2008 – June 2009

August 2001 – April 2006

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Communication and collaboration tools

Dropbox, FaceTime, Google Drive, Google Hangouts, Slack, Skype (for Business), WhatsApp, Microsoft Teams.

Content management systems (CMS)

Blogger, customized CMSs, SquareSpace, Tumblr, Wix, WebFlow, WordPress

Editing software

Audacity, Adobe Creative Suite, Canva, iMovie

ScreenFlow, PiKtoChart

Operating systems

Microsoft and MacIntosh

Photography

DSLR photography (Nikon)

Social media

Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Medium, Pinterest, Reddit, Twitter, VSCOcam, WhatsApp, YouTube

Marketing

SEO, Google Analytics, StatCounter, Google Tags, MailChimp, Tiny Letter

Software skills

Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, Lightroom), Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, SharePoint), Microsoft Client Relations Manager (CRM), Google G Suite and Google Docs

Website development

AWS, Bootstrap, CSS(3), GitHub, HTML(5), JavaScript, MySQL, PHP, Sass, Sketch, Zite, UX, UI