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Summary

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International Development Expert

- More than 20 years in International development work with hands-on experience, driven to support knowledge sharing and improve the quality of life of communities, especially in Africa.
- A hybrid person: with one foot in academia and another in business – understanding the role scholars can play in driving micro-institutions to create opportunities and economic transformations in the lives of vulnerable people.
- An African background and a European/African experience provide a balanced perspective on issues.
- Excellent qualities as a bridge-builder, wanting to give back intellectual remittances to the continent of his origin.

Experience



Associate Professor

Professionshøjskolen Metropol | Metropolitan University College

Jul 2009 - Present (11 years 8 months +)

- Outstanding delivery of cross-professional courses in a myriad of fields including Sustainable Development, Agribusiness, Project Management, Corporate Social Responsibility, (Social)Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Startups, Training of Trainers, with more than 75% student satisfaction rates.
- Outstanding success as visiting professor at various institutions in Africa including Makerere University Uganda, and the University of KwaZulu Natal South Africa.
- Trained, mentored, and guided more than 700 students from 78 different countries to be business-ready to meet the needs of the industry and become leading professionals/entrepreneurs in their fields.
- Led project elaboration, negotiated grants, and delivered high-quality participatory action research on cash-based food security and resilience to climate change in Kampala, Uganda. Built capacity of women and youth, improved their employability skills and their ability to respond to multiple stresses of conflict, poverty, climate change, and food insecurity.



Africa Business Consultant

Nordekon (Africa Innovation Network) Copenhagen, Denmark

Mar 2013 - Feb 2020 (7 years)

- Facilitated workshops and seminars for companies in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and Finland seeking to conduct business in emerging African markets.
- Helped build an active community of 100+ African Diaspora impact startups across the Nordic countries and linked them to more than 300 business experts interested in investing in the African continent.
- Assisted African Diaspora-driven impact startups to accelerate and bring about positive change in Africa by facilitating their access to funding mechanisms, advisors, investors, tools, and guides.



Researcher

South Centre, Geneva

Jan 2008 - Jan 2009 (1 year 1 month)

. Evaluated impact of the global financial and economic crisis of 2007-2009 on Sub-Saharan African countries and the impact on Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA). Liaised with INGOs and UN cluster systems in Switzerland and the United States of America.

•Consulted with Central and West African countries to improve understanding of new EPAs between Africa Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries and the European Union (EU), (June 2009)

•Created scenarios for negotiations between EU and West Africa (March 2009)

Education



Saïd Business School, University of Oxford

Executive Management and Leadership Programme, Organizational Leadership

2020 - 2020



Lund University

Doctor of Philosophy - PhD, Development Economics and International Development

2003 - 2007

Dissertation: Corporate Social Responsibility: Case of the Chad-Cameroon Oil Pipeline Development Project.



Lund University

Master of Science - MS, Environmental Science

2000 - 2001

Thesis: Assessing Stakeholder Participation in Integrated Water Resource Management: The Role of Youth in Community Water Management Projects in Cameroon.



University of Yaoundé 1

Bachelor of Arts - BA, Geography

1993 - 1997

Licenses & Certifications



Online Education - Online Education Berlin - OEB



English as an instruction language in higher education - Københavns Universitet - University of Copenhagen



Senior Lecturer Qualification - Copenhagen University College of Engineering

Skills

analytical skills • budget development • delivery • development agency • english • Business Strategy
• Leadership • Communication • Emotional Intelligence • Training

Honors & Awards



Africa Diaspora Support - Carnegie Corporation of New York

Sep 2015

Award recipients of the Africa Diaspora Support to African Universities program, by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, which supported knowledge sharing and capacity building with African-based scholars in entrepreneurship, agribusiness, and climate change.



African Commonwealth Youth Service Award. - Commonwealth Youth Service

Africa

Aug 1999

African Commonwealth Youth Service Award.