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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I'm a motivated graduate with a Masters in International Development. Exceptional communicator with a consultative sales style, strong negotiation skills, exceptional problem solving abilities, and a keen client needs assessment attitude. I'm looking for a new challenging career within a similar environment in return for an opportunity for career progression.

SKILLS

Team & Leadership Skills:

- Developed a logical framework on how to provide portable water to schools in rural area of INI LGA.
- Engaged in a democratic leadership style during tree planting project in order to preserve our planet and the ecosystem.
- Developed a campaign called Girls and Green Economy. (GAGE) – An environmental program non-profit initiative that helps in sensitizing young girls on the need to be proactive in caring for their environment.
- Developed a project #innovateafriateam- a project on how to improve Urban Agriculture: A livelihood strategy for achieving City Sustainability.

Communication & Presentation Skills:

- Communicate constructively during group projects and participate thoroughly by listening and respecting group member's decision.
- Excellent communication at all levels especially during seminars, appraisals, interview sessions and group study.

IT Skills:

- Proficient in MS Office packages

EDUCATION

Basic Certificate, June, 2014

Distance Learning College, McHenry County College, United States of America

Areas of Specialization: Fundamentals of Energy Resources, Electricity Energy and Consumption, Power Plants, Carbon dioxide, Societal Development and Energy Resources.

MSc. International Development: Economics and Management of Rural Development. Sept, 2007.
The University of Manchester. Manchester. United Kingdom

Areas of Specialization: Environment and Development, Non-Governmental Organization Strategy, Planning and Managing Development, Development Research, Economics and Management of Rural area, Project Management and Managing Risk for Development.

BSc. Agric. Economics/Extension, June, 2004. University of Calabar – Calabar, Nigeria
Second Class Upper Division (2:1)

Areas of Specialization: Econometrics, Agric business, Crop Production and Processing and Animal Husbandry.

WORKING EXPERIENCE

UN Women's Economic Empowerment, 03/2015 till present

EmpowerWomen Champion

- Participates and lead online women discussions for women's empowerment
- Engage on online discussions to various campaigns and initiatives to support women's education and empowerment
- Promote gender equality
- Initiates programs and projects that supports girl- child education.
- Coordinates all programs and campaigns within communities to achieve sustainable development.

PEOPLE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY FOUNDATION, 10/2013 till present

Founder and CEO, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria.

- *Creates awareness on sustainable eco system.*
- *Responsible for financial management and accountability.*
- *Coordinates all of the programs and ensure steady process.*
- *Publicizes and campaigns using social networks, blogs, etc.*
- *Provides technical support in the maintenance of program records and documentation.*

INI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL, 1/2010 – 9/2013

Community Liaison Officer, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria

- Manage and coordinate community events and activities
- Establish and create policy advice to the local government council on appropriate initiatives, issues and legislation, relevant to community development.
- Encourage local creativity and diversity.
- Establish and maintain local network within the community, relevant agencies, community organization and law enforcement sectors.
- Work with community services and other council staff to achieve community development outcomes as adopted by the council.

ENENE AKONJOM FOUNDATION (EAF) 4/2007 – 12/2010

Volunteer coordinator, Abuja, Nigeria

- Assist in recruitment and screening of EAF volunteer.
- Publicize EAF program services
- Work in small groups to assist people living with HIV Aids, Malaria etc.
- Provide or arrange space for volunteer trainings, counseling clients, and record keeping
- Conduct regularly scheduled meetings with volunteers, providing on-going training and support

Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Kano, 03/2005-03/2006

NYSC -Agricultural Officer

- Serves as a supervisor and mentor to junior agriculture staff.
- Serves as a technical resource and advisor, providing analysis of different agricultural methods to local farmers.
- Ensures that junior staff receives adequate training in monitoring and evaluation

_____ **CERTIFICATIONS** _____

- Gender –Sensitive Governance Course Certificate. Institute of Development Studies. Sponsored by UKUSAID
- Water Supply and Sanitation Policies in Developing Countries. University of Manchester. Coursera Statement of Accomplishment with Distinction. July, 2014
- Leading Strategic Innovation in Organizations- Coursera Verified Certificate with Distinction. September, 2014.
- Managing Risk for Development: World Bank’s MOOC. Coursera Statement of Accomplishment with Distinction. August, 2014.
- Climate Change. The University of Melbourne. Verified Certificate. November, 2014.
- Introduction to Environmental Law and Policy- Coursera Verified certificate with Distinction. November, 2014

_____ **INTERESTS** _____

- Music, Football
- Club: Member of Manchester Alumni society.

_____ **REFERENCES** _____

Available on request