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## PROFESSIONAL / LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### **Director, Development Financial Institution (DFI) Relations**

KTNN National Homeownership & Housing Development Campaign, Nigeria.

January, 2026 – Till Date

- Lead engagement with Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), donor agencies, and international partners to mobilize funding and technical support for large-scale housing delivery across Nigerian states.
- Facilitate strategic partnerships between state governments, housing institutions, private developers, and financial stakeholders to expand access to affordable and structured homeownership models.
- Drive institutional coordination and policy alignment through the establishment of State Housing Reform Offices (SHROs) to ensure continuity, scalability, and long-term housing sector reform.

### **African Engagement Advisor**

Young Global Changers Program, Global Solutions Initiative, Germany.

February, 2024 – Till Date

- Provide insights and guidance to the Young Global Changers programme, with a particular focus on enhancing African representation
- Host regional summit and/or labs
- Identify potential sponsors and stakeholders within the African contest

### **Stakeholder Adviser to the Executive Director**

United Nations Habitat, Kenya.

January, 2024 – Till Date

- Advise the Executive Director on policy and programme matters within the scope of stakeholder engagement
- Identify emerging challenges and needs that UN-Habitat should address, as well as opportunities, to enhance advancement of sustainable urban development
- Advise on use of available resources and expertise towards informing programmes and policy-making processes especially through existing platforms such as the Global Stakeholders Forum, sessions of the World Urban Forum, and the annual World Cities Day and World Habitat Day celebrations
- Support the Executive Director with proposals on resource mobilization strategies at all levels

### **African Engagement Advisor, Global Solutions Summit 2023**

Global Solutions Initiative (GSI) Foundation, Germany.

January, 2023 – May, 2023

- Provided invaluable insights and guidance to GSI, with a particular focus on formulating strategies to effectively enhance African participation at the World Policy Forum

- Identified and reached out to prospective African leaders and business owners who participated as speakers and panelists for the summit

### **Senior Special Assistant on SDGs to the Governor**

Edo State Government, Nigeria.

October, 2022 – September, 2024

- Collaborated with relevant stakeholders to formulate and implement policies that align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, addressing local priorities and challenges
- Lead efforts to raise awareness about the importance of sustainable development and the SDGs within the state, engaging citizens, communities, and stakeholders through campaigns and educational programs

### **Minority Leader & Edo South Senatorial District Representative**

Nigerian Youth Parliament, National Assembly, Three Arm Zone, Garki, Nigeria.

May, 2019 – September, 2022

- Championed and advocated for youth-centric policies that gained approval from both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Notably, our administration spearheaded the submission of the "Not Too Young to Run Bill" to the House of Representatives, which was subsequently ratified in 2019
- Coordinated constituency programs/projects, such as awareness campaigns addressing issues like illegal migration and promoting COVID-related measures such as social distancing and sanitation

### **Special Assistant on Youth Affairs**

Ministry of Youth and Special Duties, Edo State Government, Nigeria.

May, 2017 - May, 2019

- Engaged youth stakeholders at multiple levels and organised regular town hall meetings
- Executed skill acquisition trainings and youth empowerment schemes

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## **SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS**

**MEMBER: Advisory Board Committee for the 80th RILEM Week in conjunction with the 3rd RILEM Conference on Advances in Climate-Friendly Construction Technology in Africa (ACCTA).**

Nairobi, Kenya. 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2026.

**Participant: (De)Tabooing Science and Research Symposia, Volkswagen Foundation.**

Hannover, Germany. 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.

**GUEST LECTURER: Noon Center for Equality and Diversity, University of East London.**

London, UK. 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

**SPEAKER: 12th UN-Habitat World Urban Forum (WUF12).**

Cairo, Egypt. 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

**SPEAKER: UN-Habitat World Habitat Day.**

Queretaro, Mexico. 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

**SPEAKER: World Policy Forum, Global Solutions Initiative.**

Berlin, Germany. 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

**PRESENTER: 11th Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD).**

New York, USA. 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

- Co-authored an online poster presentation at the conference on the topic "Elevating Sustainable Cities and Climate-Resilient Solutions: The Edo NEWMAP E-Trash Initiative as a Case Study."

**PARTICIPANT: United Nations Habitat Assembly**

Nairobi, Kenya. 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.

**PANELIST: International Youth Day**

Edo State, Nigeria. 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

- Discussed on the significance of mentorship and also provided valuable insights on the theme of the International Youth Day, Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World.

**SPEAKER: UN-Habitat 11<sup>th</sup> World Urban Forum (WUF11)**

Katowice, Poland. 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

- Delivered a speech at the Parliamentary Round-table emphasizing the importance of addressing urban migrations and promoting rural development.

**SPEAKER: Africa-Asia Youth Forum**

Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia. 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2022.

- Delivered a keynote address emphasizing the advantages of cultivating robust intercontinental ties between Africa and Asia to facilitate cultural interchange and knowledge exchange.

**EDO STATE LEAD DELEGATE: UN-Habitat 10<sup>th</sup> World Urban Forum (WUF10)**

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE). 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

- Led an 11-member delegation from Edo State to Abu Dhabi for the forum. Actively participated in all events especially the youth events. Assisted the Lagos (Nigeria) exhibition center in promoting the presentation of Nigerian infrastructure achievements and attracting investors to Lagos, Nigeria.
- Paid a working visit to H.E Amb. Mohammed Rimi, the Nigerian Ambassador to the UAE, presenting a proposal for the Embassy to foster opportunities for possible knowledge exchange with Nigeria and the UAE.

**NIGERIAN DELEGATE: All African Student and Youth Summit**

Rabat, Morocco. 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019.

- Engaged as a participant in the summit and assumed the role of ad hoc chairman for the committee tasked with reviewing the constitution of the West African Student Union.

**SPEAKER: Youth Connekt Africa Summit**

Kigali, Rwanda. 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

- Made a paper presentation at the International Day of the Girl Child: Teen Pregnancy, why are we still talking about it?

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## SKILLS

- Good computer skills (Proficiency in Microsoft Office package, Word, Excel and Power Point).
- Advocacy and public speaking, excellent communication – oral, written and verbal.
- Data collection and analysis for monitoring KPIs
- Leadership, collaboration and organizational skills.
- Excellent time management.
- Youth and stakeholder engagement
- Crowd funding
- Research and analysis
- Networking

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## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

**UNIVERSITY OF BENIN**, B. Sc. Physiology

**UNIVERSITY OF BENIN**, M. Sc. (In view) Environment

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## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

**International Winter School on Circular Economy** - O.P Jindal Global University, India. 2022

**Youth Leadership in The Circular Economy** – Udemy. 2022

**6th International Youth Conference** - Generation Next, UNDGC and UN Habitat, USA. 2022

**Workshop on Sustainability in Business Governance and Education** - Plymouth Business School, University of Plymouth. UK. 2022

**General Outsourcing Skills Human Development** -Training Heights, Nigeria. 2021

**Effective Leadership and Good Governance** - Centre for Citizenship & Training, Nigeria. 2018

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## PERSONAL INTERESTS

Meeting new people, problem solving, sharing ideas, learning and experiencing new cultures.

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## HONOURS AND AWARDS

- **Letter of Commendation** - Federal University of Petroleum Resources Effurun, Delta State 2016
- **ZI Prize for Youth leadership** - Thinking Tom Initiative 2019
- **Nigerian Youth Parliament Valedictory Award** - Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Youth and Sport Development 2021
- **Edo State Youth Ambassador** - Edo State Government 2022
- **Award of Recognition** - National Youth Council of Nigeria, Edo State Chapter 2022s

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## **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

### **African Union Ambassador Agenda 2063 Youth Envoy**

Program Coordinator on Youth Affairs: January, 2022 – 2023.

### **Western Iyamu Global Foundation (WIGF)**

Programme Manager: March 2018 – January, 2021.

### **Resilient Communities Building Initiative (RCBI)**

**Founder, December 2023**

**Federal Ministry of Health** - Independent Evaluator for the Coverage Evaluation survey project on Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). 29th April – 9th May, 2019.

**Volunteered for the Edo State COVID19 Awareness Campaign 2020**

**Volunteered at the Clean up Benin by Edo youths 2020**

**Volunteered at the Community Campaign for Cholera Outbreak 2016**