

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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CURRENT PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

Lead Consultant: Millennial Legacy (A Consultancy Firm)  
Program Director (Founder) Enterprise Education-4-Change

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2014 – present **Founding Director**  
**Enterprise Education-4-Change**  
Courtyard Apartment, Varsity Plaza, Bank Street 40100- Kisumu [www.yed.or.ke](http://www.yed.or.ke), and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Enterprise-Education-4-Change-867901669908079/>
- 2014 – 2015 **Programs Manager**  
**StartUpAfrica**  
818NMarketSt, Wilmington, DE19801 [www.startupafrica.org](http://www.startupafrica.org) and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/startupafricainc>
- 2014 **US State Department & IREX Community Solutions Programme Fellow**  
1275 K Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington DC 20005 [www.irex.org](http://www.irex.org)
  - Following the Online Leadership Institute led by George Mason University
  - Working at Us Together Inc., Cleveland, Ohio as a programme Coordinator for the YARM (Young Adult Refugee Mentoring) programme coordinating several schools with students in the programme and placing them with academic/ professional and community mentors to promote acclamation and self-actualization
  - Working as a community coordinator for the “Welcoming Heights” programme modeled on the principles of “Welcoming America” for the purpose of creating a vibrant community and promoting a welcoming environment for the refugees settled in Cleveland from Iraq, Somalia, Congo, and Nepal
- 2012 - 2014 **Managing Director**  
**Spring Break Kenya**  
80100, Moi Avenue, EPTF Mombasa, Kenya [www.springbreakkenya.com](http://www.springbreakkenya.com)
- 2011 - 2012 **Research Coordinator**  
**Participatory Research and Development Programme (PARADEP)**  
495-40601, Bondo, Siaya County, Kenya [www.paradep.org](http://www.paradep.org)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2015 – present (2017) **University Studies Master’s Degree**  
  
University College of London,  
Education and International Development  
Focus Areas: Planning for Education and Development, Understanding Research, Education, Conflict and Fragility, and Education and Development Concept Theories and Issues. Dissertation on “Renewable Energy Technologies as Case Studies for Cultural Learning in Rural Development”
- 2014 – 2015: **Professional Development Fellowship**  
International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX)/ George Mason University,  
Washington D.C., United States of America

Transparency and Accountability Training with focus on grassroots democracy, community participation, and community integration by the Community Solutions Programme, a Programme of the U.S. State Department and implemented by IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board)

2008-2012

### University Studies Degree

Maseno University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maseno, Kenya

Philosophy, Political Science, and Information Technology

Focus Areas: Political Economy, Politics of Development, Political and Philosophical Thought, African Political Thought

Dissertation: "Investigation of Nietzschean Philosophy as a Rational Account for the Rise of Nazi Cultural Revolution"

### 2012 (July) Monitoring and Evaluation Training

Kenya Red Cross Training Month at Red Court as representative of Participatory Research and Development Programme (PARADEP)

### 2011 (February-March) Project Management and Proposal Writing Training

Tropical Institute for Sustainable Development as the Team President of Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) Maseno University (now called Enactus)

### 2008 - 2012 University "Academic Student Leadership and Professional Training"

Team President at Students In Free Enterprise (Now Enactus) and Lead Trainer at Junior Achievement

### 2003-2006 O- Level Studies

K.C.S.E., Our Lady of Fatima Secondary School, Nairobi, Kenya

Kenya Certificate for Secondary Education, Mean Grade of B Plain

## PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)	Dho-Luo				
Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	23	18	30	28	99
	Internet-based TOEFL exam certificate (99 points out of 120 points maximum), A- KCSE				
Kiswahili	High School Academic Qualification: Distinction				

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publications</li> <li>Presentations</li> <li>Projects</li> <li>Conferences</li> <li>Seminars</li> <li>Honours and awards</li> <li>Memberships</li> <li>References</li> </ul>	<p><b>A) Publications</b></p> <p>2012: Article feature on Community Integration and Immersion camps by Everyday Ambassador: ( <a href="http://everydayambassador.org/2012/07/19/spring-break-kenya-galvanizing-kenyans-to-service/">http://everydayambassador.org/2012/07/19/spring-break-kenya-galvanizing-kenyans-to-service/</a> )</p> <p>2013: Contributor on the Western Kenya Hotel Managers Blog on the importance of homestays and cultural tourism as a way of enhancing community integration and development ( <a href="https://kisumuhotelmanagersgroup.wordpress.com">https://kisumuhotelmanagersgroup.wordpress.com</a> )</p> <p>2015: Forbes Magazine Feature for Enterprise Education-4-Change in <i>Creating Jobs, Sustainability and a future vision for Kenya</i> ( <a href="http://www.forbes.com/sites/ashoka/2015/01/22/for-youth-by-youth-creating-jobs-sustainability-and-a-future-vision-for-kenya/">http://www.forbes.com/sites/ashoka/2015/01/22/for-youth-by-youth-creating-jobs-sustainability-and-a-future-vision-for-kenya/</a> )</p> <p>2015: The Guardian and Huffington Post feature on <i>Building Sustainable Communities</i> through the B Team, a programme supported by World Entrepreneurs in creating alternative ways of doing business that are sustainable to the World ( <a href="http://www.theguardian.com/the-b-team-partner-zone/2015/apr/13/climate-change-community-solutions-Programme-people-planet-profit-kofi-annan?CMP=share_btn_fb">http://www.theguardian.com/the-b-team-partner-zone/2015/apr/13/climate-change-community-solutions-Programme-people-planet-profit-kofi-annan?CMP=share_btn_fb</a> ) and ( <a href="http://www.huffingtonpost.com/simeon-ogonda/what-kind-of-children_b_7087100.html">www.huffingtonpost.com/simeon-ogonda/what-kind-of-children_b_7087100.html</a> )</p>
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## **B) Projects (Lead)**

2010: Supervised and Coordinated the Greenpreneurs Project in Vihiga and Kisumu Counties in Kenya. The project was presented at the SIFE-International Entrepreneurship and Leadership Exposition in Berlin, Germany in October 2009 (SIFE students Initiative).

2011: Supervised and coordinated a Water Project in Kisumu city's Lwang'ni Beach and a Fish farming project in Nyando Constituency in Kisumu County (SIFE students Initiative). The project was financed by Safaricom Foundation. 2012: Research Coordinator in charge of proposal development and capacity building initiatives at PARADEP (Participatory Research and Development Programme). Key proposals: Environmental project (Funding; 27 million); and HIV/AIDS programme by Red Cross (Funding; 3.6 Million)

2012: Drafted the National Youth Peace Charter at the National Youth Conference in Nakuru for Peace for Africa and Economic Development

2013: Development of an Entrepreneurship competition manual for Youth Challenge-4-Change in Western Uganda

2013: Co-developed the curriculum for the Entrepreneurship Unit of the Leadership and Entrepreneurship Programme at the Aga Khan International School in Mombasa, Kenya

2014: Developed and launched the Enterprise Education-4-Change program with the support of IREX C)

Publications

Presentations

Projects

Conferences

Seminars

Honours and awards

Memberships

References

**Trainings, conferences, seminars (where I was a key/session presenter trainer, speaker or key speaker)**

2012: Conference Facilitator at the National Youth Peace Conference for promoting good governance peaceful elections at Nakuru, Kenya

2013: Conference Facilitator at the Hoima Entrepreneurial Idea Festival Challenge (H.I.F.C) in Uganda

2013: Session presentation on Youth Enterprise Development at the 2013 Global Youth Enterprise Opportunities

Conference by Making Cents International in Washington D.C, USA ([www.youtheosummit.org/2015\\_call\\_for\\_proposals](http://www.youtheosummit.org/2015_call_for_proposals))

2014: Session Presentation on the impact of community involvement in promoting peace at the *Peace Summit* at the Aga Khan Academies in Mombasa, Kenya

2014: Panel Discussion on Youth Enterprise Development at the StartUpAfrica Conference in Delaware

## **USA D) Memberships, Recognitions and Leadership**

2002: Senior Primary School Debate Prefect in charge of coordination of school English proficiency practices; Kokuoyo Primary School, Kisumu

2006: Outstanding School Captain recognition for the maintenance of discipline among the school citizenry and coordination and supervision of a team of 55 student prefects; Our Lady of Fatima Secondary School, Nairobi

2008: Alumni at International student Entrepreneurship organization, Enactus

2009: National Business Entrepreneurship Competition Champions in the National Business Exposition; SIFE- Kenya, Nairobi

2009: Semi-finalist medal in the International Business Competition for best Community outreach projects improving community Integration; Berlin, Germany

2012: Diaspora Award for the most creative programmes designed to promote community outreach in Kenya by the Kenyans in the Diaspora Conference in Washington D.C.

2012: Finalist in the Rolex Enterprise Award for Innovative Community projects and passion in developing solutions for community integration

2014: Fellow at U.S. State Department through the Community Solutions Programme

2014: Trusted Projects Reviewer for Ashoka Changemakers

2015: Finalist of the Ashoka Changemakers' Future Forward Challenge Competition

2015: Volunteer Recognition Award for Extraordinary service and dedication to StartUpAfrica's Ideals at Intercontinental Hotel in Nairobi

2015: Innovators recognition for "Enterprise Education-4-Change" at Ashoka and American Express Emerging Innovators Boot Camp at Maasai Lodge, Nairobi

2016: Board Member at Community Solutions Program Alumni Board. CSP is a U.S. State Department funded Programme

2016: American Express Foundation Nonprofit Leader of the Year, 2016

2016: Participated in the UNCTAD youth conference in Nairobi

## **E) Other Roles**

CSP Alumni Board Member (Community Solutions Program), Founder and Partner at Millennial Legacy Investments, Volunteer at Jualight Project (low cost lighting to rural areas), Consultant of M-Shamba, Design and Implementation of the Enterprise Education-4-Change, and Consultant for the STROKE Project in Western Kenya.

**F) Referees**

**Dr. Carey Onyango**

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Faculty Advisor and Board Secretary at Enactus- Maseno University Chapter

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Team President at Project Stoke Canada Team

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**Certificates, transcripts, and other testimonials shall be provided upon request**

## ANNEX

My responsibilities are determined by the nature of each client TOR. However, my strengths are in areas outlined below as established by my previous work experiences in the organizations mentioned above and the projects illustrated above. My key functions are in the field of strategy development and execution, and management consultancy

### **Enterprise Development Expert**

- Designing and implementing quantitative and qualitative research instruments necessary for community mapping, coordinating field activities, managing teams of project Ambassadors (for StartUpAfrica in all five regions in Kenya) and elaborating reports in the field of youth enterprise development
- Assessing the impact of programmes on youth enterprise development.
- Designing, conducting and evaluating organizational programme activities and managing inter-organizational partnerships that enhance the scalability of locally designed programmes to diverse regions and establishing partnerships with different schools and local administrations (StartUpAfrica, Spring Break Kenya, and Enterprise Education-4-Change).
- Facilitating traditional (workshops, discussions, conferences, seminars) and online events (online trainings for youth and online programme familiarization with supporters and global partners)
- Elaborating publications and reports in the organization's field of action: youth, enterprise development, competitive project development, and support activities.
- Analysis of internal and external training needs, curriculum development and design of training activities, delivery and evaluation of specific training programmes for different target groups (out of school youths, high school students, University academic clubs etc.)
- Evaluating strategic planning documents, public policy issues affecting young people and small scale businesses, institutional activities, and implementing field activities and troubleshooting problems and challenges that arise in the process of executing projects of the particular year

### **Field Program Manager**

- Participation in the design and implementation of the organizational activities and communication strategy StartUpAfrica's for 154 schools and maintaining and development of external relations (donors, beneficiaries, media)
- Elaboration, management and evaluation of Kenyan and Ugandan projects, design and preparation of project documents (situation analysis, definition of objectives and alternatives, definition of strategy),
- Development of projects strategy (description of the strategy, logical framework, assumptions, sustainability), project implementation, planning, monitoring and evaluation (indicators of achievement) for Project Stoke, Enterprise Education-4-Change, and Greta Adult Learning Project
- Management of the Diamond Challenge Africa projects human resources, coordination of StartUpAfrica regions and supervising trainer-teams, managing of training budgets, monitoring and evaluation of training activities
- Coordinating voluntarily support groups for community-based organizations working on business initiatives at the local level