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## Professional Experience

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- 07/2021 – Present     **CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS)**  
Knowledge Management and Communications Advisor  
*Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*
- Implementing the communication strategy of CCAFS in East Africa through building multimedia narratives for climate resilience across food systems and livelihoods, sharing knowledge, activities, outcomes, and initiatives from CCAFS East and Southern Africa at regional and global levels;
  - Maintaining CCAFS East Africa publications inventory and supporting the portfolio of a range of projects from multi-donor stream
- 03/2021 – 06/2021     **Finance in Motion** – Research Consultant  
*Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*
- Preliminary review of eco.business fund alignment and application of the EU taxonomy in two separate sub-funds in Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa
  - Detailed assessment, mapping and gap analysis of the fund's investments against the EU taxonomy of sustainable financing
  - Provision of recommendations for improving the alignment of the fund's investments to the EU Taxonomy in terms of investment strategy, impacts metrics, information needs and relationship with investors
- 12/2020 – 02/2021     **German Development Cooperation (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH)**  
Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture Project (NSAP) – Evaluation Support Consultant  
*Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*
- Preparation, compilation, digital filing and file structuring of project documents including those required for the upcoming midterm review;
  - Updating and structuring of GIZ tools (offer, result model, reports, studies, progress reports, strategies) to be easily used by external and internal evaluators
- 09/2020 – 11/2020     **Arepo Consult** - Evaluation Consultant  
*Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*
- Development of methods of evaluation tools and approaches to examine NABU and GIZ projects in Southern Ethiopia;
  - Execution of a series of evaluative interviews to understand, interpret and measure the impact of biodiversity and climate centered projects;
  - Report writing of findings and backstopping of final donor report to be submitted to the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)

**German Development Cooperation (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia:**

06/2020 – 07/2020 *Supporting Sustainable Agricultural Productivity in Ethiopia (SSAP)* - Short term consultant

- Planning, organisation and execution of evaluative interviews with general managers and representatives from 9 regional seed producer cooperatives and unions in three regions in Ethiopia in order to assess the impact of the project's support

03/2020 – 05/2020 *Green Innovation Centre (GIC)* - Short term consultant

- Planning, development and execution of in-depth innovation assessment on promoted agricultural innovations of the '[Green Innovation Centre for the Agriculture and Food Sector](#)' programme in Ethiopia;
- Assessment using the 4-As adoption framework (Awareness/ Advantage/ Access/ Affordability) to contribute to a comprehensive donor report and a monitoring and evaluation tool to be used as a reference for incoming evaluation mission from GIZ headquarters;

10/2019 – 12/2019 *Agricultural Mechanisation and Technology for Smallholder Productivity (AMTP)* – Short term communication consultant

- Organisation and preparation of updated communication and public relation materials for mechanisation events in Ethiopia under the [AMTP project](#);
- Production of communication materials for an Ethiopian delegation represented in AGRITECHNICA in Hannover, Germany in 2019;

**the University of Manchester, Manchester, United Kingdom:**

06/2019 – 09/2019 University College of Interdisciplinary Learning (UCIL) - Contributor

- Participation as a pioneer contributor on the formation of a new course for the university's *University College of Interdisciplinary Learning (UCIL)* which uses the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to critically unpack sustainability;
- Contribution as one of 60 contributors from policy, practice, and the academia which together form part of the university's highlighted strength in working towards as one of the world's [highly ranked social impact](#);

02/2019 – 05/2019 Department of Geography - Research Assistant

- Participation as a technical knowledge contributor in the 'Towards a Fire Early Warning system for Indonesia (ToFEWSI)' project that investigates the mechanisms of predicting wildfires in palm oil regions in Indonesia;
- Contribution through policy analysis report on Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) policy documentations to see how fire and its management is incorporated in their policy directives and guidelines in palm oil concessions in Indonesia and the wider Southeast Asia;

**German Development Cooperation (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia:**

01/2018 – 08/2018 *Agricultural Mechanisation and Technology for Smallholder Productivity (AMTP)* - Long term consultant

- Organisational support and facilitation of international working group meeting on "Agricultural Mechanisation" in Ethiopia;
- Collaboration on a study on the cooperation options with private sector stakeholders in agricultural mechanisation in Ethiopia;
- Organisational support and facilitation of agricultural machinery handover ceremonies to key partners in Addis Ababa and the project area

06/2016 – 12/2017 *Green Innovation Centre (GIC)* - Long term consultant

- Organisation and facilitation of programs and initiatives for international study tours and visits with a focus on organic products, understanding marketing structures and certification schemes relevant in Ethiopia;
- Organisational and logistical support for Ethiopian organic products promotion campaign and showcase events abroad ([BioFach World](#) 2017 in Germany and [Organic World Congress](#) 2017 in India);

06/2014 – 02/2017 **Institute for Sustainable Development (ISD)** – Community facilitator

- Leadership and coordination in the Value Chain and Market Development unit of the [Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative \(EOA-I\)](#) as pillar implementing partner and co-facilitator with local partners and donor organizations on project management, and impact measurement;
- Collaboration in the formulation of the Ethiopian National EOA Strategic Plan and documentation for 2015 – 2018;
- Coordination and representation of an Ethiopian delegation formed from research institutions, partner organizations and private sector actors to attend the [3rd African Organic Conference](#) and the first Afro-Organic Fair in Lagos, Nigeria in October, 2015

## Education

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- 09/2018 – 12/2019 the University of Manchester, United Kingdom  
Environmental Governance (MSc) with *Dissertation Title*: 'Political Ecology of African Infrastructures Financed via Chinese Capital: A Case Study on the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) project in Kenya'
- 10/2010 – 08/2014 University of Nairobi, Kenya  
Management of Agro-ecosystems and Environment (BSc) with *Thesis title*: 'Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Bio-slurry in Indigenous Kale (Sukuma Wiki) production'

## Technical Skills

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- Communication gained through my position as co-leader in a study team of Ethiopian and German students ([SLE Overseas project](#)); and as a liaison officer between GIZ – Green Innovation Centre and the Institute for Sustainable Development
- Organisational demonstrated organisational and communication leadership in youth-led fora and networks such as Young African Leadership Initiative, and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung's Young African Activist Network
- Subject-related good command of organic product value chain processes; ample knowledge on structural and system approach landscape of Ethiopia's agriculture sector and cross-sectional topics of gender mainstreaming, climate change and poverty reduction scheme; and ample knowledge on global environmental governance, political ecology and related subject areas
- IT and related mastery of office suite (word processor, spreadsheet, presentation software); good command of photo and video editing software gained through as an amateur field photographer; ability to work with several operating systems, including Windows, and Mac OS

## **Position of Responsibility and Awards**

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- Fellow of the Climate Reality Project Global Leadership Corps
- Recipient of the Sear Equity and Merit Scholarship at the University of Manchester 2018/19
- Ethiopian representative for the Young African Activist Network, a recently established activist platform by young leaders from across Africa spearheaded by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung continental committee
- Permanent Member of Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Network

## **Other Skills**

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- Languages: Amharic (Native Speaker); English (Fluent speaker); French (Basic conversational skills and written ability); Swahili (Basic conversational)

## **Interests**

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- Upcoming contributor in the climate-focused Climate Tracker Africa;
- Contributor to [Policy Corner](https://www.policycorner.org/en/2020/11/24/corona-dispatches-the-policy-corner-community-reports-2-2/#Ethiopia), an inclusive, independent platform for students and young professionals to publish research-based articles on global issues. (<https://www.policycorner.org/en/2020/11/24/corona-dispatches-the-policy-corner-community-reports-2-2/#Ethiopia>)

## **References**

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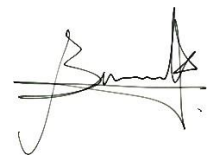
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