

# Curriculum Vitae

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**as a youth**, i believe the future of the world I live is in my hands. Armed with *integrity, innovation, hard work, excellence* and a *resolute mind*, I choose to be a *catalyst for change* in my community. Help *mobilize, empower, challenge* and *inspire* young people to push boundaries, break barriers, create opportunities and prepare them to become agents for peace and change. I seek to passionately channel my skills and values to the advancement of a better Nigeria and peaceful world.

***i think. i dream. i achieve.***

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## Degree Education

- Coventry University, United Kingdom | **Master of Arts in Peace and Reconciliation Studies - Ferguson Scholar** | 2011 (in View)
- Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye, Nigeria | **Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication** | Second Class Upper | 2008
- Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye, Nigeria | **Diploma in Law** | Upper Credit | 2008

## Summer Academy/ Short Courses

- Coventry University, United Kingdom | **Global Leaders Programme** | March 2011
- Euro Mediterranean University, Slovenia | **Professional School on Power and Dynamics of Non Violence Civil Resistance** | Nov 2010
- Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, Germany | **Young Leaders Forum: Cultural Diplomacy in Africa** | December, 2010
- Mintrovica Winter University | **Winter School on Diplomacy and Communication** | January 2011
- University of Osnabruck, Germany **Summer Course on Democratic Governance and Civic Engagement**, July 2010
- Barcelona Institute of International Relations, Spain | **Summer School on Development and Democracy in Today's World** | June 2010
- Parliamentary Support Institute, Ota Nigeria | **Professional Certificate in Democratic Governance LIP** | January 2009
- Pan African University / Lagos Business School | **Certificate in Creative Enterprise Level 1 and 2** | November 2009, March 2010
- Royal Commonwealth Society | **Nkabom 2008/ Commonwealth Youth Leadership Programme**, Cyprus | September - October 2008
- Daystar Leadership Academy, Lagos Nigeria | **Basic Certificate in Leadership** | 2008

## Personal Skills and Competencies

- Excellent Communication, Research and Computer Skills.
- Innovative, Creative and Team Player.
- Proven Leadership Skills
- Self Motivated and Exceptional Commitment to Excellence
- Organized and Professional

## Languages/ Interest

**English** Written and Spoken -Very Fluent  
**German-** Basic  
**Yoruba** - Mother Tongue

**Interests** Reading, Meeting people, Internet

## Experience/ Engagement Profile

### **Executive Director/ Founder, Youth Alliance for Peace and Development Action (YAPDA) | Nov., 2008 - Date**

YAPDA is a network of young Nigerians with interests in peace building and conflict resolution, democracy and development. The organization is made up of university students, other youths and associated youth organizations. We connect together leveraging on the resources of our youthful energy to promote peace, non violence, appreciation of cultural diversity, good governance, youth empowerment and leadership development. Our activities include organization of advocacy, seminars and workshops, rallies and campaigns that seeks to promote peace in our communities and promote good governance.

### **Author, "Democracy For Every Young Nigerian" (work in Progress)**

This is my third book, and it is being written with the primary purpose of awakening young Nigerians on the need to rise and mould the Nigeria of our dreams. The book is a deliberate attempt to review Nigeria's approach to democratic governance and empower young people with information on what we need to do as the new generation to birth the **Nigeria we desire**. Expectedly, the book will be released within the first quarter of 2012, the release of the book is expected to stimulate a revolution of self awareness among young people as agents of change in Nigeria and to empower them with relevant information on ways to contribute to the development of Nigeria and fight corruption in all sectors.

### **President/ Co-Convener, Students' Association of Nigerians in Diaspora (SAND) July 2010 - Date**

This is a network of young Nigerians studying in different higher institutions across the globe. SAND provides a unique platform for young Nigerians abroad to connect together with local youths and map out ways to collaborate and facilitate development at grassroots. We are leveraging on the advance skills and opportunities we have been exposed to while studying abroad to champion local change, develop our careers and contribute to the development of Nigeria.

### **Project Officer/ Consultant Trainer, Graduate Employability and Entrepreneurship Centre (GEEC). (July 2009 - Sept. 2010)**

Here, I work to develop, deliver, monitor and evaluate the GEEC graduate training projects. GEEC is founded to train fresh graduate with requisite skills needed for self actualisation and career fulfilment which were not taught in the formal environment of the university. My work at the centre is to complement the aims my first book seek to achieve.

### **Author, NOW THAT YOU ARE A GRADUATE: All you need to know about graduate opportunities. January 2008**

This a product of my experience and observations while in the university. It is a 240 page book that seeks to inform fresh graduates on how to leverage on the university degree to drive career success. Offering a wide range of information on the graduate opportunity tripod of Work, further study and self employment. The book was forwarded by **Prof. Odotola Osilesi**, immediate past Vice Chancellor of Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye, Nigeria. Copies of the book are currently distributed to fresh graduates across Nigeria

### **President, United Nations Youth Association of Nigeria (UNYAN) Sept. 2009- Date**

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**I believe.**

**I WILL make a difference.**

**because, within me are infinite powers,  
before me are endless possibilities,  
around me are boundless opportunities,  
why won't I live my dreams?**

## Experience/ Engagement Profile Cont'd

### **Convener, Gateway Model United Nations (GMUN)/ Lagos International Model United Nations (LAIMUN).**

A simulation of UN diplomacy and International Relations. With participants drawn from undergraduate in over 35 higher Institutions from south west Nigeria and the world over. GMUN/ LAIMUN seeks to expose, empower and inspire young people to explore ways they can be agents for change, develop their leadership potentials as future world leaders. I presently lead a team of five people in preparation of Lagos International Model United Nations (LAIMUN) Conference in Lagos later this year.

### **Conversation Moderator, Commonwealth Conversations. | July 2009- February 2010**

A project of the Royal Commonwealth Society, which was developed to engage commonwealth citizen on the ways commonwealth should go in the coming years. As a Conversation moderator, I engage in stimulating conversation and ensuring that views of participants are reviewed and presented in a report scheduled to be presented in the Commonwealth head of Government Meeting in November 2009.

### **Participant, Legislative Internship Programme (LIP)**

A special training for future legislators by Parliamentary Support Institute of Africa Leadership Forum, Nigeria. During this programme, I was able to undertake training session on the Nigeria political system from independent till date. A review of the democratic system of governance in Nigeria. And the Process of Law making in the parliament. I interned at the Ogun State House of Assembly for 21 days to experience first hand the legislative process in Nigeria.

### **Participant, Model United Nations Conferences.**

I have participated in over five Model United Nations conferences both in Nigeria and Internationally, (NIGIMUNS, GoMUN, FinMUN, BIMUN, ) where I have developed leadership skills, negotiation skills and was opportuned to research different agencies and members of United Nations. This broadened my perspective on international politics and diplomatic relations.

### **Participant, Commonwealth Youth Leadership Programme (Nkabom 2008).**

Bringing together 29 young people from 25 countries and 6 continents in Cyprus and exploring the theme Conflict + Beyond, NKABOM is a programme that is designed to help selected young people in our quest to contribute to a better world. We engaged in local peace-building projects and thought about the theme on a global scale, sharing experience of conflict, conflict resolution and peace building. The programme also sought to nurture leadership skills, encouraging delegates to become Commonwealth leaders of tomorrow.

### **Participant, Creative Enterprise Programme | November 2008 - March 2009**

A special programme for 100 Creative Entrepreneurs by British Council, Pan African University Lagos and University of Glasgow UK. This programme seeks to train participant to become lead players and pioneers of the emerging creative industry in Nigeria.

**2005 - Date | Co- Director, Dreamakers International.** A not for profit organization committed to helping young people birth, power and sustain their dreams. Inspire and encourage them to confidently pursue the future they desire while they are encourage to become contributing member of their community.

**2007-2008, Project Director, Olabisi Onabanjo University Achievers Awards,** A special project of Dreamakers International designed to challenge youth for change and inspire them to take responsibility for their future and raise an army of world changers

**Chairman, Yearbook Committee (OMEGA Pioneer)** of 2008 Graduating Set of Mass Communication Department, OOU Ago Iwoye..

**2005-2006, Appointed Member, Reformation Committee, National Association of Ogun State Students' NAOSS OOU. Ago Iwoye**

**2002/03, 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2006/07 Elected Member, Students Parliamentary Council** of the Students Union Government,

**2003-2004, Elected Ass. General Secretary** Students Chemical Society Nigeria (SCSN) National Body

**2003-2004, Appointed Special Duties Officer** National Association of Science Students Electoral Commission, OOU Ago Iwoye.

**2003-2004, Elected General Secretary,** National Association of Science Students, OOU Ago Iwoye Chapter.

**2002-03, Elected Assistant General Secretary,** National Association of Science Students, OOU Ago Iwoye Chapte, Nigeria

**2000-01, Elected General Secretary,** Students Representative Council, Government Technical College, Ajegunle, Nigeria

**2000-01 Appointed President,** Association of Graphic Arts Students (AGAS) Government Technical College, Ajegunle. Nigeria

**200-01 Appointed Editor in chief** Ajetech press Club

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## Awards and Recognition

**Outstanding Service Award 2010, National Youth Service Corps, Lagos State, Nigeria**

**Ogun State Outstanding Youth Achievers Award 2009, Nominee**

**Youth Ambassador Award 2008 | Eagle of Destiny Media, Nigeria**

**Youth Ambassador Award 2008, Africa Youth Development Network**

**Political Personality of the Year, National Association of Science Students' OOU. Ago Iwoye**

**Longest Serving Parliamentarian. OOUSUG Students' Parliamentary Council, OOU Ago Iwoye**

**Comrade Ambassador by National Association of Science Students' OOU. Ago Iwoye**

**Merit Award for the Best Executive by National Association of Science Students' OOU. Ago Iwoye**

**Award of Excellence for the Most Enterprising Student by National Association of Science Students' O. O. U. Ago Iwoye**

**Excellence Award for the Most Innovative Student, Rotaract Club of Government Technical College, Ajegunle,**

**Gold Service Award by Rotaract Club of Government Technical College, Ajegunle,**

Recipient, **Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) 2000** A joint venture of Rotary International district 9110 and

Citizenship and leadership Training Center of Man O War Club Nigeria.

**Bright Future Award** for the most promising student GTC Ajegunle: Student Representative Council

**Best Graduating Student** in Graphic Arts Department **2001**, Government Technical College Ajegunle, Ogun State:

**Overall Best Graduating Student in 2001**, Government Technical College Ajegunle, Ogun State.

“Some people dream of worthy accomplishments, while others stay awake and work hard at it”