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 GRI Certified Sustainability Professional

Summary

Developing and implementing sustainability solutions to help governments, communities, businesses, and individuals adapt to the challenges of climate change. Building on experience as a management consultant with 20+ years senior leadership roles across a range of sectors in 10+ countries guiding clients through technology-driven change. Leveraging broad skills, including strategic analysis and planning, business development and sales, excellence in written and verbal communications, complex systems modelling, stakeholder engagement, financial management, and programme management, with particular expertise building and leading large diverse global teams.

Experience

Directorships & Consulting Engagements in Sustainability



Director of Sustainability

ETK Group

Jun 2023 - Present (2 year 10 months)

London, UK, Lagos, Nigeria & São Paulo, BR

- As Director of Sustainability, I am leading our team in the creation of consulting offerings across a broad range of technical areas including climate change mitigation and adaptation, green economy development, the development of circular economy solutions, and sustainability reporting capabilities.
- We also work with high-potential businesses to remove barriers to growth by implementing capacity development frameworks for key functional areas, and identifying new markets for growth and expansion.
- My responsibilities include team leadership and development, project implementation, solution development, business development, and thought leadership through published articles, speaking appearances at conferences, and media appearances.
- I have published articles assessing policy frameworks of the Nigerian government towards achieving Net Zero by 2060, appeared at the inaugural 3i conference in Accra, Ghana chairing a panel on the circular economy, and been interviewed by Nigerian television to discuss the proceedings at the past two COPs.
- Some of our key engagements include: working with the Mastercard Foundation to provide capacity development for sustainable agriculture businesses in Nigeria; supporting listed companies on the Nigerian Stock Exchange by providing consulting services for developing IFRS compliant ESG reporting; advising the government of Lagos State in Nigeria on the creation of a Green Enterprise Zone to foster investment in the green economy; implementing a platform in Brazil to foster collaboration and sharing of sustainability innovations between Brazil and markets in Africa.



Economic Development Director

Climate Resilience Execution Agency for Dominica (CREAD)

June 2019- July 2021 (2 years 1 month)

Roseau, Dominica

- As Director of Economic Development for CREAD, I developed national-level strategies for climate change adaptation, and a framework to help the highly vulnerable small island state achieve a climate resilient economy.

- This framework included 1) developing risk-management strategies to help businesses and individuals better manage the risk to incomes and livelihoods from climate change; 2) developing strategies to help develop a broader economic base with greater sectoral diversity to minimize the impacts of climate change on any one sector; and 3) helping businesses secure access to finance.
- To help businesses and individuals better manage climate risk, I developed and launched the first retail level parametric hurricane insurance product in the region, leveraging blockchain technology to deliver a secure risk-management solution to retail level business and individual customers. The project won a competition and a grant from the InterAmerican Development Bank.
- In order to foster key sectors of the economy I worked with counterparts in government to implement a long-stay visa programme for more resilient tourism; worked with the bay oil producers association to reach new buyers; and developed a comprehensive financial model for cocoa growers to understand how to grow and produce cocoa sustainably and profitably.
- To help businesses access financing, we launched an ongoing forum between businesses, credit unions, commercial banks, and the various development banks operating in Dominica to identify and remove barriers to lending by banks. This resulted in an ongoing training programme to help businesses better manage their finances.

Previous Professional Experience

Programme Director

Atos

Oct 2008 - Jun 2019 (10 years 9 months)

London, UK & New York, USA

- As a Programme Director with Atos, I worked across a range of industries and clients, from public sector to financial services and insurance, to the International Olympic Committee and with NGO's.
- I was responsible for leading large teams (300+ members) delivering services for clients, focused largely on operations consulting, technology outsourcing, and organisational transformation.
- Key clients included the Ministry of Justice; the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; the International Olympic Committee; The McGraw Hill Companies; and Aviva.
- I also led small strategic initiatives for the CEO, and was responsible for large multi-year high impact projects with P&L responsibility of US\$120 million.

Programme Director

Capita

Nov 2005 - Sep 2008 (2 years 11 months)

London, UK

- As a Senior Programme Director at Capita, I led teams responsible for designing and implementing organisational transformation programmes for large clients in financial services and local government in the UK.
- I advised large insurance companies and pension administration firms in technology management, organisational transformation, and strategic sourcing.
- I led large teams (300+) through significant transformation programmes resulting in operational savings in excess of £100 million.
- Key clients included Zurich Financial Services, Resolution Life, Birmingham City Council, and Abby Bank.



Regional Director, Middle East

Misys Healthcare Systems

Jun 2002 – Nov 2005 (3 years 6 months)

Riyadh, KSA & London, UK

- As Regional Director for the Middle East at Misys I led a team of healthcare technology consultants and business development professionals in selling and implementing large-scale clinical systems throughout the gulf region and the Levant.
- The implementation team I led was responsible for the deployment of a US\$60 million clinical enterprise system for the Saudi Arabian National Guard Health Affairs.
- The system was the largest clinical implementation in the Middle East – a countrywide multi-facility clinical platform that supported in-patient and out-patient services, pharmacy, radiology, clinical patient records, nursing, and other core clinical functions.



Project Manager

EY

Jan 1996 – Aug 2000 (4 years 8 months)

Atlanta, USA, New York, USA & Copenhagen, DK

- As a Project Manager in the Consulting and National Tax Compliance practices, I supported clients in financial services and internal clients in the development of strategic IT solutions.
- I also worked as project manager on a year-long internationalisation project for an enterprise resource management software package that was developed by a Danish software company, and now is marketed and sold as Microsoft Dynamics.

Education



School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

MSc, Development & Climate Change

2025 - 2027



Duke University - The Fuqua School of Business

MBA, Accounting & Finance

2000 - 2002



The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Executive Education, Climate Change: Economics and Governance

2020



Baylor University

BA, English Literature

1986 - 1991

Certifications



GRI Certified Sustainability Professional

Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Credential ID 111133136



Reporting with the GRI Standards

Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Credential ID 108035629



Introduction to Sustainability Reporting and the GRI Standards

Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Credential ID 95044194



Reporting on Human Rights with the GRI Standards

Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Credential ID 108425380



Integrating the SDGs into Sustainability Reporting

Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Credential ID 108795712

Skills

Project Coordination • Environmental Policy • Policy Analysis • Analytical Skills • Economic Development • Climate Change Impacts • Sustainability • Change Management • Business Development • Strategic Planning • ESG Reporting, Strategy & Audits • Climate Change Adaptation & Risk Management Strategies • Written Communication • Verbal Communication