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CAREER SUMMARY

Climate advocate with proven experience in forest policy, advancing nature-based climate solutions, youth engagement, and intergenerational dialogue. Demonstrated success in event coordination, digital communications, report writing and public speaking. Experienced in collaborating within teams to complete projects and launch programs that surpass expectations.

- Event Coordination
- Program Management
- Sustainability Inclined
- Marketing Initiatives
- Project Management
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Climate Change Advocacy
- Data Analysis
- Digital Communication
- Public Speaking
- Policy Analysis
- Community Based Research

EDUCATION

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada **Sept. 2017 - present**

- [Master of Science in Forestry](#), expected graduation 2020
- [MasterCard Foundation Graduate Scholar](#), 2017 -2019

Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria **Oct. 2011 – Aug. 2016**

- Bachelor of (Agric.) Technology in Forestry and Wood Technology
First Class Honours 4.51/5.00

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Researcher / Graduate Teaching Assistant **Sept. 2017 – Present**

Faculty of Forestry, University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC

- Spearhead socioeconomic component of three-year research study exploring the “**drivers and status of biodiversity conservation in sacred groves in Southwest Nigeria**”
 - Developed research proposal for UBC, FUTA, and community partners
 - Collected data from over 200 research participants including multiple stakeholders utilizing focus groups, surveys, and interviews
 - Upheld and maintained ethical research protocols and policies
 - Completed Data Analysis and synthesized information from findings to influence policy regarding preservation of sacred sites in SW Nigeria

Project Assistant **June 2019 – Aug. 2019**

UBC Institute for Resources Environment and Sustainability, Vancouver BC

- Supported 40+ International students in the IRES Vancouver Summer Program (VSP) through coordinating airport pick-ups and arrivals, field trips, and social activities, which resulted in a valuable learning experience for the students to study abroad in Canada and learn about environmental sustainability-related topics.

- Acted as a vital liaison between the students and IRES department by responding to various forms of student inquiries in person, via e-mail and social media, which resulted in a supportive and welcoming environment for the students.
- Used Qualtrics to streamline the social activity registration process and created an academic resources guide to support the students in their studies at UBC.

Project Assistant

Sept. 2017 – April 2018

UBC Go-Global: International Learning Programs, Vancouver BC

- Supported 100+ students by providing administrative support to the Go Global team and front-line information on UBC's international learning programs to hundreds of students resulting in increased registration for UBC exchange programs.
- Facilitated the opportunity for over 100+ students to learn about international exchange opportunities at UBC during Global Experience Fair by assisting with event logistics and manning the information booth which resulted in increased awareness and interest amongst students

Founder and International Director

January 2013 – Present

Pace Impact Initiative, Akure, Nigeria

- Seek local and international partnerships to support the work of the organization with over \$1000 raised
- Develop and implement low cost education projects in Nigeria, which improved the education quality of more than 30 students.
- Facilitated leadership and entrepreneurial workshop with speakers addressing 200+ students and coordinated a team of 20 volunteers

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

President

Sept. 2018 – Sept. 2019

Head of Special Events

Sept. 2017 – August 2018

International Forestry Students Association (IFSA), UBC Vancouver BC

Student Sustainability Council

Sept. 2018 – April 2019

University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC

Graduate Student Ambassador

May 2018 – July 2019

UBC Faculty of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies, Vancouver BC

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Delegate

Oct. 29 - 30, 2019

Global Landscapes Forum GLF Accra 2019. [Restoring Africa's Landscapes – Uniting actions from above and below.](#) Accra, Ghana

- Interviewed by GLF media team to share my experience as a youth leader in Landscape restoration
- Contributed to the discussions in various interactive sessions during the Forum.

Delegate

Sept. 21, 2019

[United Nations Youth Climate Summit](#) New York, USA

- One of 500 young climate champions selected from around the world to attend the Summit after demonstrated commitment to addressing the climate crisis and displaying leadership in advancing solutions.
- Engaged in intergenerational dialogue and advocacy with global political leaders and private sector executives on the need for a robust and ambitious climate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Panelist

May 13, 2019

Global Landscapes Forum GLF Kyoto 2019. [Operationalizing the landscape approach: Learning from doing](#). Vancouver, BC

- Spoke as a panelist where I presented my research on cultural landscapes in Nigeria and as a youth representative at the GLF Kyoto Live discussion from Vancouver.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xa-2At7S9o8>

Delegate

November 5 – 9, 2018

International Forestry Students Association to the [UNECE Committee on Forest and Forest Industry \(COFFI2018\)](#) in Vancouver, BC

- Delivered the youth keynote speech at the UNECE Committee on Forest and Forest Industry (COFFI2018) in Vancouver in November 2018. <http://forestry.ubc.ca/sam>
- Supported the Youth Coordinators of UNECE COFFI 2018 to create awareness about COFFI and ensure there was a good representation of IFSA members at the event.

Delegate

August 9-11, 2018

The University of British Columbia to the Mastercard Foundation Baobab Summit held in Kigali, Rwanda.

- Reported activities at the Summit on social media namely Facebook, twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.
- Engaged participants (scholars, speakers etc.) in scholarly discussion on innovation and collaboration for African development.

Delegate

November 6 – 12, 2017

International Forestry Students Association to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties (COP23) held in Bonn, Germany.

- Panel speaker at IFSA Press Conference on forestry perspectives in climate change mitigation and adaptation. <https://unfccc.cloud.streamworld.de/webcast/ifsa>
- Reported activities at the COP23 events to the global forestry student membership using blog posts, social media namely Facebook, twitter and Instagram.
- Conducted interview with one of UN's leading climate adviser at the UNGA president's office.

TRAININGS

- [Youth in Landscapes Camp](#)
Training organization: The Youth in Landscapes Initiative (YIL) and Global Landscapes Forum.
Date: October 26th – 27th, 2019.
Location: Accra, Ghana.
- Responsible Forest Management and Sustainable Forest Product Supply Chains' Training Course.
Training organization: Soil Association Certification Limited, Bristol, UK.
Date: 25th March – 5th April, 2019.
Location: Shuttleworth College, Biggleswade, UK

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

- Member, African Forest Forum, Nairobi, Kenya. October 2015 – Till present
- Member, Connecting Environmental Professionals, Vancouver Canada November 2019 – Till present

PUBLICATIONS

Published two case studies on illegal logging and community forestry in two Central African Countries on the University of British Columbia Wiki Page, with over 200 views.

1. Adeyanju, S. O 2017. A case study on Bimbia Bonadikombo Community Forest (BBCF), South West Region of Cameroon: Emergence, Impacts, and Improvements. [https://wiki.ubc.ca/Documentation:Open_Case_Studies/FRST522/A_case_study_on_Bimbia_Bonadikombo_Community_Forest_\(BBCF\),_South_West_Region_of_Cameroon:_Emergence,_Impacts,_and_Improvements](https://wiki.ubc.ca/Documentation:Open_Case_Studies/FRST522/A_case_study_on_Bimbia_Bonadikombo_Community_Forest_(BBCF),_South_West_Region_of_Cameroon:_Emergence,_Impacts,_and_Improvements)
2. Adeyanju, S. O. 2017. Illegal logging in the republic of Congo. https://wiki.ubc.ca/Documentation:Open_Case_Studies/FRST522/Illegal_logging_in_the_Republic_of_Congo

BLOGS AND ARTICLES WRITTEN BY ME:

2019

My experience from ‘the Responsible Forest Management and Sustainable Forest Product Supply Chains’ Training Course in the UK. <https://blogs.ubc.ca/samadeyanju/archives/76>

2018

Adeyanju, S.O 2018. **Advancing education in Africa through the Mastercard Foundation Scholar’s program.** UBC Forestry Branchlines publication Pg. 6 https://issuu.com/ubcforestry/docs/bl_29.4/6

2017

On the UNFCCC COP 23 in Germany

<https://www.ifsa.net/the-first-day-at-cop23/>

<https://www.ifsa.net/al-gore-speaks-about-climate-change-realities-across-the-globe-at-cop23/>

<https://sustain.ubc.ca/stories/united-nations-conference-parties-recap?platform=hootsuite>

<https://climatereporters.com/2017/11/al-gore-speaks-on-climate-change-realities-across-the-globe-at-cop23/>

<https://climatereporters.com/2017/11/my-first-day-at-cop-23/>

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS:

Mastercard Foundation Scholars Award (2017 - 2019)	CAD 50,000
Go Global Self-Initiated Research Award (2019)	CAD 2,000
Donald S McPhee Fellowship (2018)	CAD 1,700
St John's College Charles C C & Sophia Wong Memorial Fellowship (2018)	CAD 2,500