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### SUMMARY

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Visionary leader with a proven track record in driving transformative projects and achieving breakthrough results in youth empowerment and climate action. Currently pursuing a Bachelor's in Entrepreneurial Leadership, I excel in strategic innovation and team mobilization to deliver impactful solutions on a global scale.

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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#### African Leadership University – Kigali, Rwanda

May 2024 – Current

BSc (HNS) Entrepreneurial Leadership.

*Relevant Coursework: Business Innovation and project management; Research on Global Challenges; Poverty Policy & Inequality; Ideas & Issues, Leadership Foundations, Strategic Thinking, Social Impact & Change.*

### PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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#### Founder & Program Manager

June 2019 – Present

**English Proficiency Program for Refugee Youth** (Mahama Refugee Camp, Rwanda)

- Established an English learning initiative benefiting 239 refugee students, as well as exploring other educational opportunities
- Improved academic performance and opened higher education opportunities for 93 students.

#### Lead Facilitator, Critical thinking and professional competencies.

July 2024

**African Leadership University – Kigali, Rwanda**

- Conducted critical thinking and professional competencies skills sessions for university students.

#### Project Lead

January 2022 – Present

**Refugee Empowerment Initiative (Mahama Refugee Camp, Rwanda)**

- Organized workshops to equip refugee youth with entrepreneurship and leadership skills.
- Secured partnerships for long-term program support

#### Mentorship Program Coordinator

April 2021 – December 2021

**Youth Empowerment Program (Mahama Refugee Camp, Rwanda)**

- Designed and led a mentorship program for refugee youth, supporting academic and career development.
- Matched mentees with mentors, fostering growth and achieving personal goals.

#### Debate Team Founder & Mentor

August 2023 – Present

**Mahama refugee Camp (Mahama refugee Camp, Rwanda)**

- Founded Mahama's debate team, mentoring students in public speaking and argumentation.
- Led the team to success in regional competitions.

### Certifications, Projects and Volunteerism

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- Certified Debater, Judge and Public Speaking Facilitator, by iDebate Rwanda (Kigali, Rwanda).
- Certified as the Rise Challenge Global Winner, By Rise Global Scholarship
- Certified in Leadership by The John C. Maxwell Leadership Foundation, Beyond Success Program (Rwanda).
- Certified as the founder of Rusumo High School Public Speaking Program (Rwanda).
- Certified as the Coordinator for Refugee Students, at Maison Shalom International (Mahama Refugee Camp, Rwanda).
- Certified in Youth Impact Mission Leadership Course, Youth Impact Mission Rwanda (Rwanda).
- Certified Mentor for University Students in Critical Thinking and Professional Competencies, African Leadership University
- Certified in the Iteme Program, Kepler College (Rwanda).

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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**Founder, Empowering Youth through Vertical Farming in Mahama Refugee Camp** **June 2021 – Present**  
*Mahama refugee Camp, Rwanda*

- Launched a vertical farming initiative aimed at tackling food insecurity and promoting sustainable agricultural practices within the Mahama Refugee Camp, impacting over 80 refugees.

**Ambassador, BAOBAB Platform** **July 2023 – Present**

*Mastercard Foundation and Arizona State University*

- Selected as a BAOBAB Ambassador for outstanding leadership skills, organizing youth-centered events and leading discussions on global challenges.

**Global Winner, Rise Global Challenge** **Year of 2024**

- Selected as a winner in the Rise Global Challenge for myr leadership and innovation in community projects, including the youth empowerment, refugees education advocacy and vertical farming initiatives.

**Participant, Mastercard Foundation Youth-Led SDG Action Grant Program** **July 2024**

- Proposed a youth-led project to address climate action, securing a micro-grant to support sustainable practices through the SDG grant program.

**Influencer & Multiplier, John C. Maxwell Leadership Foundation** **May 2021 – Present**

*Beyond Success Leadership Program*

- Mentor and guide emerging leaders in leadership development and community impact, leveraging John Maxwell's principles to foster transformational growth and positive change.

**International Youth Conference Delegate** **October 2024**

*International Youth Conference 10 (New York, USA)*

- Represented young leaders in global discussions on governance and youth empowerment.
- Collaborated on creating a guiding document for youth participation in international summits.

## SKILLS

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● **Technical Skills:** Leadership and strategic planning, public speaking and debating, critical thinking and professional competencies training, digital marketing and communication tools, youth mentoring and development, environmental and climate action planning.

● **Soft Skills:** Effective communication, creative problem-solving, team collaboration and coordination, attention to detail, reliability and professionalism, adaptability, and resilience.

## INTERESTS

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● Nature & Wildlife Conservation ● Women and Youth Empowerment ● Regional Development

## LANGUAGES

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● English – Expert ● Kirundi - Native ● Kiswahili - Intermediate ● French - Conversational