

KASSI CARL MANLAN

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Vice President, Inclusive Impact and Sustainability CEMEA, **Visa • 2021 - Present** U.A.E
- Lead Social Impact strategy in Central & Eastern Europe Middle East and Africa
 - Advise Regional President and Country Managers on Social Impact strategy and implementation
 - Co-design programs with key partners across the CEMEA region focused on Small Medium Businesses, individuals and households
- Chief Operating Officer, **Ecobank Foundation • 2016 - 2021** Togo
- Lead Ecobank Group strategy execution for social impact across Africa
 - Advise Ecobank Group Executive Committee on social investment decisions
 - Design and coordinate Ecobank Group's community Day across 33 African countries
 - Support the execution of a multi-stakeholder malaria program for private sector engagement in the fight against malaria
 - Lead the execution of the AUDA-NEPAD MSME Program in collaboration with commercial banking and Ecobank Academy
 - Wrote and published over 70 articles to influence thought leadership on socio-economic transformation across Africa and the Global South
- Executive Secretary, **Africa Against Ebola Solidarity Trust (AAEST) • 2015 - 2016** South Africa
- Set up AAEST Secretariat and resource mobilisation processes
 - Engaged CEOs of corporations and foundations, philanthropists, HNWIs to close the fundraising round of US\$ 34 million
 - Coordinated an Africa wide citizen SMS donation campaign raising US\$ 100,000
 - Led grant negotiations with the African Union to fund the deployment of 900 African health workers from 20 African countries to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone
- Technical Advisor, **Economic Commission for Africa • 2014 - 2015** Ethiopia
- Mo Ibrahim Leadership Fellow in the Office of the Executive Secretary
 - Supported the Executive Secretary on agriculture and trade policies engagements with Heads of States and Governments
 - Supported negotiations on the mechanisms for the financing of the African Union
 - Advised the Executive Secretary on Ebola's response in West Africa
- Fund Portfolio Manager, **The Global Fund • 2012 - 2014** Switzerland
- Managed US\$ 500 million portfolios of Benin, Abidjan Lagos Corridor Organization, Senegal and Guinea Bissau
 - Restored institutional relationship between the Government of Guinea Bissau and the Global Fund following a 2 year suspension
 - Negotiated and led multi-stakeholder partnerships between government, civil society, & private sector
 - Executed and monitored Performance Based Funding disbursements
- Project Officer, Pharmaceutical Management, **The Global Fund • 2009 - 2011** Switzerland
- Led design and development of Procurement and Supply Management (PSM) tool for country capacity needs assessment
 - Coordinated a multi-stakeholder steering group representing PSM experts
 - Executed the roll-out in 35 countries in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe
- Teaching Assistant, **School of Economics University of Cape Town • 2008 - 2008** South Africa
- Supported the delivery of the International Trade and Bargaining course
 - Coordinated and managed 8 teaching assistants for a class of 200 students
 - Assessed and graded final reports
- Strategic Portfolio Performance Officer, **UNDP • 2007 - 2008** DR Congo

- Advised project coordinator on USD 500 million AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria programme
- Managed training of 53 NGOs and CSOs implementing partners on Performance Based Funding model
- Provided technical and managerial assistance to national NGOs

Programme Officer, Operations, **The Global Fund • 2004 - 2007** Switzerland

- Managed Global Fund Round 5 Call for Proposals as the Acting Proposals Manager
- Supported Grant Performance Management for Director of Operations
- Supported development of initial processes of Performance Based Funding
- Supported grant negotiations in the Middle East and North Africa region
- Supported Executive Director for the 2004 Global Fund ACT reprogramming

Intern, Health and Development Policy, **World Health Organization • 2004 - 2004** Switzerland

- Health policy analysis on access by the poor to ARV for The 3 by 5 initiative by WHO

EDUCATION & TRAINING

London Business School

London, United Kingdom

Executive Education in Project Finance

June 2013

Harvard University Kennedy School

Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

Masters in Public Administration. Focus: Negotiations & Leadership

May 2012

University of Cape Town

Cape Town, South Africa

Bachelor of Commerce in Financial Analysis and Portfolio Management

December 2003

Bachelor of Commerce in Economics (Politics, Philosophy and Economics)

December 2002

SKILLS

Languages: French (native), English (fluent)

Technical: Writing and Social media through Aspen Institute / Wordpress

Fellowships, Awards & Professional Memberships

Project Syndicate Writer & Contributor (Since 2016)

Aspen Institute New Voices Fellow (2016)

Recipient, Officer of the National Order of Merit of Benin (2015)

Mo Ibrahim Foundation Leadership (2014)

Harvard Kennedy School Edward S. Mason (2011)

Board Memberships (Volunteer)

UCT - Institute for Humanities in Africa Policy Working Group - South Africa (2020 - Present)

African Development University (2019 - Present)

Léo Africa Institute - Uganda (2018 - Present)

West Africa Civil Society Institute - Ghana (2018 – 2021)

Uniting to Combat NTDs - United Kingdom (2019 - 2021)

Leading Youth, Sport & Development - Togo (2017 - 2021)

UNITLIFE - France (2019 - 2021)

Operation Fistula - United Kingdom (2016 - 2021)

Academic City University Governing Council - Ghana (2018 - 2020)

Harvard Kennedy School Alumni - USA (2018 - 2020)