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### **Professional Summary**

Seasoned energy and environmental management professional with over 20 years of experience leading high-impact programs. Skilled in leveraging SAP, Microsoft Project, and Excel to design, implement, and monitor schedules for high-performing teams and renewable energy initiatives. Renowned for managing international projects, driving strategic goals, and fostering collaboration among diverse stakeholders. Expertise includes spearheading large-scale energy efficiency and climate protection initiatives across Ghana and West Africa. Strong foundation in project management, policy development, and capacity building, with a track record of successful partnerships with organizations such as GIZ, UNEP, and UNDP.

### **Core Competencies**

- Program Leadership & Strategic Direction
- Renewable Energy Policy & Implementation
- SAP & Microsoft Project Proficiency
- Stakeholder Engagement & Government Relations
- Financial Management & Resource Allocation
- Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting
- Capacity Building & Team Development

#### **Professional Experience**

## Planco/Integration | Consultancy Pool Manager, Sustainable Energy for Climate Protection (SE4C) Project, GIZ

Accra, Ghana | Nov 2022 - Present

Managed the SE4C project, providing technical and strategic support for GIZ's climate protection and renewable energy initiatives. Led efforts to scale pilot projects and build capacity in solar energy.

 Directed project implementation cycles, ensuring alignment with technical standards and resource optimization.

- Supervised planning and scheduling activities for solar energy deployment, building capacity in sustainable operations.
- Developed impact reports to assess operational efficiency and propose strategic improvements.
- Prepared policy frameworks addressing asset management and maintenance requirements.
- Supervised solar training of tutors of 12 **TVET** institutions around Ghana
- Provided support to enhance the services of the **Sector Skills Body** for Solar
- Prepared Policy framework for Solar Power Irrigation Systems for Ghana as part of CTCN project awarded to Integration and CARES group.

# United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) | Project Lead, ECOFRIDGES Project

Ghana & Senegal | May 2019 - Mar 2022

Directed the ECOFRIDGES project, promoting the adoption of energy-efficient and climate-friendly cooling products, impacting energy use and emissions reductions significantly across Ghana and Senegal.

- Launched wage financing for energy-efficient products, **achieving a 50**% increase in sales within three months at participating outlets.
- Led stakeholder engagement, working closely with government agencies, private sector entities, and financiers to ensure project alignment and sustainability.
- Supported the Energy Commission of Ghana in climate readiness planning, securing pathways to Green Climate Fund (GCF) funding.

#### United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) | Project Coordinator, China-Ghana South-South Renewable Energy Technology Transfer Project

Accra, Ghana | Jan 2015 - Apr 2019

Oversaw a major project to catalyze Ghana's renewable energy sector through policy development, capacity building, and innovative business models.

- Managed complex schedules for renewable energy projects, integrating multiple operational and logistical consideration
- Spearheaded the creation of Ghana's **25-year Renewable Energy Master** Plan, establishing long-term targets for renewable technologies.
- Pushed for UNIDO's turbines to be transferred to BUI power to develop the first minihydropower dam at Tsatsadu.
- Facilitated collaboration between Ghana and China, organizing strategic missions that resulted in key partnerships and enhanced technology support for renewable projects in Ghana.

 Successfully organized a side event to share success stories at CoP23 Bonn to share project successes and experience of tri-lateral cooperation between China, Ghana, Zambia through the UNDP

## UNDP Ghana Country Office | Project Coordinator, Refrigerator Efficiency Project (National Refrigerator Exchange Program)

Accra, Ghana | Nov 2011 - Dec 2014

Led Ghana's first nationwide appliance efficiency program, which reduced emissions, improved energy use, and transformed consumer behavior regarding refrigeration appliances.

- Implemented a rebate scheme, replacing over 10,000 inefficient refrigerators and achieving a 50% increase in new, energy-efficient appliance sales.
- Established Ghana's first refrigerator dismantling and recycling facility, reducing harmful emissions and preventing improper appliance disposal.
- Supported the development of the first Refrigerator Testing Facility
- Directed a public awareness campaign that shifted consumer preference toward higher-rated appliances and contributed to nationwide energy savings.

#### **Education**

MSc in Energy and Environmental Management – University of Twente, Netherlands, 2009

**BSc in Chemical Engineering** – Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana, 2002

### **Certifications & Specialized Training**

- Project Management Certification (PMI)
- SAP System Operations for Maintenance Planning
- Prince2 Project Management
- ArcGIS Desktop and Online
- Energy Management in Small Scale Industries University of Twente

#### **Professional Affiliations & Conferences**

- Member of Ghana's Delegation to UNFCCC's CoP meetings- including COP22 Marrakesh, COP23 Bonn,
- Speaker at renewable energy conferences such as EEDAL, Portugal, EE Global Conference in Washington USA, WACEE conference, Ghana

### References

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