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PROFIL

A Research, analysis and project coordination professional with over seven years of experience across Sub-Saharan Africa. Experienced in conducting evidence-based research, analysing complex information environments, coordinating regional initiatives and engaging diverse stakeholders. Proven ability to produce analytical reports, facilitate multi-country collaborations, support capacity-building activities and translate complex findings into actionable recommendations. Particular interests include information integrity, humanitarian and conflict analysis, governance, media ecosystems and international cooperation.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Investigative Data Analyst

(Current Job)

- Conduct evidence-based research and analysis on disinformation, information manipulation (IMI/FIMI), hate speech, and coordinated influence operations across Africa.
- Collect, clean, analyse, and interpret qualitative and quantitative data from digital platforms, media ecosystems, and open sources.
- Produce analytical reports, research briefs, risk assessments, and training materials for journalists, civil society organisations, and international partners.
- Monitor trends, identify emerging threats, and synthesise complex information into actionable findings for decision-makers.
- Support research design, including the development of analytical frameworks, indicators, data collection methodologies, and reporting tools.
- Lead and contribute to capacity-strengthening activities for journalists and civil society actors on information integrity, digital investigations, and evidence-based analysis.
- Coordinate with multidisciplinary teams across several African countries and contribute to regional research initiatives.

Secretary-General – Defence & Security Journalists' Network

(Since 2021) - Temporary service

- Coordinate regional research projects related to conflict, security, political violence, and information ecosystems across Africa.
- Lead thematic working groups analysing narratives, propaganda, misinformation, and conflict-related information disorders.
- Organise multi-country collaborations involving journalists, researchers, and civil society actors.
- Produce analytical outputs and support dissemination of findings to diverse stakeholders.
- Contribute to research missions, stakeholder engagement, and regional knowledge-sharing initiatives.

Digital Agent – Customer Experience (Orange DRC)

(February 2023-January 2024)

- E-chat B2C & B2B
- Assistance & orientation
- Customer E-Marketer sens Maker

Freelance journalist – Sub-Saharan Africa

(2020 - 2022)

- Collaborations with Vision Guinée, Fraternités Infos Bénin and Tazama RDC
- Coverage of social issues, development, conflicts and gender

Radio Journalist & Reporter - Kinshasa

(August 2019 - January 2020)

- Production and presentation of community radio programmes Head of the Culture Desk
- Reporting on Francophone Africa

EDUCATION

- Since 2024 – PhD student in Social Sciences – Catholic University of Congo (UCC)
- 2023 – Master's degree in Journalism, Information and Communication – UCC
- 2023 – Teaching Qualification in Communication – UCC
- 2021 – Bachelor's degree in Social Communication – UCC
- 2017 – State Diploma – Latin and Philosophy – Sainte-Famille State-approved School

LANGUAGES

- French – native language
- English – C1 level (intermediate proficiency)

RESEARCH & ANALYTICAL SKILLS

- Research design and methodology development
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Data collection, cleaning and validation
- Information management and evidence synthesis
- Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL)
- Humanitarian and conflict analysis
- OSINT and digital investigations
- Risk and trend analysis
- Stakeholder engagement and external coordination
- Report writing, factsheets and analytical briefs
- Capacity strengthening and training facilitation
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MAIN REALISATIONS

- Speaker – International Conference on Investigative Journalism (IPI), 2024
- Speaker – International Conference on Investigative Journalism (AIJC), 2025
- Contributor – Development of a regional strategy to raise awareness of online hate speech, ECCAS, 2022
- Participant – Annual workshops on community policing, ASP of Senegal, 2023
- Participant – KAS regional workshops on strategic media coverage and public communication

REFERENCES

- Easo Gedeon – esso.gedeon@codeforafrica.org
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