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Journalism, Civil society, Environnement

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## National Professional Experiences

### Founder and Director, EcoConscienceTV – Lomé, Togo, since June 2015

**Management of an online media:** Economic and administrative management, definition and monitoring of a business plan, management of a multidisciplinary team

**Production and broadcast of content:** field work and investigations in connection with the Sustainable Development Goals, coverage of specific events, interviews, editing, production and online publication, community management on different networks, website management

**Project management:** development of the “Dumevi” project, a platform on local citizenship in Togo with the support of CFI and AFD, coordination and implementation of several reporting projects or external investigations for the Cooperation and Cultural Action Service of the French Embassy in Togo (reporting on the final beneficiaries of the PISCCA fund), for the FAO (reporting on the effects of several environmental projects). “Climate & Citizenship” expertise within the framework of the ENJEU project led by Gret Togo.

### President, Welfare Togo – Lomé, Togo, Since June 2014

**Strategic management of the association:** Definition of the NGO’s strategic orientations, monitoring of activities

### Journalist - Lomé, Togo, January 2010 – november 2015

TV Presenter at TV7, a private Togolese television channel (October 2014 – November 2015)

Journalist/reporter at the daily newspaper Forum de la Semaine (January 2012 – June 2014)

Journalist/reporter at the weekly newspaper Le Potentiel (September 2011 – December 2011)

Radio Presenter in charge of the environment section at RTDS radio (2010 – 2013)

## International Professional Experiences

### Co-Facilitator of NGO Major Group, UNEP –, February 2021 – June 2025

*Election for 2 terms of 2 years to facilitate the group of Large NGOs at UNEP*

**Management of the large NGO group: coordinate, prepare and defend the needs and positions of the large NGO group,** facilitation of consultation and consultation meetings; representations, participation and position-taking in UNEP negotiations and meetings (UNEA and related meetings), promotion of the positions of the of NGOs major Group, facilitation and promotion of a network of sectoral experts, media mobilization, coordination and preparation of orientation documents, positioning synthesis.

**Member of the GEO7 Intergovernmental and Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group (IMAG)** : participation in the discussions and work of the seventh edition of the Global Environment Outlook GEO7

### Representative of the Africa Region in the UNCCD CSO Panel, January 2018 – January 2020

*Election for a 2-year term to coordinate the positions of African civil society within the UNCCD*

**Participation in negotiations:** analysis of official documents and decisions of the COP, participation in negotiations, management of the panel website, production of newsletters

**Representation :** preparation, coordination and defense of the needs and positions of African civil society at the UNCCD in all decision-making processes, taking positions during panels and strategic meetings: CRIC17, COP14, etc.

## Training & certifications

### Institute of Information Science, Communication and Arts (ISICA), University of Lomé, Professional Bachelor Degree in Journalism, 2020

Dissertation Defense: "Lomé, the Togolese capital facing the challenges of a sustainable city"

Angle: Flooding problem and waste management under the impact of urbanization, what solution?

Format: Audiovisual, Duration: 13 min

### Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences (FLESH - University of Lomé), Bachelor's degree course in English

Dissertation Defense: “African literature”

### Other training

**Coady international Institute, St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada : Formation « Global Change Leaders Certificate »** – Leadership and Social Audit, 2019

**Journalism training :** Mobile journalism, specializing in filming and video editing on smartphones (Slice Up, 2018), “Digital Photography” (Smithsonian Institution and United States Embassy in Togo, 2017), “Freedom on Internet” from Internet without Borders (Ecole Normale Supérieure, University of Cocodji, Ivory Coast, 2014)

**Paris Ile-de-France Chamber of Commerce and Industry (France):** Business French Diploma C1 (Relations Internationales), 16 September 2019

**Environmental training:** Sustainable Development Goals training (Reuters Foundation, Morocco, 2016), “E-waste academy manager” training (United Nations University UNU- IAS, Nairobi, Kenya, 2016), Environmental journalism training (ANGE Togo, Delegation of the European Union in Togo, 2013)

**Training in Civic leadership engagement, management and entrepreneurship:** “Business and entrepreneurship” training (Mandela Washington Fellowship, Drake University, Des Moines, United States, 2018); YALI regional “civic leadership” training (CRL Regional Leadership Center, Dakar, Senegal, 2016)

## Opening to the World, engagements and other Skills

### Participation in international conferences

**Climate :** COP21, France; COP22, Morocco; COP23, Germany; COP27, Egypt; COY13 Bonn - 13th Conference of Youth; African Climate Summit (2017, Cotonou; 2019, Accra)

**Environment :** GEO7 UNEP “IMAG face to face meetings”, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2023 Bangkok, 1<sup>st</sup> in 2022 Nairobi, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2024 Nairobi; United Nations General Assemblies on the Environment: UNEA5.2 - 2022; UNEA6 – 2024; 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Subcommittee of the CPR UNEP ASC (Nairobi-Kenya); African Ministerial Conferences on the Environment (AMCEN 2022, Dakar-Senegal; AMCEN 2023, Addis Ababa-Ethiopia); Stockholm+50 (50 years of celebration of UNEP) in 2022, Stockholm - Sweden; Belt and Road International Forum on Public Cooperation for Ecological Remediation in 2018, Wuwei, Gansu Province - China;

**Chemicals - Pollution:** Basel, Rotherham, Stockholm (BRS) COPs, 2017, Geneva- Switzerland; Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) Beyond 2020, Montevideo - Uruguay; 4th UNEP International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM4), 2015, Geneva - Switzerland, Regional workshop on Ewaste Management, Basel Convention African Office, 2016, Lagos – Nigeria

**Desertification :** 17th session of the Committee for the Review the Implementation of the UNCCD (CRIC17), Georgetown-Guyana; COP14, New Deli - India; COP15, Abidjan - Ivory Coast; COP16, Riyadh - Saudi Arabia

**Journalism :** CFI MEDIA Forum, 2023, Paris - France

### Networks

**National:** Member of the National Council of Press Owners (CONAPP), since 2017; Member of the Togolese Association of Private Online Press Media (ATOPPEL), since 2019; Member of Amnesty International – Togo, since 2009

**International:** Member of the Steering Committee of the International Pollutant Elimination Network (IPEN) Member of the Board of Directors of GRET (French development NGO); other associated networks: UNEP Civil society Unit; UNCCD Civil society network; Coady Women Leaders Network; Young African Leaders Initiative – YALI; International POPs Elimination Network – IPEN; Peoples Coalition on Food Security – PCFS; Pan African Pesticide Action Network–PAN Africa; IBON International; Global Water Partnership GWP; E - Waste Academy Management – EWAM; YOUNGO: youth Constituency of the UNFCCC

### Awards and distinctions

Laureate of the CFI “**Citizen Connections**” program with funding from the French Development Agency, 2021

Selected as one of the 52 women with impacts for the “**Egbe Nana**” program, a program of the Pro-CEMA project (European Union in Togo), 2020

2017 & 2018 Laureate of the “**Citizen Media Project**” of the Directorate of Civic Training and Citizenship

“**Energy Globe Award**” winner, UN Environment, 2017

### Hobbies

Reading, Hiking, Nature, Music

### Languages

Ewe (mother tongue), French (mother tongue), English (bilingual)

### Computer science

Mastery of the Office Pack, Video and Sound editing software (Vegas, Adobe Audition, Adobe Premiere), Mobile video and image editing applications (Kinemaster and Canva)