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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A multi-disciplinary development professional with over a decade of experience at the intersection of climate governance, carbon markets, and community-driven development. Recognised as a Chevening Scholar and Mandela Washington Fellow, Alfred brings rigorous technical expertise in MRV systems, GHG accounting, and Article 6 carbon mechanisms alongside proven programme leadership across Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia.

His work is distinguished by the ability to translate complex climate policy frameworks into evidence-based, community-accountable programmes. Currently pursuing a PhD at ISSER, University of Ghana, on governance mechanisms and equitable benefit-sharing in carbon offset projects, he is uniquely positioned to contribute to research institutions, multilateral agencies, and international development organisations seeking expertise in climate finance, sustainability governance, and inclusive development.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Carbon Quality & Integrity Manager | Bridge Carbon

January 2025 – May 2025

Regions: Sub-Saharan Africa | Southeast Asia

- Oversaw project validation, verification, and monitoring for a portfolio of carbon projects across two continents, ensuring compliance with international standards.
- Strengthened integrity protocols and compliance systems for carbon projects under Paris Agreement Article 6, improving operational reliability.
- Led technical reviews of validation and verification reports, achieving measurable improvements in data quality and reporting consistency.
- Provided technical support to government partners and private sector actors to design and implement robust MRV frameworks aligned with national carbon registries.

West Africa Manager | Bridge Carbon (formerly C-Quest Capital)

July 2024 – January 2025

- Coordinated national-level engagements on carbon registry development and climate-policy alignment across the West Africa region.
- Strengthened regional cooperation on clean cooking mitigation programmes, contributing to NDC target support for multiple governments.
- Supervised a team of 12+ staff and partners, ensuring programme compliance, reporting accuracy, and timely delivery across country offices.

Country Manager, Ghana | Bridge Carbon (formerly C-Quest Capital)

February 2022 – June 2024

- Led the Improved Biomass Cookstove Programme, expanding reach to 14,000+ households and contributing directly to Ghana's nationally determined contribution (NDC) targets.
- Coordinated MRV and digital MRV (dMRV) systems in partnership with the Ghana Carbon Market Office and relevant line ministries.
- Supported national alignment with NDC targets and Article 6 frameworks across the clean cooking sector, serving as a primary technical liaison.
- Recruited, trained, and managed 20+ staff and field officers, establishing performance management and accountability systems.

Founder & Executive Director | *School Farms, Ghana*

2014 – Present

- Designed and scaled climate-smart agriculture models (greenhouses, mushroom farms, animal units) adopted across 20+ schools in Ghana.
- Reached 20,000+ students through integrated climate education, nutrition literacy, and vocational skills development programmes.
- Mobilised USD 30,000+ in grants and in-kind support from partners including the Roddenberry Foundation, Interplast Ghana, and the U.S. Department of State.
- Led all organisational functions: programme design, M&E systems, financial oversight, partnership development, and community mobilisation.

Project Implementation Lead | *KAG Advisory, Nigeria*

November 2021 – June 2022

- Managed a GAIN-funded Vitamin A value-chain project spanning 8 Nigerian states, delivering against nutrition security and food systems objectives.
- Supported 2,000+ micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to improve nutrition practices, product quality, and livelihood outcomes.
- Developed digital M&E systems for real-time performance tracking and adaptive programme management.

Senior Consultant | *AfroChampions Initiative*

October 2020 – January 2023

- Coordinated the AfCFTA MSME programme and BOMA Africa cross-continental events, supporting continental trade integration objectives.
- Trained 500+ entrepreneurs in business development, trade facilitation, and digital transformation across African markets.
- Supported rollout of the Trusted Travel digital health protocol across 10 African countries during the post-COVID economic recovery period.

LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Non-Executive Director | *YOTA – Youth Opportunity and Transformation in Africa*

February 2022 – Present

- Provide strategic governance and independent oversight to guide organisational growth, programme focus, and institutional sustainability.
- Advise senior leadership on youth employment, entrepreneurship, leadership development, and policy advocacy across Africa.
- Contribute to board-level decision-making on partnerships, resource mobilisation strategies, and organisational positioning.

Chair, Development Planning Committee | *Avatime Vane Community, Volta Region, Ghana*

2025 – Present

- Lead a multi-stakeholder process to develop the Avatime Vane Development Plan (2026-2031), covering education, health, agriculture, infrastructure, environment, tourism, and local governance.
- Coordinate participation of traditional authorities, youth leaders, women's groups, professionals, and diaspora representatives in evidence-based community planning.
- Guide alignment of the community plan with district, regional, and national development frameworks to attract funding and development partnerships.

TEDx Organiser / Curator | *TEDxIDS – Institute of Development Studies, Brighton, UK*

October 2020

- Co-organised and curated TEDxIDS, a university-based event focused on post-COVID development futures, inclusive development, climate change, and systems transformation.

EDUCATION

PhD, Development Studies (In Progress) | *University of Ghana – ISSER, Accra*

2023 – 2027 (Expected)

Thesis: *Governance Mechanisms and Equitable Benefit-Sharing in Carbon Offset Projects: Evidence from Local Communities in Ghana.*

MA, Governance, Development and Public Policy | University of Sussex – Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UK 2019 – 2020

Award: Chevening Scholar (UK FCDO) | **Thesis:** *Political Commitment around Child Labour in Cocoa in Ghana*.

MA, Development Studies | University of Ghana – ISSER, Accra 2018 – 2019

Thesis: *Attitudes towards Flood Risk Management in La Nkwantanang-Madina*.

BSc, Environmental Science | University of Cape Coast, Ghana 2011 – 2015

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Member, Project Management Institute (PMI)

Global | Active membership with PMI credential verification

Climate and Carbon Data Intelligence Training

African Union / GIZ / eSTDev – Global Gateway

March 2026

- Climate data governance, cross-border climate data flows, and digital infrastructure for climate information systems.
- AI applications for climate data analysis, risk management, and MRV integration with national carbon registries.
- Transboundary carbon data governance and trust frameworks for policy and investment planning.

Communicating Research through Policy Briefs

UNU-MERIT – United Nations University, Maastricht

January – February 2026

- Translating academic and applied research into clear, concise, and actionable policy briefs for diverse audiences.
- Audience targeting, policy-relevant messaging, and dissemination strategies.

Carbon Finance Master Class – Advanced Modules

Carbon Finance Academy / Ghana Carbon Market Office / EPA Ghana, Accra

February 2026

- Carbon market policies, regulatory frameworks, and global market trends.
- Digital MRV, demand-side dynamics, and advanced carbon accounting and reporting systems.

Carbon Finance Master Class – Foundation Modules

Carbon Finance Academy / Ghana Carbon Market Office / EPA Ghana, Accra

October 2025

- Carbon emissions accounting, carbon pricing mechanisms, and carbon project design and structuring.
- Carbon certification standards, registries, and financing models for carbon projects.

GHG Accounting and Decarbonisation Training

Association of Ghana Industries (AGI) Energy Service Centre / Swisscontact

2025

- GHG Protocol, ISO 14064, PCAF, and TCFD frameworks; Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions accounting.
- Corporate decarbonisation strategies and carbon market fundamentals.

Pan-African Doctoral Academy (PADA)

University of Ghana, Accra

September – October 2025

- AI tools for research and innovation, academic publishing, thesis writing, and qualitative research methodology (NVivo).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Adjabeng, A. G. (2020). *Attitudes towards flood risk management in La-Nkwantanang Madina Municipality*. Proceedings of the International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD).

Adjabeng, A. G. (2020). *Political commitment around child labour in cocoa in Ghana* [MA Dissertation]. Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex.

CORE COMPETENCIES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Policy and Carbon Markets (Article 6) • MRV and Digital MRV Systems • GHG Accounting (ISO 14064, GHG Protocol) • Carbon Project Validation and Verification • Programme and Project Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance, Policy Analysis and Development Planning • Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) • Stakeholder Engagement and Intergovernmental Coordination • Grant Writing and Resource Mobilisation • Research, Policy Communication and Knowledge Management
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DIGITAL AND ANALYTICAL TOOLS

Climate and Carbon: MRV/dMRV systems, GHG inventories, carbon project certification tools, ArcGIS

Data and Analysis: NVivo, SPSS, Excel (advanced), KoboToolbox

Project Management: MS Project, Monday.com, Trello, Microsoft Teams

Design and Documentation: Canva, WordPress, Microsoft Office Suite

LANGUAGES

English – Fluent (Professional) **Ewe** – Fluent (Native) **French** – Working Knowledge **Twɩ** – Conversational

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Chevening Scholar, UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) – competitive merit-based scholarship for future global leaders.
- Mandela Washington Fellow, UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy – flagship YALI fellowship for young African leaders.
- Best Paper Award, International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD), 2020.
- African Youth SDGs Achiever of the Year – recognised for contributions to sustainable development across Africa.
- SET Africa Fellow – science, entrepreneurship, and technology leadership programme for Africa.

REFERENCES

Academic Reference

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