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EDUCATION

2026

LONDON SCHOOL OF
ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL
SCIENCE

Online Masterclass in Sustainability
Communication Strategies
(registered)

2016 - 2018

PEKING UNIVERSITY

Masters of Transnational Law (LLM),
with a focus on environmental law

2011 - 2013

QUEEN MARY'S, UNI. OF LONDON

Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

2006 - 2010

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in International
Development & Economics

SKILLS

- Carbon accounting
- Life cycle assessments
- Circular economy principles
- Climate law & policy
- Sustainability communication
- IT skills

SUMMARY

I am an ambitious and proactive intersectional climate justice advocate with years of relevant experience.

Passionate about safeguarding the natural environment to benefit people and our planet, I have dedicated my professional, academic, and personal endeavours to advancing positive climate action.

In addition, I am a multilingual British-Ethiopian woman who has worked and studied in nine countries across Asia, Africa, Europe and North America. This exposure to multiple cultures has nurtured my emotional intelligence and adaptability.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Climate Consultancy, Advocacy & Research 2016 - PRESENT

- Working as a Senior ESG Consultant for ESG Pro - a consultancy for ESG and sustainability certification and support - where I focused on creating materials on ESG Pro's sustainable tourism services.
- Serving as a member of the Advisory Board to 1.2° Diaries - a platform spotlighting the ideas, expertise and lived experiences of those most impacted by the climate crisis.
- Researched and wrote a book chapter titled 'Financing Africa's Just Transition through the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement' for Routledge (publication forthcoming).
- Founded Green Baobab to help Africa prosper by tackling environmental issues for the benefit of people, wildlife and our shared planet. At its prime, Green Baobab's website hosted 36 news and opinion articles, including original content on the COP climate negotiations; these articles and additional materials were shared on Instagram (available [here](#)) and LinkedIn (available [here](#)).
- Freelance consultancy, authoring high-calibre papers and speaking at conferences on climate justice, environmental sustainability, human rights and international development.
- After attending a UNESCO Youth Forum alongside 73 youth delegates from 51 countries in 2018, I wrote to Chinese President Xi on the power of youth participation in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). He replied, expressing his delight at continued youth engagement in the BRI. He only responded to 8 letters that year.

PUBLICATIONS

Independently and collaboratively wrote 17 articles and one book chapter for 12 publications on a range of topics, including:

- Financing Africa's just transition through the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement for Routledge (publication forthcoming)
- Green trade in Africa for the Institute of Sustainability & Environmental Professionals
- Community engagement in the fight against plastic waste for Style & Sustain
- Legal issues surrounding the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam for Capital
- Africa's priorities at the COP26 climate negotiations for Green Baobab
- The Belt and Road Initiative's potential to generate investment in Africa's renewable energy industry for China Daily
- Reactions to the President of China replying to my letter on the Belt and Road Initiative for Black Livity China

A full repository of my publications is available [here](#).

VOLUNTEERING

I volunteer at 1.2° Diaries - a platform spotlighting the ideas, expertise and lived experiences of those most impacted by the climate crisis. I contributed extensively to its Frontline Speaks podcast series.

I was an active member of the Greenpeace Shoreditch Local Group from 2020 - 2023. During this time, I served as the Deputy Head of Energy and subsequently as the Deputy Head of Climate Change.

Ethiopian Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

2015

Delegate to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

- Lobbied as a high-level advisor of the Ethiopian government during the crucial COP21 climate negotiations, which led to the Paris Agreement.
- Facilitated intra-governmental relations on climate-related topics in the context of the COP21 negotiations.
- Co-designed the Common African Position for the African Group of (Climate) Negotiators in a fast-paced environment with a team of government officials, climate scientists, youth representatives, and other key stakeholders.

Africa Climate Policy Centre

2014 - 2015

Climate Change Law & Policy Researcher

- Worked effectively in a high-level team to conduct research and write numerous technical briefs, concept notes, policy papers and reports on Africa's preparations for the COP21 climate negotiations.
- Independently researched and authored a report on climate change laws in Africa and another on emissions from the shipping industry.
- Participated in formulating a Natural Resource Governance Framework in collaboration with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.
- Collaboratively wrote the African Youth Position for the COP21 climate negotiations, in advance of the Paris Agreement.
- Contributed to planning and hosting multi-stakeholder events discussing 'The Road to Paris' for African countries.

CERTIFICATIONS

Understanding Environmental Sustainability (2025),
Carbon Accounting (2025), Life Cycle Analysis (2025)

LANGUAGES

- English: Fluent (C2)
- Amharic: Fluent (C1)
- French: Upper-Intermediate (B2)
- Spanish: Intermediate (B1)
- Mandarin: Beginner (A1)

REFERENCES

Public recommendations by 13 colleagues, managers, educators, leaders and change-makers are published on LinkedIn and are available [here](#).

A broader description of my qualifications is outlined on my website (available [here](#))