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Building systems that serve people better through strategy, inclusion and purposeful leadership

WHO I AM

I am a cross-sector development leader with 15+ years delivering enterprise and economic development, WEE/YEE integration and public health nutrition across regions. I blend multicountry programme leadership with global technical advisory – strengthening governance, MEL and delivery systems, aligning donors/governments/private sector, and translating strategy into results. Founder of Olime Health (public-health nutrition), and Senior Enterprise and Economic Development Advisor (Global), I work at the intersection of systems design, evidence and inclusion.

WHAT I DO

1. Enterprise and Economic Development Leadership

- Enterprise ecosystems, Business Environment Reform (BER) models and market-responsive designs
- Access-to-finance diagnostics and finance-readiness pathways
- Inclusive Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) that ends with commitments

2. Multicountry Programme Delivery

- Governance, MEL and delivery systems that travel across countries
- Portfolio cadence, risk management and performance routines
- Strategy → practical action with partner alignment

3. Inclusion and Policy Integration (WEE/YEE/GBV)

- WEE/YEE by design in programmes, policies and sector strategies
- Anti-GBVH workplace policies and gender-responsive employer practice
- Creative/social/green economy and culture policy updates with gender provisions

4. Public Health Nutrition and Wellbeing (SDG 3)

- Workplace wellbeing programmes and behaviour-change communication
- Health education and evidence-based nutrition policy/advisory

5. Learning, Capability and Speaking

- Masterclasses, toolkits, coaching clinics and communities of practice
- Keynotes, panels, moderation and outcome-oriented facilitation

EVIDENCE and IMPACT

- **Senior Enterprise and Economic Development Advisor (Global):** Co-led the organisation's global enterprise and economic development strategy; strengthened the internal global offer and external programme offer; improved first-time design quality via light stage-gates, design clinics and MEL architecture; embedded WEE/YEE by design in scoping/budgeting/results frameworks; and accelerated portfolio coherence by standardising frameworks, toolkits and decision signals across regions.

[Full case →](#)

- **ICR Facility (consortium):** Directed British Council TA across 13 countries (23 interventions) and contributed to all 78 British Council knowledge initiatives within a 250-initiative Knowledge Hub serving 79 ACP countries – mainstreaming WEE/YEE, institutionalising inclusive PPDs, and strengthening national mechanisms (e.g., MSME coordination in Nigeria; gender-sensitive investment strategy in Tuvalu; social-enterprise policy in Jamaica/Kenya/Ethiopia). [Full case →](#)
- **Jobs for Youth (Ghana):** 3,200 youth trained; 400 enterprises incubated/accelerated; 120 enterprise grants; 63% job creation among acceleratees; firms averaging 7 employees; reinvestment. [Full case →](#)
- **Tullow Group Scholarship Scheme (TGSS) (multicountry):** Governance and alumni systems strengthened across 10 countries; placements in the UK, France and Ireland; ~99% return-to-country; alumni progressed to senior roles, entrepreneurship and a few appointed as ministers. [Full case →](#)
- **Olime Health (public health):** 150,000+ people reached with practical health communication; workplace wellbeing and evidence-based nutrition advisory. [Full case →](#)

DONOR, GOVERNMENT and PRIVATE-SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

- Multi-agency/consortium governance (EU/OACPS/BMZ/BC) and joint implementation models
- High-trust diplomacy with ministries, agencies, DFIs, chambers and BMOs
- Evidence-led advisory with clear decision trails and follow-through

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP and PUBLICATIONS

1. **Co-Author:** *How to make the business environment work for WEE* (2024).
2. **Author:** *Becoming A Healthier You* (2015).
3. Public-health nutrition content and community engagement via **OlimeHealth.com**.
4. Leadership and strategy and lessons from the field content via **IreneDanquah.com**
5. Speaker/trainer on gender-responsive policy, **WEE/YEE**, enterprise ecosystems, and multicountry delivery.

COLLABORATION MODES

- Consulting and Technical Advisory (design, delivery, reviews; ToR/SoW)
- Speaking, Facilitation and Moderation (keynotes, panels, policy roundtables)
- Learning, Capability and Knowledge (masterclasses, toolkits, coaching, CoPs)
- Strategic Partnerships and Co-Creation (concepts, partner alignment, light steering)
- Open-Scoped Engagements: Technical Consultant | Embedded Advisor | Fractional Portfolio/Workstream Lead | Consortium Technical/Thematic Lead | On-call Expert Reviews

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