

Laura KARABONA

Born on the 13th of July 1997
Burundian

PROFILE

Dynamic and results-oriented Project Manager with over 7 years of experience leading multi-stakeholder initiatives across development, healthcare, creative industries, and corporate events. Proven ability to manage complex logistics, mobilise cross-functional teams, drive strategic planning, and deliver high-impact projects on time and within budget. Adept in stakeholder engagement, public relations, and operational efficiency. With a Master's Degree in Business Administration in Leadership and Management, bringing advanced business acumen to leadership roles. Passionate about sustainable development and innovation in Africa.

CORE COMPETENCIES:

- Project Planning & Execution
- Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning
- Strategic & Operational Leadership
- Event & Logistics Management
- Stakeholder Engagement & Partnerships
- Budget Management & Financial Oversight
- Public Relations & Communications
- Entrepreneurship & Team Building
- Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting

Curriculum vitae

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MAY 2025- TO DATE Project Manager at FN strategies & Consulting Services Inc in Rwanda. **KIGALI- RWANDA**

JAN 2025- TO MAY 2025 (Consultancy) Corporate relationship Building and Management on behalf of Mundi Group **KIGALI, RWANDA**

MAY 2024 (Consultancy) Translation of the literary book “l'intrépide Rwandais” by CP (RR (Rtd) Dr Daniel Nyamwasa from French to English **KIGALI, RWANDA**

SEPT-DEC2023 **Project Logistics & Youth Engagement Lead** **KIGALI, RWANDA**

Unleash Innovation Secretariat Rwanda

- Spearheaded logistics for a global event hosting 1,000 youth for 8 days, focused on Sustainable Development Goals.
- Coordinated international travel, accommodations, and on-site activities with a total satisfaction rate.
- Served as public relations liaison, enhancing Rwanda's image as an innovation hub

AUG. 2023 **ASSISTANT TO ART CURATOR** **KIGALI, RWANDA**

Co-curated an art atelier for the members of Paris-Saint Germain, within the partnership of Visit Rwanda. Logistics, Events Organization.

2023-2025 **AMREF FLYING DOCTORS – BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE_RWANDA** **KIGALI, RWANDA**

Oversaw national operations, client relations, and emergency coordination of air ambulances.

- Improved database systems and streamlined communication protocols, boosting response time by 37%.
- Led B2B engagement strategy that resulted in new partnerships with private clinics and insurance firms.

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2020-2023

**AMREF FLYING DOCTORS – BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
REPRESENTATIVE_BURUNDI**

**BUJUMBURA,
BURUNDI**

Served as the country representative and focal point of contact for AMREF Flying Doctors in Burundi and Rwanda, leading stakeholder engagement, client relationship management, and strategic partnerships with corporate, insurance, and community-based organizations, including Jubilee Insurance Company and Rallye du Burundi. Coordinated emergency air ambulance evacuations under high-pressure conditions, liaising with medical teams, aviation services, and families. Contributed to business development and sales growth through trust-based partnerships and client retention, while overseeing administrative and financial processes such as database management, payments, invoicing, and compliance. Supported AMREF's social mission by improving access to emergency healthcare and strengthening community and institutional health response networks.

SINCE 2020

**AKANYUZI FASHION HOUSE- FOUNDER AND CREATIVE
DIRECTOR**

**BUJUMBURA, BU &
KIGALI, RW**

Founded and manage a purpose-driven fashion enterprise with a strong social mission to combat poverty through skills transfer, youth empowerment, and decent job creation. Established the business in response to limited employment opportunities for young people, creating sustainable livelihoods through vocational training and hands-on mentorship. Lead the end-to-end creative and operational process, including design development, production oversight, and timely delivery of client orders. Reinvest business profits into structured skill-building programs for vulnerable youth, effectively integrating entrepreneurship with measurable social impact.

2020-2021

KAHWA LINK COMPANY- HEAD OF MARKETING

BUJUMBURA

Head of Marketing for Kahwa Link Company a coffee company; tasks among others: Set quarterly goals and objectives, Plan content creation resources, Schedule posts and contents, Pinpoint KPIs, write reports. Make profiles for the collaborators from whom we sourced coffee, Build an external brand image that aligns with Kahlico's internal brand, Monitor trends in the coffee industry and adapt products accordingly.

EDUCATION

- 2024** Successfully completed a **master's degree in Business Administration in Leadership and Management(MBALM)**
Valar institute by Quantic School of Business and Technology, USA
- 2024-2025** Successfully completed the fashion Mentorship program
Kwanda Hub Season 2 by Moshions
- 2019 to 2022** Bachelor's degree in social work and social administration
Uganda Christian University, UG
- 2016 to 2018** Diploma Degree in Social work and social administration
Uganda Christian University, UG
- 2013 to 2015** Uganda National Examination Board
HANA International School of Uganda, UG
- 2009 to 2013** Tronc commun
Ecole indépendante Bujumbura, BU
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SIDE ACTIVITIES

- 2015-2023** Social commitment in a youth movement; **Association de guides du Burundi (AGB), BU**
- 2018 to date** Mentored by AU staff
- 2023-2026** Social commitment into various social driven activities such as Unmute Rwanda among others
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LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Kirundi Mother tongue, fluent, perfect in written and spoken.
- French Perfect knowledge, written and spoken.
- English Perfect knowledge written and spoken.
- Kinyarwanda Perfect knowledge of writing and good speaking ability
- Luganda Basic Knowledge, spoken and written
- Kiswahili Basic Knowledge, spoken and written
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