

## PERSONAL PROFILE

VALERIE YOUNG-HARRY

CEO/EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: [GRASSROOT EMPOWERMENT NETWORK](#)



## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **1. BIO DATA**

Name: VALERIE YOUNG HARRY

Office address: 4 NIZIMIRO RD. AMADI FLATS, PORT-HARCOURT

Home address: 1, Birabi Rd; GRA PHASE 1, PORT-HARCOURT

Profession: BUSINESS CONSULTANCY (ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT)

DOB: 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1958

Years of professional experience: 1998-2011

Nationality: NIGERIAN

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### **2. EDUCATION**

- Municipal council school            1963-1964 First school leaving certificate  
Churchill road, Port-Harcourt
- Holy Rosary Secondary school    1970-1974 WASC  
Port Harcourt
- Baptist High School, Port-Harcourt:    1974-1975 West African school certificate

- Rivers State College of Education      1976-1979 Nigerian Certificate of Education
- Universite de Benin      Summer 1977 Certificat de Stage  
Lome, Togo      Summer 1978 Certificat de Stage
- University of Lagos      1981-1985 B.A Hons. Second Class Upper
- Universite de Grenoble III  
Grenoble, France      1983-1984(Year Abroad Course)
- University of Liverpool (Online)      2009- on-going (MBA : dissertation to be completed Sept 2012)

### **3. HONOURS**

- CERTIFICATE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE BEST ALL ROUND STUDENT : FACULTY OF ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS (1982)
- WOMEN OF MERIT GOLD AWARD (2003)
- EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AWARD IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: P-CAREX (2005)
- BEST TRADE GROUP CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR 2006(SME TRADE GROUP)

### **4. a. NETWORK EXPERIENCE**

- DIRECTOR: FOUNDATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA, SOUTH AFRICA: WEST AFRICAN AFFAIRS (Feb-date)
- MEMBER: COMMONWEALTH BUSINESS COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (2006): chaired by Mr. James Smith, Chairman of Shell; UK: Created the CBC Corporate Governance Framework for SMEs.

- MEMBER: COMMONWEALTH BUSINESS COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON TRADE FACILITATION (2006) chaired by Dr Yvonne Muthier, Group Public Affairs and Communications Director, Coca Cola Africa
- MEMBER: COMMONWEALTH BUSINESS COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON LOCAL CONTENT (2006) Chaired by M. Jean-Francois Lassalle, Vice President Public Affairs, Exploration and Production, Total South Africa
- MEMBER; BOARD OF TRUSTEES: TOTAL E&P NIG LTD: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT NETWORK, OBITE
- DELEGATE: PRESIDENTIAL RETREAT ON POWER SECTOR REFORM, ABUJA: 14<sup>TH</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010
- DELGATE: PATNERS FOR SUBSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (NDDC)2006

**4.b. MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:**

- PORT-HARCOURT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

i). POSITION HELD: CHAIRMAN, SME TRADE GROUP (1988-date)

TASKS: FORMULATE SME DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY; DEVELOP CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS, LIASE WITH OTHER DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES TO FURTHER SME DEVELOPMENT.

ii). POSTION HELD: DIRECTOR, SPECIAL DUTIES (2009-date)

TASKS: CO-ORDINATING EDUCATION & SME TRADE GROUPS

- LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: OVERSEA MEMBER (2009-date)
- THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTED SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATORS: FELLOW(2005)
- MICROCREDIT SUMMIT CAMPAIGN: ACTION PLANNING 2006

#### **4.c. TRAINING**

- UNITAR (PORT-HARCOURT): Strategic Marketing Framework, Product Pilot Testing and Product Costing & Pricing for Microfinance Institutions: 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2007.
- International Training Centre (ITC-ILO, Turin Italy): Change Management for Public and Private Sector institutions: 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> September, 2010

#### **5. SELECTED PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

i. HOW EQUIPPED ARE SMEs FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LOCAL CONTENT PARTICIPATION IN THE NIGERIAN OIL INDUSTRY, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE NIGER DELTA. Presented and adopted at the **Commonwealth Business Council Working Group on Local Content** Meeting at Marlborough House, Pall Mall; London in December 2006.

ii. A PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM-PRIVATE/PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERSHIP FOR BUILDING ECONOMIC PRODUCTION CAPACITIES AND SKILLS. Follow up presentation to paper 1

iii. AREAS OF FURTHER PROGRESS IN TRADE FACILITATION ON THE WEST AFRICAN SUB-REGION. Presented and adopted at the **Commonwealth Business Council Working Group On Intra Africa Trade** expanded forum held on 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2007 at Abuja Sheraton Hotel

iv. THE ROLE OF THE BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC SECTOR IN NIGERIA'S DEVELOPMENT. Presented at **Leap Africa** youth training program in June 2006 in Port-Harcourt

v. REINFORCING SELECTED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, 17<sup>TH</sup> September, 2010 at Nigeria International Investment Forum (NIIF) organized by NIPC and the Commonwealth Business Council.

## **6. EMPLOYMENT/ENTREPRENEURIAL RECORD**

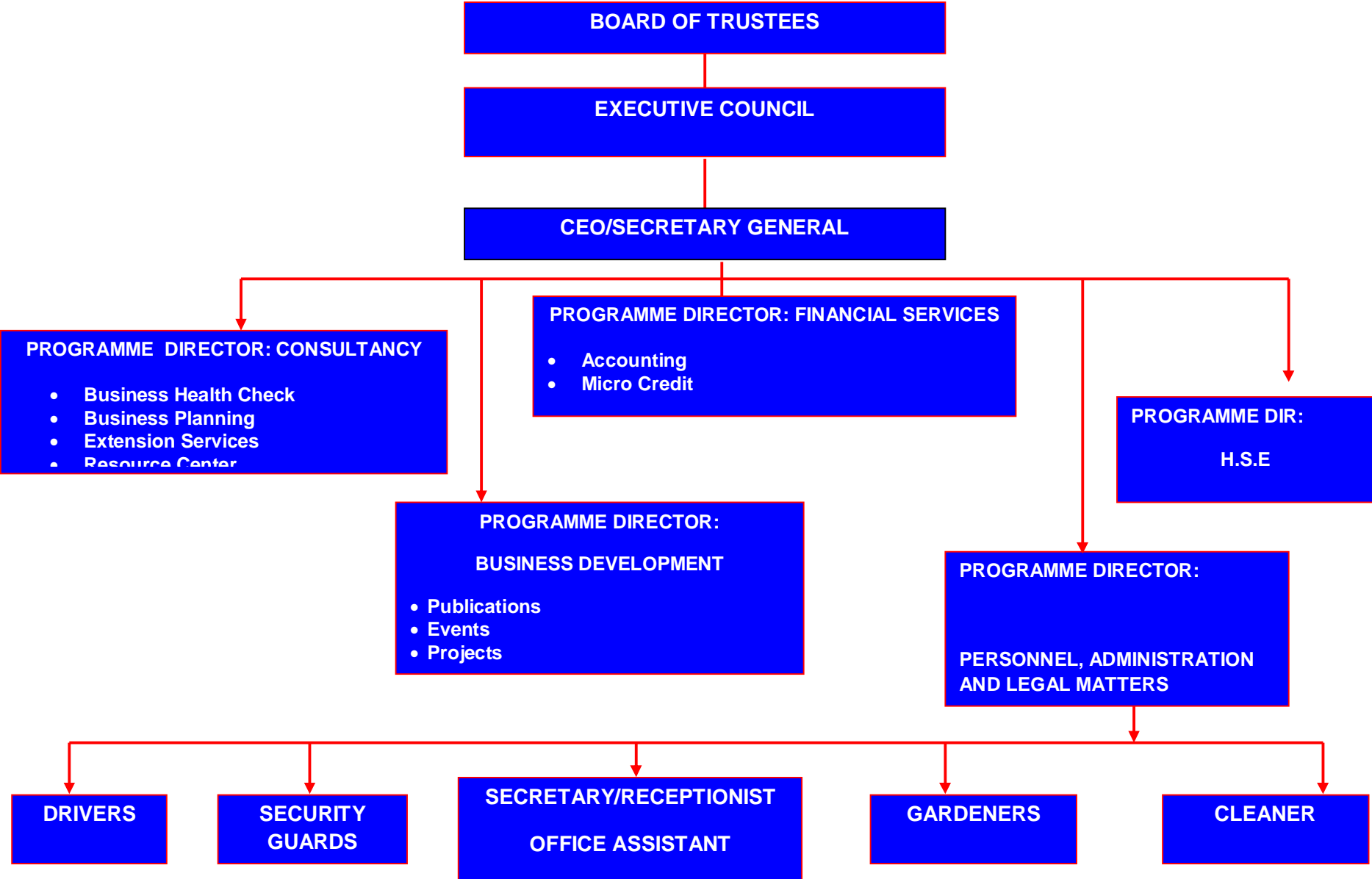
### **6.1. GRASSROOT EMPOWERMENT NETWORK (NGO): ENTERPRISE/HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMANT**

**POSITION HELD: CEO/SECRETARY GENERAL**

#### **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- VISIONING
- STRATEGY FORMULATION
- PROGRAM DESIGN
- IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING
- ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE EVALUTION
- NETWORKING
- STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

# GRASSROOT ORGANOGRAM



## **6.1b. JOBS EXECUTED BY GRASSROOT EMPOWERMENT NETWORK**

### **i. NATIONAL POVERTY ERADICATION PROGRAM (NAPEP)**

- Designed the transaction dynamics for the NAPEP Multi Partner Micro Credit Program in 2007 and implemented same in three Local Government Areas in Rivers State(Tai, Eleme, Oyigbo)
- NAPEP Village solutions programs: Training of Twenty Selected Co-operatives scattered around the state and pre-qualifying them to the NAPEP Loan scheme (2009)

### **ii. RIVERS STATE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (RSSDA)**

- Designed the SME Development strategy for the River State Sustainable Development Agency which proposes, common facility centres, incubation centres, cluster development etc (2008)
- Designed and implemented the Business Mentoring Program for Rivers State Sustainable Development Agency in 2009
- Secretary to the committee that designed the "*Commercialization of Agricultural Strategy*" on twenty Agricultural Product Based on the following criteria: Endemism, Seedling Propagation Potentials, Processing Potentials, Soil Viability, Farming Techniques, Export Potentials etc.
- Published the first edition of the Business Mentoring Newsletter in April 2009.
- Co-ordinator: Youth Exhibition and the Rivers State Stakeholder forum (2008)
- The RSSDA Youth Entrepreneurial/Ambassadors Capacity Building, Ibadan-2008

### **iii. NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NDDC)**

- **State Consultant:** Rivers State(2010-2011): NDDC CREDIT AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (Training, Mentoring, monitoring, evaluating and reporting)
- **Consultant/Implementer:**NDDC/GEN Community Business Development and Resource Centre(under construction in Eleme LGA)



## **6.2. JOBS EXECUTED THUNDERBOLT MEGAVENTURES NIG LTD: (INDUSTRIAL CLEANING: 2000 to date)**

POSITION HELD: **CEO**

RESPONSIBILITIES: CONTRACT SOURCING AND NETWORKING, CO-ORDINATION OF FUNCTIONAL UNITS,

CLIENTS:

- RIVERS STATE SANITATION AUTHORITY :DESILTING OF DRAINS (2003 to date)
- CLEANING OF RIVERS STATE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE BUILDING(2006 to date)
- FAAN: NNAMDI AZIKIWE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ABUJA (2000-2003)
- FAAN:PORT HARCOURT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PORT HARCOURT (2000-2009)

## **6.3. CFAO NIGERIA LIMITED 1985-1991**

- CFAO TRANSCAP NIGERIA LIMITED 1989-1991  
POSITION HELD: **COMMERCIAL MANAGER**
- CAFO MOLONEY SUPERMARKET, LAGOS AND APAPA  
POSITION HELD: **FLOOR MANAGER** 1987-1989
- CFAO HEADQUARTERS LAGOS:1985-1987  
POSITION HELD: **ASSISTANT MANAGER: FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS**

## **6.4. PABOD FINANCE AND INVESTMENT CO.LTD: JUNE 1980- SEPT 1981**

- POSITION HELD: **PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER**

**6.5. NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS:** POSITION HELD: **TEACHING**, GOVERNMENT COLLEGE KADUNA

**7. LANGUAGES:**

English: Excellent in speaking, reading and writing

French: Excellent in speaking, reading and writing

Kalabari Excellent in speaking, poor in reading and writing

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe me, my qualifications and experience.

Valerie Young-Harry

Date: 11/06/12