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### **PROFESSIONAL ASSIGNMENTS**

- Member of the International Emmys (The International Academy of Arts and Sciences-(IAA&S)-New York, USA.
- Film Programming, Communication Coordinator and Curator - Uganda Film Festival (2013 to-date)
- Chief Juror - Zambia International Film Festival 2023,2024
- Juror - Africa Magic Viewer's Choice Awards (AMVCA) 2023,2024 Nigeria
- Juror - Zanzibar International Film Festival 2022
- Juror - Coal City International Film Festival (Nigeria) 2021
- Juror - Zambia Film Festival 2021 & 2022 (Zambia)
- Juror - Durban International Film Festival 2021 (South Africa)
- Juror - Mashariki African Film Festival 2019 (Rwanda)
- Chief Juror - Gulu International Film Festival (Uganda) 2018
- Chief Juror - FESTICAB 2017 (Burundi)
- Visitor and Benchmarking - Zanzibar International Film Festival 2018
- Training with Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB), Kenya Film Commission (KFC), and Nigerian Film & Video Censorship Board (NFVCB)
- Committee Member - Uganda Content Development Support Programme (Content Fund)
- Committee Member - Annual Communications Innovations Awards (2010-2017)
- Independent Film Producer / Director - Amaka Film Productions
- Produced "Crystal Countless Misfortune," nominated and winner at over 20 film festivals worldwide
- Social Media Coordinator - Global Tourism Film Festival (GIFF) 2023, Canada

### **FILM PROGRAMMING / FESTIVAL COORDINATOR & CURATOR - UGANDA FILM FESTIVAL 2013-2024**

- Film Programming and scheduling of submitted films and workshops
- Monitor the work of festival service providers
- Develop contracts, terms & references for partners and service providers
- Coordinate various festival committees for timely implementation
- Procurement coordination with supervisor
- Develop work plans, schedules, and track activities
- Provide progress reports and updates to Festival Committee
- Plan, organize, and facilitate event activities
- Disseminate relevant documentation to stakeholders
- Update website and social media pages regularly
- Collaborate with team leaders for desired outcomes.

### **OFFICER FOR FILM & CINEMA - UGANDA COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, KAMPALA, 2013-2024**

- Ensure compliance of Film, Video, and Cinema operators with licenses and standards
- Monitor operations and liaise with industry associations
- Innovate and improve industry operations and consumer service
- Handle legislation, regulation of film, video censorship, and classification

- Coordinate copyright rights protection with legal department
- Provide quarterly updates and advisories to the Commission

### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

- M.A in Journalism & Communication - Makerere University (Uganda)
- B.A in Mass Communication - Makerere University (Uganda)
- Diploma in Filmmaking & 3D Animation - CineArts University (USA)
- Certificate in Film and Video Production - Television for Development (Uganda)
- Certificate in Documentary Filmmaking - Kampala Film School (Uganda)
- Digital Media Regulation Masterclass - Albany Associates

### **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

- English, Runyakitara, and Luganda

### **REFERENCES**

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**Professional Summary**

Dedicated and accomplished Film Programming and Communication Coordinator with a proven track record in curating and coordinating film festivals. Recognized for expertise in juror roles at international film festivals. Skilled in independent film production and direction, with a successful film nominated and awarded globally. Strong leadership and collaboration abilities.

**Professional Experience****Film Programming, Communication Coordinator and Curator\*\*****Uganda Film Festival - 2013 to-date**

- Curated and scheduled submitted films and workshops, ensuring a diverse and engaging program.
- Monitored festival service providers' performance, ensuring high-quality execution.
- Developed contracts, terms & references for partners and service providers.
- Led various committees for efficient festival implementation, coordinating cross-functional teams.
- Coordinated procurement with supervision, ensuring timely and cost-effective acquisition.
- Created work plans, schedules, and tracked activities for effective project management.
- Delivered regular progress reports to the Festival Committee, ensuring transparency and accountability.
- Organized and facilitated event activities, overseeing all aspects of planning and execution.
- Managed documentation dissemination to stakeholders, keeping them informed and engaged.
- Updated website and social media pages with accurate information to enhance communication.

**Officer for Film & Cinema****Uganda Communications Commission - 2013-2024**

- Ensured compliance of Film, Video, and Cinema operators with licensing standards and conditions.
- Monitored operations of film-related establishments and liaised with industry associations.
- Innovated and improved industry operations to enhance consumer service and technological advancements.
- Managed issues related to film and video censorship, classification, and content protection.
- Coordinated copyright rights protection with legal department to safeguard industry content and revenues.
- Provided regular updates and advisories to the Commission, ensuring informed decision-making.

## **Independent Film Producer / Director**

### **Amaka Film Productions**

- Produced and directed the acclaimed film "Crystal Countless Misfortune," earning nominations and awards at over 20 international film festivals.

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