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OVERVIEW of TRAINING EXPERIENCE and COMPETENCIES:

- Designed Curriculum for Project Finance Course at the University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business. Senior Guest Lecturer in Project Finance since 2011.
 - Designed and delivered numerous training courses for senior executives in Corporate and Project Finance for the World Bank, the IFC, OPIC, the DBSA, the South African Department of Trade & Industry, the British Commonwealth Secretariat, The U.N.D.P & the Nigerian Central Bank.
 - Extensive experience over 20 years of high level training and advisory work with State Owned Entities in banking, financial services, transport, energy & infrastructure related sectors across 14 markets in sub-Saharan Africa.
 - Organisational futurist with private sector high level corporate and C-suite executive training for some of the largest and most profitable businesses in South Africa including multi-nationals in corporate governance, risk management, strategic innovation development, design thinking and enterprise architecture.
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WORK EXPERIENCE:

The Centre for Disruptive Technologies 9/2016 – Present

Co-Founder & Executive Director

CDT is a newly established “think & do” tank with an impressive Africa-wide and global network of experts. It is also becoming a network of networks by building a technology platform that links Africa's tech & innovation hubs to better meet the needs of business. CDT grew out of a network of Singularity University alums committed to harnessing the power of disruptive technologies to create new market opportunities.

WINDE & WEDI International Pty Ltd Johannesburg, South Africa 3/2007 – Present

Co-Founder & Shareholder

In 2016, an investment consortium I initially founded as CSI project of Tanaka Investments, WEDI, entered into agreements to become part of a newly formed investment consortium, Women in Infrastructure Development & Energy (WINDE). Investment focus is on growth enterprises with the capacity to leverage exponentially growing technologies within the infrastructure and energy sectors. With over 3,000 members and 1,000,000 primary social impact points per annum – WINDE is one of the largest and most impact women's infrastructure investment consortium in Africa.

Tanaka Investments (SA) Pty Ltd Johannesburg South Africa 9/2002 – 3/2008

Chief Executive Officer

Responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day operation and management of the company, staff and the fund. Accountable for achievement of target returns on the fund's investments. Reported directly to BOD. Managed a staff of 15 persons. Assets under management approximately R2 Billion in 1998. Reason for leaving: Turn-around which was successful. Launched WEDI with the support of the Board of Tanaka.

Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, New York, NY 4/2000 – 2/2002

Special Counsel

Worked primarily with Mortgage-Back Securitization specialist Anna Glick. Additional responsibilities were those of a firm associate and included coordinating the flow of disclosure information from financial institutions and various law firms, reviewing and commenting on such information, conducting analyses and drafting disclosure documents in connection with large-scale securities offerings. Reason for leaving: Opportunity to return to South Africa and joined Tanaka Investments as CEO.

Mettle Limited – Johannesburg, South Africa Johannesburg South Africa 4/1999- 4/0000

Corporate Finance Manager

Together with Corporate Finance Team, worked in the capacity as corporate advisors for many of the largest firms listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. Managed team of 8 persons and a portfolio that generated in excess of R1.5 Billion per annum.

Reason for leaving: Renewal of SA Immigration visa initially denied, then later granted.

Outside General Counsel, Corporate Governance, Strategic Entrance into Sub-Saharan African Markets for Private Equity Investee Companies 1/00 – Present

Senior Advisor

For over a decade I have served as an outside GC and senior advisor to various investee companies providing legal and business counsel to C-Level Executives in the analysis and resolution of deal specific complex terms and issues.

Constitutional Court, Republic of South Africa, Johannesburg 1/1998-2/2000

Judicial Clerk – Justice Albie Sachs

Assisted Justice Sachs in working efficiently and adhering to strict deadlines under the tremendous workload of a newly established court. Carried out a variety of tasks including conducting legal research, drafting opinions, preparing bench, research and trial memoranda, performing legal analysis, briefing Justice Sachs on various legal issues.

EDUCATION:

Singularity University, Silicon Valley, CA 6/2011 – 8/2011

NASA Ames Campus

Member of Faculty

Post Graduate Studies Programme 2011

Intelius Fellow 2011. Selected from over 2,000 applicants to serve as a member of the Policy, Law, Ethics and Finance programs. Appointed member of the SU Faculty.

Columbia University, School of Law, New York, NY 8/1992 - 5/1995

Doctorate of Jurisprudence, May 1995

Honors: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar 1995. Honors Certification in International and Comparative Law from the Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law. Editor, Columbia Journal of Transnational Law. Awards: Winner of New York City Bar Association Fellowship for outstanding legal scholarship.

College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA 8/84 - 5/88

B.A (Economics), May 1988

Honors: Dean's List seven out of eight semesters. Pi Delta Phi (French National Honor Society). Student advisor to the University President and the Grace Branchcomb Public Service Award 1988.

CIVIC/OTHER: University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business 5-2011- Present

Senior Guest Lecturer, Project Finance

Advised on the organization design of the Chartered Institute of Development Finance (CIDEF) housed at UCT's GSB. Serve on the board.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS: “*Why South Africa Needs a Ministry of the Future*”, The In-Depth Section of the South African Business Day, Sunday, 16th of April 2017.

Fluent in French. Proficient in Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. Functional knowledge of Zulu & Swahili.

REFERENCES: Available upon request. Info on other Board Appointments available upon request.