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Top Skills

Microsoft Office
Project Management
Curriculum Development

Certifications

Google Digital Skills for Africa (The
Fundamentals of Digital Marketing)
Standardised Advanced Teaching
Pedagogy
Teaching License
Teachers MasterClass (A CPD
in Curriculum, Teaching and
Assessments)
Teaching Experts In Action (A
CPD in Curriculum, Teaching and
Assessments)

Honors-Awards

Excellence in Education
Outstanding Leadership Award
NorthEast Peace Promoter Award

Bello Tongo

Engineer | Educator | Entrepreneur FOUNDER/CEO - Tongston
Group of Companies
Abuja, Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria

Summary

Bello Tongo is an accomplished executive and education advocate with over 15 years of experience in construction, design, education, and entrepreneurship. As the Executive Director of Tongston Entrepreneurship Group of Companies, he is driving entrepreneurial thinking through education to promote sustainable socio-economic development in Africa and beyond. Bello's expertise in project-based learning, curriculum design, and assessment has made him a sought-after Training and Curriculum Development Consultant, impacting hundreds of educators and heads of schools through transformative workshops and programs.

With a background in civil engineering and construction management from the University of Birmingham, Bello combines his technical knowledge with a postgraduate diploma in education from the University of South Wales. He is recognized as a visionary leader in education, having been honored as a Top 100 Visionary in Education by the Global Forum for Education and Learning. Bello's passion for mentoring and nurturing talent is evident in his role as an Advisory Board Member of Educators' Community, and Trustee of the Skills Outside School Foundation, where he contributes to empowering young entrepreneurs and enhancing employability across Africa.

Bello's achievements have earned him membership in prestigious organizations such as The Indus Entrepreneurs, the Institute of Directors Nigeria, and the VC4A community. His commitment to excellence, visionary leadership, and extensive expertise in construction, design, education, and entrepreneurship position him as an invaluable asset for awards, job opportunities, investor engagement, event-speaking engagements, and magazine coverage. Connect with Bello on LinkedIn to explore collaboration opportunities and tap into his wealth of knowledge and experience.

Experience

Tongston Entrepreneurship Holdings

Executive Director

January 2020 - Present (4 years 4 months)

Nigeria

Tongston Entrepreneurship Group (Tongston) is the award winning leading pan-African group focused on entrepreneurial thinking through education leveraging on business, finance and media to achieve sustainable socio-economic development on the African continent. Through its subsidiaries, Tongston is transforming schools into entrepreneurial institutes, educators to entrepreneurial educators and students to entrepreneurial learners. Tongston works with public, private and non-profit organizations and individuals across education, business, finance and media. Tongston Group is organised into 4 subsidiaries managed by holdings company, Tongston Holdings:

- Tongston Entrepreneurship College: The first & only fully integrated business secondary school in Africa
- Tongston Entrepreneurship Ventures: The first & only investment firm deploying early & late-stage risk capital & structuring expertise to entrepreneurial students, teachers and other enterprises in Africa
- Tongston Entrepreneurship Media: The first & only integrated multimedia production, branding, marketing & corporate communications firm focused on entrepreneurship & education in Africa
- Tongston Entrepreneurship Institute: The first & only Integrated entrepreneurial educator training, curriculum integration & business development center in Africa

Key Roles and Responsibilities

- Lead business development strategy and strategic positioning of Tongston.
- Drive organization's product and service development.
- Lead curriculum design, consulting and educator training.
- Provide oversight, management and leadership to the organization

International Centre for Islamic Culture and Education

Educator, Primary School Team Lead, Club & Activities Coordinator

September 2015 - July 2019 (3 years 11 months)

Nigeria

As Primary School Team Lead,

- Provided oversight over 15 primary school teachers and teaching assistants.
- Quality control of lessons plans and classroom management documentation.
- Managed curriculum re-design.

- Handled review of assessments.
- Provided teachers ongoing support as required.

As Educator and Club & Activities Coordinator

- Delivered Mathematics and other subjects in the primary and secondary departments.
- Coordinated, supervised and assessed internal and admissions examinations as part of the "exam committee".
- Planned, directed and managed events as part of the "events committee".

Nigerian Tulip International Colleges

Founding Member and Pioneer Alumni Coordinator

January 2014 - January 2019 (5 years 1 month)

Nigeria

Founding member and pioneer alumni coordinator of the Nigerian Tulip International Colleges (NTIC) Alumni Association, an independent global network of 1300+ NTIC Alumni resident in over 20 countries.

- Planned and coordinated alumni events managing a wide and diverse team of support-staff.
- Represented the school alumni in internal and external networking and strategy meetings.
- Managed relationships with global network of NTIC Alumni, looping feedback for strategic activities.
- Delivered speeches and coordinate multiple NTIC public events.
- Provided critical alumni relations support.

Federal Ministry of Works

Site Supervisor and Civil Engineer

December 2013 - January 2015 (1 year 2 months)

Nigeria

Site supervisor on major federal road construction projects in Northern Nigeria including the Jalingo - Bali highway.

- Supervised highway, road and bridge construction projects in Taraba State.
- Conducted monitoring, evaluation and progress report of project sites.
- Checked and assessed project designs based on acceptable building standards/codes.

Atilgan Construction Company

Site Civil Engineer

March 2011 - May 2013 (2 years 3 months)

Nigeria

Notable Projects

- Nizamiye Hospital, Abuja, Nigeria (Design and Build)
 - Woodridge Cottage (Restructuring)
 - Funtaj International School (Boys and Girls Hostel Renovation)
 - Nigerian Tulip International School (NTIC) (Boys Hostel Renovation)
 - Nile University (Boys Hostel Construction Completion)
- Coordinated and supervised the construction work (new structuring, renovations and re-modelling) of school, hospital, hostel and hotel projects in Abuja.
- Conducted market survey and purchase/delivery of building materials to construction sites.
- Hired and managed 30+ staff including builders, masons, carpenters, welders based on required job descriptions and standards of performance.

Coniston Tourist Information Centre

Volunteer Staff

July 2008 - September 2008 (3 months)

United Kingdom

- Booked hotel reservations and arranged tourism activities for guests, via phone, email and in-person.
- Managed the day-to-day operations of the Tourist Information Centre.
- Marketed, sold and accounted for products stocked for retail in the TIC.

University of Birmingham Guild of Students

Student Mentor

September 2007 - June 2008 (10 months)

Birmingham, United Kingdom

- Supervised 65 undergraduate students on the Vale student halls of residence.
- Coordinated campus events and promotions.
- Conducted surveys regarding students welfare and academics.

Education

University of Birmingham

Postgraduate Certificate, Construction Management · (2009 - 2010)

University of South Wales

Postgraduate Degree, Education · (2017 - 2019)

The University of Birmingham

Bachelor of Engineering (BEng), Civil Engineering · (2005 - 2009)

National Open University of Nigeria

Master of Business Administration - MBA · (2023 - 2024)