

# Deborah Ayis

**Political Affairs Officer - United Nations Department of Political Affairs**

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Willing to relocate: Anywhere

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Political Affairs Officer**

United Nations Department of Political Affairs - New York, NY -

2018-02 - Present

- I develop and facilitate Capacity Building Workshops, training's and programmes for government Staff in countries under my purview.
- Participate in fact-finding and other missions to countries within assigned area of responsibility.
- Keep abreast of latest trends and developments in the area of assignment and provide inputs on issues to senior officials and colleagues in missions and elsewhere.
- Review and publish relevant publications on Department's website, monitor and maintain social media accounts and presence. Oversee the maintenance of the Department's information database.
- Monitor national and regional level political developments and provide advice to the team leader.
- Maintain contacts with other sectors of the UN, other international organizations and governments on coordination and policy matters.

### **Associate Political Affairs Officer**

United Nations Security Council Counter - New York, NY -

2015-06 - 2018-02

Terrorism Committee

Executive Directorate (CTED), New York

- Research and analyze data contained in communications and publications received from UN agencies, including universities, civil society, think tanks, and the press. Maintain up to date knowledge of events relating to political issues and counter-terrorism related issues as they affect countries. Working within the Political Analysis and Research Cluster, conduct research, write background notes, political notes, and analytical reports, contribute to the UN Secretary General's reports, guiding principles and recommendations to member states on Technical Assistance projects through other UN agencies. Worked as a member of CTED's working groups on Human Rights, Countering Terrorist Financing and Task Force on the Role of Women.
- Thematic expert on motivating factors of foreign terrorist fighters, criminal justice, deradicalization and reintegration policies, the role of women in terrorism, terrorist financing and children and terrorism.
- Supervised a team of 5. Coordinates the organization of international events as well as research projects.
- Focal point of CTED's Global Counter-Terrorism Research Network
- Represent CTED at conferences and events globally and make presentations on its behalf.

### **Research Officer/Adviser | Permanent Mission of Nigeria**

United Nations New York -

2013-11 - 2015-06

Representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at UN General Assembly meetings, Peacebuilding Commission meetings, Sixth Committee proceedings and adviser on Counter Terrorism.

- Researcher on the Rule of Law, Peace and Security, Peacebuilding and GLR Peacekeeping Missions
- Prepare reports on meetings of the UN General Assembly and 6th committee.
- Liaise with several Ambassadors, Directors and Diplomats in coordination efforts, informal intergovernmental negotiations and consensus building
- Voted for innumerable resolutions and decisions on behalf of Nigeria at UNGA 2013 and 2014
- Media Liaison from April 2014

### **Executive/Research Assistant to the CEO of Bawden Capital**

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2013-06 - 2013-08

who is also a co-founder of Innovative

American Technology (<http://www.ia-tec.com/>) and Blue Horizon Innovations ([www.blue-hi.com](http://www.blue-hi.com)).

- Research into innovative technologies in energy, collate materials and articles.

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- Editorial review and reformatting summaries for new trans-formative battery technology White Papers.
- In charge of all correspondence, appointments and event coordination
- Oversaw recruitment of personnel; screened candidates and conducted interviews.

### **Intern | Electoral Assistance Division**

United Nation's Department of Political Affairs New York -

2012-10 - 2013-01

- Research and collate data on current electoral/political and economic situations.
- Analyze current political uprisings or situations.
- Focus on democracy support and increased women's participation in politics.
- Focus on electoral violence against women in politics.

### **Student Ambassador**

University of Portsmouth Marketing and Communications Department UK -

2011-10 - 2012-09

- Representing the University at school fairs and education seminars.
- Helping students and prospects make informed choices.
- Teaching specialized classes in Colleges and High Schools.
- Mentor to College and High school students.

### **Customer Service Officer**

Zenith Bank Plc -

2010-08 - 2011-06

Lokoja, Nigeria

- Front desk representative of the bank.
- Requested and dispatched customer related products like debit/credit cards, and chequebooks.
- Opened individual, FX and corporate accounts, printed statements, kept records of transactions.

### **Editor**

The Transformers Magazine -

2006 - 2010

Zaria, Nigeria

- Edited segments of the magazine, oversaw a co-editor and a few contributors; initiatives increased magazine circulation and profit by over 25% in little over a year.

### **Transcriptionist and Translator**

Maximum Impact and Peculiar World Magazines -

2005 - 2006

Nigeria

- Transcribed taped interviews, conducted interviews and extracted 'gist' from documents, translated interviews from Hausa to English

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Fluent English**

Rochester Institute of Technology

2018

#### **Introduction to UX Design**

University of British Columbia

2017

#### **M.A. in International Relations and European Studies**

University of Portsmouth

2011 - 2012

#### **Associates in Gloucester UK**

University of Portsmouth

2012

#### **B.A. (Hons) in Local Government and Development Studies**

Ahmadu Bello University (A.B.U)

2005 - 2009