

## **Jean-Louis Peta Ikambana**

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### **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- Dedicated professional with proven success in program design, management, advocacy and community outreach.
- Demonstrated experience in nonprofit program management, human rights education, community organizing, education, democracy, youth civic engagement, and social justice advocacy.
- Demonstrated capacity and skills to work closely with high level government authorities, community leaders, and community members.
- Demonstrated experience managing volunteer programs, education and training programs.
- Managerial experience includes staff hiring, training, supervision and mentoring, budget oversight.
- Solid multidisciplinary academic background. Solid record of achieving professional outcomes based on strategic goals and objectives.
- Self-starter with the proven ability to multi-task and solve problems creatively.
- Strong collaboration skills with effective interpersonal and analytical skills.
- Solid language skills: fluently speak, read and write English, French, Spanish, Kikongo, Lingala, and Swahili. Demonstrated capacity and skills to work seamlessly across countries, culture, and organizational units. Direct experience working with ethnically diverse and international populations.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**Washington, DC, USA**

**Area Director** (2004 - Present)

Administer program resources. Determine and oversee program budget. Supervise and evaluate program staff and interns. Develop strategy for providing services and raising funds to provide

resources for service delivery. Report on outcomes. Provide public outreach both to the community being served and to the Organization.

Encouraged and facilitated intra-and inter-unit program collaboration aimed at higher-level program impact. For example, successfully organized first ever agency youth human rights summit with participants and staff both within the region and across the agency. Successfully helped young people increase their advocacy skills.

Lead and organize advocacy training and visits to U.S. Congress for community activists, international visitors, young people. Advocate for peace, social justice and human rights issues.

Successfully led a city-wide grassroots education and advocacy efforts to declare Washington D.C. a human rights city. Lead and implement Human Rights Learning Program. Train young people to use a human rights framework to advocate for social change. Successfully help young people influence local policies.

Solid public communication skills demonstrated through radio and television appearances to educate and advocate for peace, social justice, social development, human rights, and global affairs issues.

**CONGRESO DE LATINOS UNIDOS  
Program Director (2002-2004)**

**Philadelphia, PA, USA**

Directed a four million dollars budget juvenile justice program for a social service agency. Responsible for the overall administration, supervision of twenty-five staff, and coordination of a multi-disciplinary service delivery team.  
Hired and trained staff.  
Helped reduce delinquency recidivism of clients by 75% and increased their school attendance by 90%.

**Program Manager (1999-2002)**

Provided overall administration, supervision of twenty-two staff, budget oversight, and coordination of city government funded programs to provide culturally sensitive youth services including, case management, youth development, mental health services.  
Hired and trained staff.  
Helped reduce delinquency recidivism by 60%.

**Program Supervisor (1997-1999)**

Provided overall administration, supervision of sixteen staff, budget oversight, and coordination of city government funded programs.  
Hired and trained staff. Helped the organization increase program funding.

**Case Manager (1996-1997)**

Provided direct services to clients for a social service agency. Conducted intakes, designed treatment plans, connected clients with services, and advocated for clients. Helped the organization increase case loads and program funding.

**SOCIETY OF JESUS ( JESUITS)**

**Republic of Zaire**

**Teacher ( 1989-1992), College Bonsomi and College de Gbadolite**

Taught at High School and College level. Subjects included French language, Religion, Political Economy, Introduction to Philosophy, African Politics.

**Program Director (1983-1984)**

Supervised twenty full time staff. Designed and implemented a range of community development projects (agro pastoral ,adult education, informal trade).

Managed program budget. Hired, trained and supervised staff over twenty staff. Successfully helped local communities become economically self-sufficient.

**Associate Program Director ( 1982-1983), Jesuit Refugee Service**

Designed and implemented a range of comprehensive human and social services for over 1500 Ugandan refugees. Oversaw program budget. Functioned as the liaison between refugees, local authorities, and the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees (UNHCR). Successfully helped hundreds of refugees make a smooth transition and adjust to their “new” community.

## **HONORS, AWARDS**

Finalist and winner of the African Writers Endowment’s African Writers Publishing Grants. Fall 2004

Agency Employee of the Year nominee for five consecutive years

Agency Employee of the Year Award, 2002. Congreso De Latinos Unidos.

## **CONFERENCES**

“ On Governance, Personal and Military Power in Modern Africa”; 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Cheikh Anta Diop Conference. Classical Africa: Foundations for Postmodern and Post Western Renewal. Philadelphia, PA, October 1-2, 2004

“ The Global Dimensions of the African Diaspora and Its Relation to Africa: The Political Dimension”. African Heritage Studies Association 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference; Philadelphia, PA, November 6-7, 2003.

## **EDUCATION**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE**, International Affairs, American University, Washington, D.C. December 2008.

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**, African American Studies, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Dissertation: Mobutu’s Totalitarian Political System: An Afrocentric Analysis, 2004.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE** , Criminal Justice, Saint Joseph University, Philadelphia, PA, Thesis: Political Crime in Zaire, 1997. Cum Laude. Thesis: Zaire’s Political Crimes.

MASTER OF ARTS, Political Studies, Pontificia Universidad La Javeriana, Bogota, Colombia.  
Thesis: Les Enjeux Politiques du blocage du processus democratique au Zaire, 1994. Cum  
Laude. Also completed 12 credits in International Relations. Cum Laude.

BACHELOR OF ARTS, Philosophy and Human Sciences, Institut de Philosophy Saint Pierre  
Canisius, Kinshasa, Zaire. Cum Laude.  
Thesis: La Vision Schelerienne de l'homme, 1989.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Mobutu's Totalitarian Political System: An Afrocentric Analysis. *Published by Routledge,  
Taylor and Francis Group, November 2006.*

Also contributor in "Africa in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Toward a New Africa". *Published by Routledge.  
2007*

## **OTHER RELEVANT SKILLS**

Fluent (read, write and speak) in French, Kikongo, Lingala, Swahili, Spanish and English.

Computer skills: Microsoft Office, Power Point, Microsoft Outlook.

Serves as Board Member of Jesuit Refugee Service-USA, an international Catholic organization  
dedicated to accompany, serve and defend the cause of forcibly displaced people.