

Temitope Tunbi Onifade- Personal Leadership Statement

framework. Canada will benefit from the work of the network since Canadian corporations operating in Africa and Canadian policy makers working on African issues can use our research outputs.

Then, as a lecturer (Per Course Instructor) at Memorial University, I supervised four interdisciplinary group projects on environmental regulation, including one on public participation which gave me further ideas about the significance of involving society in environmental regulation, as applicable to my project. Some of the students referred to their participation as an important research experience with lasting impact. For instance, XXXXXXXXX, who has recently been admitted for a XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX at the University of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, relied heavily on the group project for the research experience section of his application. I wrote a reference letter for him and said more about his participation. Indeed, the results of the projects were impressive. We have developed one of the reports into a manuscript.

Additionally, I currently serve as the youngest and most junior appointed advisory board member for the University of Ibadan Journal of Public and International Law, and as an appointed international editorial advisor for the publications of the International Bar Association Law Students' Committee. My work as an editorial advisory board member of the University of Ibadan Journal of Public and International Law has involved advising on and contributing to projects. I have reviewed manuscripts and contributed to one issue of the journal. The opportunity has exposed me to manuscripts on the international law foundation of low-carbon regulation. My work for the International Bar Association Law Students' Committee has involved shaping the new projects of the committee, including an empirical project on the career prospects of young lawyers in the low-carbon energy era. I contributed to the project with a case study of the Canadian energy sector (2017, Careers Bulletin: Newsletter of the International Bar Association Section on Public and Professional Interest 11). This case study exposed me to some factors that affect the energy industry, such as the interplay between profitability and efficiency. These are issues that my doctoral project will engage.

Further, I have been invited to review manuscripts on low-carbon policy for three leading refereed journals in my area published by Elsevier: Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, Energy Policy, and Sustainable Energy Technologies and Assessments. My reports have helped make editorial decisions and have been acknowledged by the editors as highly valuable contributions to the publishing process. Official evidence of my contribution and the acknowledgement are on "My Elsevier Reviews Profile BETA" online.

Community outreach: I was one of the volunteers that started Holistic Sustainable Development Network (HSDN) International, a non-profit organization registered in Canada (Corporation Number: 998247-7), and I am a member of Human Dignity Foundation (HDF), another non-profit organization operating in Nigeria. HSDN's main objective is knowledge-sharing and activism on "holistic" sustainable development practices. As its research director, I have led projects and contributed to sustainability-promoting programmes, including conferences and public consultations in Canada, Bangladesh and Nigeria. My role has exposed me to community projects on social license and oil industry certification, including a workshop which involved "Equitable Origin," a new oil industry certification firm that started in Ecuador in 2009. HDF's objective is the promotion of "human dignity." I joined the organization as a teenager (through my father's influence as one of the founders). I recently led the committee that worked to establish a Human Dignity Camp at Oyo, Nigeria. The camp, which currently functions as a retirement home, took off in July 2018. I was also appointed the Director of Legal Matters and have helped draft a sustainability policy.

Conclusion: I hope to continue developing leadership in my field of interest at UBC under the mentorship of my doctoral supervisory team which consists of leading policy scholars in my area. My supervisor, Dr Stepan Wood, is an expert on non-state regulation of businesses for sustainability, the central idea in my research, and he leads an international research network, Transnational Regulatory Governance Interactions, whose work will certainly inform aspects of my research. One of my supervisory committee members, Dr XXXX, is an expert on environmental policy, especially the governance aspects, and he is currently writing a book on the clean transformation, so I have a lot to learn from him. My other committee member, Dr. XXXX, is an expert on regulation, has edited Regulation & Governance (Wiley) which is a top journal in my theory area, and recently published a key book on regulation (*Innovation and the State: Finance, Regulation and Justice*, Cambridge University Press, 2017). These scholars form an excellent interdisciplinary team of mentors, and I am grateful that they have agreed to work with me and are already guiding me.