MY YALI STORY

Two years back before I encountered YALI, I was leading a youth association which helped more than 35% people to get the strong command of English in my area. On top of that, I was also working as the main office assistant in a construction company where I was dealing with administrative and logistical aspects, and was also mooc Facilitator with the US. Embassy in Kinshasa.



As my office was not far from the US. Embassy (IRC) I used to spend few time at the announcement valve in order to be and stay informed about new opportunities. One day as I was working around, I went across a poster talking about YALI Mandela Washington Fellowship of Young African Leaders, and I said to myself that: This is the opportunity I am looking for to bring my life to the next level...

The First day when I got at CHANDARIA, I felt proud to be among those outstanding young leaders from my cohort. I had a positive attitude and mindset that the expected leadership and transformation training from the YALI RLC EA would meet with my learning expectations.





During the orientation and welcome session organized by the Center; this made me ready to kick off to my leadership journey and fostered my quick integration among my fellows and also made me available to learn from one another in a borderless way. It was my first time to attend an outstanding fellowship with my African Fellows from various backgrounds and committed to learning and adding value in people's lives.



3 weeks later, I learnt a bunch of things and I saw myself getting out of the box which kept me on ground for ages; I found out my life purpose and started flying on high and high by living my real life dream. Thanks to the design thinking and the 7 habits of highly effective people course; I learnt and understood that I was not a hen but an Eagle.

After my graduation on may 20th, 2016 at the YALI RLC EA; I resigned my contract with the company where I was working as an assistant to launch my own social business and consulting services , and my former boss from the company where I resigned was among my clients for the training and facilitation service. Currently I am proud to serve organizations and enterprises by selling my expertise and professional services to them, especially capacity building training for staffs.



...when you learn ,TEACH; when you get , GIVE... this sentence that I got from Ophra Winfrey has allowed me to always spread and transmit what I learn, as I usually spread the fire of Yali to young People first, and to all Congolese and African citizens in general.





I do believe that outstanding and impactful solutions, innovative ideas to solve the most critical challenges that Africans are facing in Africa will come from the synergy of all YALI fellows who are making the lives of many better in and out of Africa.

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