

## **Curriculum Vitae – Isaac Jonas (MFRE)**

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I am a Master of Food and Resource Economics (MFRE) graduate from the University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada. I also hold a Bsc degree in Economics from the University of Zimbabwe. I serve on two boards as a director for Impact Africa Trust (<http://www.impactafricatrust.org/>) and Bopela Inc (<http://bopela.com/>). I have worked with Professor Rashid Sumaila (Ph.D.) and Professor Richard Barichello (Ph.D.) as a research assistant. Some of the work I have done recently with Dr. Sumaila involves contributing to the writing of a project proposal on Marine Resource economics. I have also conducted research on technical agricultural projects with Dr Barichello on Canada, Africa and South East Asia. I have over 5 years of development related work experience working with communities in Zimbabwe, across Africa and Canada. I have also co-authored papers on commodity markets and dairy sector in Canada.

### **SELECTED KEY COMPETENCIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Graduated as the valedictorian for the Master of Food and Resource Economics which I completed with a distinction.
- As valedictorian, I was recommended by the University of British Columbia Dean of the Land and Food Systems as 1/6 of the student speakers for the graduating class over a pool of 1000 students.
- Co-Founder & Director for Impact Africa Trust.
- Published author of a book entitled, ‘The Serendipity of a great Network’.
- Recipient of Prestigious MasterCard Foundation Scholarship worth over 55k to study for a Masters at UBC. The scholarship comprehensively covers all tuition and living expenses for the duration of degree.
- The scholarship selects only 5 distinguished graduate students from across Africa to come to UBC to study.
- Recipient of the Ursula Knight Abbot Travel Scholarship in Agricultural Sciences worth \$1,500.
- Invited to speak at the 2015 Skoll World Forum, Said Business School at the University of Oxford, England as 1/9 of young emerging leaders for the Skoll- MasterCard Young Leaders Initiative.
- Tri- Mentor for the UBC Tri-Mentorship Program.
- Organized the first ever student led business conference on Africa at UBC (<http://abforum.ca/>).

### **SELECTED CONFERENCES & PAPERS**

- Invited to speak at the Careers panel at the University of British Columbia in February 2017.
- Invited guest speaker on Implications of development projects in Zimbabwe at UBC in November 2016.
- Guest Speaker UBC - Ashoka changemakers showcase November 2015.
- Invited to speak at the Young Africa Works Conference organized by the MasterCard Foundation in October 2015, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Invited to give talk on education by A World at School at a Town House meeting in New York, US.
- Participated at the Skoll World Forum Young Leaders Initiative, Said Business School, Oxford University, England, April 2015.
- Presented at the World Bank Group-International Monetary Fund Young African Conference, Cote Divoire: May 2015.
- Co-authored a paper entitled, “Investigation into the Effects of Supply & Demand factors on the producer price path of Corn – The Case of Canada (1966 – 2014)”.
- Co-authored a paper entitled, “An investigation on the effects of demand and supply factors on the producer price of wheat. The Case of Canada (1961 – 2011).
- Co-authored a paper entitled, “Should Canada be willing to seriously modify its supply management policy if that is necessary to come to an agreement within the Trans Pacific Partnership trade negotiations?”.