

## James K. Mulbah Résumé – Monrovia, Liberia



James Mulbah (born September 3, 1986) has more than eight years of experience empowering Liberian youth and protecting the environment. As founder and executive director of «Concerned Youth Organized for Development and Progressive Action Inc.» (CYODPA), he provided monthly counselling to young people in *Monrovia's Turtle Base Ghetto*.

James Mulbah is now the chief executive officer of «Green Cities Inc.» (formerly «Compost Liberia»), a youth-based enterprise, operating Liberia's first waste recycling program. Through «Green Cities Inc.», James has expanded his youth initiatives by creating more than 150 job opportunities for young people engaged in different youths groups in slum communities throughout Monrovia.

In 2015, James Mulbah established a non-profit organization called «Computer for School Liberia» that focuses on refurbishing computer waste for the establishment of computer labs to educate kids and youths in slum communities about the importance of technology. In addition to this, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2016, «Agro-Green Liberia» was established to handle organic waste for the production of fertilizer and its applications.

James Mulbah has received numerous certificates and accolades, among them a certificate in «Peace Building and Conflict Transformation» from the *Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation University of Liberia* and a certificate in «Financial Management» from the *World Bank Group IFC*. James completed a «Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology» from the *University of Liberia*. He obtained a diploma in «Strategic Business Management» from the *Swedish*

*Institute for Public Administration*, sponsored by *SIDA (Swedish International Development Agency)*. Currently, he is member of the «United States Ambassador to Liberia Council of Youth Advisors» and also a «2014 Mandela Washington Fellow». He served on the «Regional Advisory Board of West Africa» of the *Mandela Washington Fellowship* from 2014-2015; where he represents Liberia and Sierra Leone on the board. In 2014, he was given the «Most Innovative Entrepreneur Award» by the *Business Start Up Center* in partnership with the business incubators *SPARK, Bid Network, and Accountability Lab*.

James is an alumnus of the «Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurship Program 2015» (TEEP 2015). He is also an «Echoing Green Finalist 2015» and a «Sanergy Fellow». During his study in Kenya in 2015, he did his project on «Organic Waste Recycling» In May 2015, James was selected by the «Young African Society», a *World Bank Group*, as the second most innovative entrepreneur out of 140 young people on the continent. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2016, James received a prize award from *World Bank Liberia* in a «Grant Prize Competition» to tackle youth unemployment and poor waste management in Monrovia. In January 2016 James was selected as an entrepreneur to go through a one year training at the Richard Branson School in Liberia and South Africa. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2016, James was appointed by the Vice President of the Republic of Liberia as Environmental Adviser to him.