

# JUNIOR MBANGALA

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## EDUCATION

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- Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. in Sustainable Urban Development**, University of Oxford, Oxford, England **2024 –**
- MSc in Environmental Change & Management**, University of Oxford, Oxford, England **2023 – 2024**
- Elective courses: Climate Change Economics & International Environmental Law
  - Ambassador of Oxford Diplomatic Society at Linacre College, University of Oxford
- MSc in Public Policy & Human Development**, Maastricht University / UNU-MERIT, The Netherlands **2022– 2023**
- UNU-MERIT, program by United Nations University (Double degree)
  - Elective course: Global Governance for Development
- Bachelor of Economics and International Cooperation**, HELMo University College, Liège, Belgium **2018 – 2021**
- Academic accomplishment: GPA: Cum Laude
  - Relevant courses: General Economics, Statistics, Accounting, Geopolitics, and International Relations.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Policy Analyst**, World Trade Organization, Geneva, Switzerland **Feb 2025 – Present**
- Conduct research and analysis on trade and environmental sustainability issues, supporting discussions within the TESSD initiative.
  - Assist in drafting reports, policy briefs, and meeting summaries to facilitate stakeholder engagement and decision-making.
  - Collaborate with WTO members and experts to advance initiatives on sustainable trade practices and environmental cooperation.
- Research Assistant**, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK **Oct 2024 – Feb 2025**
- Conducted a comprehensive scoping review to analyze policies, frameworks, and practices associated with the development of Healthy New Towns with the Global Centre on Healthcare and Urbanisation
  - Synthesized findings into detailed reports to inform recommendations for sustainable urban planning and healthcare integration
  - Collaborated with interdisciplinary teams to explore the intersection of urban development and public health outcomes
- Policy Analyst**, Embassy of Belgium in the United Kingdom, London, UK **Apr 2024 – Sept 2024**
- Conducting in-depth research on bilateral agreements between Belgium and the United Kingdom concerning renewable energies, energy efficiency, and economic trade
  - Monitoring and advising on specific UK stakeholders relevant to Belgium's interests, as directed by the embassy leadership
  - Facilitating relationship management with government counterparts and stakeholders in the UK and Ireland on behalf of the embassy
- Policy Analyst**, Electis Solutions, Paris, France **Jun 2023 – Aug 2023**
- Realization of a study on the elections of Employees representatives in Benelux companies
  - Summary of the legal requirements for companies in setting up these elections (scope of the number of companies concerned, size of their companies)
  - Analysis on the organization in these elections (roadmap, legal deadline, communication with employees, communication with union)
- Strategy and Innovation Intern**, Beep Consulting International, Kinshasa, DRC **Feb 2022 – Jun 2022**
- Researched innovative and integrative methods to drive sustainable project in DR Congo
  - Worked in cross collaboration with professionals in sustainability for the development of key performance metrics for success in sustainable innovation
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**Strategy and Business Development Intern**, Coopera ONG, Logroño, Spain

**Jan 2021 – May 2021**

- Worked in a multicultural environment in Spanish in collaboration with an international team to establish a business design strategy around economic and human development projects.
- Researched and analysed documentation related to a market development strategy of several sustainable development goals including zero hunger, economic growth and reduced inequalities.
- Challenged the feasibility of our different projects to assure relevance with market reality including topics such as infrastructure, change management and training.

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## **EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE**

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**Communications Officer for Demos Student Association**, Maastricht University, The Netherland

**Sept 2022 – Jun 2023**

- Collaborated with the program Director and other students of the Demos board to plan and organize various professional and social events for the Master of Public Policy and Human Development at UNU-MERIT
- Managed a budget to plan each program related activity which facilitated an effective implementation of these activities
- Communicated with students, alumni and professionals at School of Business and Economics (SBE) to appraise them of all relevant information, issues, and events by interacting with the SBE community on a daily basis and by updating all social media platforms and maintaining a weekly newsletter

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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- Languages: French (Native), Spanish (Fluent), English (Fluent) Lingala (Fluent), Dutch (Elementary)
  - English and Spanish Certificate C1, University Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid, Spain
  - Computer Skills: MS Office 365 (Advanced), Windows (Advanced), Stata (Advanced), R (Advanced)
  - Interests: Climate Justice, Social Impact, Sustainable development, Politics, Human rights, Diplomacy
  - Achievements: **The World Bank Certification**: Reproducible Research Fundamentals Course (2023), **Oxford Diplomatic Society Academy Certificate**: Public speaking, diplomatic communication, negotiation (2024)
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