



# ASHVIN RAMASAMY

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Strategic and decisive leader with sharp communication skills and a hard working mentality, seeking to apply 6+ years of professional experience in a meaningful new role

## SKILLS

- Organized time management
- Assiduous planning and prioritizing
- Team leadership
- Conceptual thinking
- Stakeholder relations management
- Documentation Management
- Fast learning abilities
- Data savvy
- Financial literacy skills
- Good networking skills
- Project management qualities
- Solid people skills
- Sharp communication abilities
- Fluency in French & English
- Broad informatics skills (MS Office, SPSS, HTML, Google Docs, among others)

## WORK HISTORY

### SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCHER & KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT OFFICER

04/2018 to CURRENT

#### ASCENT | Nairobi, Kenya (Remote Work)

*Main Goal:* Develop the African Sustainability Progress Initiative (ASPI), a US \$500k project to establish a comprehensive sustainability index for better assessment of national policy measures linked to sustainability in Sub-Saharan Africa

- Coordinate and engage in the IFAD/NDA Smallholder Climate Finance Programme for agriculture development in Africa
  - Task Desk research on climate change, climate finance and other knowledge requirements for sustainable agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Synthesize sustainability-themed blog articles, namely on sustainable land management, climate change and food security in Africa -- with nearly 20 published

### KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT & CORPORATE TRAINER

01/2016 to 04/2018

#### Pivotal Payments | Montréal, QC

*Accomplishment:* Assured the constant flow of knowledge dissemination in an office of 500 employees, including product releases, processes, news and alerts

- Coordinated documentation needs and service alerts among Product Development, Loyalty and Customer Service, ensuring uninterrupted communication between departmental managers and supervisors
- Supported the design of five course modules that blended experiential learning methods into course curriculum for new hires
- Contributed to 200 knowledge articles in a database of 8500 processes & procedures for customer-facing personnel

### **TRANSATLANTIC FELLOW (SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT OFFICER)**

08/2014 to 07/2015

#### **Ecologic Institute | Berlin, Germany**

*Accomplishment:* Grew a database of 200 lead sustainability indicators to support “green” decision-making of the European Commission on all EU nations

- Coordinated with four project partners on the NETGREEN framework project, contracted by the European Commission to influence decision-making towards a Green Economy for Europe
- Wrote about 30 factsheets on renewable energies, climate change, resource efficiency, eco-innovation, keeping abreast of salient development to support informed decision-making
- Helped develop three bids for EU-wide projects, defining the knowledge criteria, timeline requirements and resource allocation

### **OUTREACH COORDINATOR (VOLUNTEER WORK)**

04/2011 to 04/2013

#### **Grand Bay Conservation | Grand Bay, Mauritius**

*Accomplishment:* Developed a species protection strategy that helped expand the conservation status of three endangered species on the island of Mauritius

- Supported government objectives to integrate innovative protection controls into conservation of at-risk and endangered species and their habitat
- Led stakeholder meetings about the performance of conservation solutions, on a rolling basis and prepared briefs for participants
- Developed a fundraising strategy of \$75,000 US through the elaboration of environmental protection activities and promotion of partner engagement & sponsor benefits to conservation
- Collaborated with biologists and subject matter experts to identify cost-cutting measures to rehabilitate degraded landscapes affecting endangered species

## **EDUCATION**

### **MASTER OF ENVIRONMENT (MEnv) | ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

09/2009 to 04/2011

#### **Concordia University, Montreal**

Cumulative GPA 3.9

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) | SPECIALIZATION IN URBAN PLANNING**

01/2006 to 06/2009

#### **Concordia University, Montreal**

Graduated with distinction honours