

*Candidate Statement***Section A. Contact Information**

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Section B. Statement of intent (max. 300 words)

In no more than 300 words, please describe how your professional background makes you a suitable candidate for this post and also describe what you would like to achieve if you were elected to this post.

As mentioned above, I am the info & Advocacy Man for CoBTAG which is a National networking and coordinating organization for Community Organizations in the Country (Zambia). I was employed early this year to manage COBTAG public relations activities and functions in partnership with the National Coordinator, to ensure that COBTAG members and other stakeholders are well informed about COBTAG activities and kept up to date with the latest information on TB and TB/HIV prevention and control activities. I am frequently facing the media and am also the Spokesperson in the absence of the National Coordinator.

I would like to see the implementation of policies on the ground unlike the current situation where policies are made yet not being followed or met on the ground to benefit the intended. A lot of IEC materials produced and dissemination of these materials or information on TB to explode noise on the emergency of the disease. It would also be nice to have a platform of former TB/TB patients and TB/HIV people networking and sharing information on best practices.

The developing countries suffer these diseases mainly due to poverty and poor economical sustainability. It is a long mile to achieve zero levels of this dilemma but nothing is impossible under the sun especially if policies are not only there on paper but they are implemented and benefit the intended general public.

The outrage has been birthed.

Section C. Short biography (max. 300 words)

In this section, please provide a short biography outlining your academic background, professional experience, and any major project/initiative that highlight your knowledge of advocacy, communication and social mobilization at country level.

My pursuit to happiness is to develop myself academically and my past academics are as follows:

This year February **2008** - TB/HIV TOT INTERGRATION - Certificate

2006 - Victory Bible University College - Diploma Practical Theology

2001 - Computers (Microsoft office)

1995 - Kalulushi Secondary School – Certificate

My professional experience is that **Currently** – Community Based TB Action Group (CoBTAG); Information & Advocacy Manger

2006 - 2008 Reality Vacation Innovations (RVI); Sales Consultant.

2001 - 2004 Positive Cybernetics International (PCI); Motivational Speaker/Advertising

2000 - 2001 Sazuka Sales and Marketing (SSM); Assistant Sales Manager

1996 - 1999 Wholesale Warehousing Industries (WWI); Sales Trainee Manager

Regarding ACSM, apart from the satellite activity I initiated for the world TB day this year – a successful event I must mention more is yet to come as am about to be capacity built in Advocacy skills.

However, I am an experienced and innovative person with sophisticated skills in Public speaking, advertising and Sales and marketing. My high personal integrity enables me to relate, articulate, empathize and create trust in all. I am confident, enthusiastic and a persuasive team builder, able to motivate and communicate to achieve exceptional performance. Also I am dependable and reliable in supporting and enabling team effort to produce genuine long term sustainable development Persistently and flexibly.