

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## 1. Personal Information

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**Name:** Bitania Lulu Berhanu  
**Gender:** Female  
**Date of Birth:** April 5, 1994  
**Place of Birth:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
**Nationality:** Ethiopian

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## 2. Educational Background

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DEGREE	NAME OF INSTITUTION	LOCATION	DATES
MA in African Studies: Human & Economic Development in Africa	Addis Ababa University: College of Social Sciences	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Sep. 2017 - Dec. 2019
Exchange Semester: International Development & Global Studies	University of Geneva: Global Studies Institute	Geneva, Switzerland	Feb. 2019 - Jun. 2019
BSC in Electrical & Computer Engineering	Addis Ababa Institution of Technology	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Sep. 2012 - Jul. 2017
High School Diploma	Nativity Girls' School (Cathedral Catholic School)	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Sep. 2008 - Jun. 2012

## 3. Work & Youth Leadership Experience

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### 1. Researcher

Centre for Dialogue, Research & Cooperation (CDRC), [www.cdrcethiopia.org](http://www.cdrcethiopia.org)  
April 2020 - Present

### 2. Board Member, Chair of Nominating & Governance Committee

United Nations Major Group on Children & Youth (MGCY), [www.unmgcy.org/cyi](http://www.unmgcy.org/cyi)  
November 2020 - Present

### 3. Chair of Youth Advisory Parliament

Amref Health Africa - Ethiopia, [www.amref.org/Ethiopia/youth-engagement](http://www.amref.org/Ethiopia/youth-engagement)  
October 2018 - Present

### 4. International Branches Coordinator

Youth Alliance for Leadership & Development in Africa (YALDA), [www.yaldafrica.org](http://www.yaldafrica.org)  
June 2017 - Present

**5. Young Program Designer**

Population Service International - PSI Ethiopia

*January 2017 - Present*

**6. Digital Media & Public Relations**

African Union Economic, Social & Cultural Council (ECOSOCC)

*June 2018 - 2019*

**7. Project Manager**

Unilever Ethiopia

*July 2018 - 2019*

**8. Youth Advisory Board Member**

African Union Commission, Department of HRST, Youth Division

*July 2017 - 2018*

**9. Project Manager of Pan African Centers Project**

African Union Youth Clubs in Partnership with Ethiopian Academy of Sciences

*March 2016 - 2018*

**10. Head of Outreach Department**

African Union Youth Clubs

*March 2016 - 2017*

**11. Open-ERP Project Lead of ICT Department**

Edna High Technology Solutions (Edna HTC Plc.)

*March 2016 - July 2016*

**12. Founding Executive Director**

YALDA Addis Ababa University, [www.facebook.com/yalda.aau.et](http://www.facebook.com/yalda.aau.et)

*April 2014 - 2017*

**13. Conference Executive Director**

AU Agenda 2063 Youth Summit, African Union HQ

*May - November 2015*

**14. Conference Organizing Committee**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> African Model United Nations Conference, African Union HQ

*February 2014 - March 2015*

**15. Chief of Staff**

Model United Nations Club, Addis Ababa University

*March 2013 - 2015*

**16. Head of Event Planning & Organization**

National Model United Nation, Ethiopia

*December 2013*

**17. Volunteer Teacher & Mentor for Adolescents**

Young Women Christian Association - YWCA Volunteer Program, Addis Ababa

*June - August 2012*

## 18. Founding President of Astrophysics Club

Nativity Girls' School, Addis Ababa

September 2011 - June 2012

### 4. Relevant Trainings & Workshops

PROGRAM NAME	ORGANIZER	ROLE	DATE	LOCATION
Enhancing Women's Participation in Inclusive National Dialogue Processes in Ethiopia	Centre for Dialogue, Research & Cooperation	Steering Committee	Dec. 2020 -2021	Ethiopia
Beyond COVID-19: Leveraging the Benefits of the AfCFTA to Spur Africa's Growth	YALDA, ITC, UNECA & AfCFTA Secretariat	Organizing Team	Nov. 2020	Virtual Summit
COVID-19 Awareness & Empowerment Webinar Series Building a Better Africa- Youth at the Center	AU-ECOSOCC & African Development Bank	Speaker	Nov. 2020	Virtual Event
Regional Action Plan on COVID-19 Youth Ambassadors Webinar Series	EAC Youth Parliament	Speaker	Aug. 2020	Virtual Dialogue
Youth Entrepreneurship Contest (COVID Response Project)	International Trade Centre, Ye! Community & YALDA	Organizing Team	Jun. - Jul. 2020	Virtual Contest
COVID-19 Community Outreach Program	Amref Youth Advisory Parliament	Program Lead	Apr. - Sep. 2020	Ethiopia
AU 33 <sup>rd</sup> Assembly of Head of States, High-Level Side Meeting for Youth & Government Leaders	AU Youth Council	Participant	Feb. 7, 2020	UNECA, Addis Ababa
Lobbying and Advocacy Training	Plan International & Rutgers	Trainee	Feb. 4 - 6, 2020	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
World Export Development Forum	International Trade Center (ITC)	Facilitator, Media Specialist	Nov. 18 - 22, 2019	AU HQ, Addis Ababa
International Conference on Population & Development 2019	UNFPA & Partners	Participant, Youth Speaker	Nov. 12 - 14, 2019	Nairobi, Kenya
74th UN General Assembly: Side Sessions on Girls & Women Empowerment, Aysrh Programming, Goalkeepers19	Gates Foundation, Population Council	Speaker	Sep. 20 -24, 2019	New York, USA
Training on Strategic Communication to Counter Violent Extremism Ideologies	IGAD Center of Excellence for Preventing & Countering Extremism	Trainee	Aug. 20 - 24, 2019	Entebbe, Uganda

<b>European Development Days: Session on Women's Health &amp; Empowerment for Community Resilience</b>	European Development Days 2019	Panelist	<i>Jun. 18 - 19, 2019</i>	Brussels, Belgium
<b>Women Deliver 2019: Sessions on Adolescents &amp; Youth Sexual Reproductive Health &amp; Rights</b>	Women Deliver Conference 2019	Power Stage Speaker, Panelist	<i>Jun. 2 - 5, 2019</i>	Vancouver, Canada
<b>Crans Montana Forum: Roles of Youth for Peace &amp; Security</b>	Crans Montana Forum	Speaker	<i>Mar. 2019</i>	Dakhla, Morocco
<b>Capacity Building Workshop on Inclusive/Community Based Innovation for AU Member States</b>	African Union Scientific Technical & Research Commission, AU-STRC	Participant	<i>Dec. 10 - 12, 2018</i>	Abuja, Nigeria
<b>Capacity Building Workshop on Girls' Education "Entrepreneurship, Coding &amp; STEM"</b>	International Center for Girls' & Women's Education in Africa, AU/CIEFFA	Country Delegate	<i>Nov. 20 - 24, 2018</i>	Hammamet, Tunisia
<b>International Conference on Family Planning 2019: Workshops on Family Planning Policies, Human Centered Design, Leadership &amp; Management, Developing SMART Advocacy Strategies</b>	International Conference on Family Planning & Youth Pre-Conference ICFP	Co-Facilitator, Participant, Poster Judge	<i>Nov. 10 - 15, 2018</i>	Kigali, Rwanda
<b>Workshop on Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want - Creating Future Leaders</b>	World Youth Forum	Panelist, Participant	<i>Nov. 1 - 6, 2018</i>	Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
<b>Symposium on African Air Transport &amp; Tourism</b>	African Union Economic Social and Cultural Council	Digital Media Team	<i>Sep. 26 - 28, 2018</i>	Casablanca, Morocco
<b>Conference on Youth in the face of the Challenges of Peace &amp; Sustainable Development</b>	Rassemblement de la Jeunesse Algerienne (RAJA), with Afro-Arab Youth Council	Speaker, Country Delegate	<i>Mar. 9 - 12, 2018</i>	Algiers, Algeria
<b>Workshop on Strengthening Learning Opportunities for Youth in Mainstreaming Gender in Education Systems</b>	International Center for Girls' & Women's Education in Africa (AU-CIEFFA)	Participant Country Delegate	<i>Nov. 28 - 30, 2017</i>	AU HQ, Addis Ababa
<b>Youth Inclusion in Governance &amp; Advocacy</b>	Africa-Europe Youth Summit	Participant, Facilitator	<i>Oct. 9 - 11, 2017</i>	Abidjan, Ivory Coast
<b>Policy Review &amp; Panel on Teenage Pregnancy Prevention</b>	United Nations High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on SDGs	Youth Speaker	<i>July 2017</i>	UN HQ, New York, USA
<b>Civic Leadership Training</b>	Young African Leaders Initiative Regional Leadership Center	Trainee	<i>Feb. 12 - Apr. 28, 2017</i>	Nairobi, Kenya
<b>High Level Pre-summit Youth Consultation</b>	Africa-France Summit	Country Delegate	<i>Jan. 2017</i>	Bamako, Mali
<b>Business Solution Forum for Youth: Entrepreneurial Leadership for Decent Job Creation</b>	African Diaspora Youth Forum in Europe	Participant	<i>May 31 - Jun. 4, 2016</i>	UN HQ Vienna, Austria

<b>Regional Youth Consultations on Project 2016</b>	AU African Governance Architecture-AGA	Participant	Sep. 22 - 24, 2016	Kampala, Uganda
<b>The Training for Trainers program</b>	North-South Centre of the Council of Europe	Trainee	Nov. 8 - 15, 2015	Nairobi, Kenya
<b>Unlock Youth Potential: Employability &amp; Entrepreneurial Skills for Development</b>	African Diaspora Youth Forum in Europe	Delegate	Jun. 9 - 11, 2015	UN HQ Vienna, Austria
<b>Training on Leadership, Sexual &amp; Reproductive Health</b>	Young Women Christian Association (YWCA)	Trainee	Aug. 2012	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

## 5. International Awards & Recognitions

- 1. Visionary Leadership Awards Finalist** *October 2019*  
African Youth Architects
- 2. New Leaders of Tomorrow Award 201** *June 2019*  
Crans Montana Forum, Geneva, Switzerland
- 3. 120Under 40 Nominations** *June 2019*  
[www.120under40.org/nominee/bitania-lulu-berhanu](http://www.120under40.org/nominee/bitania-lulu-berhanu)
- 4. STEM/TVET Ambassador for Girls & Women's Education** *November 2018*  
African Union CIEFFA
- 5. Winner of Youth Video Contest** *November 2018*  
International Conference on Family Planning, Kigali, Rwanda
- 6. Award of Outstanding Country Representation** *September 2018*  
Nile Basin Youth Ship Project, Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- 7. PanAfrican Science Award** *December 2017*  
African Youth Prize 2017, Pan African Youth Union, Khartoum, Sudan
- 8. Certificate of Appreciation** *November 2017*  
Model African Union Toolkit Finalization  
African Union Commission; Department of Human Resources, Science & Technology
- 9. Seal of Gold Recognition** *December 2016*  
3<sup>rd</sup> SLAM Youth Heroes Awards 2016  
Smart Leaders Are Made Initiative, Nigeria
- 10. 100 Most Influential Young Africans** *August 2016*  
African Youth Awards 2016, [www.africayouthawards.org/bitania-lulu-berhanu](http://www.africayouthawards.org/bitania-lulu-berhanu)
- 11. Honorary Award for Commitment & Contribution** *February 2016*  
The Black History Month Celebration, BHM 2016  
United States International University (USIU-Africa), Nairobi, Kenya

## 12. Young Female Personality of the Year

African Youth Awards 2015, [www.africayouthawards.org](http://www.africayouthawards.org)

January 2016

## 13. Certificate of Cooperation

Inaugural African Model UN Conference, African Union HQ, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

March 2014

## 14. Certificate of Excellence

National Model UN Conference, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

December 2013

## 6. Skills

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- Leadership & Program Management
- Advocacy & Activism
- Research & Analysis
- Digital Media & Public Relations
- Systematic Planning & Coordination
- Work Discipline & Ethical Values
- Critical Thinking
- Social Interactions & Teamwork
- Training & Mentorship
- Decision Making, Self-drive & Motivation
- Reliability & Punctuality
- Advanced Computer Skills
- Readiness to Learn & Share Knowledge

## 7. Language

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LANGUAGE	LISTENING	SPEAKING	WRITING	READING
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Amharic	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
French	Beginner	Beginner	Beginner	Beginner
Arabic	Beginner	Beginner	Beginner	Beginner

## 8. References

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