

## Curriculum Vitae: Luke Borain

Nationality	South African
Education	<p>MPhil PPE (2020-2022) (awarded with Distinction) Specialising in East Med Political Conflict and State Fragility University of Cape Town</p> <p>Honours PPE (2019-2020) Specialising in Climate Security University of Cape Town</p> <p>BSocSci PPE (2015-2017) University of Cape Town</p>
Languages	English (fluent), Afrikaans (fair), isiXhosa (basic)

## Employment record

May 2023 – Present	<p>Project Coordinator OneWorld Sustainable Investments Cape Town, South Africa</p>
November 2022 – May 2023	<p>Project and Editorial Assistant OneWorld Sustainable Investments Cape Town, South Africa</p>
May – November 2022	<p>Research Intern OneWorld Sustainable Investments Cape Town, South Africa</p>
June 2021 – March 2022	<p>Policy Analyst, Report Writer Michel International Relations and Services</p>
Jan 2019 – Jan 2021	<p>Academic Editor Cactus Communications</p>
Jan 2018 – Jan 2019	<p>Assistant Management Probor (<i>Pty</i>) Limited Vermaaklikheid, South Africa</p>
March 2016 – May 2021	<p>Research and Risk Analyst Nic Borain Advisory Cape Town, South Africa</p>
Feb 2014 – Jan 2022	<p>Editor Freelance</p>

## Relevant professional experience



January – June 2023	Climate Landscape Analysis for Children (Lesotho) UNICEF Lesotho
	<b>Project Coordinator</b>
	Production of a Climate landscape analysis for children (CLAC) for Lesotho; providing direction and recommendations on how to improve inclusion of climate, energy, and environment (CEE) actions into country office (CO) programming. OneWorld is collecting, compiling, and reviewing key resources, gathering in-country information, and undertaking a key-stakeholder analysis. In addition, OneWorld is working closely with the country office (CO) to identify and develop programming options and recommendations for the successful integration of CEE actions into the country programme cycle.
	<b>Specific tasks:</b> Research, analysis and reporting; contributing technical inputs to the CLAC
February 2021 – February 2023	– Implementing the Kingdom of Lesotho’s Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Project: “Strengthening Lesotho’s national designated authority and developing strategic frameworks” (2021–2023) Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)
	<b>Project and Editorial Assistant</b>
	This project was funded through the Green Climate Fund’s Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme which was designed to support countries’ engagement with the GCF, including building a pipeline of climate change projects and enhance country ownership. The Government of Lesotho sought support to establish appropriate institutional frameworks that would enable the country to benefit from the available GCF direct access financing window. This support will strengthen the ability of the country to participate in different mechanisms directed to facilitate mitigation and adaptation to the effects of climate change and to fulfil its obligations and commitments to the UNFCCC.
	OneWorld coordinated and implemented this readiness project and provided support to the Government of Lesotho through several project components, including, but not limited to: (i) a climate finance baseline analysis; (ii) capacity building for effective engagement with the GCF; (iii) institutional strengthening through developing a system for transparent and accountable management of climate change activities and GCF funds by the identified National Designated Authority (NDA); (iv) developing an awareness programme and awareness materials on climate change and the role of the GCF as a funding mechanism; and (v) developing a country programme that identifies and prioritises a pipeline of climate change programmes and projects for further GCF funding.
	<b>Specific tasks:</b> research and reporting; developing awareness raising materials
October 2022 – May 2023	Climate, energy, and environment landscape analysis for children in South Africa UNICEF South Africa
	<b>Project Assistant; Researcher</b>
	Production of a CLAC for South Africa; providing direction and recommendations on how to improve inclusion of climate, energy, and environment (CEE) actions into country office (CO) programming. OneWorld is collecting, compiling, and reviewing key resources, gathering in-country information, and undertaking a key-stakeholder analysis. In addition, OneWorld is working closely with the country office (CO) to identify and develop programming options and recommendations for the successful integration of CEE actions into the country programme cycle.
	<b>Specific tasks:</b> Research, analysis and reporting; contributing technical inputs to the CLAC
August 2022 – Current	– Development of a Climate Landscape Analysis for Children and the UNICEF Rwanda Action Plan for 2022–2024. UNICEF Rwanda
	<b>Project Assistant; Researcher</b>



Conducting a Climate Landscape Analysis for Children (CLAC) and Action Plan, examining the baseline situation of climate, energy and environment-related issues affecting children and how they relate to UNICEF's priorities. Provide recommendations on how UNICEF Rwanda could further incorporate and strengthen work on climate, energy and environment-related issues in its current country programme and make recommendations for the new Country Programme Document 2024–2029.

**Specific tasks: Research, analysis and reporting; contributing technical inputs to the CLAC**

June 2022 – November 2022 – Development of a Climate Landscape Analysis for Children (CLAC) including a Climate Financing Strategy for two priority areas

UNICEF Angola

**Project Assistant; Researcher**

Data collection and analysis. Compiling and reviewing key resources including literature review and stakeholder interviews. Carrying out qualitative and quantitative data analysis. Provide recommendations to UNICEF Angola on how to mainstream climate and energy issues into their programming. Identification of actionable opportunities to integrate climate, environment, and energy development issues into UNICEF's sectoral programmes and cooperation with Angola government agencies, participatory analysis, and author.

**Specific tasks:** Research, analysis and reporting; contributing technical inputs to the CLAC

Apr 2022 – Sept 2022 – C40Methodology to support cities on measuring their safeguarding from flooding  
C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group

**Editorial Assistant**

Development of a methodology for measuring the impact of flooding safeguards implemented in African cities (Dar es Salaam, Johannesburg). Developed an Excel-based risk and vulnerability assessment tool to assist policymakers in identifying the best flood safeguard mechanisms for their cities.

Apr – November 2022 – Financial Sector Credit Facility for SMEs (FSCFS)  
African Development Bank (AfDB)

**Editorial Assistant; Researcher**

Project involves developing a green credit facility for the AfDB to scale up SMEs' access to climate finance and to promote green investments in relevant sectors of the economy through mobilising concessional and non-concessional resources to African SMEs and Youth-led businesses. This also includes developing a pipeline of bankable green businesses across various sectors (agriculture, waste, e-mobility, energy, water, etc.).

**Specific tasks:** Contribution to a comprehensive market assessment for a Green Climate Fund proposal to support the development of the Facility; enabling environment assessment; support the design of the SME Financial Sector credit facility.

April 2022- May 2022 – Report: DAAD's SDG-Partnership Programme  
German Academic Exchange Service/ MIRS

**Author**

Report detailed German-funded programmes to help align Global South Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agenda. The work explored best practices for conducting research in the context of SDGs, as well as existing projects within the programme which exhibited significant promise in terms of generating high-level, rigorous, scientific data for application in the real world.

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Dec 2021- Jan 2022	Report: climapAfrica German Academic Exchange Service/ MIRS <b>Co-Author</b> Work focused on the impact of climate change in Africa and the various approaches to mitigation and adaptation currently available to researchers and policymakers. Areas of interest included climate modelling, biodiversity farming, and the communication of evidence to both policymakers and the public.
Oct 2021- Nov 2021	Report: DAAD's University-Business Partnership Programme German Academic Exchange Service/ MIRS <b>Author</b> Report explored government-funded programmes for expanded cooperation between HEIs and private industry. Key takeaways included an emphasis on the need for practical, context specific academic instruction in order to improve graduate employability.
Jun 2021- Jul 2021	Conference Report: European Research and Innovation Days European Commission/ MIRS <b>Analyst, Contributing Author</b> Reporting and analysis on R&I policy implementation in Europe. Included an examination of research-to-policy approaches following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, digital infrastructure and open-source technology, and sustainable development strategies for climate-resilient futures.
Sept 2019- Jan 2020	Thesis: Climate and Conflict: A Critical Assessment of the Literature on the Syrian Civil War University of Cape Town <b>Author</b> Paper explored the link between political instability and anthropogenic climate change in the context of the Syrian Civil War. Primary areas of examination included water scarcity, climate shock-induced migration, and increased levels of violence due to climate volatility.

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### Publications and Conference Papers (selected)

Borain, J.L. (2022) The Kurds of Syria: Towards Self-Governance. MPhil dissertation. University of Cape Town. Political Conflict and International Relations.