



BILDAD KANURI KAGAI – BIODATA

Bildad Kagai is the Managing Director of MediaCorp Limited, a leading online financial information dissemination company utilizing open source software in Kenya, East Africa. Born in Nyeri, Kenya, 33 years ago, Bildad studied in public schools and his education culminated in the University of Nairobi with a degree in Building Economics and Management. Bildad started his career at the United Nations Center for Human Settlements (UNHABITAT) in 1997 after graduation, as a database consultant. He also consulted for GTZ (German Agency for Technical Cooperation) as a Junior Building Economist in the construction of the Lamu Market and the Canadian International Development Research Center (IDRC) where he introduced Adaptive Technology to victims who got visually impaired following the 1998 terrorist attacks on the United States Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Bildad has trained on Scripting, Database Management and Web Integration at Freedom Scientific in Tampa, Florida.

Bildad started his business career in 2001 as the Business Development Manager of Circuits and Packets Communications Limited where he encountered open source software for the first time. In November 2002, a number of like minded open source enthusiasts met under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and formed the Open Source Taskforce for Africa. Consequently on 21st February 2002, he co-founded and helped launch the Free Software and Open Source Foundation for Africa (FOSSFA) during the second preparatory meeting of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS PrepCom2) in Geneva, Switzerland. Since then, FOSSFA has been the leading light campaigning for Open Source Software in Africa. After steering FOSSFA to maturity in four years, Circuits&Packets Ltd rotated the secretariat responsibilities of the organization to the Center for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in Pretoria, South Africa.


In 2006, Bildad was instrumental in the conceptualisation and formation of the JKUAT e-Government Academy. The Academy was launched on 23rd February 2006 at Safari Park Hotel by Dr. Thierry Amoussougbo on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa ([UNECA](#)) in the presence of the [JKUAT](#) Vice Chancellor, Professor Nick Wanjohi. This Academy is a joint initiative of the [Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology](#) (JKUAT) Enterprises Company and [Circuits & Packets Communications Limited](#) in a Public-Private Partnership (PPP), with a mission to offer high quality e-Government Training, Consultancy and Software Development in Kenya. The Academy primary objective is first to inculcate the technology of using logic and algorithm in service delivery through capacity building and e-Learning. The second objective is to commercialise the innovations developed in the Academy for use in both the public and private sector.

Bildad is currently based in Nairobi, Kenya. As Managing Director of MediaCorp Ltd. His primary responsibilities include visioning and developing new business strategies for the company. His current interests are in development of online financial software and solutions through the www.mediacorp.co.ke portal & deploying E-Government solutions in Kenya.

The MediaCorp Board of Directors is now spearheading an exploratory committee aimed at catapulting Bildad Kagai into capturing the Westlands Constituency Parliamentary seat sponsored by the Kenya African National Union [KANU] Party in 2012. The forcing factor in this initiative is to take responsibility in passing legislation that will help digitize Kenya's economy by harnessing Information and Communication Technology.

PUBLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH BILDAD KAGAI

- Bachelor's Degree Thesis. The Role of Academic and Research Institutions in Implementing the Habitat Agenda. The Case Study of the Department of Building Economics and Management, University of Nairobi. BO3/0282/92. (*unpublished*) 1997
- Introduction of Online Adaptive Technology Training for the victims of the 1998 Terrorist Bomb Attack in Kenya. A Case Study funded by the Canadian International Development Research Center. (*unpublished*). 1999
- Kenya Best Practices on Human Settlements Presented at Istanbul+5 PrepCom Meeting. Funded by UNHABITAT & GTZ (*unpublished*) May 2000
- Towards Sustainable City Development Strategies for the 21st Century. Co-written by Nicholas You, Bildad Kagai and Charles Wambua. (*published*) 2000
- The State of the World's Cities Report. 2001 - (*published*) ISBN 92-1-131476-3, HS/619/01E
- World Urban Indicators Report (World Bank Report - 2000) (*published*)
- The Role and Contribution of African NGOs in the Implementation of the Habitat Agenda. (*published*) April 2003. ISBN 9966-9808
- Our Side of the Divide - African Perspectives on Information and Communication Technologies. Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) 2003. (*published*)
- I4D - Information for Development - Untapped Potential - Free & Open Source Software Usage in Africa. October 2004. (*published*) ISSN 0972 - 804X

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