



# Medinat Malefakis

Conflict, Terrorism, Peacebuilding and Displacement Expert



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## SUMMARY

I am an academic and policy-oriented conflict and terrorism analyst, with over 10 years experience. I am also proficient in the research, analysis, policy documentation and program management of themes relating to peace-building, countering/preventing violent extremism (C/PVE), digital technologies in conflict and peace-building, and humanitarian displacement .

I thrive as a researcher and lecturer in academic and non-academic settings, as an expert advisor, as a specialist consultant, and as a program manager/evaluator.

## CAREER

2022 (JULY -  
DATE)

ETH  
(Eidgenössische Technische  
Hochschule)  
Zürich

### SENIOR LECTURER

*Course Portfolio:*

- Conflict Sensitivity and Peacebuilding – Tools and Approaches
- Social and Cultural Aspects of Development Cooperation
- Qualitative and Participatory Research Methods for Development Practitioners
- Fragile Contexts – The Nexus Between Humanitarian Aid, Peace, and Development
- Decolonizing Aid
- Fraud and Corruption: Prevent, Detect, Investigate, Sanction

2022  
(FEBRUARY -  
DATE)

Global  
Survivors  
Fund (GSF)

### LEAD CONSULTANT, NIGERIA

- Leading and coordinating the design of a project for Interim Reparative Measures for Boko Haram's victims of conflict related sexual violence (CRSV).
- Leading and coordinating the research and drafting of a Global reparations Study for CRSV survivors in Nigeria.

2021-2022

Collegium  
Helveticum,  
ETH Zurich

### JUNIOR FELLOW

- Carried out a research project on digital technologies as conflict catalysts and peace building tools in Nigeria's conflict landscape.

<b>2021 (JULY-AUGUST)</b>	<b>Centre for Security Studies, ETH Zurich</b>	<b>NIGERIA RESEARCH FACILITATOR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying research collaborators and resources, study design, recruiting research investigators and assistants, providing academic expertise, and managing overall research process.</li> </ul>
<b>2021 (JANUARY-DATE)</b>	<b>Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCREF)</b>	<b>INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL MEMBER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing technical assessment of PVE and peace-building funding requests;</li> <li>Advising the board on country needs assessment and best peace-building/humanitarian contexts for GCREF funding.</li> </ul>
<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>Norwegian Refugee Council</b>	<b>INFORMATION ANALYST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitored and analysed conflicts, crisis, and humanitarian displacement in west, east and southern Africa;</li> <li>Produced briefing notes and weekly picks for donors, aid agencies, and foreign governments.</li> <li>Briefing note I wrote on Cabo Delgado conflict got £250,000 donation from START Fund.</li> </ul>
<b>2019-2019</b>	<b>Berlin Social Science Centre</b>	<b>POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Researched, analysed and produced academic papers on claims to truth of African terrorist organisations including Boko Haram and Al Shaabab.</li> </ul>
<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>United States Institute of Peace</b>	<b>RESEARCH FELLOW</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carried out 4 country policy research on drivers of violent extremism in West African universities.</li> </ul>
<b>2016-2016</b>	<b>Max Planck Insitute, Halle Germany</b>	<b>JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted academic research on 'How Terrorists Learn'.</li> </ul>
<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>University of Zurich, Switzerland</b>	<b>INVITED DOCTORAL GUEST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted academic research on humanitarian displacement caused by Boko Haram in Nigeria.</li> </ul>
<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>Nassarawa State University, Nigeria</b>	<b>LECTURER/GRADUATE ASSISTANT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taught courses on historical methodology, African history and contemporary history of China.</li> </ul>

## EDUCATION

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<b>2022</b> Certificate Project Management for Development Professionals	<b>HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Major: Project Identification, Definition, Design, Set-Up, Planning, Implementation, Closure, and Cycle Management.</li></ul>
<b>2019</b> Certificate Humanitarian Communication	<b>UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Major: Conflict and Humanitarian Communication</li></ul>
<b>2018</b> PhD in International Studies	<b>UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH &amp; NIGERIAN DEFENCE ACADEMY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Major: Terrorism and Humanitarian Displacement</li></ul>
<b>2013</b> MA in International Studies	<b>NIGERIAN DEFENCE ACADEMY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Major: Conflict and Internal Displacement</li></ul>
<b>2008</b> BA in History	<b>AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Major: Nigerian Historical Development</li></ul>

## CONVENED EVENTS

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<b>JUNE 6 2022</b> Collegium Helveticum	<b>DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, CONFLICT, AND SOCIAL CHANGE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Symposium with 13 Speakers and over 50 onsite and virtual participants.</li></ul>
<b>JANUARY 13, 2022</b> Virtual	<b>CONFLICT CATALYSTS AND PEACEBUILDING TOOLS? DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN NIGERIA'S CONFLICT LANDSCAPE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Roundtable with 4 speakers and 37 participants.</li></ul>

## HARD/SOFT SKILLS

Research, analysis, project and program management, academic and policy documentation, impactful knowledge transfer, practical solutions development, astute people management, tech-savvy, and self-motivated.

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

English (Proficient), German (Advanced), French (Pre-Intermediate), Yoruba (Proficient), Hausa (Proficient).