# Suzanna Lorenz

6+ years of international experience in media and communications, with a strong entrepreneurial background across Europe and West Africa.

M.Sc. in Business and Management, specialized in Media & Digital (ESSEC Business School – ranked #2 in France and #10 worldwide, by the Financial Times)

- Media management, video production, documentary writing
- · Project coordination, business development, strategic partnerships, fundraising, networking
- Social media analytics, editorial strategy and competitive benchmarking



## Video Producer - Dakar - 2023/25

- Managed the production of *Afrikki* feature documentary for two and a half years (see trailer and festival selections on my website: suzannalorenz.com):
  - Managed the production team and planning with a **280K\$ budget** director, editor, sound mixer, music maker, art designer. Handled **relationships with U.S. donors** (National Endowment for Democracy and Open Society Africa)
  - Produced press kits, handled communication strategy, managed social media
  - Produced and edited content for Instagram and Facebook
  - Executed fundraising strategy, applied to funds with artistic and financial dossiers
  - Organized the premiere in Dakar with more than 300 guests, coordinated video crew
- **Developed 2 documentaries** (research, writing, artistic dossier) aimed at international audiences: a series about three renowed Senegalese artists and a feature about women's and children's rights in Senegal related to family law.
- Managed the production of more than 20 institutional films and commercials with budgets from \$3K to \$60K, teams of 3 to 60 people, for local and international clients
  - Prepared the shooting (artistic intentions, casting, scouting, budgeting, PPM, material)
  - Managed crew, scheduling, budgeting and post-production

Gates Foundation

















## Media and Communication Strategy consultant - Paris - 2020/22

# **Communications and Product Manager at Paris City Hall - 2022 One-year full-time assignment**

Designed and developed two civic engagement platforms, "Agir" and "Décider"

- designed the platform architecture and user experience
- pitched loglines, produced newsletters
- coordinated a team of 4 webdesigners and developers
- facilitated brainstorming sessions between the different units of the City of Paris

# Strategic Partnerships Goordinator for France Télévisions - 2020/21 Eighteen-month full-time assignment

- Negotiated  $\pmb{\text{visibility}}$  and innovation partnerships with Google, Apple, Amazon, Microsoft
- Led **communication strategy for French public TV** offers on streaming platforms
- Analyzed, benchmarked and developed **YouTube communication strategy,** using **YouTube Studio and Analytics** on a daily basis

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actuelle

**Notre temps** 



Conducted short-term strategy missions in media and communications, for example:

- Redesigned the social media strategy of the regional press group EBRA
- **Conceived Radio France's entry strategy** into the audio market: investigation of offerings and innovation, benchmarking, market value estimation, strategic market entry recommendations, proposal of several cost models and organizational structure

#### Contact

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# Linkedin Page Languages

Website

French (mother tongue)
English (C2, TOEIC 980)
German (C1)
Wolof (B1)
Italian (A2)

#### **Informatics**

Canva, Wordpress
Premiere Pro, Illustrator,
InDesign
YouTube Studio and
Analytics
Excel, PowerBi

### **Centers of interest**

Guitar, surf, film
Write articles on media and
film reviews.
A few links:
Moloch
Ondine

Yalda, la nuit du pardon



Business Developer for Canal + - Conakry, Guinea - 2019 6 months internship



**Development Assistant for Vixens - Paris - 2018** 6 months internship



Festival Coordinator for Nordisk Panorama Film Festival - Malmö, Sweden - 2017 4 months internship

## **Education**



# ESSEC Business School - M.Sc in Business and Management - Media & Digital Chair - 2016/19 top #2 Business School in France and #10 in the world (Financial Times ranking)

Core Courses: Management, Financial Management, Accounting, Markets, Economics, Statistics, English, German, Italian...

#### Master's specialization: Media & Digital Chair - Paris, Los Angeles - 2018

- Courses: Communication, Website Creation, Negotiation, Media Economics, Arts & Culture, Cultural management, Media Law, Entertainment Law, Big Data Analytics
- Los Angeles programme: meeting Warner Bros., Paramount, Disney, Technicolor, Hulu's top executives; seminar at UCLA (Technology-Driven Innovation and Marketing of Creative Industries in a Digital Era: Focus on California and Los Angeles) Master's thesis on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

## Global Manager in Africa Programme - Rabat - 2017

Courses: Entrepreneurship in Africa, African Economics, Doing Business in Africa - Business trips to Abidjan and Tangier



Henri IV - Intensive Preparatory Program for Business Schools "Classe Prépa" - Paris - 2014/16

Two-year intensive elite program after high school, to prepare for competitive business schools' entrance exams Advanced courses in Philosophy, Economics, Mathematics, English and German