

# The Young International Professionals Programme

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ECDPM's young international professionals programme offers young researchers from Africa an opportunity to join one of our policy teams for a period of six months to a year. The programme aims to inspire dynamic exchanges of knowledge, views and networks.

Since the programme was created in 2013, eleven young professionals from Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tunisia and Uganda have joined our policy teams. A number of these researchers were recruited in cooperation with African organisations and divided their time between ECDPM and the partner institute.

## What does the programme offer?



A fellowship for up to one year



Writing and facilitation skills



Networking with policymakers, researchers and practitioners



An opportunity to work with multidisciplinary professionals



Training in development policy research



An opportunity to work in an international environment and strengthen cultural awareness

## Here are some of the young professionals who took part in our programme:



**Rivaldo Kpadonou**  
28, Benin

Rivaldo is now working as a regional expert on land degradation neutrality at UNCCD.



**Tasnim Abderrahim**  
30, Tunisia

Tasnim is now working as a political officer at the British Embassy in Tunis.



**Essete Abebe Bekele**  
30, Ethiopia

Essete is now an advisor on higher education at GIZ to the AU Office.



**Tarila Marclint Ebiede**  
29, Nigeria

Tarila is now a technical expert on peacebuilding, security, governance and public policy at Conflict Management Consulting.



**Asmita Parshotam**  
31, South Africa

Asmita is now a researcher for the economic diplomacy programme at the South African Institute of International Affairs.

