

# Walamatien Coulibaly, PMP

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Graduate student in International Political Economy and Development at Fordham University and member of Phi Kappa Phi. Over 8 years of experience leading sustainable development and agricultural innovation initiatives across West Africa. Founder and Executive Director of Mita Project, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit incubating TikaHarvest—a digital agriculture platform empowering smallholder farmers through climate-smart training, AI-driven advisories, and inclusive market access. Dedicated to bridging research, policy, and practice to advance food security and climate resilience.

## EDUCATION

**Master of Arts (MA) in International Development**, Fordham University, Expected (Dec. 2025)

**Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Finance & Supply Chain Management**, Michigan State University

**Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Mathematics**, Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny

**Project Management Professional (PMP)**, Project Management Institute (PMI)

**Honors:** Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Tony Elumelu Foundation Fellow

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Executive Director & Founder | Mita Project**, Côte d'Ivoire & New York 01/2021 – Present

- Lead a U.S.-registered nonprofit empowering 3,000+ smallholder farmers through climate-smart agriculture and digital innovation.
- Designed and managed partnerships with ANADER, CNRA, and local cooperatives to scale regenerative agriculture.
- Launched TikaHarvest, the digital arm of Mita Project, delivering AI-driven advisories and market linkages to farmers.
- Developed and implemented a \$300K fundraising campaign using Google Ads and GivingTuesday strategy.

**Project Manager | Ministry of Economics & Development**, Côte d'Ivoire 03/2022 – 12/2024

- Led program development for a \$3M rural development program across 3 regions, optimizing policy implementation, improving organizational performance by 20%.
- Built partnerships with governments, donors, and NGOs to align resources and coordinate joint development initiatives.
- Managed compliance and finances for \$3M programs, ensuring donor alignment, transparency, audit readiness, and accurate financial reporting.
- Led and mentored a 12-member team, fostering feedback, growth, and improvement, increasing productivity by 15%.

**Senior Business Advisor | TechnoServe**, Côte d'Ivoire 01/2019 – 02/2022

- Managed a \$2M livelihoods program improving cocoa farmers' income by 25%.
- Strengthened cooperatives' governance and introduced digital recordkeeping systems.
- Provided business training and financial literacy to 50+ farmer organizations.

**Supply Chain Analyst | Nestlé**, Côte d'Ivoire 08/2016 – 12/2018

- Led sourcing initiatives saving \$250K annually, improving supplier relations, efficiency, and alignment with corporate goals.
- Boosted procurement efficiency by 5%, streamlining processes, improving decisions, and strengthening market competitiveness.
- Increased forecasting accuracy by 15%, reducing stockouts, stabilizing inventory, and improving customer satisfaction and cost efficiency.

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## SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

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Project & Program Management • Climate-Smart Agriculture • Grant Writing & Fundraising • Data Analysis (Excel, SQL, Stata, R) • Bilingual: English & French