

# INGE BONGO

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## EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

### Diplomatic Sector

Accomplished and refined professional well seasoned in Diplomacy who possesses exceptional achievements with in Diplomatic Sectors. At ease in a variety of cultural environments, serving as a liaison between many Heads of State as well as cabinet members, State Officials, high-level Executives and members of the Entertainment Industry. I am an American from California who married into the Ruling family of Gabon. My husband is the current Head of State of Gabon and although estranged we still enjoy a positive working relationship. I have extensive experience in negotiating and resolving misinterpretations that often occur between tribal cultures. I possess Keen Negotiation, Communication, Public Relations acumen and exceptional presentation skills. Having lived on the Continent of Africa for more than 20 years I also have vast knowledge in Tribal policies and I'm priveleged to have in my Rolodex private telephone numbers to several dozen Presidents and Ministers around the world. I am Fluent in English, French, Spanish, German and Portuguese as well as the Bateke and Bantu dialects. Also, working knowledge of Arabic and Mandarin.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

THE AFRICAN UNION- ADISS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

2005-PRESENT

H.E JEAN PING 251.1.5517.700 DIRECT DIAL TO HIS EXCELLENCY 1.646.691.6456

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SENIOR ADVISOR ON SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEES FOCUSED IN HEALTH, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE AND CULTURE.

Advise the committees mentioned above and report directly to H.E. Jean Ping Chairman of the AU on all projects directly related to distribution of funds, projects and policies in accordance to African Union Policies. I Investigate and oversee health initiatives within remote villages all over the Continent as well as projects for clean water. I work as an Ambassador through the AU and leaders on the Continent in accordance with AU procedures on the importance of education throughout the Continent. Exploring and implementing Agriculture projects including nurturing and harvesting crops, fish farms and other sustainable sources of food. I manage a team of 40+.

REPUBLIC OF GABON, WEST AFRICA – *Gabon, West Africa*

1989 - 2009

### *Presidential Liaison*

- ✦ Served as right-hand and interpreter to President El Haj Omar Bongo of Gabon, Africa until his death in 2009. Facilitating various international events including high level meetings and State visits with Heads of States such as President Bill Clinton, President George W. Bush, President Hu Jintao, President Barack Obama, King Hassan of Morocco, King Muhammad VI also of Morocco, France's Presidents Mitterrand, Chirac and Sarkozy as well as dozens of other Heads of State around the world. I worked extensively with the Ministry of Oil. Organized annual global medical summits, and collaborated with Gabon's Ministry of Infrastructure on roads, transportation, schools and Educational programs. I also coordinated cultural and art events.

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- Traveled extensively with President Bongo Ondimba as an advisor and translator to ensure precise diplomatic communications during official meetings and summits and provided accurate transcripts of dialogues for all parties involved.
- Recruited medical doctors from the United States, Europe, Central America and Canada from all fields of medicine to attend conferences in Gabon and handled all transportation, housing and venue selection.
- Journeyed to remote villages in Gabon to bring resources, literature and aid from Israel and the United States to locals in need of assistance and education in hopes of becoming self-sufficient farmers.
- Negotiated the acquisition of 200 city buses at low cost from Volvo of Sweden to increase the ability of Gabonese locals to travel to work, medical facilities, schools and shops.
- Utilized my resources within the entertainment industry to organize a Gabonese Music Festival in conjunction with the Ministry of Culture that resulted in \$12 million USD in charitable funds raised for the citizens of Gabon in need.
- Gained experience and natural ease when dealing with high level Government Officials and Royalty that proved essential throughout my career in diplomacy and philanthropy.

DESIGNER'S I/DESIGNER'S I ACCESSORIES – *Santa Monica, California*

1983 - 1989

## ***Owner***

Orchestrated the launch of two successful multi million dollar interior design retail showrooms catering to elite, A-list clientele. Handled all aspects of acquiring initial financing, client relations, planning promotional activities, marketing, merchandising, supply procurement, personalized design and installations. Provided clients with unsurpassed service, expertise and convenience throughout the sales and completion process. Shared creative, artistic interior design talents with customers to enable customers to make informed decisions for their purchases. Regularly attended design shows to ensure showrooms featured the most current trends in furnishings and accessories.

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## **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

Saint Jude's Children's Hospital

Memphis, Tennessee

Created an annual toy drive in Gabon that delivered Christmas gifts to patients of Saint Jude's 1992-2015

Habitat for Humanity; Los Angeles, California

Proud Construction Volunteer since 2004

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Doctors without Borders; Adiss Ababa, Ethiopia

Medecins sans Frontieres

Partnered with the AU and NGO's to contribute medical equipment and supplies to Doctors without Borders (MSF)

2005-2015

G & P Foundation (Cancer research); New York, New York

Helped establish and organize the celebrity line up and auction for the annual 'Angel Ball' 1999-2015 after Denise & Marc Rich's daughter Gabrielle, succumbed to leukemia.

Dr. Keith Black Brain Cancer Research Foundation c/o Maxine Dunitz Neurosurgical Institute @Cedars Sinai  
Medical Center; Los Angeles, California

Raised \$5,000,000.00 USD for brain cancer research. 1998

Boys and Girl's club of America-Santa Monica, California

Tutored school children in French

Make a Wish Foundation

Support & Donations

2001-2012

The First Tee Palm Desert, CA

Taught after school French to young golfers

2007-2013

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## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Codetalk Graduate

Front end Web Development Venice, California

Universite' Omar Bongo; Libreville, Gabon

Masters Degree in Economics and Cultural Studies

University of California Los Angeles; Los Angeles, California

Pursued Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design

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Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising; Los Angeles, California

Associate of Arts in Merchandising/Marketing

Member of the American Society of Interior Designers

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