



## LOUYOKO NIANZA

**Louyoko Nianza** is a Political Science student at Utah Valley University (UVU) in the United States majoring in peace and justice. He is also an assistant researcher and intern associate at the UVU Gary R. Herbert Institute for Public Policy, where he studies the role of governance, civic engagement, leadership, and local community engagement in promoting public participation.

Louyoko is a member of the Utah International Mountain Forum, a coalition of student clubs at UVU dedicated to the advocacy of sustainable development for mountain communities in the State of Utah and globally. He is also a vice-president of the UVU Rotaract Club. Through the UIMF he both serves local communities and advocates for rights of mountain communities. He contributed to the 68th and 69th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women by advocating for the underserved mountain communities, including women and girls.

Native of the Republic of Congo, Louyoko lost both parents at a young age. As a result, he developed a strong sense of responsibility and determination to create meaningful change in his community and beyond. In 2018 Louyoko became actively involved with the Rotaract Club of Brazzaville, contributing to community service initiatives and leadership development. A committed leader and entrepreneur, Louyoko is the founder of Smart-Africain, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting education, ethical leadership, and social cohesion while combating xenophobia across Africa.

He organized the Seminar on African Leadership and Self-Esteem (SLSA), a platform designed to empower individuals facing social and geographic barriers through structured leadership training and personal development. In addition, he is the CEO of Bamaeribole School, an educational initiative focused on fostering academic excellence and preparing a disciplined, responsible generation capable of addressing contemporary challenges, especially in underserved communities. Louyoko is the author of *Go Back to Africa*, a work that explores the responsibility of African people in rebuilding the continent, with a focus on strategic development for marginalized and geographically isolated populations.