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Dr. Carolyne Akinyi Opinde is an award-winning global consultant, social innovator and Founder and CEO of The NGO Whisperer™ providing technical support to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Africa, Europe, North America, Latin America, and the Caribbean so they can successfully impact people's lives.

Dr. Opinde believes that socio-economic development within low-income communities can be achieved by **“Connecting People, Raising Funds, and Impacting Lives™”**.

Dr. Opinde is a seasoned Resource Mobilisation Specialist and a certified Project Management Professional with over 15 years' experience in the nonprofit sector. Her knowledge and expertise in international development has impacted communities across the globe. She has raised over US\$ 100 million and managed various projects worth US\$ 20+ million.

Dr. Opinde's commitment to making a difference in people's lives, especially among women, girls and children in underserved communities led her to establish **The NGO Whisperer™** in 2018, as a consulting business with a global reach that provides technical support to nonprofits and social enterprises, so they can successfully impact people's lives. Alongside the global consultancy work, **The NGO Whisperer™** runs a 6-month rigorous global fellowship programme for leaders in the nonprofit and social enterprise sector, as well as a prestigious media platform with a quarterly magazine and weekly podcast/show with a global reach.

International Speaker and Evangelist for social entrepreneurship:

Dr. Opinde is an international speaker and evangelist for social entrepreneurship. She has spoken to audiences of over 5 000, sharing the stage with Former President Bill Clinton, Bishop T. D. Jakes, Deepak Chopra, and Founders and CEOs of leading fortune 500 companies such as PayPal, Nike, Walmart, Yahoo and Hollywood celebrities to name a few.

Awards and Recognition:

Dr. Opinde currently serves as Technical Advisor to the International Women's Think Tank, a nonprofit that promotes research, critical thinking and innovative solutions on issues related to women and girls. Previously, she served as the Treasurer of The Rotary Club of Cape Town, South Africa, 2016 – 2017, and continues to serve the global Rotarian community as a member.

Dr. Opinde has received recognition for her contribution in resource Mobilisation, leadership development and excellent service to humanity.

- In 2021, Dr. Opinde was named:
 - **World Civility Award** winner by iChange Nations™, a recognition that has previously been awarded to Presidents and world leaders including H.E. Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, Former President of the Republic of Zambia.
 - **Every Girl Wins Global Ambassador** and continues to serve as Every Girl Wins Institute's **Representative for South Africa** and **Senior Advisor**.



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- In 2020, Dr. Opinde became a member of **UN Women**, the global champion for gender equality, and was named the **Family Civility Advocate of the Year** by the Family Civility Institute, and one of the **60 Women to Watch out for in 2021** by Phenomenal African Women Foundation.
- In 2019, she was named the **Best Impact-Focused Social Development Female Leader of the Year**, by British Award for African Development (BRAAD).
- In 2015 she was named one of the **Future Leaders** by Resource Alliance at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom, among other recognitions.

Education and Other Accreditations:

Dr. Opinde holds an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Humanities with a focus on Non-Governmental Ministries from the United Graduate College and Seminary International, U.S., a Master of Science in Project Management from the University of Salford, U.K. and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Chemistry from the University of Nairobi, Kenya.

She is also a certified Project Management Professional® (UK) and Certified Scrum Product Owner®, among other accreditations.

Personal Life:

Dr. Opinde lives with her husband in Manchester, United Kingdom and is a health and fitness enthusiast.

Favourite Quote:

“We can achieve socio-economic development within low-income communities by connecting people, raising funds, and impacting lives™.”

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