

# IN MY OWN WORDS

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## THIS IS WHO I AM

I am Abdulmajid Aminu a Nigerian and a self-driven person toward enhancing a sustainable livelihood through the world of business, community engagement and volunteering; whilst on the other hand, I am an environmentalist by qualification and a postgraduate MasterCard Scholar at the University of Cape Town(UCT).

Amongst my successes I am a YALI Regional Leadership Centre alumni from West Africa, I have worked as an Admin Officer within a hospital setting and I have also worked as a Monitoring and Evaluation officer in other areas. However, I am looking forward to ways in which I can volunteer solutions to most environmental swamps that are infringing on our ambiance in Africa. This is because a person is a person through others, we can only validate our humanity through our responsibilities to other people.

Therefore, once I commit I never quit. Quitters never win and winners never quit. This has always been the mantra that keeps me going against all odds; as an entrepreneur seeing my innovations as a solution to other people's problems and as a scholar pursuing my academics goals.



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This has further strengthened my motivation to actualise a dream that will enable me to stand on the shoulders of other giants and later pave the way for me to navigate my hiccups as I progress in my career and in life in general. As such no mountain is too high as long as you have a reason to climb.

Commitment and resilience is all that keeps me on track. Success is not all that I have attained, my struggles and failures have never been the end in all that I have experienced. Rather, all that makes me blossom and shine the brightest is the courage to continue, whether feeling thwarted or even progressing. I have learnt that there is no free ride for excellence, some roughness will always abound. In my life challenges have been a stimulant, although more discouraging when you don't have the motivation to continue

My biggest challenge was growing up without a silver spoon in my mouth. Even without a perfect moment within reach, I took the moment and tried to make it perfect. Today this has led to the attainment of my goals through my endeavours and the confidence that tomorrow will be more rewarding. Life will give you the best when you take the chance to test yourself. Have some fun, push the boundaries and it may turn out not only to be different, but even better than you may have imagined. Finally, live for yourself and you will live in vain. Live for others and you will gain. Indeed, shining more light in the life of others by helping them to actualise their dreams, brightens your pathway as well. Life is not all about yourself but about others. My success at UCT is attributed to the MasterCard Foundation. Through volunteering in an effort to give back, I aspire to encourage others to become generational thinkers within the African Continent and beyond. I want to encourage them to be people who can lead with forethought to make Africa rise again through entrepreneurial activities and technical skills.