

CURRICULUM VITAE: KHOLOFELO KUGLER

- 1. Family name:** Kugler née Masenya
- 2. First names:** Kholofelo Ngokoane
- 3. Date of birth:** 15 February 1983
- 4. Nationality:** South African

5. Key skills/ profile:

Kholofelo is a highly motivated and qualified international trade and development professional with over 15 years' working experience. Her expertise lies primarily in assessing legal compliance, conducting thorough research, and providing legal and policy advice to public and private entities. She has strong communication, writing, training, and presentation skills. She is also professional, flexible, and able to work effectively independently and in teams.

6. Education

Institution	Degrees obtained
University of Lucerne (2021 – present)	PhD Law (in progress) – Topic: Artificial Intelligence and Trade Law
University of Bern (2013 – 2014)	Master of Arts in International Law and Economics, <i>summa cum laude</i>
University the Witwatersrand (2008 – 2010)	LLB degree, <i>cum laude</i>
University of South Africa (2004 – 2006)	Bachelor of Arts in Economics and International Relations

- 7. Languages:** English (fluent/native); Spanish (B2); German (B1); French (A2)

- 8. Other skills:** Excellent computer skills, including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, social media, training/lecturing, workshop hosting and organisation, public speaking at high-level events, media interviews, writing legal briefs for court processes, legal opinions, op-eds, briefings, policy papers, and research reports.

9. Membership of Professional Bodies:

- Women's Foreign Policy Group, Member, 2021
- Black Professionals in International Affairs, Member, 2020-Present
- Trade Policy Exchange, Co-Founder and Steering Committee Member, 2019 – Present
- Trade Experettes, Founding member, 2018 – Present
- Society of International Economic Law, Member, 2014 – Present
- Law Society of South Africa, Member (admitted attorney), 2013 – Present

10. Other activities

- Visiting Research Fellow (Remote): University of the Witwatersrand, December 2017-Present
- Expert participant in Meta's (previously Facebook) Africa Data Privacy Expert Roundtables (monthly), December 2021-Present

11. Professional Experience

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1.	September 2021-Present	Lucerne, Switzerland	University of Lucerne	PhD Fellow	PhD fellow in the project Trade Law 4.0 (https://digitaltradelaw.ch/). Half of my time is dedicated to conducting research for my PhD on Artificial Intelligence and International Trade Law. The other 50% of my time is dedicated to project support. This includes research support on digital trade (including data privacy) papers for Prof. Mira Burri (supervisor) and updating and maintaining the TAPED database.
2.	October 2015–August 2021 (on sabbatical)	Geneva, Switzerland	ACWL	Counsel	<p>Provided specialized litigation, advisory, and training services on international trade law to developing-country and least-developed-country WTO members. Conducted compliance reviews of domestic and external trade regulations to develop solutions to complex legal and trade policy implementation problems.</p> <p>Key achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised various Members in dispute settlement proceedings. Including advice to restructure agricultural subsidies programmes to make them WTO compliant. This advice has assisted to avoid litigation and to mitigate damage to a very politically sensitive industry. Advised on and co-drafted the first MoU in which parties agreed not to appeal a WTO panel report in case the Appellate Body no longer had sufficient Members to hear appeals (<i>Indonesia – Iron or Steel Products</i>).
3.	April – September 2015	Erlangen, Germany	Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg Department of Public Law and Public International Law	Research Assistant to Professor Markus Krajewski	<p>Conducted research and presented at academic conferences. Taught public international law to moot court students.</p> <p>Key achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-edited the <i>European Yearbook of International Economic Law 2016</i> and created new editorial guidelines to streamline the editorial process. Presented a paper on African regional integration at a conference in Quito, Ecuador.
4.	October 2014 – October 2015	Geneva, Switzerland/ Nuremberg, Germany	WTI Advisors Ltd.	Junior Associate/Consultant	Conducted research and provided international trade legal and policy advice to African, Caribbean, and Pacific states in mostly European Union-funded development projects. Managed the social media accounts and tweeted live at events. Provided project support, including substantive inputs, to ensure compliance with project requirements.

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					<p>Key achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided relevant and high-quality trade-related technical support to a large southeast Asian country in its Free Trade Agreement negotiations with the EU. • Created and maintained a database of global development agencies to streamline and optimize business development activities.
5.	January 2011 – August 2013	Johannesburg, South Africa	Bowmans (Previously Bowman Gilfillan Inc.)	Candidate Attorney and Associate	<p>As a Candidate Attorney, did rotations in the areas of Banking and Finance, Employment, Competition, and Public and Technology, Media, and Telecommunications Law. As an Associate, was retained in the Employment Law department.</p> <p>Main duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted research on commercial and public law. • Drafted legal memos, litigation briefs, and commercial contracts. • Reviewed transaction documents and contracts. • Involved in cross-border finance transactions and multi-jurisdictional mergers. • Participated in litigation strategy formulation and settlement negotiations. <p>Key achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected Candidate Attorneys' and Associates' Representative to coordinate and represent the interests of over 30 Candidate Attorneys and first-year Associates to management. • Won a large damages and cost award on behalf of farmworkers in a racial discrimination case. • Organized the first Young ICCA (International Council for Commercial Arbitration) conference in South Africa and helped raised awareness of international dispute settlement as a career option for South African lawyers.
6.	November 2009 – January 2010	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Quevedo Abogados	Intern	<p>Interned in the Commercial Arbitration practice area. Provided administrative support, document review, and Spanish-English contract translation.</p> <p>Key achievement</p> <p>Developed and maintained a database to update outcomes of public international investor-state disputes.</p>