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Hi, my name is James Osundwa, from Nairobi Kenya, and I'm volunteering with the World Federation for Coral Reef Conservation (WFCRC) as a Sr. GIS Officer. I'm currently studying in a one-year Master of Science in GIS Program at the University of Redlands. My master's thesis will look at developing a mobile GIS tool for WFCRC, to help citizen scientists report on coral reefs in St. Maarten.

I'm a leading authority in GIS and mapping for sustainable development. I have 10 years of unparalleled experience advising governments on the most suitable GIS solutions for decision and policy making. I've worked with the UN solving conservation problems, answering environmental questions, and improving human livelihood. My passion is building GIS capacity in the developing world, and seeing the technology simplify and solve complex sustainable development problems such as analyzing: ecosystem processes and planning conservation landscapes. I train and inspire people to use GIS to better understand their areas of interest and solve problems.

When I'm not working, I enjoy making friends and serving the less fortunate through my local Rotary club. Through Rotary I've traveled, made friends, and gained cultural understanding across the world. I'm also an avid golfer, and have represented the UN Office in Nairobi at the UN Inter-Agency games.

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The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing".Edmund Burke