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The Institute for National Transformation management welcomes you to 2022. We would love to hear from you. Kindly send your contributions to the February, 2022 newsletter. Articles will be assessed on rolling basis, and should be 500- 1500 words in length, including spaces. The deadline for submission of articles for the February, 2022 newsletter is Sunday, 30th January, 2022. Your feedback and suggestions are highly appreciated.

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My Journey to National Transformation

Hi my name is Lena Pira, INT class 28. Let me say that INT was the best thing that happened to me in 2021 and possibly my life!



I heard about INT's Executive Leadership Course probably about 5 or 6 years ago by several friends of mine who had participated in the course. At that time I was very busy with ministry and unable to attend the Sunday courses due to church commitments but in 2020 that all changed. What the world cried about (COVID 19 Lockdowns) were a welcome change to my very busy schedule. Changing physical meetings to Zoom gave me the freedom to be able to get around to the things I had been unable to do on my traditional schedule.

As a result, I joined INT in Jan 2021, knowing very well that I would be asked to do something BIG. I had a project in

mind from way back in 2014, but the truth is, I wrote it down and went about doing other things, thinking about it occasionally but never pursuing it actively. Needless to say, INT changed all of that and brought my dust-filled project back to life in a way beyond my wildest dreams. Networking with my fellow classmates and thinking about the dreams and passions God placed inside me brought my project to life in a way that I could have never imagined, and for that I am eternally grateful and excited for the road ahead!

In addition to reviving my dreams, INT challenged and pushed me to think of National Transformation in a new light; helping me to understand the potential I have to change not only Uganda but the world. It has given me an invaluable network of new like minded agents of change and has stretched me to do more than I thought was possible. In just 1 year, I have accomplished things that could take some a lifetime.





My journey however has not just been for me. I am grateful to say that as a result of INT and my group project, my colleagues and I were able to provide a 6-week training workshop for 25 parents in Uganda. Providing them with insightful information, practical tools and strategies on how they can help their children succeed in all they do. This has not only then changed and transformed the homes of our participants and colleagues but it will provide a better opportunity for success to all of the Next Generation Leaders for Uganda who are growing up in those homes. What an opportunity!

As you can tell by now, I believe INT is an amazing course and a must for anyone who wants to be an agent of transformation in their community, nation, continent or the world. I must admit I had no idea what I was in for when I started but INT has shown me that I can do more physically, mentally, intellectually, spiritually and technologically than I thought I could. I have been encour-

aged and challenged to move from one level to another in terms of my ministry and calling. I am greatly encouraged, excited and ready for the mission that God has set before me. This time has taught me that I can push myself to greater limits with

Christ who works in and through me; nothing is impossible for me!

As INT wrapped up, I asked God to show and reveal to me the things that He has for us that are beyond what I could ever ask or think. Prof and the team of lecturers at INT have done an amazing job, going as far as to commission us as a class and individuals. This is something that demands our attention and response. For some I felt it was a signal to think and dream bigger and for others I felt it was God confirming what we heard and saw over our past six months in INT. It was God telling us, "yes its big but I have called and ordained you for such a time as this." I believe this message of INT is life changing and one that I want to go back to over and over to

chew on and extract even more from in the days, weeks and years to come. The calling and mandate that is placed upon us as INT Alumni is not just national but global.

Those who dare to dream to that level in their projects must understand what has been placed upon our shoulders and resound with a resounding, “Here I am Lord, Send Me” as we keep on the INT journey even post graduation. Five outstanding and notable lessons that I will take with me are;

- **I AM CALLED TO BE THE HANDS OF FEET OF CHRIST UPON THIS EARTH**, as such we must act as his called and chosen vessels to bring the Kingdom of God and the message of grace to them in practical and loving ways.

- **GOD HAS GIVEN ME EVERYTHING I NEED FOR LIFE AND GODLINESS.** This includes the resources, energy, knowledge, wisdom and understanding needed to carry out the calling and purpose he has placed before us. We should not shrink back out of fear when we see and grasp the bigness of what God has called us to. He would only give it to us if he knew we could handle it.

- **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD**, I can do all things with Him and through Him. If someone was to tell me

that I would spend four days not sleeping I might have defaulted to my comfort zone and said, “I can’t do that...” With such a preconditioned idea I would have missed out on the fullness God had for me.

- **BE A LIFELONG LEARNER** and seek to be an expert in my area of passion and calling. Doing that will strengthen me in my calling and add a level of credibility to all I do.

- **BE INTENTIONAL TO LISTEN AND HEAR FROM GOD**; the major sign that I am on the right path is that I will always feel a sense of peace about a decision. If I do not yet have peace about it, I should not do it. If someone or something is constantly disrupting my peace, it is okay to know that I need to step away from that person or situation for the time being so that I can regroup and hear from God regarding that matter.



I would recommend INT to anyone who wants to be challenged and stretched into the next realm or into a new level of ministry. HMT, especially in conjunction with INT, is a perfect opportunity for people to evaluate their current life course and to hear God's mind about the next steps they should take in their journey of life, transformation and ministry. I believe INT marks a turning point in my life where I am jumping in full force into my next level of ministry and global impact. Before this point I had not yet started fully. I believe now, after 12 years of being a missionary in Uganda, I have been commissioned to start fully! Thank you INT, I do not take this opportunity for granted.

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