

TAMLYN STEVENS

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Analytical lead at the intersection of Economics, Law, and Climate Policy. Expert in translating geopolitical decisions into local economic action with a focus on Natural Capital and sustainable finance. Proven experience in Chatham House policy analysis, financial operations, and stakeholder negotiation. A 'Global Majority' leader dedicated to future-proofing youth-led advocacy through strategic resource management and legislative accountability.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- **Policy & Research:** ESG Analysis, Policy Drafting, Migration Trends, Circular Economy.
- **Administration:** Secretariat Management, Minute-taking, Financial Tracking, CRM.
- **Tech & Design:** Full-Stack Development, Graphic Design, Data Visualization, AI Chatbots.
- **Languages:** English (Native), Afrikaans (Bilingual), Danish (Working), German (Working).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founders6 Accelerator | *Founder Cohort Member* | July 2026 – Present

- Selected to participate in an international startup accelerator supporting high-growth technology founders.
- Receiving mentorship on venture fundraising, customer discovery, product strategy, and investor readiness.
- Developing Rewear Closet's fundraising strategy, go-to-market execution, and venture scaling roadmap.

Girls Into VC | *Regional Lead* | March 2026 -Present

- Founded and lead the Cape Town chapter, growing a local community for women interested in venture capital and investing.
- Organised educational events, networking sessions, and partnerships with universities and industry professionals.
- Built relationships with founders, investors, and ecosystem partners to increase access to venture capital careers.
- Led community strategy, operations, outreach, and volunteer coordination.

- Organised speaker events and workshops while developing partnerships across universities and the South African startup ecosystem.

Politics 4 Her Africa | Policy Research & Advocacy Candidate | March 2026 -Present

- Selected as a candidate for the Policy and Research Writing role, focusing on the intersection of gender justice, legislative frameworks, and economic autonomy across the African continent.
- Developed a comprehensive policy analysis of the South African Criminal Justice System, identifying structural defects and proposing data-driven solutions for the forensic and evidentiary implementation gap.
- Conducted independent thematic research on the geopolitical and economic dimensions of the conflict in Sudan, focusing on the weaponization of the economy against women and the integration of grassroots Emergency Response Rooms (ERRs) into formal humanitarian frameworks.
- Utilized a Law and Economics framework to analyze the care economy and advocate for localized, gender-responsive budgeting to bridge the gap between grassroots realities and legislative change.

National Geographic Society + The Nature Conservancy | *Extern* | Feb 2026 - Mar 2026

- Learnt about various freshwater conservation issues and approaches, through resources and case studies provided by National Geographic (NGS) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
- Learnt and applied various primary and secondary research methods to identify freshwater conservation issues in your local area or region
- Spoke to local leaders, conservationists, community members, and experts from NGS/TNC to gain a deep understanding of freshwater issues and their impact on the local community
- Conducted a landscape/gap analysis to identify gaps and propose solutions
- Used compelling written and visual storytelling to communicate freshwater issues and the ways in which communities can help

Mobility for Climate Policy | *Finance and operations lead* | Dec 2025- present

- Directly manage the Programs Unit, overseeing the integration of research, policy, and event work to strengthen climate mobility governance across the Global South and Global North.
- Oversee the conversion of high-quality, evidence-based research into implementable policy recommendations that address climate displacement, voluntary movement, and immobility.
- Coordinate cross-regional and South-North cooperation by managing partnerships between academic researchers, community leaders, and policymakers to ensure governance frameworks reflect lived realities.
- Lead Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) frameworks to ensure research findings reach the right audiences and tackling root causes of vulnerability, such as environmental degradation and lack of adaptive capacity.

DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE | *Branch Secretary* | FEB 2025 – PRESENT

- Directly manage ward-level administration, including scheduling, agenda drafting, and recording official minutes for community council meetings.
- Oversee financial fundraising efforts for regional campaigns and local community initiatives.
- Coordinate large-scale community projects (such as urban reforestation) and manage stakeholder communications via official channels.

MISSION FOR INNER CITY CAPE TOWN | *Data Intern* | AUG – SEPT 2025

- Served as the sole intern on the data team, spearheading the analysis of urban planning and regional development initiatives.
- Engineered a comprehensive city map identifying urban safe zones, tourist hotspots, and key economic opportunities to inform city development.
- Spearheaded local sponsorship outreach, successfully raising **R50,000** to fund community projects and data-driven initiatives.
- Provided actionable, data-backed insights to improve urban spaces and foster sustainable community engagement.

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM (GLOBAL SHAPERS) | *Social Media & Community Lead* | JULY 2025 – PRESENT

- Lead the social media strategy for the Cape Town Hub, managing a team to drive youth engagement in local policy initiatives.
- Key contributor to the "Reskilling of the Future" project, handling strategic planning and logistical coordination.

MAGUSTA VENTURES | *Extern* | JULY – DEC 2025

- Selected for a competitive externship focused on venture capital acquisition and funding pathways for early-stage startups.
- Conducted intensive market and financial research to identify growth strategies and scaling opportunities for diverse portfolios.
- Produced data-driven recommendations and strategic reports to assist startups in navigating the venture capital landscape.

BUILT BY HER & REWEAR CLOSET | *Founder / Tech Lead* | FEB 2024 – PRESENT

- **Built By Her** : Established a student-led non-profit providing financial literacy education to young women in South Africa.
- **Rewear Closet**: Developed a fashion-tech platform promoting circular consumption; managed all front-end/back-end coding and UI/UX design.

Equality for Africa | *Author* | Jan 2021- June 2023

- **Diplomatic Outreach**: Initiated formal correspondence with international heads of state and monarchs to advocate for South African youth priorities and socio-economic equity.
- **Policy Analysis**: Authored weekly research-based reports on South African history, current affairs, and the systemic barriers facing the "Global Majority."

- **Digital Engagement:** Built and managed an independent digital platform that reached a global audience of over 50 weekly readers, utilizing storytelling to bridge the gap between youth and complex political discourse.
- **Resilience & Transition:** Managed the platform independently for two years while navigating personal displacement and educational transitions, demonstrating long-term commitment to advocacy goals.

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIPS

- **HARVARD UNIVERSITY** | *Bachelor of Arts: Pre-Law & Economics* | **MAY 2025 – JUNE 2029**
- **UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN** | *Sustainable Development Goals Program on Coursea* | **2024**
- **BRIDGEWAY ACADEMY** | *High School Diploma* | **Completed 2025**
- **YOUTH IN POLICY** | *Policy Fellow* | **JAN – JULY 2025**
- **THE KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY (TKS)** | *Robotics & Research Program* | **2023 – 2024**

PUBLICATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- **Publication:** *Tokenism in Youth Policy in South Africa*, Youth in Policy Journal (2025).
- **Publication:** Contributor to the *South African National Youth Statement* (LCOY 2025).

Certifications:

- Youth & Peacebuilding (UNITAR)
- Sustainable Finance JP Morgan (Forage), Climate Policy via Forage
- Key Essentials: Investment Rules, Sustainable Development and the Law Short Course Democratising Education for Global Sustainability and Justice (DemEd Global),
- The Wealth Economy, Sustainable Development and the Law short course Democratising Education for Global Sustainability and Justice (DemEd Global)
- EDGE SKILLS X FEMALE X FINANCE Investment Banking
- INSIDE LVMH Certificate

VOLUNTEER & ADDITIONAL IMPACT

- **The Earthshot Prize:** Global Research Panel Member providing insights on inclusive policy design.
- **HASSL Ambassador:** Led public safety campaigns and educational initiatives for women's safety within South Africa **Freelance Design:** Managed a client portfolio in Canada, delivering branding and coding solutions
- **Chatham House** : I audit international climate frameworks and geopolitical trends to identify gaps between global governance and local economic implementation in the Global South