

## **BIOGRAPHY – Umeeda Switlo**

Born in Uganda, lives in Punta Gorda and Vancouver, Canada

**President Naledo Belize Ltd and Naledo Foods and Beverages Inc ( Canada)-  
Belize Social enterprise.**

Started a Social Enterprise engaging 300 farmers and 12 youth to create the first  
Turmeric Paste in the world.

**2015- Youth Entrepreneurship Development Advisor**-Enterprise Development,  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports-Youth Services Department-Belize  
**Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports-Youth Services Department-Belize**

**2013- 2014 Executive Director** - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award BC/ Yukon

**2008-2013 Public Engagement Officer West Canada-** Cuso  
International

- Canada's largest International volunteers sending organization

**2011-Adviser to Disability groups in Rwanda-** Cuso International volunteer

**2007-2008-Corporate Relations-** Canadian Cancer Society- Fraser Valley Region

**2007-2008- Communications and Fundraising-** The Nature Conservancy of Canada.

**2005-** CEO Barkerville Heritage Town, Wells, BC

**2001-Sewell's Marina, West Vancouver, BC**

**1992-2005-President,** Community Box Offices **and** CBO Ticket sales

**1986-1989-President/Founder & Operator,** My Little School Daycare, North  
Vancouver, BC

### **Environment**

I am passionate about ecosystems and sharing that information so that we can learn  
and make positive changes in the way we live and work.

**Habitat Protection Biologist,** Ministry of  
Environment

**1981-1984**

**Sport Fisheries Biologist,** Federal Fisheries and  
Oceans

**1980-1982**

**Interpreter, Fort Rodd Hill and Vancouver  
Aquarium**

**1974-1980**

✓ **Events presented**

Duke Of Edinbrugh's Award multiple ceremonies including those involving Lieutenant Governor and members of the Royal Family ( 2013-2014), Cuso International 2008 to 2013 multiple events including 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Event and communications Officer-Nature Conservancy of Canada, British Columbia- 2006-2007, Producer "Taste of Health" 2004 and 2005 ( 3,00 guests), Festival Director "Vancouver International Storytelling Festival" 2004 ( 2,000 guests) , Co-Producer and Business Manager New Music West ( 27,000 guests), Chairperson and Executive Producer "Millennium Celebrations" North Shore Arts Commission, North Vancouver, BC, 2000 ( 20,000 guests), Business Consultant "Mission Folk Music Festival" 1995 to Present ( 10,000 guests), The Gorge Amphitheatre 1993-1996 ( 25,000 guests), Sponsorship, Promotions and Ticketing Manager "Unique Lives and Experiences" 1995-1997 ( 1,800 guests per event), Executive Producer "Opening of World Aids Conference" ,1995 ( 2,000 guests),Executive Producer "Sunflower Sundays"1994 –1996 ( 5,000 guests per event), Executive Producer "Ugandan Reunion 1994 ( 1,000 guests), Sponsorship and Ticketing "Science and Technology Series"1993 –1996 ( 1200 guests per event), Producer, "International Ticketing Conference"1992(3,000 guests)

✓ **Active Community participant**

Commitment to community development: board member and founder of non-profit societies

**Board member of Vision Television ( Inspirit Foundation \$50 million), Board member** Pacific Peoples Partnership, **Executive Director**, Re-Generation Youth Music Festival and Conference; **Arts Commissioner**, District of North Vancouver; **Founding Board Member**, St. Paul's /UBC Aids Research Chair; **Vice-President**, Orpheum's Kids Club; **President**, North Lonsdale Ratepayers; **Founding Member**, North Shore Environmental Task Force and North Shore Parks Committee; **Nominated for Women's Entrepreneur of the Year Award**, Sponsored by the YWCA; **Candidate for Mayor District of North Vancouver**, **Driver for Mosque Van for Seniors**, Ismaili Community; **Women's Entrepreneur Trade Mission** to Los Angeles; **Associate Producer** "Chika's Bird"; **Deputy Returning Officer**, Elections BC and Canada; **Board Member**, Habitat Acquisition Trust; **Speaker**, Passages to Canada Program, Dominion Institute.

**Heritage Award for Landscaping**, District of North Vancouver, **Best Environmental Garden and Creek Restoration**, North Shore Recycling, **Certificate of Appreciation for Volunteer Board Work**, District of North Vancouver, **2000 Arts and Culture Award**, North Shore Arts Commission, **Green Award**, District of North Vancouver Environmental Task Force, **LatinCouver-Community Support appreciation**, **Mentor Awards-** YMCA and individual mentee appreciation.