

M. von Nkosi, Principal

MXD—Liquid Studios® and Institute for Local Innovations (ILI)

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M. von Nkosi is the principal of Liquid Studios® (LS) and an outgrowth of his parent company, The MXD Collaborative, Inc., founded in 1992. LS is a collective of like-minded independent practitioners and intellectuals operating from a "shared vision" to help communities optimize their potential. LS focuses on finding and implementing locally driven solutions (www.liquidstudios360.com).

He has partnered with firms to complete dozens of urban design and safety projects and architectural and special projects, including schools, multi-family housing communities, and municipal buildings. Designed and executed real estate development projects from end to end, including task management, financial tracking, public policy, public health, and disaster recovery efforts. Ensure projects are completed on time and budget with the highest levels of quality and safety.

In June of 2012, von also incorporated the Institute for Local Innovations (ILI) in Louisiana based in New Orleans (www.ili360.org) and has Space Act agreements and licenses with NASA (2017-2025) to help push technology into the marketplace via HBCUs and collaborate with the agency on climate impact. In addition, Mr. Nkosi is a licensed architect and led the design team that created the implementation plan for the Martin Luther King Jr. Historic District in Atlanta, revitalizing this once-troubled neighborhood into a sustainable community.

In post-Katrina, New Orleans von directed \$30 million of Disaster CDBG funds into a soft second housing program, funds for non-profit developers to boost housing production. In 2008, he led a 35-person exchange – between Japanese Representatives & and New Orleans Leaders. In April 2009, he was a New Orleans delegate to Tokyo, sharing his experiences on disaster recovery. In addition, he has optimized Smart Growth Strategies for municipalities through housing, land use policy, public/private development, and strategic planning.

Nkosi is a dedicated, accomplished leader and entrepreneur who, in 2016, designed and brought the Mi Rialiti [my reality] Platform to market, with private investment, to capture the "narrative layer" (individual/community engagement), adding storytelling to data making it smarter (www.mirialiti.com).

Nkosi has served on several boards, including but not limited to the Architects Foundation Atlanta, Southface Energy Institute, A Black Education Network (ABEN), and Carver Street YMCA. He is also Co-Chair of the [Community Committee](#) at the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, supporting staff grantmaking.

Key Accomplishments include:

- (1) Created the Technology Transfer Ideation Studio process to support NASA T2X goals by providing novel approaches to commercialization of NASA innovations available for licensing by HBCU/MSI Alumni (<https://tinyurl.com/3ajc4kxp>)
- (2) Implemented Mi Rialiti Structured Inquiry Model for the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) 2022 five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to provide traditionally underserved regional stakeholders a voice in the Economic Development process to meet the overall objective of developing a more inclusive community input process (<https://tinyurl.com/kmh3avut>)
- (3) Leading the design team that created the implementation plan for the Martin Luther King Jr. Historic District Development Corporation (HDDC) and Bank of America in Atlanta, revitalizing a once crime-ridden neighborhood into a sustainable urban development. Neighborhood Size – 10 acres, \$2M project;
- (4) Directed 30 million dollars of Disaster CDBG funds to development into a Soft second housing program, funds for non-profit developers to boost housing production, allocated funds for the creation of a one-stop housing resource center;
- (5) "Making a Case for Mixed Income and Mixed Use Communities, An Executive Summary" became the #1 search result out of millions on Google (2004-2012) (<http://ow.ly/Jzvi30bWrSj> and <http://ow.ly/8Ncc30bWs1w>).
- (6) He negotiated a 2-year working agreement between ANDP and the ARC, resulting in the establishment of a housing resource center at the ARC in 2006, and is ongoing - <http://www.atlantaregionalhousing.org>



Education:

Georgia Institute of Technology
Master of Science (Architecture) M.S.
Atlanta, Georgia

Illinois Institute of Technology
Master of Architecture
Professional Degree: M. ARCH.
Chicago, Illinois

Hampton University
Bachelor of Architecture
Professional Degree: B.ARCH.
Hampton, Virginia

MIT Slone School of Management
Artificial Intelligence — Implications for
Business Strategy Certification

Plan Coach for Learning for Action -
Equity Learning Lab for Health Leaders
Fellowship Program - 2020-2023

Coach-Mentor for W.K. Kellogg
Foundation Community Leadership
Fellowship Program - 2014-2021

Honors:
Institute of Georgia Environmental
Leadership (IGEL) Class of 2013

Fellow – Duke University – University of
Cape Town South Africa – Centres for
Leadership & Public Values – 2006

NCI Charrette Planner – National
Charrette Institute – 2005

Leadership Midtown [Atlanta] – Class of
2002

Regional Leadership Institute (RLI)
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