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Paulo Bento is a Ph.D. in Social Sustainability and Development, with Thesis *Innovation and Social Capital in Social Entrepreneurship for Poverty Reduction* from the Open University of Portugal, in Lisbon, magna cum laude MBA in Entrepreneurship from Jones International University, Englewood, Colorado, and Graduate in Organization and Business Management, with major in Marketing and International Business, from the ISCTE Business School | University Institute of Lisbon, in Lisbon. Paulo is also a researcher, with Entrepreneurship (especially Social entrepreneurship), Innovation, Migration, Quality of life and happiness, Poverty reduction, and Social capital as main research interests.

Paulo counts with several abstracts and papers selected and work done as a peer reviewer for leading conferences on entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship of the five continents, that have been taking place in Argentina, Canada (Halifax, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria, Windsor), India, Namibia, New Zealand, Mexico, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, and US (New York, New Jersey, Boston, Honolulu). Including several editions of the International Council for Small Business [ICSB] World Conference and the Canadian Council for Small Business & Entrepreneurship [CCSBE] Conference.

Among other distinguished conferences and workshops, he presented his work at the 8th Annual Academy of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference, organized by the Ryerson University, Tsinghua University, and University of Oxford, the 8th International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability, UBC – University of British Columbia, and the NYU – New York University Stern School of Business Eight Annual Conference on Social Entrepreneurship, considered the largest academic conference of its kind in terms of research paper submissions.

Paulo has been also a referee for some distinguished academic journals on sustainability and development.

As a practitioner, he has been acting as an entrepreneur, business developer, consultant, and speaker. Paulo Bento has already helped more than 3,000 participants from more than 200 large companies or small and medium-sized businesses from the industrial, commercial and service sectors achieving higher performances, and worked on over 100 studies and field reports.

Paulo has been selected by several publications such as the Who's Who in the World (US Edition, and European Edition), has received several awards, and has been nominated by some world renowned publications.

In his spare times, he enjoys reading, listening to music, spending time at the beach, having fun, drawing, painting, surfing the Internet, as well as fine art, architecture, and photography.



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