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Chief Policy Officer

Kanu Iheukumere has more than 20 years of community development leadership in the public and private sectors, related to program development, capacity building, policy and research, and legislative advocacy. He is currently Chief Policy Officer for Metropolitan Peace Initiatives, a Chicago-based violence prevention and hyperlocal capacity-building organization.

Kanu provides leadership to participating agencies and program partners to ensure successful economic development program implementation, development of program metrics and performance. He also facilitates and manages relationships with a broad array of stakeholders, including community based organizations, gang intervention leaders, law enforcement, academics, and other subject matter experts. He has worked with numerous not-for-profit and government bodies including but not limited to: the U.S Department of State; various political campaigns, the State of Illinois, the City of Chicago; Rainbow PUSH; and the Chicago Urban League.

Kanu has co-authored several economic development research studies and is a contributing writer to local and national publications.