

Your guide to building the skills you need for your international career

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☐ List 5 sk	ills you want to fo	cus on (techn	ical, soft, cross-c	ultural, career)	
☐ Rate ead	ch skill: Current Le	vel (1–5) + lmp	oortance (1–5)		
☐ Circle th	ne gaps: high impo	rtance (4–5) k	out low mastery ((1–3)	
☐ Pick top	2–3 skills to prior	ritise for the ne	ext 90 days		
•	growth plan: what		•	1?	
	n weekly: Did you		•		
	on 30/60/90 days				
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SECTION 1 — Skill Gap Analysis

Identify the skills you need to succeed in your career. Reflect on:

- What skills are critical for success in your role or industry?
- What skills do you currently possess?
- Where are the gaps in your skill set?
- What skills have you always wanted to learn?

Action: complete the table on the next page





Skill	Why it matters?	Priority High/Med/Low	Start Date	Completion Date	Progress (%)	Notes/ Resources
current level: /5						
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SECTION 2 — Priority Finder

Highlight your top focus skills for the next 90 days

Action: complete the table below

Priority Skill	Why it matters?	Resources to Learn	Timeline (by when?)



SECTION 3 — Growth Plan Template

Action: complete the table below

Skill	Actions to Practice	Resources (courses, mentors, projects)	Accountability Partner	Deadline



SECTION 4 — Weekly Action Tracker

Action: complete the table below

Week	Skill Focus	What I Did	Applied in Work/Study? (Y/N)	Notes



SECTION 5 — Progress Snapshot (30-60-90 Days)

	Skills I've practiced most:
•	Early progress I notice:
•	Challenges I faced:
	60 Days What's improving:
•	Feedback I've received:
•	Adjustments I need to make:
	90 Days Skills I feel confident in:
•	New opportunities opened up:
•	Next skills I want to tackle:



SECTION	6 —	Reflection	&	Next	Ste	ps
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☐ Which skills gave me the biggest ROI for my career goals?
☐ Which skill gaps still remain?
☐ What new resources, mentors, or communities can I tap into?

Hint: Use communities like YIJ to share your journey, exchange resources, and find accountability partners.

SKILL CATEGORY EXAMPLES

Technical / Industry-Specific

- Data analysis (Excel, SQL, R, Python)
- Al & automation tools
- Project management
- Healthcare certifications
- Teaching credentials
- Finance/consulting

Soft Skills

- Communication & storytelling
- Negotiation & influence
- Leadership & people management
- Time management
- Resilience & adaptability

Cross-Cultural & International

- Intercultural communication
- Working in virtual global teams
- Networking across borders
- Language basics
- Workplace etiquette

Career & Growth

- Interview prep (STAR method)
- Personal branding (LinkedIn, portfolio)
- Networking & informational interviews
- Thought leadership (articles, speaking)
- Continuous learning mindset



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Skill Gap Analysis	Comment on 2 LinkedIn posts	3	4	5	6
7 Weekly review	8	9	Sook in the skills you want to improve	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Complete 1 course module for Al Literacy	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Day Review



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31	32	33	34	35	36
			Comment on 2 LinkedIn		
			posts		
37 Weekly review	38	39	40	41	Draft a short post about your work
					your work
43	44	Summarize an article	46	47	48
		using Al			
49	50	51	52	53	54
55	56	57	58	59	60 Day Review



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31	32	33	34	35	36 Watch a
					short industry talk
Weekly review	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	Listen to a relevant podcast episode	48
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49	50	51 Celebrate 1 small win this	52	53	54
		week			
Test Al for idea generation	56	57	58	59	90 Day Review
generation					

