

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Nationality:** Kenyan

**Education:** PhD. in Economics, Department of Economics, University of Manchester. U.K. 1998.

Research Area: "Gender and Agricultural Supply Response to Structural Adjustment Programmes in Kenya: A Case Study of Smallholder Tea Production in Kericho-Kenya".

Master of Arts in Economics, University of Nairobi, 1988.

Thesis Title: "Determinants of Female Labour Force Participation Rates in Kenyan Urban Areas".

Bachelor of Philosophy in Economics, University of Nairobi.

Bachelor of Arts in Economics (Hon.), Delhi University.

### Work Experience:

#### 2005-Present:

- Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD Kenya Secretariat
- Coordinating the APRM Process in Kenya

### Recent Work

- Successful coordination of African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) process in Kenya Monitoring the implementation and evaluation of APRM process. This work involved:
  - Coordinating the National Governing Council, various research institutes, Government, private sector, civil society, Development Partners and citizens involvement in the APRM process
  - Preparation of APRM Country Reports and various progress reports

- Writing and presentation of papers at various APRM Fora
  - Sharing lessons with various countries
  - Various Briefs to Focal Point
  - Speech writing: Minister for Planning and National Development and Head of State of Kenya
  - Effective communication and open dialogue with all stakeholders within Kenya and with the APR Secretariat, The Executive Director and the Eminent Person in charge of Kenya
- The coordination and active involvement in the APRM process enriched my research skills and understanding of governance issues in terms of opportunities, challenges, lessons, strengths and political commitments to governance issues within the African continent.
  - Coordinated a research program on "International Trade and Gender in East Africa" from 1999 to 2004. This research work was funded by the IDRC and got Institutional support from Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) Tanzania.

**1999-2005:**

Senior Programme Officer, Eastern and Southern Africa, The African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, (ACBF) Zimbabwe. Successfully managed ACBF projects in the following countries, Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania Botswana, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

**1990 to 1998:**

Researcher/Lecturer Institute For Development Studies, University of Nairobi, Kenya.

**1987-1990:**

Planning Officer-Long Range Planning Unit, Ministry of Planning and National Development.

**1983-1986:**

Statistical Officer- Central Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Planning and National Development, Kenya.

**Recent Publications**

"Globalisation, Trade and Gender, The Key Concerns" in Gender, Economies and Entitlements in Africa, CODESRIA, 2004.

"*The ACBF-PACT Model as Best Practice Model for Capacity Building*" by Gene Ogiogio and Grace Ongile in Better Governance and Public Policy: Capacity Building for Democratic Renewal in Africa (eds) Dele Olowu and Soumana Sako, (ed.), Kumarian Press, January 2003.

"Gender and Agricultural Supply Response to Structural Adjustment Programmes in Kenya: A Case Study of Smallholder Tea Production in Kericho-Kenya", 1999. Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden.

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