

CURRICULUM VITAE

1.0 PERSONAL DETAILS

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2.0 ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

2014-2017 Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Economics & management
Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), Beijing, China

2009-2011 Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics
Egerton University, Kenya & University of Pretoria, South Africa

2001-2006 Bachelor of Agribusiness Management
Egerton University, Kenya

1996-Nov *Parklands High School, Nairobi*

1997-1999 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)
St. Philips High School, Embu

1988-1995 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE)
New Kihumbuini Primary School, Nairobi

3.0 PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2003-2004 Certified Public Accountant (CPA 1)
Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examinations Board

4.0 EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2017 July- To date **Lecturer of Agricultural & Applied Economics, University of Embu**

2013 March -2017 Tutorial Fellow – Embu University College (A constituent College of the University of Nairobi)

2011 Sep-2013 April Part- time Lecturer – Egerton & Kisii Universities, Kenya

2009 Feb – 2009 Aug General service/data clerk Kenya Seed Company, Nairobi

2008 Aug – 2009 Feb Personal Financial Advisor, Old mutual Life Assurance Co. Ltd

2007 Jan – 2008 July Direct Sales Representative, Barclays Bank of Kenya Ltd.

5.0 WORK EXPERIENCE

Duties:

Lecturer – University of Embu

- Taught many courses including Agribusiness, Risk & value chain management, Production Economics, Entrepreneurship and Small Business, Quantitative Methods in Business, Agricultural marketing and Behavioural Science.
- Supervise Masters & PhD students

Personal Financial Advisor - Old mutual Life Assurance Co. Ltd

- To advertise & promote the image & products of the company and all the companies in the old mutual Group
- To provide clients with appropriate financial advice commensurate with their needs.

Direct Sales Representative - Barclays Bank of Kenya Ltd

- Identifying new customers for the bank's products and handling their concerns/complaints as they arose.
- Ascertain, evaluate and monitor service delivery and building of customer relationship.

5.1 UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

2019 Apr – To date : Chairman Department of Agricultural Econ & Extension

2018 June- 2019 Mar: Examination Coordinator, Department of Agric Econ & Ext

2013 Apr – 2014 Aug: Co-ordinator, Student Affairs - Embu University College

2014 Jan – 2014 Aug: Member Health Unit Management Committee

2013 Aug – 2014 Aug: University College Tender Committee Member

2013 May – 2014 Aug: Member University ISO Certification Committee

6.0 POST GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Master Thesis

Samuel Odhiambo: (*Title:* Effect of Selected Socio-Economic Factors on Sorghum Adoption & Productivity among Small-scale Farmers in Siaya County, Kenya. (Ongoing)

Kelvin Karingu: (*Title:* Transaction Costs, market participation and choice of marketing channels among smallholder avocado farmers in Murang'a County. (Ongoing)

Kaloi Kadipo: (Title: Economics of the System of Rice Intensification on Smallholders' Rice Productivity in Mwea Irrigation Scheme, Kenya. (On going).

Peter Mwakio: (Title: Adoption of Improved Wheat Varieties, Technical Efficiency and Food Consumption Expenditure among Wheat Farmers in Kieni, Nyeri County. (On-going)

Thomas Mbogo: (Title: Efficiency, Profitability and Farm prices among Smallholder Tomato Farmers in Mwea, Kirinyaga County. (On-going)

6.1 RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2010-2012: African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) – “Investigating the adoption of butternut squash (*Cucurbita moschata*) among smallholders in Kenya”

Fellowships

Masters scholarship in the Collaborative Masters in Agricultural and Applied Economics (CMAAE) awarded by the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) from 2009-2011.

Doctor of philosophy in Agricultural Economics and Management awarded by The Government of Peoples' Republic of China through the Chinese scholarship Council 2014-2017

6.2 PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCE PAPERS

Isaboke, H. N., Qiao, Z., & Nyarindo, W. N. (2016). The Effect of Weather Index Based Micro-Insurance on Food Security Status of Smallholders. *Agricultural and Resource Economics : International Scientific E-Journal*, 2(3), 5–21. Retrieved from www.are-journal.com

Isaboke, H. N., Qiao, Z., Nyarindo, W. N., & Ke, W. (2016). Explaining the Perception of Smallholders towards Weather Index Micro-insurance alongside Risks and Coping Strategies. *International Journal of Food and Agricultural Economics*, 4(4), 59–77.

Isaboke, H. N., Mshenga, P., Mutai, B. K., & Saidi, M. (2012). Determinants of Adoption of Butternut Squash (*Cucurbita moschata*) Farming by Small-holders in Suba District, Kenya. *Journal of Agriculture & Rural Development*, 9, 82–97.

Isaboke H. N., Mshenga P & Saidi M. (2012). Effect of Butternut squash (*Cucurbita moschata*) on the incomes of the Small-holders in Suba District, Kenya. *Asian Journal of Agricultural science*. 4(5): 319-324

Conference Papers

Isaboke, H. N., Mshenga, P., Mutai, B. K., & Saidi, M. (2012). Determinants of adoption of butternut squash (*Cucurbita moschata*) farming among small-holders in Suba district, Kenya. *Third RUFORUM Biennial Meeting 24 - 28 September 2012, Entebbe, Uganda*

Isaboke, H. N., Qiao, Z., Nyarindo, W. N., Ke, W. (2016) Factors explaining producer perception towards weather index micro insurance: Evidence from Kenya. *Fifth RUFORUM Biennial Regional Conference 17 - 21 October 2016, Cape Town, South Africa*

6.3 WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

1. **19 – 23 Sep, 2010:** Third Joint 3rd Africa Association of Agricultural Economists and 48th Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa conference 19-23 September, 2010 in Cape Town- South Africa.
2. **28 Sep 2012:** RUFORUM Biennial Meeting 24 - 28 September 2012, Entebbe, Uganda.
3. **29 - 2 Nov, 2012:** Facilitating Pro-poor Value Chain Development and Actor Empowerment: By International institute of Rural Restructuring & Egerton University
4. **23 Nov 2011:** Research and Proposal writing and Publishing workshops. Facilitated by Egerton University
5. **3 - 5 Jun 2013:** Quality Management Systems: Implementation of ISO 9001:2008. Facilitated by Kenya Bureau of Standards in Embu University College, Kenya
6. **8 -14 Dec, 2013:** Sixth Science Conclave held at the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, India, 8-14, 2013
7. **7 – 9 May 2014:** ISO 9001:2008 Internal Quality Auditor’s Course. Facilitated by Alpex Consulting Africa Limited
8. **6 April 2015:** Agriculture, Economics and Nature online course with the grade (Pass) on 6th April 2015. Course Coordinator: Professor David Pannell, University of Western Australia.

6.4 MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

International Food & Agribusiness Management Association

7.0 REFEREES

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