

CURRICULUM VITAE

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dr. Joy Kiiru is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Economics, University of Nairobi. Among other areas, Joy Kiiru has researched and published in the areas of microfinance, entrepreneurship, youth employment, gender and agriculture. Joy's research has received international recognition. In 2009, her paper on "Policy Issues for Small Holder Farmers' was among the finalists in the Africa Wide Competition for Women in Science. In 2011 the Global Development Network (GDN) recognized Joy's research and awarded a First Prize award for her research in Microfinance. She was a finalist and was feted as an outstanding Scientist at the Africa Science week - Kenya 2018. She holds a PhD from Bonn University; Center for Development Research (ZEF), Germany. She also holds an MA (Economics) from Chancellor College, Malawi and BA (Economics and Philosophy) from the University of Nairobi.

Dr. Joy Kiiru is a Board Member of Mawazo Institute. Mawazo Institute is a non-Profit Organization based in Kenya that supports women researchers by providing research grants, expert mentorship and research dissemination support. The overall objective of Mawazo is to increase the number and visibility of African women researchers.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (Selected current and recent research)

2019 to date: **Project Coordinator: Gender statistics Students Grants program**

This project is funded by the UNWomen – Kenya and runs within four schools of the University of Nairobi: School of Economics, Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies, African Women Studies Centre, and Population Studies Research Institute. The project awards research grants to graduate students to produce policy relevant research using gender statistics. We organize regular national and international forums to disseminate the research produced and are in the process of publishing some of the research in a peer reviewed book compendium. The project is

funded under the UNWomen Global flagship project: Making Every Woman and Girl Count (Women Count)

2019- 2021: Member, Project Advisory Committee: The Impact of NYS Cohorts Programme on Youth Inclusion and Violence prevention in Informal Settlements of Nairobi.

This project is funded by IDRC through Centre for Human Rights and Policy Studies CHRIPS.

2018-2019: Midline Evaluator: Sustainable Intensification of Maize and Legumes in Eastern and Southern Africa (SIMLESA)

The Sustainable Intensification of Maize-Legume Systems for Food Security in Eastern and Southern Africa (SIMLESA) is a program that aims to improve maize and legume productivity by 30 percent and to reduce the expected downside yield risk by 30 percent on approximately on approximately 650,000 farm households by 2023. The main thrust of the SIMLESA program is increasing farm-level food security, productivity and incomes through promotion of maize-legume intercropping systems in the context of reduced climate risk and change. Dr. Joy Kiiru joined the project evaluation team as a **lead socioeconomic evaluator** for Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Malawi, Mozambique and Ethiopia.

2015 to 2018: Technical Expert/advisor for Ipsos Synovate: Seed Cooperative Alliance

Seed cooperative alliance was a 3-year pilot program that aimed at testing the feasibility and viability of coop to coop alliances and strategic partnerships between cooperatives and input suppliers in Rwanda. The main objective of the study was to determine and quantify the economic benefits and value created in the market system by coop and input supply partnerships in Rwanda.

2014: Technical Expert/advisor for Ipsos Synovate: Seed Traceability Study

This was a project funded by AGRA. The main objectives included:

- Trace improved seeds from breeders, to multipliers and suppliers with a view to understand the role of the different stake holders
- Analyze adoption of improved seeds by farmers
- Analyze costs of improved seeds versus potential yields
- Analyze challenges to adoption of improved seeds
- Perform a cost benefit analysis of adoption of improved seeds

2012 to 2013: Co-principal Researcher: Capacity Building for Research Leadership: The Need, Support and Strategies for Growing African Research Leaders

This was a one year research project funded by Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR) with support from DFID

The study was at best a scoping study on the development of research leadership in East Africa. Another objective of the study was to scoop for lessons that East Africa

research Institutions could learn from different countries especially the UK and Australia that have well established research leadership programmes.

2012-2013: Principal Researcher: Save Food, Extent of Food loss and mitigation strategies in the fisheries sector; Kenya Funded by UNFAO

The main objective of the project was to estimate the extent of food loss in the Kenyan fisheries sector.

2011 – 2012: Technical expert: The Impact of Training and Internship on Youth Empowerment

This research Project was funded by the World Bank through KEPISA

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2008 – date: **Global Faculty Member;** Trade Policy Centre in Africa (Trapca-Tanzania)

2019: **National Expert and Trainer** at the 41st UNCTAD Regional Course “Key Issues on the International Economic Agenda”

August 2015: **Course Director**, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). Microcredit in Africa (August 15th to 31st 2015, Arusha Tanzania).

July – 2010: **Visiting Lecturer;** Catholic University of Bukavu School of Business and Economics

2008 -2010: **Policy Analyst**, Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis

August – October 2008: **Visiting Lecturer**, University of Pretoria, Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development

CAREER PROGRESSION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

2015 to date	Senior lecturer	School of Economics
2008- 2015	Lecturer	Department of Economics
2004 - 2008	Assistant Lecturer	Department of Economics
2003-2004	Research Associate	Department of Economics

SCHOLARSHIPS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Dec 2018: Feted as **Outstanding Woman Scientist** during the Africa Science Week- Kenya (Social Science Category)

January 2011: **First Prize Award:** Global Development Network Medals for Research in Development 2010

April 2009: **Finalist:** Africa wide Women in Science Competition

July 2007: Nominated for the **Robin Cosgrove prize** for ethics in finance. This is a prize for young people aged below 35 years with innovative ideas to promote ethics in finance.

April 2007: **Award for Outstanding Contribution** in the World Bank Committee at the Munster University International Model United Nations (MUIMUN)

Sept. 2007: Awarded a **Carol Schmidt Fellowship** to undertake up to a 6 months internship with the International Labour Office (ILO) in Geneva

August 2004: **German Academic Exchange (DAAD) Scholarship** for PhD at the Center for Development Research, Bonn University.

Oct. 2002: **Research Grant** under the 14th Junior Researchers Competition for Gender Issues in Development Research by the Organization for Social Research in Eastern and Southern African (OSSREA).

Oct. 2000: **African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Scholarship** for a Masters Degree at the University of Malawi:- Chancellor College

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Member of the Association for the advancement of African Women Economists (AAWE) www.aaawe.org
- Member of African Growth and Modeling Development Policy (AGRODEP) www.agrodep.org
- Member of Association of African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE)
- Member of Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

2019 to date: **Board Member**, Mawazo Institute

2018 to date: **Mentor**, Kenyatta Trust

2019 to date: **Mentor**, Precious Sisters Charity Trust

2015-2018: **Chair**, Board of Management, Matha Secondary School

EDUCATION

Institution: Bonn University, Centre for Development Research, Germany

Date: 2004 – 2007

Focus of Study: Development Economics

Degree PhD

Institution: University of Malawi, Chancellor College

Date: 2000 - 2002

Focus of Study: Economics

Degree MA

Institution: University of Nairobi

Date: 1995 -1999

Focus of Study: Economics and Philosophy

Degree: BA

Research and Publications

Kiiru Joy (Forth coming): Impact of Post-harvest Loss Interventions on Post-Harvest Losses of Maize among Small Holder Farmers in Tanzania: A Difference in Difference (DID) Analysis. *OIDA International Journal of Sustainable Development*, Volume 12. No. 12 pp 41-50

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