

## **CURRICULUM VITAE- DR. MARY L. MBITHI**

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### **1. Education Background**

- 1.1 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Applied Biological Sciences: Agricultural Sciences (option-Agricultural Economics), Great Distinction. University of Ghent, Belgium; 1996- 2000.
- 1.2 Master of Science in 'Eremology' (the study of Deserts); Great Distinction. University of Ghent, Belgium; 1994-1996.
- 1.3 Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Economics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Upper Division, Honours. Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya; 1988-1991.
- 1.4 Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (KACE). 3 Principal Passes, 1 Subsidiary, Alliance Girls' High School, Kenya; 1986-1987.
- 1.5 Kenya Secondary Education (KSE). Division 1. Mary Hill Girls' High School, Thika: 1982-1985.
- 1.6 Certificate of Primary Education (CPE). Uvaini Primary School, Wamunyu, Machakos. 1975-1982.

### **2. Post University Training**

- 2.1 Certificate Course in Trade policy, Political Economy and TradeSift (TS) trade policy analysis. Trade Policy Centre in Africa (trapca); 2011
- 2.2 Certificate Course in Structural Change: Analyses, Experiences and Methodologies. Universita' di Pavia; Italy, 2009
- 2.3 Certificate Course in Community Based Monitoring Systems and Gender. Research on Poverty Alleviation, Tanzania; 2006.

2.4 Certificate Course in trade policy analysis using the World Integrated Trade Solutions (WITS) and SMART model. World Bank Institute-University of Nairobi, Nairobi; 2006.

2.5 Certificate Course in Regional Integration. World Bank Institute. Nairobi, Kenya: 2005.

2.6 Certificate Course in Advanced Poverty Analysis. Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA); 2006, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

2.7 Certificate Course in Basic Poverty Measurement and Diagnostics. Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA, 2006).

### **3. Professional Experience**

**3.1 Lecturer**, School of Economics, since April 2001.

**3.2 Policy Analyst**: African Centre for Economic Growth (ACEG): 2003.

**3.3 Policy Analyst**: Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA): 2002.

**3.4 Researcher Trade Policy**: Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA, Kenya, 2001).

**3.5 Project Officer**: Kenya Energy and Environmental Organizations (KENGO): 1992-1994.

### **4. Areas of Specialization**

Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Policy and Development, Economic Development, Trade policy, Trade and Development, Regional Integration, International Economics, Trade and Development, Gender and Development, Multilateral Trading Systems, Macro Economics, Micro Economics, Economic Evaluation of Investments.

### **5. Current areas of teaching at University of Nairobi**

Macro Economic Theory; Agricultural Development Policy; Economic Evaluation of Investment Projects; Economic Development; Economic Development and Planning; Research Methods.

### **6. MA students supervised to completion**

Over 25 MA students supervised to completion.

### **7. Visiting Scholar/teaching fellow**

Trade policy Centre in Africa (trapca), Arusha; Since 2007.

UN Institute of Development and Economic Planning (UNIDEP), Dakar, Senegal, Since 2006.

University of Pretoria, South Africa: WBI-AERC course on Food and Agricultural Trade in Africa (2006- 2008).

## **8. Current areas of research**

- 8.1 Regional integration, preferential trading arrangement, trade policy, trade and development. Recent work in these areas has included: Pan African integration process, MDGs, analysis of EAC, COMESA, SADC and the COMESA- EAC- SADC Tripartite.  
EAC-EU Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA) implications for EAC countries and EAC-EU EPA and WTO nexus
- 8.2 Multilateral trading arrangements particularly various WTO agreements (including agreement on agriculture, General agreement in services) and the ongoing Doha round negotiations on agriculture, services, non agricultural market access on Kenya and EAC countries.
- 8.3 WTO tariff reduction proposals and their implications on the EAC CET and Common Market.
- 8.4 Food security including analysis of trade policies, agriculture and food trade in Kenya, EAC, SADC, COMESA.
- 8.5 Gender and economic development, including economic policies, gender gaps and development in Kenya; EAC integration policies and women businesses.

## **9. Research Awards**

- 9.1 WTO Chairs programme** School of Economics, University of Nairobi: 2011-2013.
- 9.2 African Women Studies Centre** to carry out work on food security in different countries in Kenya (2012-2013).
- 9.3 South- North Network of researchers** in 2010-2011 to carry out research work on trade and Economic Development.

## **10. Established networks**

### **10.1 Research, exchange programme and training**

**UNDP New York:** Undertaken collaborative research in regional integration and human development in Africa and in EAC. One of the researchers provided guest lecturers on the same at the School of Economics in 2012 and on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

**University of Pavia;** Italy: University trained me on Computable General Equilibrium Modelling (CGE) modelling; provided guest lecture on Africa –EU relations; University of Ghent staff taught at the School of Economics for 2 months.

**UNIDEP- Dakar Senegal:** Undertaken training for senior government officials from various countries in Africa, training on multilateral and regional trading policy.

**Trade Policy Centre in Africa (Trapca) -Tanzania:** I train various levels of students (Undergraduate and Masters) and senior policy makers including members of Parliament on regional integration and trade policy.

**World Bank Institute- Washington DC:** Together with the EARC organized a training on trade policy analysis for Kenya and School of Economics staff; also undertaken training for senior government in African countries organized in various countries.

### **10.2 Research and trade policy advisory work**

I have established networks with various international, regional and national institutions for which I have undertaken research or carried out training for

These include: The African Development Bank, World Bank, World Bank Institute; UNCTAD, UNDP New York, UNDP Kenya, ILRI, Carnegie International, UNECA, UNWomen, East African Business Council (EABC), Regional Strategic analysis and Knowledge Support Systems (ReSAKSS), East African Women in Business Platform (EWiBP), Government of Kenya, EU and Government of Liberia, KIPPRA, IEA- Kenya, African Centre for Economic Growth (ACEG), Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA), Kenya Associations of Manufacturers (KAM) and Association of Fresh Produce Exporters of Kenya (FPEAK).

## **11. Recent areas of research**

- 11.1 Trade and investment policies and performance in Eastern Africa. Being undertaken for and in collaboration with African Development Bank (AfDB). 2014
- 11.2 Promotion of trade and transit transport facilitation on the Northern Corridor using the COMESA Trade and Transit Facilitation Instruments. Being undertaken for Northern Corridor Transit Transport Coordination Authority. 2014
- 11.3 Development of a framework to monitor implementation of COMESA agreements affecting food Security in the region. Being undertaken for and in collaboration with ReSAKSS- ILRI. (2013-2014)
- 11.4 Regulations in the aviation industry and their impact on freight costs in EAC. Research work done for East African Business Council EABC. 2013
- 11.5 Gender perspectives and considerations in Kenya Medium Term Plan 2. Research work done for UNWomen and Ministry of State for Planning and Vision 2030, Government of Kenya. 2012-2013.
- 11.6 Barriers affecting women- owned businesses in EAC. Technical research paper prepared for East African Women in Business Platform (EWiBP). 2012-2013.
- 11.7 Agricultural trade policies in EAC, COMESA and SADC and their implications on food security. Technical Research and book prepared for East African Grain Council: 2012.
- 11.8 Analysis of Trade Openness in COMESA and regional trade in Staple foods. Work done for Regional Strategic analysis and Knowledge Support Systems (ReSAKSS). 2011-2012.
- 11.9 Policy and operational bottlenecks affecting Kenya Private Sector trade within the East African Community (EAC). Technical report prepared for Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA). 2011-2012.

## **12. Publications**

### **12.1 Journal articles**

- 12.1.1 Osoro, K.O., Gor, S.O. and Mbithi, L.M. (2014). The Twin Deficit and the Macroeconomic variables in Kenya. *International Journal for Innovation Education and Research (IJIER)*. In press.
- 12.1.2 Mbithi, L. M. (2014). Implementing the right to food: Lessons for Kenya. *International Journal of Business, Humanities and Technology*. Vol. 4 No. 4. In press.

12.1.3 Mbithi, L.M. and Chekwoti, C. (2014). Assessment of services sector in the East African Community (EAC) Partner State Countries. *International Journal of Education and Research*. Vol. 2 No. 5; 283-298.

12.1.4 Mbithi, L.M. (2013). Barriers Faced by Women-Owned Businesses: Voices of East African Women Entrepreneurs. *Journal of African Women Studies Centre*, Vol. 1, 103-122.

12.1.5 Lucia M. Mbithi and Huylenbroeck, G. (2001). 'A comparison of maize production in Kenya before and after market liberalization'. *Tropicultura*, Vol. 18 (4), 181-185.

12.1.6 Mbithi L. and G. Van Huylenbroeck, G. (2000). 'Input policy and use of fertilizers and improved seeds for maize Production in Kenya'. *Outlook on Agriculture*, Vol. 29 (3), 201-210.

## 12.2 Peer Reviewed Research Papers

12.2.1 Mbithi, M., Karugia, J. and Guthiga, P. (2012). *Trade Openness in COMESA: Implications for Intra-regional Trade in Food Staples*. Nairobi, USAID/ILRI.

12.2.2 Mary L. Mbithi (2008): *Trade Preference Erosion Under WTO Non Agricultural Market Access (NAMA) Negotins: The Case for Kenya*. Institute of Economic Affairs-Kenya. IEA Research Paper, Series No. 20.

12.2.3 Mbithi, M. L. (2011). *Regional Integration for human development in Africa: Progress, Challenges and Potentials*. Background paper done for UNDP, New York.

12.2.4 Mbithi, M. L. (2012). *Regional integration and human development: opportunities and challenges ahead: The case of Kenya in EAC*. Paper done for UNDP and Ministry of Trade, Kenya.

## 12.3 Discussion Papers

12.3.1 United Nations Development Programme (2014). Gains and Losses in Kenya's Road towards African Integration: Discussion Paper, UNDP, New York, July 2014.

## 12.4 Books authored together with others

12.4.1 African Development Bank (AfDB, 2014). East Africa's Manufacturing Sector: Promoting Technology, Innovation, Productivity and Linkages. Regional Synthesis. African Development Bank, Nairobi.

12.4.2 Mary Mbithi and Anastacia Kii (2012). Scoping Agricultural Trade Policy in Eastern and Southern Africa. East African Grain Council (EAGC) and FAO. Nairobi, Kenya. ISBN No: 978-9966-1664-5-6

- 12.4.3 Mbithi, M. and Mainga, J. (2006). *Doing business in Kenya: Procedures and regulations, opportunities, sources of finance and incentives*. A handbook for local investors. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Nairobi.
- 12.4.4 UNCTAD (2005). *Investors' guide to East Africa*. A Guide to investment opportunities, requirements and regulations for foreign Investors in the EAC Region. Book Prepared for UNCTAD.
- 12.4.5 Masai, W; Mbithi, M.; and Oduor-Otieno, B. (2005). Development of Micro and Small Enterprises in Kenya: Renewed Policy and Strategy Framework. African Centre for Economic Growth, ISBN 9966812024/9789966812025/9966-812-02-4, Nairobi.

## 12.5 Book Chapters

- 12.5.1 Mbithi, L. M. (2012). Impact of WTO Non Agricultural Market Access (NAMA) negotiations on East African countries trade in manufacturing goods: In: Jasper A. Okelo and Tabitha Kiriti Ng'ang'a (Ed.). WTO chair vol. 2: Trade discourse in Kenya: Some topical issues Vol. 2: *accepted for publication*.
- 12.5.3 Hezron O. Nyangito, Jonathan Nzuma, Hellen Ommeh and Mary Mbithi (2006): In Thomas H. (Ed.). Trade Reforms and Food Security. Country Case Studies and Synthesis. Kenya. Food and agriculture organization of the United Nations, Rome, 2006. Pp 365- 398.
- 12.5.4 Hezron O. Nyangito, Jonathan Nzuma, Hellen Ommeh and Mary Mbithi (2005): Impact of Agricultural Trade related policies Reforms on food security in Kenya. In: Mwega F. and Nyangito, H. (Ed.). African Imperatives in the World Trade Order. African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) and Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA). Pp. 135- 178.

## 12.6 Mimeographs

- 12.6.1 Trapca (2013). Promoting Agriculture-Climate-Trade linkages in the East African Community (EAC). *6 PACT- EAC Training Manuals for*: EAC region; Burundi; Kenya; Rwanda; Uganda and Tanzania.
- 12.6.2 Trapca (2007). Gender, Trade and development. Training Module prepared for Trade Policy Centre in Africa.
- 12.6.3 Several policy briefs prepared to disseminate policy analysis results findings.

## 12.7 Conference Proceedings

- Promoting services trade in developing countries: Chasing a black cat in a dark room? Conference Proceedings: *Trapca 7<sup>th</sup> Annual conference, 2012*.

## 12.8 Doctoral and MSc Theses

- 12.8.1 Doctoral Thesis: Lucia Mary Mbithi (2000). *'Effects of Agricultural Policy on Maize Production in Kenya'*. Ph.D. Thesis. State University of Ghent, Belgium.
- 12.8.2 MSc Thesis: Mbithi M. L. (1996). Water requirement and maize production in Kenya. State University of Ghent, Belgium. State University of Ghent.

## 13.0 Technical Reports

- 13.1 Mary Mbithi (2013). Assessment of the effects of regulatory regime on the cost of air transport in the East African Community. Report prepared for East African Business Council (EABC).
- 13.2 Mbithi, M. L. (2012). *Policy and operational bottlenecks affecting Kenya Private sector trade within the East African Community (EAC)*. Paper prepared for the Kenya Private Sector Association. KEPASA.
- 13.3 Mbithi, M. L. (2011). *Overlapping roles of regulatory institutions and their impact on Kenya's manufacturing sector*. Paper prepared for Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM).
- 13.4 Mbithi, M. L. (2010). *East African Community (EAC) Protocol on Common Market: implications for Kenya Private Sector in Kenya*. Paper prepared for Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM).
- 13.5 Mbithi, M. L. (2009). *Improving and Harmonizing the rules of origin in EAC, COMESA and SADC: Review of Past Research*. Paper done for Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) Business Management Organizations (BMO) Network.
- 13.6. Mbithi, M. L. (2009). *Study on EAC Tariff Binding Coverage for Industrial Goods and its Implications on the WTO Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA) Negotiations and the Kenya's Manufacturing Sector*. Technical report done for Kenya Association of Manufacturing (KAM).
- 13.7. Mbithi, M. L. (2009). *EAC Partner States Competitiveness, Preparedness and Flexibility to Liberalize Services' Trade: An Assessment Report*.
- 13.8 Mbithi, M. L. (2008). *Tariffs and Rules of origin Options for Kenya Horticulture in EPA Negotiations*. Paper prepared for the Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya (FPEAK).
- 13.9 Mbithi, M. L. (2008). *Agriculture in African regional integration*. Paper prepared for the WBI-AERC Course on Food and Agricultural Trade in Africa.
- 13.10 Mbithi, M. L. (2005). *'Trade Facilitation and the WTO position for Kenya'*. Paper prepared to inform Kenya position during Pre-Hong Kong WTO ministerial Conference. National Trade Workshop, held in Mombasa 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> November, 2005.
- 13.11 Mbithi, M. L. (2005). *'A Comprehensive Study to Establish Facilities for Infrastructural Development: With Reference to lowering the cost of doing business in Kenya'*.
- 13.12 Mbithi, M. L. (2005). *'Fisheries Sector diagnostic study and Plan of action'*. Paper prepared for Export Promotion Centre. Nairobi.
- 13.13 Mbithi, M. L. and Wangude, B (2005). *'EU SPS Issues In Inland Fisheries In East and Southern Africa'*. Paper Prepared For Freshwater Fisheries Cluster of The East and Southern Africa (ESA) region, in preparation for EU-ESA Fishery Trade Negotiations.

- 13.14 Mbithi, M. L. (2005). *Regulatory and standards requirements for Kenya export commodities*. Paper done for the World Bank as a Contribution to the Diagnostic Trade Integration Studies (DTIS) for Kenya.
- 13.15 Mbithi, M. L. (2004). *'Key trade related issues for Kenya in an Economic Partnership agreement (EPA)'*. Paper prepared for the Ministry of Trade and Industry as a part of technical support to the Kenya-European Union Post-Lome Trade negotiations (KEPLOTRADE).
- 13.16 Mbithi, M. L. (2003). *'African Caribbean Pacific-European Union Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) options for Kenya (2003)'* -co-authored. Paper Prepared for Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and analysis (KIPPRA).

#### 14. Selected Conferences, Workshops and Seminars

Date	Details
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	Launch of report: "Eastern Africa manufacturing Sector: Promoting Technology, Innovation, Productivity and Linkages".
30 June- 1July 2014	Workshop to validate the draft final report of the study on improving the use of COMESA trade facilitation instruments along the Northern Corridor: Made a presentation. Nairobi, Kenya.
27-28 June 2014	TRAPCA trade policy researchers' workshop: <i>Presented a Paper, Arusha, Tanzania.</i>
12-16 May 2014	8 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the technical committee on customs and trade facilitation & 6 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the technical committee on transport policy and planning: <i>Presented report on improving trade and transport facilitation on the Northern corridor.</i>
7-8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2013	Workshop on methodology on baseline survey on food security, held at Safari Club hotel, Nairobi. I was the facilitator of the workshop. Workshop was organized by African women studies Centre (AWSC), University of Nairobi.
November, 2012	Trapca 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop, 2012. Promoting services trade in developing countries: Chasing a black cat in a dark room? Presented a paper: <i>Assessment of services sector in the East African Community (EAC) Partner State Countries.</i>
11 <sup>th</sup> June, 2012	ReSAKSS Stakeholder Workshop on Strategic Analysis to inform Agricultural Policy makers in ESA region. <i>Presented a paper.</i> Workshop organized by ReSAKSS and was held at ILRI, Nairobi, Campus.
23-25May, 2012	COMESA- EAC- SADC Workshop on Selected Integration Issues;, Arusha, Tanzania. <i>Presented a paper on: Implications of the tripartite FTA on trade flows.</i>
2 May, 2012	Workshop to launch the Agricultural Advisory Forum for Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA). <i>Presented a paper on: Impact of Regional Agricultural Trade Policy on Food Security. Workshop was organized by</i>



EAGC.

- 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 Participated in European Report on Development on Development, Regional conference held in Dakar Senegal. The Theme of the conference was Promoting Resilience through Social Protection in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Presented a paper on 'Social protection policy in developing countries' - Case study of Kenya.*
- 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> July 2009 Participated in Trapca Annual Researcher's conference held in Arusha, Tanzania. *I was a discussant and prepared the proceedings of this conference.*
- 18<sup>th</sup> - 20 March 2008 Kenya position on WTO negotiations analysis and deliberation meeting held. Present were Kenya negotiators based in Geneva and the members of National Committee on WTO (NCWTO). *Presented a paper on impact of various proposals in Non agricultural market access (NAMA) negotiations on Kenya exports.*
- November 2006 Institute of Economic Affairs Annual Legislative conference held in Mombasa, Kenya: *Presented a paper to the Members of Parliament (MPs) on "Trade facilitation for Kenya."*
- November 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2005 Pre-Hong Kong National Trade Workshop, held in Mombasa, Kenya. Organized by the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA- Kenya). *Presented a paper entitled 'Trade Facilitation issues for Kenya and the Kenya Position at the WTO'.*
- 17-18 March 2005 Regional workshop on establishing "East African Sustainable Trade Research Network (EASTeRN)", held at Windsor Golf Club, Nairobi, Kenya. *Prepared workshop proceedings.*
- 30-31 March 2004 ITC Regional Conference on business for development. Challenges and options for government and business after the Cancun conference, held in Nairobi.
- 9-11 December 2003 Stakeholders workshop for trade negotiations support programme of the Kenya-European Union Post Lomé trade negotiations – (KEPLOTRADE). *Presented a paper: entitled 'Key trade related issues for Kenya in an Economic Partnership agreement (EPA)'.*
- 10-14<sup>th</sup> September 2003 The 5<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial conference held in Cancun, Mexico, as delegate.
- 26-28<sup>th</sup> March 2001 Commonwealth Business Council, seminar, held at Grand Regency, Nairobi,
- 26, April 2000 Fourth workshop of Association of Belgian Agricultural Economists held at Gembloux, Belgium. *Presented paper, 'Effects of Agricultural Policy on Maize production in Kenya'.*
- 23-26, September 1998 *European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) Seminar on Agricultural Markets beyond Liberalization.*

## **15.0 Extra curricula Activities at University of Nairobi**

15.1.1 Advisor of First year Bachelor of Economics and Statistics Students, School of Economics, University of Nairobi.

15.1.2 Chair, Editorial Committee, School of Economics, University of Nairobi.

## **16.0 Others**

16.1 Board Secretary, African Christian Mission International (ACMI), Directors Board.

16.2 Master of Economics, external examiner, St. Pauls University, Kenya.

16.3 External reviewer: Regional development Studies. Journal of United Nations Centre for Regional Development. Nagoya, Japan.

16.4 External reviewer: Trade Policy Centre in Africa (Trapca) Journal.

16.5 A teacher in the Family Ministry, River of God Church, Pentecostal Assemblies of God Church, Nairobi, Kenya.

16.6 Contribution to trade negotiations through providing technical support to Government of Kenya, private sector and civil society organizations to develop Kenya position in different trade negotiation fora.

16.7 Member of taskforce to prepare National Export Strategy for Kenya (2002-2003).

## **17. Referees**

Available on request.