

GAKURU CURRICULUM VITAE (UPDATED)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

University Education:

Ph.D (**Sociology**), Department of sociology, University of Nairobi, 1992.

M.A. (**Sociology**). Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, 1980.

B.A (**Sociology and Economics**), University of Nairobi, 1973.

Secondary Education:

A.C.S.C. (Advanced Cambridge School Cert.); Kenyatta College, 1969.

O.C.S.C. (Ordinary Cambridge School Certificate); St. Paul's Kevote, Embu, 1967.

SPECIALISATIONS

Development Sociology; Sociology of Education; Social Policy and Health Research.

FELLOWSHIPS, RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS.

Carnegie Fellowship, Health and Behaviour Study and Research Program, Department of Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School, September 1995- June 1996.

International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Institutional Partial Award, 1992.

The Aga Khan National Educational Assistance Award, 1990 in Early Childhood education.

The Bernard van Leer Foundation, Study Grant, 1990.

Institute of African Development Fellowship, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, U.S.A., September 1990- August 1991.

The Rockefeller Foundation Research Grant 1987, to carry out field work for my doctoral studies

Kenya Education Research Award 1982, jointly with Prof. Nguru, A. Njenga and M. Kabiru for the study on Achievement of Primary School Education Objectives.

Presidential Certificate of Participation in the Preparations for "Nyayo Era" and 25th Independence Anniversary Celebrations, 1988.

Center for Sustainable Drylands Ecosystems and Societies (CSDES) Staff Grant, jointly with Prof. Wambui Kogi-Makau, University of Nairobi and Prof. Kathleen Galvin, Colorado State University, January, 2013.

TEACHING, RESEARCH AND ADMINSTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Teaching Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, November 1999-

Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, September 1993 to November 1998.

Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi. June 1989- September 1992

Lecturer, Kenyatta University, April 1987 to May 1989.

Tutorial Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, 1980-1987.

Graduate Research Assistant, Institute for Development Studies University of Nairobi,

September 1973-May 1980.

Part-time Lecturer, Department of Educational Foundations, Kenyatta University; Diploma Course, April-June 1975 and M.A. Course, April - June 1981.

Part-time Lecturer, Adult Education Diploma Course (sociology of Education), Institute of Adult Studies, Kikuyu, University of Nairobi, 1980 - 1987.

Research Appointments

Part-time Principal Analyst, Kenya Institute of Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA), September 2003-June 2004.

Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School, September 1995- June 1996.

Administrative Appointments

Chairman, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, 10 February 1998 -10 February, 2004.

Academic Appointments

External Examiner, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, 2007-

External Examiner, Department of Sociology, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya, 2005-

External Examiner, Department of Educational Foundations, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya, 2001-2002.

Faculty and Departmental Responsibilities.

Chairman, Departmental Crime Studies Committee, 2009-

Internal Moderator 2006- 2010

Chairman, Departmental Post-graduate Studies Committee, February 2004-

Chairman, Departmental Sub-Committee, Development of Criminology Syllabus, 2007.

Member, Departmental Management Committee, 1998-

Acting chairman, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, November-December 1993.

Acting Chairman, Faculty of Arts, Postgraduate Studies Committee, August, 1997 to August 1999.

Board Member, The African Journal of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, June 1996-- 2004

Member, Health and Behavior, Interfaculty Collaboration Programme, University of Nairobi, September 1995--

Chairman, Training Committee, Health and Behavior, Interfaculty Collaboration Programme, 1996--2004

Other University Responsibilities

Member, Management Committee, Center for Sustainable Drylands and Societies, University of Nairobi, April 2012-

Member, Management Committee, African Women Studies Centre, University of Nairobi, 2009-

Member, Medical Committee, University of Nairobi, 2008 to present

Member, University of Nairobi IDRDU Committee, 2002-

Member, Vice-Chancellors' Committee on Riots and Disturbances in Public Universities, February-August 2000.

Member, Senate Committee on Development of Gender Policy, 2007-2008

Member, University Gender Policy Committee, 2006.

Member, Technical Committee, African Women Studies Center, 2009-

RESEARCH/CONSULTANCY

Transformative Participatory Research in Mapping Local Communities in Dryland Ecosystems and Societies, 2013

Evaluation of Academic Performance in Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education: The Case of Kirinyaga East District, 2011-12.

Managing Kenya's Ethnic Diversity: Policies for Social Cohesion and Economic Prosperity, KIPPRA, Nairobi, 2010

Researcher, Evaluation of Community Participation in Lake Victoria Environment Management Project, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Nairobi, Kenya, September, 2008

Principal Researcher, Indicators for Monitoring Progress towards Good Governance in Kenya, funded by ECA/ACEG, 2008.

Principal Researcher, Security Risk and Private Sector Growth in Kenya, KIPPRA, Nairobi, Sept. 2003-June 2004.

Member, Research Team, Rapid Needs Assessment on Implementation of Free Primary Education in Kenya, under UNESCO/Kenya Government, April 2003.

Evaluation of ANPPCAN Training Project of Child Protection Workers in Kenya, funded by ISPCAN and OAK Foundation, 2000-2003.

Community Mobilization Strategy for the Prevention of Mother to Child transmission of HIV/AIDS in Kenya funded by Population Council, New York, 2001-2002.

Coordinator, Technical Team, National Baseline Survey on Drugs and Substance Abuse in Kenya, organized NACADA, Nairobi, 2002-2003.

Principal Researcher, The Impact of Social Policy Change on the Adolescents at the Risk of Violence, with P. Onyango, ANPPCAN Regional Office, Nairobi, funded by IDRC. 1998-2001.

Health Insurance in the Community, with G. Mwabu, J. Wangómbe and B. Nganda. 1999-2000

The Massive Effort Against Diseases of Poverty: Application and Assessment of the Concept, 2002.

Towards a Pluralistic System of Social Provisioning for Kenya, with G. Mwabu, B. Nganda, W.S.Masai and J. Kirimi funded by International Center for Economic Growth, Nairobi, 1999-2000.

Valuation of Biodiversity, under the auspices of National Council of Science and Technology (NCST) funded by International Development Research Council (IDRC), Canada with Grace Thitai, NCST and Nicki Nzioki, University of Nairobi, 1994-1998.

Environmental Quality and Health Assessment of Makongeni Estate and Greater Thika, organised by KENGO, KEMRI and St. Mulumba Catholic Parish, Thika, with L. Muthami,

KEMRI, 1996-1998.

UNEP/GEF National Biosafety Mechanisms Survey organised by National Council for Science and Technology (with G. Thitai and J. Mbaratha), 1998.

Co-Researcher, The Experiences of the Young Children: A Contextualized Case Study of Early childhood Care and Education in Kenya with Dr. B.G. Koech, sponsored by Bernard Van Leer Foundation, The Hague, The Netherlands, January 1994-March 1995.

Team Leader, Early Childhood Development Services for the Under 3 Year Old Children, sponsored by Ministry of Education, Kenya, and World Bank, Nairobi, April 1995 - August 1995 (with Drs. B. Koech and R. Nduati).

Team Leader, The Social Economic Study of Access to University Education, Equity, Academic Performance, and Gender Issues. The study was part of the Kenya Universities Investment Project funded by Kenya Government and IDA, 1995.

Principal Researcher, The Status of Voluntary and Non- Profit Sector in Sub- Sahara Africa under the auspices of FEMNET, Nairobi, (with C. Chesaina and J. Kanada) sponsored by CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation, Washington DC, 1994.

Evaluation of the National Development Education Programme, with Prof. J.M. Bahemuka and Kithinji Kiragu, commissioned by Kenya Catholic Secretariat, Nairobi, Kenya. 1993.

The Alleviation of Poverty in Kenya: A Review of ODA Strategy (with Gerry C., CDC, University of Swansea, UK), under the auspices of ODA, Regional Office, Nairobi, 1990.

The Needs Assessment on Aids in the Private Sector in Kenya, with Drs. Wang'ombe, M. Roberts and S. Forsythe, a collaborative study between Family Health International, U.S.A. and Health and Development Research Consultants, HEDRA), Kenya, 1994 (published in AIDS in Kenya: Socioeconomic Impact and Policy Implications, Family Health International/AIDSCAP, USA, 1996).

Team Leader, Evaluation of the AMREF/GLAXO project on community- based Malaria Control, 1994-95.

Evaluation of the UNDP Fourth Country Programme, 1993. (with L.Muriithi).

Child Rearing Practices under the auspices of Eastern and Central Africa - Focus group on Early Childhood Care and Development (ECAFOG), 1993.

Financing Education in Kenya during the 1980s and Policy Options for 1990s; under the auspices of UNICEF, Kenya, with W.E. Ochoro and S. Maina, 1991.

Evaluation of NACECE - DICECE Programme, Kenya Institute of Education 1987. (with

P.F. Riak, P.H. Ogula and A.W. Njenga).

Team Leader, A Survey of Social, Demographic and Economic Aspects of Mathare Valley Nairobi, sponsored by the National Council of Churches of Kenya, 1987 (with E.N. Njeru and D.K. Orwa).

The Impact of Computers in Education: A Case Study of the Aga Khan Academy, Nairobi, sponsored by the Aga Khan Foundation, 1986 (with P.W. Kariuki).

Evaluation of the High Scope and Montessori Model Classes at the Aga Khan Nursery School, Nairobi, sponsored by Aga Khan Educational Services, Nairobi 1984 (with M. Kabiru).

Evaluation of the Pre-School Education, Experimental Project, sponsored by Bernard Van Leer Foundation, Holland, under the auspices of Kenya Institute of Education, 1981 - 1982 (with Dr. G. N. guru, M. Kabiru and A. Njenga).

An analysis of Factors that Influence the Achievement of Primary School Education Objectives: A Case Study of Kirinyaga District; sponsored by KERA, under the auspices of the Bureau of Educational Research, Kenyatta University, 1981 - 82, (with Dr. G. Nguru, M. Kabiru and A. Njenga).

Evaluation/Survey of Organized Educational Programmes for the Pre-School Child in Kenya; sponsored by UNICEF, Nairobi, under the auspices of I.D.S., University of Nairobi, June - October 1979.

Evaluation of the Non-Formal Education for Rural Development Project, Coast Province, Kenya 1977 - 1980, jointly sponsored by World Education, New York, U.S.A. and N.C.C.K., Nairobi, Kenya (with N. Clark).

Functional Literacy in Special Rural Development Program in Kenya, Sponsored by Ministry of Finance and Planning, under the auspices of I.D.S., University of Nairobi, 1975 (with H.C.A. Somerset and M. Wallis)

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

"Hope, Disillusion, and Reconciliation in Kenya". In Wanyande P., Omosa M. and Ludeki,C. eds. *Governance and Transition Politics in Kenya*, , University of Nairobi Press, Nairobi, Kenya, 2007 (with K. Bikuri and E. Mwenzwa)

"Social Policies and Marginalized Urban Youth: Centrist Prescriptions and Divergent Local Practices". In *Highlighting the Impacts of North-South Collaboration Research*

among Canadian and Southern Higher Education Partners, Ottawa, Canada. The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, June 2006 (with R. Maclure and M. Sotelo).

"Financing Medical Care Through Insurance: Issues From an Analysis of Facility and Household Surveys in Kenya". In Mwabu, G. et.al. eds. *Improving Health Policy in Africa*, University of Nairobi Press, 2004. (Also published in *African Development Review* vol. 14 No.1, June 2002:75-97).

"Children in Debt: The Case of Street Children in Nairobi". In Lugalla and Kibassa, eds. *Poverty, AIDS, and Street Children in East Africa*. Mullen Press, New York, 2002 (with P.W. Kariuki, and K. Bikuri)

"Social Provision: The Case of African Societies in Transition. In Bahemuka J. and Brockington, J. eds. *East Africa in Transition*, Acton Publishers, Nairobi, 2001.

" Women, Basic Education and Life Skills". In *Women: Basic Education, Community Health and Sustainable Development*, University of Nairobi and UNESCO, 2002.

"Education Inequality and Poverty in Kenya". In Bahemuka J. et al, eds. *Poverty Revisted: The Case of Kenya*, University of Nairobi/UNESCO, Nairobi, Kenya, 1998

"Analysis and Alleviation of Poverty in Kenya". In Bahemuka, J. et al, eds. *Poverty Revisted*, UNESCO/ University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya, 1998.

"The Voluntary and Nonprofit Sector in Sub-Saharan Africa". In *Citizens, Civicus: World Alliance for Citizen Participation*, Washington, DC, 1994 (under the auspices of African Women's Development and Communication Network).

"Education and Manpower Development". In *Kenya: An Official Handbook*, Government of Kenya, 1988.

"Education and Social Class Formation: The Case of Pre-School Education in Kenya". In *Preventing School Failure*. I.D.R.C. Ottawa, Canada, 1983.

Journal Articles

Financing Medical Care through Insurance: Policy Lessons from Household- and Community-Level Analysis in Kenya. In *African Development Review*, Vol.14 No.1, June 2002: 75-97. Also published in Mwabu, G. et al. *Improving Health Policy in Africa*, University of Nairobi Press, 2004.

Globalization of Social Structure and Political Economic Development in Kenya. In

African Journal of Sociology, Volume V, Number 1, 2002: 23-38.

Empowerment Through Basic Education, *Basic Education Forum*, Basic Education Resource Centre for Eastern and Southern Africa. Volume 3, April 1993.

Education for All in Southern and Eastern Africa: A Regional Perspective in *Africa Notes*, Cornell University, February 1991.

The Effect on Health and Self-confidence of Participation in Collaborative Learning Activities, *International Journal of Public Health*, Vol. 1, October, 1982 (with N. Clark).

Nursery Schools and Day Care Centres for the Children of Rural Workers in Kenya, *Watoto wa Africa: UNICEF Journal of Children in the Eastern Africa Region*, Vol. 1 1980.

Getting Ready for Standard One *Watoto wa Africa: UNICEF Journal of Children in the Eastern Africa Region*, Vol. II, 1984.

Pre-school Education in Kenya, *Kenya Education Review*, Vol, 3, No. 2, 1976.

Other Publications

Rapid Assessment of Performance in Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education in Kirinyaga East District, August, 2012

Social Policies and Urban Youth: The Case of Marginalised Youth in Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya, 2013.

Report on Managing Kenya's Ethnic Diversity: Policies for Social Cohesion and Economic Prosperity, KIPPRA, Nairobi, 2011

An Overview of Issues Contributing to Decline of Water Resources in Kenya. CETRAD, Nanyuki, Kenya, November, 2008

Youth at the Periphery: The case of Youth in Kenya. GLCA, Indianapolis, USA, 2006.

Security Risk and Private Sector Growth in Kenya: A Survey Report, The Kenya Institute for Public Research and Analysis (KIPPRA), SP/06/2004.

Specialization within Secondary and High Education: The Loss of training Manpower and Other Implications, Discussion Paper No. 223, I.D.S. University of Nairobi, 1975.

The Kenya Functional Literacy Programme: An Evaluation (with H.C.A. Somerset and M. Wallis), I.D.S. Discussion paper 226, January, 1976, also published in the report on the *Second Overall Evaluation of the Special Rural Development Programme in Kenya*. I.D.S., University of Nairobi, 1975.

An Analysis of Factors that Influence the Achievement of Primary Education Objectives: A Case Study of Kirinyaga District, Bureau of Educational Research, Kenyatta University, 1986 (with Kabiru, M. Njenga, A.W. and Nguru, G.M).

Education and Social Class Formation: The Case of Pre-School Education in Kenya, Seminar Paper No 47, Department of Sociology University of Nairobi, February, 1982, first presented at the International Seminar on Relations between Pre-School and Primary Education, Bogota, Columbia, 1981.

Employment Creation in Light of the New Report of the National Committee on Educational Objectives and Policies, W.P. No 349 I.D.S. University of Nairobi, 1979.

Pre-primary Education and Access to Educational Opportunities in Nairobi, W.P. No 231 I.D.S., University of Nairobi, 1977.

School Certificate Performance as a Predictor of Success at Higher School Certificate, WP No. 138, I.D.S., University of Nairobi, 1974.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Student-Led Conference on Dryland Ecosystems and Societies, jointly organized by CSDES, University of Nairobi and Colorado State University, Upper Kabete, University of Nairobi, May, 2013

Research Workshop on Urban Governance for Total Sanitation: Looking to Transformative Approaches jointly sponsored by United Nations University, Tokyo, University of Nairobi and Kenyatta University, 14-15 February 2013, Nairobi, Kenya. Paper presented "Social Policies and Urban Youth: The Case of Urbanized Urban Youth in Kibera Township, Nairobi, Kenya.

WOTRO Filling the Gap Workshop, sponsored by Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 4-8 June, 2012, Zanzibar, Tanzania.

Study Tour, Resilience Research Centre, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, July, 2011.

Political Culture, Governance and State in Africa, organized by DPMF, Nairobi, Kenya. February, 2009.

Religious Reconciliation and Spiritual solidarity in the Age of Globalisation, Beijing, China, June, 2007, organized by OPGC, New York.

East Africa in Focus: Success and Challenge in the 21st Century, organized by GLCA, Indianapolis, USA, April 7-

9, 2006. Paper presented "Youth at the Periphery: The case of Youth in Kenya".

Highlighting the Impacts of North-South Research Collaboration among Canadian and Southern Higher Education Partners, organized by AUCC, Ottawa, Canada, 6 June –7 June 2005. Paper presented " Social Policies and Marginalized Urban Youth: Centrist Prescriptions and Divergent Local Practices" (R. Maclure and M. Sotelo.

ILO-IPEC-CBP: Regional Training on Child Labour Research , Kampala, Uganda, 23-26 March , 2004.

Pre-Launch Workshop on Measuring and Monitoring Governance in Africa, ECA, Addis Ababa, 15-17 October,2001.

Africa Knowledge Network Forum Meeting, DISD/ECA, Addis Ababa, 17-18 October, 2001.

Expert Meeting on the Preparation of a Methodology for the African Women's Report-2002 titled "Mainstreaming Gender in Governance and Decision Making: A Challenge for Africa,23-25 November 2000.

The WHO/Witerthur Health Forum, 3-6 October,2000.Paper presented "Self-Help in Practice: The Case of Mount Kenya-Mirichi Community in Kenya"

Street Children and Their Health, April 2000, Dar-es-sallam. Paper presented " Children in Debt: The Case of Street Children in Nairobi".

CAAS Conference, Sherbrooke, Canada, October,1999. Paper presented" The Effects of Social Policy Changes on Adolescents at Risk of Violence".

8th International Congress on Heath in Transition: Opportunities and Challenges organised by World Federation of Public Health Associations, Arusha, Tanzania, 12-17 October, 1997.

Meeting of the East African Health and Behavior Programme and Mental Health Symposium of the 8th Congress of the world federation of Public health Associations, Arusha, Tanzania, 15-17 October 1997.

Health and Social Change in Africa, Harvard Medical School. Paper presented "Viewing Children in Context: The Effects of Social Change on Health and Development of Young Children in Kenya",

1996 Canadian Association of African Studies Meeting, McGill University and Universite de Montreal. Paper presented Inequalities in the Provision of Health Services in Kenya", McGill University, Canada, May, 1996.

Professional Development Conference on Culture, Psychology and Education, sponsored by the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Harvard University, 1996.

Environment of the Child Conference, Bernard van Leer Foundation. The Hague, The Netherlands. Paper presented "Early Childhood Care and Development: Formative Research and Quality in the Programme for Children in Kenya, December, 1995.

Institute for African Development, Cornell University, Summer Seminar, July, 1991. Presented" Education and Nation Building in Kenya: Response of Local Communities.

Financing of Social Services During the 1980s, UNICEF, ICDC, Florence, Italy, March, 1990. Paper Presented "The Political Economy of Educational Policy in Kenya".

International Conference on Popular Participation in the Economic Recovery and Development Process in Africa, Arusha, Tanzania, Feb. 1990. Paper presented "Popular Participation in Recovery and Development Process in Africa: A Case Study of Kwale District Community Water Supply and Sanitation Project, Kenya" (with Dr. E. Gachukia).

Research Workshop for Dissemination and Findings on the Effects and Functioning of the Literacy Programme in Kenya Nairobi, November 1989 (Organized by IDRC and Department of Adult Education, Republic of Kenya).

Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Consultation Meeting on Basic Education for All, November 1989. Papers presented: i) Early Childhood Education in Kenya: A Case Study (with M.Kabiru) ii) Regional Overview on Education (with D. Macharia and R. Mutua). Also compilation of the Draft Report of the Regional Consultation Meeting (with E. Gachukia, Rapporteur General, D. Macharia and R. Mutua).

Focus Group Meeting on Early Childhood Care and Development in East and Central Africa, sponsored by UNICEF and Consultative Group on Early Childhood Care and Development, Nairobi, April 1989.

Rural Sociology of Mau Narok, Consultancy Paper based on field work on behalf of FAO, Nairobi, 1989.

Sub-Regional Workshop on the improvement of Local Level Programme, Nyeri, Kenya, April 1984 Paper presented "Research Needs on the Functioning and Effects of Programmes in Kenya".

International Seminar on Rural Scouting, Nairobi, May, 1983. Presented a paper entitled "The Rural Youth in Africa".

BOLESWA Educational Research Association Workshop on Early Childhood Education, Maseru, Lesotho, February, 1983. Paper presented "Early Childhood Education:

Factors, Trends and Outcomes". Also served as a consultant for the Workshop; and later for Bernard Van Leer Foundation, on the status of Early Childhood Education in Zimbabwe.

WHO/UNICEF Workshop; Alternative Approaches to Day Care in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, Dec 1982.

International Seminar on Relations between Pre-School and Primary Education, jointly organized by Ford Foundation and I.D.R.C.; Bogota, Columbia, May, 1981. Paper Presented - "Education and Social Class Education in Kenya", later presented as Staff Paper No. 47, Department of Sociology, university of Nairobi.

International seminar for Programme Managers, organized by International Planned Parenthood Federation (I.P.P.F.), Nairobi, Kenya. April, 1980.

International Conference on International Health: Measuring Progress, organised by N.C.I.H., Washington, D.C. June, 1980. Panelist: Paper presented - "The Effect on Health and Self-Confidence of Participation in Collaborative Learning Projects" (with Dr. H. Clark, University of Michigan, School of Public Health).

African Curriculum Organization, Third Annual Workshop on Curriculum Development, Kenya, 1979. Paper presented - "The Status of Pre-School Education in Kenya".

International Workshop on Quantitative Methods and computer Application, sponsored by Social Science Research Council, New York, and Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi, July 1978.

International Conference on Adult Education and Development, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, sponsored by International Council for Adult Education, June 1976.

International Symposium on East African Countries Research/Education and Socio-Economic Development: Employment and Industrial Relations, sponsored by International Institute for Labour Studies, Geneva, Lusaka, Zambia, June 1975.

NATIONAL WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

Food Security Baseline Study and Documentation of Women's Experiences, organized by African Women Studies Center (AWSC), University of Nairobi, Lilian Towers, 7-8 March, 2013.

Preparation Activities For Population and Development Conference, organized by PSRI, University of Nairobi, November, 2011. Paper Presented " Human Resource Development in Kenya."

Kirinyaga County Strategic Plan Workshop, Kirinyaga Technical Institute, November, 2011.

The Youth Forum, Philadelphia Retreat and Conference Center, Kirinyaga District, October, 2010

Induction Workshop for CAAC Members, Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA), Tana Catchment, Embu, January, 2009.

Stakeholder Consultative Workshop on Tana Water Resources Management Strategy, Embu, Kenya, May, 2008, organized by WRMA, Nairobi, Kenya

International Water Resources Management Training Course, organized by CETRAD, Nanyuki, Kenya, November, 2008. Paper presented "An Overview of Issues Contributing to Decline of Water Resources in Kenya".

Organised, Lecture on "The River Nile and East Africa" presented by Prof. Terje Tvedt, Research Director, University of Bergen, Norway, 15 November, 2006

Annual Convention 2005 organized by Kenya Private Sector Alliance, Safari Park Hotel, February, 2005. Paper presented "Security Situation in Kenya".

National Plan of Action on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour, Mt. Kenya Safari Club, Nairobi, 2004.

Early Childhood Stakeholders' Consultation, NACECE, Nairobi, 2004.

National Conference on Effects of Social Policy Changes on Youth at Risk of Violence, organised by ANPPCAN and Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi, 23 October, 2001.

Alleviation of Poverty in Nairobi Central Business District, Charter Hall, Nairobi, February, 2001.

National Research Agenda Setting Workshop on HIV/AIDS organised by NASCOP and POLICY Project, KCCT, Mbagathi, Kenya, 19 July 1999. Paper presented "Social, Economic, Cultural, Demographic and Behavior Change Aspects of HIV/AIDS IN Kenya".

Alternative /Complementary Approaches to Early Childhood Care and Development. Workshop Theme: Workable Strategies in Community-Based Early Childhood Care and Development organised by UNICEF Country Office, Kenya and the Ministry of Education, Nairobi, Kenya, 15-19 February 1999.

Stakeholders Workshop in Tobacco Industry in Kenya organised by BAT Kenya Limited,

Nanyuki, 29 September 2000. Paper presented "Social Impact of Tobacco Industry in Kenya: The Case of British Tobacco, Kenya Limited".

Workshop for Community Health Managers in Limuru Division, organised by IFCP, Tigoni, September, 1998

The Annual Interfaculty Collaboration Conference, Ndallas Hotel, Matuu, Machakos, 17-22 August, 1997.

Third Annual Interfaculty Workshop organised by the Interfaculty Collaboration Programme, University of Nairobi, New Garden Hotel, Machakos, 14-17 August, 1996. Paper presented "Culture, Socialisation and Adolescence Health".

Strategic Planning Workshop for the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chair organised by the Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, July, 1997. Paper presented "Women, Education and Life Skills".

National Dissemination Workshop on Access, Equity and Efficiency in Public Universities, organised by Kenyatta University and funded by Ford Foundation, Stem Hotel, Nakuru, 16-19 April, 1997.

National Workshop on Early Childhood Development in Kenya, organised by Ministry of Education, Whitesands Hotel, Mombasa, July 10-14, 1995. Paper presented "Early Childhood Development Services for the Under 3 Year Old Children" with B.G. Koech and R. Nduati.

National Seminar on Education For All, organised by The Kenya National Commission for UNESCO, Kisumu, Kenya, August, 1992. Paper Presented "Empowerment Through Basic Education".

Seminar on Social changes and Their Implications on Child and Family Development in Kenya, organized by Bernard van Leer Foundation and National Centre for Early Childhood Education, Kenya, Institute of Education, Matuga, Kenya, June 1988. Paper presented. "The Concept of Marginality: Its Application to Children and Families in Kenya".

Seminar on Education with production in Kenya, Nairobi November 1988, sponsored by Centre for the Study of Education in Developing Countries (CESO), Netherlands.

Workshop on Theology and Development, Nakuru, Kenya, sponsored by the Catholic Secretariat, Nairobi, October, 1985.

The Second National Study Seminar on Population, Human Resources Planning and Development, Nyeri, Kenya, September, 1985, organized by the Ministry of Labour. Paper presented - "The Sociology of Development Planning, the Process and Beneficiaries"

Early Childhood Education Seminar for Parents and Teachers, organized by the Aga Khan Education Service, Nairobi, Kenya, June, 1983.

Staff Seminar on Pre-School Education, UNICEF Regional Office, Nairobi, January, 1982.

Workshop on the Quality of Primary Education: organized by the Bureau of Educational Research, Kenyatta University College, November, 1983. Paper presented "Analysis of Factors that Influence the Achievement of Primary Education Objectives" (with G. Nguru, M. Kabiru and A. Njenga).

The National Seminar on Pre-School Education in Kenya, jointly organized by the Ministry of Basic Education, Kenya, and Bernard Van Leer Foundation, Holland; Malindi, Kenya, June, 1982. Paper Presented - "A Report of the Findings on the Evaluation of the Pre-School Education, Experimental Project".

Pre-School Seminar for Local Authorities, Organized by the Kenya Institute of Education; Kilifi, Kenya, July, 1981.

National Seminar on Non-Formal Education for Rural Development, sponsored by National Christian Council of Kenya and World Education, Nairobi, January, 1980.

Workshop on the Role of Trade Unions in Rural Development, jointly organized by Central Organization of Trade Unions (C.O.T.U.), Kenya and African-American Labour Centre, Nairobi, Kisumu, May 1980. Paper presented - "Nursery Schools and Day Care Centers for children of Rural Workers in Kenya".

Organized a National Seminar on Pre-School Education in Kenya, sponsored by UNICEF and I.D.S., University of Nairobi, October, 1979. Paper presented - "A Survey of Organized Pre-School Education in Kenya".

PUBLIC LECTURES

The College and Graduate School of Education and The Gerald H. Read Distinguished Lecture Series, Kent State University, Ohio, USA. Topic " Viewing Children in Context: The Experiences of Young Children in Kenya", in Read Room, 200 White Hall, Kent State University, March 14, 1996.

Employment Creation in Light of the New Report of the National Committee on Educational Objectives and Policies, Annual General Meeting, National Council of Christian Churches in Kenya, 1979.

INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Trustee, African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN), Nairobi, May 2012-

Member, Governing Council, National Crime Research Center, 2006-2012.

Member, District Education Board, Kirinyaga East District, 2010-
Chairman, Board of Governors, Kiburia Girls Secondary School, Kirinyaga District, 2008-.

Member, Research and Development Sub-Committee, National Crime Research Center, 2009-

Chairman, Tana CAAC, Water Resources Management Authority (WRMA), Kenya, November, 2006-2011.

Vice-Chairman, International Organization for Promoting Global Civilization (OPGC) , New York, USA, 2006-

Member, Board of Governors, Kiburia Girls' Secondary school, Kianyaga, Kirinyaga District, 2000-

Member, Board of Governors, Kianyaga Boys' High School, Kianyaga, Kirinyaga District, 2002-2003.

Member, Board of Governors, Gacatha Day Secondary School, Kirinyaga East. 2007-

Chairman, Gacatha Community Umeme Pamoja Self-Help Group, Mirichi/ Njukiini, Kirinyaga East District 2006-.

Patron and Member, Gacatha Community Development Group, Mirichi, Kirinyaga East District, 2000-

Member, Community Organization Training Board, African Network on Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN), 1996--2004.

Member, Task Force, Implementation of the Government Policy Paper No. 6 of 1988 on Education and Manpower Training for the Next Decade and Beyond, the task force prepared Education Sector Adjustment Credit Report, July 1990.

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