

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- 2002 – 2006: Oslo School of Architecture and Design – Oslo, Norway.  
PhD. Dissertation Title: “**Diverse Informalities**”; Spatial Transformations in Nairobi.  
A study of Nairobi’s Urban Process. (Degree conferred in October 2006).
- 1984 – 1986. Helsinki University of Technology – Otaniemi, Finland.  
Master of Architecture (Degree conferred August 1986)
- 1975 – 1980. University of Nairobi – Nairobi, Kenya.  
Bachelor of Architecture, Upper Second Class Honours (Degree Conferred December 1980)
- 1973-1974. East African Advanced Certificate of Education (EAACE).  
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## Professional Qualifications

- 1983, 29<sup>th</sup> July, Registered Architect (No.A527) with the Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors (BORAQS)
- 1986, 24<sup>th</sup> June, Became a Corporate Member (No.919) of the Architectural Association of Kenya

## Working Experience

- 2007 – To 2012: Mazingara Systems in collaboration with AmbroAfrique Architects, Durban: **Design of the Austrian Embassy in Muthaiga, Nairobi**
- 2000-2002: Design of Kenya Airways Headquarters at Embakasi including the Hangar Offices.
- 1986 – 2002: Principal Partner at Mazingara Systems Architects, Nairobi, Kenya. Designed and supervised over 40 projects in Nairobi and Western Kenya. One of which is; “**The Rehabilitation of Jomo Kenyatta Sports Grounds in Kisumu, Kenya**. This was a project funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), and was completed in July 2002.
- 1987 – 2002: Consulting Architect for the Faculty Projects Office, University of Nairobi. Nairobi, Kenya.
- **April 1989: Won the Kenyan Chapter of the Preferential Trade Area (PTA), Design Competition for the Proposed Headquarters Building in Lusaka, Zambia.**
- 1983 – 1984: Architect at Richard Hughes and Partners, Architects, Nairobi, Kenya. A leading Architectural Practice in Nairobi during the 1980s. One major project I

- worked on is the Insurance Company of East Africa (ICEA) building on Kenyatta Avenue, Nairobi.
- 1980 – 1983: Assistant Architect at Richard Hughes and Partners, Architects, Nairobi, Kenya.
  - 1977 – 79: Architectural Assistant at Zevet Kenya, Architects, Nairobi, Kenya. This was during the long vacations while studying at the University of Nairobi.
  - 1976 – 77: Research assistant at Housing Research and Development Unit (HRDU), University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya. Assisted in the development of Low Cost Housing Prototypes.
  - January 1973 – May 1973: Workshop Technician at Coates Brothers, Printing Inks, Nairobi, Kenya. Worked as a machinist in the production of rollers for the printing industry.
  - 1971 – 72: Workshop Technician at Bamburi Portland cement Factory, Mombasa, Kenya. This assignment was carried out during the long vacations, while studying at the Mombasa Polytechnic.

## Teaching Experience

- **26 years teaching experience at the University of Nairobi, 16 years have been at the Senior Lecturer Level and 1 year at Associate Professor Level.**
- 2012(February) – To Date: Associate Professor, Department of Architecture, University of Nairobi
- 1996 – 2012: Senior Lecturer, Department of Architecture, University of Nairobi. 2002 – 2006: Part-Time Teaching in the Department of Urbanism, Oslo School of Architecture and Design.
- 1987 – 2002: Taught in the Department of Architecture, University of Nairobi. Nairobi, Kenya. The main subject areas were Architectural Design, and History and Theory of Architecture. The History and Theory of Architecture course covered: - Western Cultures, Eastern and African Cultures. Experience was also gained as Studio Master for all the years of study, i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> year, over the 15 year period. I also supervised more than forty (40) final year thesis projects during this period.
- January 1975 – September 1975: Secondary School Teacher, teaching Forms 1 – 4. The subjects taught were; Mathematics, Physics and Kiswahili.

## PhD Supervision

- 2012 (October): Examiner for Mr. Micah Makworo a PhD candidate at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. Title of Thesis: The role of spatial planning in the environmental management of public spaces of residential neighbourhoods in the city of Nairobi, Kenya.
- Supervised Samuel Maina Mwituria who graduated in December 2011, his topic of study was Eco-ethics in Product Life Cycle
- Currently (2007-2013) supervising two PhD students, Mr. Kassim Omar is studying the Conservation of Swahili Architecture while Mr. Joseph Kamenju is studying Transformations of Traditional Kikuyu Architecture. Mr. Kamenju is awaiting the defence of his thesis at the Oslo School of Architecture and Design.
- 2011 (January): Examiner for Mr. Stephen Diang'a a PhD candidate in Architecture at the University of Kwa Zulu-Natal. Title of thesis: Regularising informal settlements for sustainable housing development for the urban poor: The case of Nairobi-Kenya.
- 2010 (January): Examiner for Mr. Wekesa B. W a Doctor of Technology (D.Tech) candidate at Tshwane University of Technology. Research topic; Building Construction Technologies for Marginalised Communities.

- 2008 (December): Member and second opponent of the defence team of Dr. Cyracus Lwamayanga's PhD Thesis, titled: Constancy and Change: the living processes and skills in vernacular architecture of Kagera Region-Tanzania. Disputation held in Oslo on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

### **Masters Supervision**

- (2012/2013) Supervising (3) Master of Architecture students
- 2011 Examined Two (2) Master of Architecture Students at University of Kwa Zulu, Natal, Republic of South Africa
- (2010-2011) Supervising two (2) Master of Architecture students
- (2009-2010) Supervised two (2) Master of Urban Management Students and two (2) Master of Architecture Students.
- (2008-2009) supervised two (2) Master of Urban Management students at the University of Nairobi.
- 2008 (June): Resource person for Summer School held in Dar es Salaam and Bagamoyo for students of the University of Florida.
- Examined one (1) Master of Architecture student at the University of Nairobi in 2006/07
- Examined two (2) Master of Architecture students at the Oslo School of Architecture, Norway in 2004/05

### **Publications in refereed Journals**

- 2011: Developing an Authentic African Architecture. Africa Habitat Review 5(2011) – Journal of the School of the Built Environment, University of Nairobi.
- 2011: Informal Urbanism in Nairobi: Article in Built Environment Journal Vol. 37 No. 1, 2011.
- 2010 with Samuel Maina and Washington Olima: Adopting a new eco-ethical philosophy of living; the diminishing options for Nairobi and humanity. Africa Habitat Review 4 (2010) – Journal of the School of the Built Environment, University of Nairobi.
- 2007: Spatial Transformations in Nairobi, in Research Magazine No.8 Oslo School of Architecture and Design.
- 2004: *Informalising a planned neighbourhood in Nairobi*. Article in HBRC Journal, Vol.1, No.1, December 2004 ([www.hbrc.edu.eg](http://www.hbrc.edu.eg))
- 2004: *Built Form Transformations as an Income Generating Strategy*. Article in Wits Journal of Architecture and Planning Studies. Vol.1, No.1, September 2004.
- Refereed paper in Workshop proceedings: September 2005: 6<sup>th</sup> N-AERUS Workshop, Lund, Sweden; Promoting Social Inclusion in Urban Areas: Policies and Practice. Paper titled; *Nairobi's Informal Modernism* ([www.naerus.net](http://www.naerus.net)).

### **Book Publications**

- 2008: "Diverse Informalities": Spatial Transformations in Nairobi. A study of Nairobi's Urban Process. VDM Verlag, Dr. Muller, Saarbrucken.
- 1995: Two chapters in Lime and Alternative Binders in East Africa. Intermediate Technology Publications, London.
- 1994: With A. A. Adebayo, *Traditional Architecture; Settlement Evolution and Built Form*. Jomo Kenyatta Foundation, Nairobi

## **Other Publications**

- 2005: With Nordahl, B. *Housing Development and Women's Rights to Land and Property*. A review of Women's Advancement Trust's Development Programme in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Norwegian Building Research Institute, Oslo.
- 2004: With Mulenga, C. and Nordahl, B., *Upgrading of Urban Informal Settlements; Evaluation and Review of Upgrading and Poverty Reduction Activities in Three Settlements in Lusaka, Zambia*. Norwegian Building Research Institute, Oslo.

## **Forthcoming Publications**

- March 2013: Property, Possession and Conflict in Re/Building Settlements in three cities; Nairobi, Durban and Sarajevo. Authored by Robbins, E. et al.
- April 2013: Diversities and Typologies of Informalities in Nairobi. Chapter in *Unveiling Urban Development Challenges of Contemporary Nairobi*. Authored by Omenya, A. Et al.

## **Research**

- 2012: In collaboration with Prof. Alfred Omenya, Research on Suitable Low Income Housing Models for Urban Settlements, Research Funded by Shelter Forum.
- 2006-2011: Member of Research Team on Property, Possession and Conflict in Re/Building Settlements. The research was carried out in the cities of Nairobi, Durban and Sarajevo. The research was funded by the Norwegian Research Council, Oslo, Norway.

## **Other Relevant Experience**

- 2013, January 28th –February 8th. Institutional Audit of Public Universities. Panellist for Kenyatta University.
- 2012 September – 2013 January, Member of Senate Committee on Research Policy, University of Nairobi.
- 2011 – To date, Dean, School of the Built Environment, University of Nairobi
- 2009/10/11 – Master of Architecture and Master of Urban Management Degree programmes Coordinator
- 2009 – 2012: External Examiner, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda
- 2010 –To date: Member Local Authority Transfer Fund (LATF) Advisory Committee.
- 2009 – To date: Council Member, Kisii University College.
- 1998 – 2002: Chairman, Department of Architecture, University of Nairobi.
- August 1998: Board member, Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) and Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), visitation board, for the accreditation of the Department of Architecture, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, Republic of South Africa.
- 1996 – 2000: External Examiner in the Department of Architecture, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Nairobi, Kenya.
- October 1995: Board member, Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) accreditation for the Department of Architecture, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Nairobi, Kenya.
- 1993, 5<sup>th</sup> April – 1994, 5<sup>th</sup> January: Acting Chairman, Department of Architecture, University of Nairobi

- 1991 -92: Resource person on Architectural Forms in African Societies, at the Daystar University College, Nairobi, Kenya.
- 1989 – 95: Council member and vice- chairman, Board of Architectural Education in the Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK), Nairobi, Kenya.
- 1987 – 96: Lecturer and Examiner, Professional Practice Examinations for the Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors, Nairobi, Kenya.

### **Conferences and Workshops Attended**

- July 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 8<sup>th</sup> Executive Regional Workshop on Institutional Management in Higher Education, held in Zanzibar.
- September 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 46<sup>th</sup> ISOCARP International Congress on Sustainable City Developing World held in Nairobi.
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 World Urban Forum, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Presented a paper on Incremental Housing, “the case of Dandora and Umoja”.
- February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Workshop on Urbanisation in Eastern Africa held in Dar es Salaam. Presented a paper titled “African Urban Qualities”
- September 2007: Seminar on Property, Possession and Conflict in Re/Building Settlement, held in Oslo.
- May 2007: Seminar on Land Rights, Held in Oslo and sponsored by the Norwegian Mapping and Cadastral Authority – Centre for Property Rights and Development.
- December, 2004: Future Vision and Challenges for Urban Development, Cairo, Egypt. Presented a paper titled “*Informalisation of a planned Neighbourhood in Nairobi*”.
- January, 2002: Architectural Education in Eastern and Southern Africa, NUFU/SEARCH workshop held at Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- February, 2001: Architectural Education in Eastern and Southern Africa, NUFU/SEARCH workshop held at the University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.
- April, 2000: African CBD workshop held in Durban Republic of South Africa. Funded by Prins Clans Fund, the Stimulation fund for Architecture, the Netherlands Foundation for Visual Arts, Design and Architecture and the Ministry of Housing in the Netherlands.
- January, 2000: Architectural Education in Eastern and Southern Africa, NUFU/SEARCH workshop held at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.
- October, 1995: Fourth African Union of Architects (AUA), Congress and General Assembly held at the Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. Presented a paper titled, “*Towards an Authentic African Architecture*”
- April, 1995: International Conference, “Africa 2000: Towards the Millennium”, held at the University of Cape Town, Republic of South Africa. In co-authorship with Kigara Kamweru, wrote a paper titled, “*The Planning of Nairobi:-From a Railway Yard to a Metropolis*”.
- March, 1995: All Africa Seminar on, “African Architecture and Planning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the challenge of our time”. Organised by the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology and held at the Methodist Guesthouse, Nairobi, Kenya.
- December, 1994: East African Regional Workshop on Lime and Alternative Binders, held at Rock Hotel, Tororo, Uganda. Presented a paper titled, “*Binder Production and use in Kenya*”
- October, 1994: African Union of Architects Special General Assembly and Congress, held at Mayfair Court Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.
- October, 1993: Architectural Practice Conference held at Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi. Presented a paper titled, “*Professional Sustainability in Constrained Environments*”

- September, 1993: Southern Africa Regional Conference on Construction for Development, held at Club Makokola, Mangochi, Malawi. Presented a paper titled, “*Trends in Low Cost Housing in Africa*”
- July, 1992: Workshop on Book Writing and Publication for University and Tertiary Institutions. Organised by the Jomo Kenyatta Foundation, and held at the Whitesands Hotel, Mombasa, Kenya.
- February, 1990: Commonwealth association of architects (CAA), Seminar on “Managing Risks”, held at Hotel Intercontinental, Nairobi, Kenya. Member of the organising Committee.
- August, 1985: International Seminar and Workshop on Restoration and Conservation, held at Soumenlinna Island and Fortress, Helsinki, Finland.
- September, 1984: Seminar on Architecture and Urban Planning in Finland, theme “Architectural Principles and Dynamics of City Centres”, held in Helsinki, Finland.

### **Architectural Tours/Excursions**

- 2012: Kuala Lumpur - Malaysia
- 2010: Rio de Janeiro - Brazil
- 2006/05: Washington DC and environs, New York, Boston, Worcester, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, Baltimore
- 2006 – 02: Oslo, Bergen, Copenhagen, Malmö, Lund, Trondheim, Roros
- 2005: Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Zanzibar
- 2004: Stuttgart, Cairo and environs.
- 2003: Lusaka and environs
- 2002: Kampala, Addis Ababa
- 2000: Durban
- 1998: Pretoria, Johannesburg
- 1985/84: Finland, Sweden, Copenhagen, Tallinn, Frankfurt, Rome, Florence