

PERSONAL INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS

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CORE COMPETENCIES

- ✚ Peace research and peace policy advice
- ✚ Political and security analyses
- ✚ Project cycle management
- ✚ Conflict transformation and peacebuilding
- ✚ Institutional strengthening
- ✚ Capacity building
- ✚ Training and teaching

CORE EXPERIENCE AND ACQUIRED SKILLS

- ✚ Extensive practical experience in conflict resolution and peace building programming including Inter-Religious Action (IRA) gained through my work both at CRS and Hekima Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations (HIPSIR)
- ✚ Experience in mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) through my involvement in community peace processes both in Mount Elgon in Kenya and Kasese in Uganda
- ✚ Good command of institutional capacity enhancement (acquired from working with Viwango, an organisation that specializes in organisational capacity assessment, strengthening and certification in Kenya)
- ✚ Competency in conflict sensitive project design and implementation. I was part of a team that recently developed a Facilitators' Guide and a Practitioners' Handbook on conflict sensitive project cycle management for African Centre for Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)
- ✚ Social science research skills acquired both during my MA studies at HIPSIR and currently at Loughborough University

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

A. Positions Currently Held

1. PhD student at Loughborough University, United Kingdom: October 2018 – current

- ✚ Researching on regional conflict management with a focus on the peace-making role of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in South Sudan

2. Adjunct Lecturer at St. Paul's University, Kenya: May 2016 – current

- ✚ Teaching various degree and diploma courses on political science and peace and conflict studies

3. Founding Director, Amani Africa, Kenya: January 2015 – current

- ✚ This is a consultancy firm whose objective is peace research and peace policy advice in Africa. The following are the key achievements
- ✚ Resource person during the Christian Brandon Mission (CBM) Summit in 2018

- ✚ Resource person at the Public Benefits Organisations (PBO) Summit 2018 organised by Civil Society Reference Group (CSRG) in partnership with Poverty Eradication Network (PEN) in July 2018
- ✚ Facilitator during the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) training and stakeholders' conference organised by CSRG in April 2018
- ✚ Conducted a gender analysis for the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK) and its partners on a climate change adaptation project in Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet and West Pokot Counties in 2017
- ✚ Part of a team that developed the Conflict Sensitive Project Cycle Management Facilitators' Guide and Practitioners' Handbook for the Africa Centre for Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD) in 2016-2017
- ✚ Part of a team that conducted research on proliferation of small arms and light weapons; implication on cattle rustling and poaching and its impact on development in the Great Lakes region. Research commissioned by Regional Centre on Small Arms (RECSA) with support from the African Development Bank (ADB) in 2015-2016

B. Positions Previously Held

1. *Peace and Justice Programme Manager at Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Kenya: April 2016 – September 2018*

- ✚ Coordination of the implementation of the Capacity for Inter-Religious Community Action (CIRCA) project implemented in 6 African countries (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Nigeria, Niger and Egypt)
- ✚ Managing CRS's peace and justice projects in various parts of Kenya (Garissa, Malindi and informal settlements in Nairobi)
- ✚ Supporting CRS South Sudan on conflict analysis; peacebuilding project design and capacity building
- ✚ Supporting the activities of CRS's Africa Justice and Peace Working Group (AJPWG)

2. *Fredskorpset (FK Norway) Fellow: Human Rights Network Uganda (HURINET-U), Uganda: August 2014 – September 2015*

- ✚ I worked as a Program Associate for the Uganda Synergy for peace and justice project implementing various peacebuilding and transitional justice initiatives in western and northern parts of Uganda
- ✚ Coordinated the activities of Uganda Coalition on Transitional Justice including initial work on the transitional justice draft policy
- ✚ Supporting the work of Uganda Coalition on the International Criminal Court (UCICC) especially research on the situation of the surrender of Dominic Ongwen and its implication on reconciliation in northern Uganda

3. *Consultant, Nairobi – 2014 – 2016*

- ✚ Viwango is a Kenya Civil Society Assessment and Certification Organisation. I have been closely involved in the work of Viwango as the organisation seeks to contribute to Kenya Civil Society Excellence through institutional capacity assessment and certification of all types of civil society organisations in Kenya. This is part of the sector's self-regulation mechanism envisaged in the Public Benefits Organisations (PBO) Act. The aim is to ensure a credible, transparent and accountable civil society sector in Kenya
- ✚ I was part of a team that conducted a baseline survey for the Upper Tana Natural Resource Management Project (UTaNRMP) in 2014. The project covered 6 counties

(Murang'a, Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Embu, Tharaka Nithi and Meru). My tasks were to: (i) Identify and document current and potential water and natural resource based conflicts (ii) natural resources conflict hot spot mapping (iii) documenting existing interventions and (iv) documenting available opportunities for conflict mitigation

4. Programme Coordinator, Hekima Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations (HIPSIR): September 2012 – August 2014

✚ Coordinating the activities of the human rights and good governance office which is the intervention arm of the peace institute. The activities included but not limited to: research; advocacy; conflict early warning e.g. the 2013 general election monitoring in Kenya; conflict transformation and peacebuilding interventions in various parts of Kenya, particularly Uasin Gishu County, Bungoma County (Mt. Elgon) and Kwale County; and organizing the peace forums, workshops and conferences at HIPSIR

5. Youth Coordinator and Peace Ambassador: Kenya (2005 – 2008; Tanzania 2008 – 2012)

✚ Coordinating inter-college peacebuilding programmes in colleges and universities within Nairobi including peace match, sports for peace and peace concerts following Kenya's post-election violence and working in the informal settlements of Nairobi on youth engagement for peace.

✚ Being part of volunteer exchange to Tanzania for youth peer to peer learning projects on sustainable ways of youth engagement in political processes, peace and livelihood enhancement and teaching in a secondary school in Tanzania's Kilimanjaro province

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. PhD Student at Loughborough University: October 2018 – current
2. Master of Arts in Peace and International Relations at Hekima Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations (HIPSIR), a Constituent College of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA): August 2012 – May 2014
 - ✓ Graduated with First Class Honours
 - ✓ Thesis Title: Transitional Justice and reconciliation in Kenya: A study of perceptions of citizens on truth telling in Mount Elgon
3. Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy at Apostles of Jesus Philosophicum, affiliated to the Pontifical Urbanian University: August 2005 – May 2008
 - ✓ Graduated with Summa cum Laude Probatus
 - ✓ Obtained diploma in philosophy and religious studies from Apostles of Jesus Philosophicum
4. Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) from St. Peters Suneka Secondary school: 1999 - 2002
5. Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) from Nyaoronga Diocese of Kisii (DoK) Primary School: 1990 – 1998

PROFESSIONAL COURSES AND TRAININGS

- ✚ Essential Teaching Skills, Loughborough University – 2019
- ✚ Institute for Peace in Africa, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – 2017
- ✚ Xenophobia in Africa, Institute for Security Studies (ISS) – 2016
- ✚ Fredskorpset (FK Norway) Exchange programme Preparatory Course – 2014
- ✚ Leadership and Management, Hekima Institute of Peace and International Relations (HIPSIR) – 2013

PUBLICATIONS

- ✚ Contested Somali identity and its implications on countering violent extremism in Kenya (In publication – Critical African Studies Journal)
- ✚ The role of social media in Africa’s democratic transitions: Lessons from Burundi – Brill-Sense Publishers 2018
- ✚ Transitional justice and democratization nexus: Challenges of confronting legacies of past injustices and promoting reconciliation within weak institutions in Kenya (AJCR 2016, Vol. 16 No. 1)
- ✚ Transitional Justice and Reconciliation in Kenya: A study of the perceptions of citizens on truth telling in Mount Elgon (LAP Lambert Academic Publishing 2016).
- ✚ Towards transforming ethnic conflicts in Uganda: The case of Rwenzori region (Pambazuka Press, 2015).
- ✚ The surrender of Dominic Onguen and its implication on reconciliation in northern Uganda (The Peace Dialogue – Issue No. 6, April, 2015).
- ✚ The transitional justice process in Kenya: Unfinished business? (Pambazuka Press - November, 2014)
- ✚ The Church’s prophetic role at the time of post-election violence in Kenya: An account of *amani mashinani* in Eldoret Diocese (2014), a chapter in the book “Courage and complicity: Catholic Church leadership in peace building in Africa. Edited by Elias Opongo & David Kaulem (Pauline Publications, 2014)
- ✚ County governments and citizen participation in Kenya (Peace Dialogue, 2013)

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