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PROFILE

Holder of MSc and Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Science and Technology (Netherlands/Switzerland), BSc in Forestry (Moi University Eldoret, Kenya), Certificate in Reforestation Techniques and Forest Management from Japan and Certificate in Senior Management Training Course (KIA-Kenya). Certificate in Improved Forest Governance course from Wolverhampton University in the United Kingdom (UK). Studied Accounting, Financial Management, Business Management Communication and Statistics during an MBA course partially taken in the USA. I also possess Certificate in GIS, an important tool in planning of quantitative, spatial and temporal aspects of natural resources management including a certificate in collaborative conflict management course in South Africa. Throughout my working career, I have taken short courses in various fields, implemented agricultural based projects and recently completed an FAO award winning intervention in the Mau Forest Complex –the “sustainable livelihood development project “ that focused on capacity building, integrated agricultural production and environmental conservation.

Currently, I am seconded to FAO- Country office as programme support officer. I provide technical support to FAO-country programmes and projects particularly on matters of forestry and natural resources, liaise with stakeholders on countries development priorities and develop funding proposals. I am also involved in discussions related to proposals prepared for Forest Law enforcement, governance and trade (FLEGT) funding among other financial support facilities.

Previously, I held the Corporate Planning Office at Kenya Forest Service where I was involved in coordinating planning activities and performance contract processes. I have been instrumental in developing and successfully implementing various national projects eg GZDSP, INRMU, WFP, ISFP, KFDP. I have acquired wide experience in planning, management and implementation of all aspects of the forestry sector-Farm forestry, plantation establishment, natural forests protection and management, dry land forestry, community participation through PFM processes, developing forestry master plans etc. I have been contact person for Community Environment Facility (CEF) projects -community based initiatives and represented KFS in Technical Advisory Committees of various programmes. Was involved in Piloting Participatory forest management in dry land forests-Ukambani, Production and marketing of Non-timber forest products and horticultural products.

I co-authored technical documents including four Ukambani district master plans, the planning guide for technical officers, *Tamarindus indica* marketing guide, baseline survey reports and progress evaluation documents. I completed a masters thesis on management of environmental pollution from agricultural systems –eutrophication. Study took place in Kastanienbaum in Switzerland.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES.

Analytical skills, conceptualization, policy and legislations analysis, management and coordination, strong skills in multi-sector management and coordination of integrated interventions, good team player, results oriented and skills in authoring and writing.

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Level of study	Institution	Period
Certificate in Improved forest governance	University of Wolverhampton UK	July-August 2012
Masters in Business Administration	University of Northern Virginia, Manassas, USA	2006-2007. Partially done
Masters in Environmental Science and Technology (Switzerland/Netherlands)	IHE (Netherlands) & Federal Limnological Institute of Switzerland (EAWAG)	1995-1996
Post graduate Diploma in Environmental Science and Technology (Netherlands)	International Institute of Hydraulic Engineering and Environmental Science (IHE) Netherlands.	1994-1995
Certificate in Reforestation Techniques and Forest Management (Japan)	Tokyo International Training Center (TIC) Japan	July-Nov 1993
Bachelor of Science in Forestry (Second Class, Upper Division) Moi-Kenya	Moi University Eldoret Kenya	1987-1990
Other certificates (GIS, PFM, Agro-forestry, PES, PFM, Forest Governance etc)	Various venues and Institutions	1990- to-date

ADDITIONAL SKILLS:

Paramilitary training at National Youth Service, computer skills, trained in MS Access, Arc GIS and Remote Sensing as planning tools at Regional Center for Mapping of Resources for Development-Kasarani.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

PROGRAMME SUPPORT OFFICER (FORESTRY): FAO- COUNTRY OFFICE. FEB 2010- TO DATE

Provide technical support to FAO-country office programmes and projects, conceptualize and develop intervention concepts, liaise with forestry sector stakeholders and development partners, support design, planning, implementation and monitoring of forestry related projects for the country office. Address Climate change and climate smart agriculture issues etc.

CORPORATE PLANNING: KENYA FOREST SERVICE. FEB 2008 TO 2009:

Coordinating planning performance contracting, preparation of strategic plan, resource mobilization, and project proposals. Data and information synthesis and tracking of progress in implementation of Forest Act

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2005, strategic plan and participating in preparation of subsequent reports. Work as a team member of the Corporate Services Division.

GREEN ZONES DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT: JUNE 2006-SEPT 2006:

Developing and coordinating projects districts plans and budgets, developing annual work plans, monitoring systems, follow-up on planning and implementation of field activities, member of project implementation team (PIU), resource person and facilitator in workshops and seminars.

CONSERVATOR FARM AND DRY LAND FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT FOREST DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS: 2005 -JUNE 2006:

Training organization, coordination and implementation, input in preparation of FD roadmap, monitoring and follow-up of field activities, extension backstopping to field officers, liaison with ISFP on farm forestry and extension development. Organizing department shows, exhibitions and tree planting events.

INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECT (INRMU) DEC 1999-AUGUST 2005.

Instrumental in conceptualization, formulation and execution of the project. Acquired skills in rural development, environmental conservation and integrated approach to development through investments micro-enterprises, enhancing food security and harnessing scarce water resources for efficient utilization. I played key role in data management and developing of working modalities for micro-credit unit.

Responsibilities included planning, training, establishment of community based institutions (CFAs) for PFM, implementation of livelihood support interventions, planning and implementation of community action plans policy analysis, interpretation and pilot implementation, development and implementation of participatory model, private sector and instrumental in establishment of 10 honey extraction, processing and marketing centers as well as placement & management of 2,000 langstroth hives in project area.

WORLD FOOD PROGRAM PROJECT KEN4616: DEPUTY MANAGER JUNE 1997-DEC 1998:

Involved in overall project management, planning, implementation, monitoring and supervision of project activities both at headquarters and field. I coordinated community involvement in nursery establishment, tree planting and environmental enhancement interventions.

SOFEM. COUNTERPART FOR JICA EXPERT ON EXTENSION AND TRAINING DEC 1996-JUNE1998.

Coordination of training and extension services organizing grass root training, developing working extension packages, resource persons, advising farmers, extension agents and other officers, liaison with other organizations, information dissemination, editorial activities-Miti Ni Mali newsletter, baseline surveys and participatory rural appraisals including evaluation of community based environmental activities.

MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT: FD TRAINING OFFICER NOV 1990-1994:

Coordinated and organized training activities, visits and study tours. Organized and coordinated external and local training pre-service and in-service for departmental staff. Prepared and maintained training master plan, conducted training needs and was member of Ministerial Training Committee. (MTC)

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TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS.

- Mortgage Financing in the USA 2007. Presented at the University of North Virginia (UNVA)
- Stock Forecast based on the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index: 2007, University of Virginia
- Developing an effective planning tool. ISFP regional Scientific Seminar January 10th to February 10th 2006.
- Conceptual Forestry Ecosystem Management and Community Participation Model. August 2001
- Sampling Techniques, Data Analysis and Interpretation. DFDP Seminar 5th-9th Sept 1999.
- Phosphate flow in grassland profile. 1996 Master of Science thesis IHE Delft Netherlands
- Esther Wangombe, JM Ngatia, B Muok and Yuichi Sato 2006. *Tamarindus indica* marketing guide (unpub)
- Yuichi Sato & John M Ngatia 2006: Planning Guide, Problem Analysis to Implementation Plan.
- Jan Van Abeele, JM Ngatia, JK Karanja 2005. Makueni, Kitui, Machakos & Muingi District Master plans.
- John M Ngatia 2001. Baseline Survey for Mwingi District Consultancy report for DFDP project
- John M Ngatia 2000: A report of Evaluation of self-help groups funded by DFDP. Consultancy report.
- Kiunga Kareko & JM Ngatia 2000: Baseline Survey for Makueni District Consultancy report
- R Gachter, JM Ngatia, C Stamm 1996. Contribution of preferential flow to transport of phosphates from contaminated agricultural soil to surface waters. Journal of Environmental Science.

MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member Society of Kenya Foresters

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