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### **CAREER OBJECTIVE**

To invest my abilities, time and strength in building an institution with a mission that seeks to deliver innovative and unmatched sustainable comprehensive waste management, innovative investment solutions and products/services to respond to the recurrent climate change of ultimately acquire superior trust and integrity leadership skills and experience to resourcefully achieve institution efficient, effective services and competent green growth solutions expertise.

### **PROFILE SUMMARY**

- 4 Years' experience in Green Growth Focus/Natural Resources Management on Energy Schemes, Urban Solid Wastes, WASH and Water Waste, Participatory Integrated Community Resources Management Programs and Green Growth and Youth Employment Programme.
- 5 Years' experience in Market-based Climate Resilience Agribusiness for Tomorrow, Research, Green Economy Strategy and Implementation Plan (GESIP) 2016-2030, SMEs Training, Kenya Crops and Dairy Marketing Systems Consultancy Services.
- In-depth understanding of integrated competitive, inclusive, and climate-resilient agricultural market systems, approachable sustainable market development systems, tools and principles.
- Good expertise in result-based financing project for both product and services, vulnerabilities and capacities assessment, surveillance, programming, conceptual framework of marketing, investment and intervention principles especially sustainable effective both human and animal waste disposal components.
- In-depth understanding of a comprehensive environmental ecosystem analysis plan in providing the insight and tools needed to anticipate, assess, prepare build a roadmap to follow, cover bases, construct necessary support systems, protect the environment, win consensus, inspire a winning culture in measuring risks impact, vulnerability levels, adaptation capacities/strategies success.
- Experience in using both qualitative and quantitative data collection, research, analyses, evaluate and synthesize information on environmental risks assessment and ecological scarcities, promotion of resource, efficient, clean and climate sensitive technologies through Green Growth Sensitization Campaigns, Energy, Water, Waste Management, Green Financing compiling and statistical analysis methods/tools.
- Proven conceptual skills in communication, networking, advocacy and negotiation, objective-based community outreach mobilization tools and their utilization especially at the community level.

### **WORK SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES**

**Technical Assistant- Micro Enterprises Support Program Trust (MESPT)-DANIDA Funded Program;; March, 2018-To**

**Date.**

Duties

- Develop agricultural value chain business development support to farmers' groups by initiating sustainable best agricultural practices such as Global GAP Certification, HACCP Certification, Organic Farming, Fair Trade Certification, and Facilitation to exhibitions/ASK shows and knowledge Sharing Forum/Programme/Exchange, Review and Upgrade MSMEs Management Information and Accreditation System.
- Develop a growth strategy focused both on Climate smart Agriculture and accelerating greening the agricultural value chain target and specifications target through SMART viable multifaceted approaches with quantifiable and measurable analytics of Return-On-Investment on circular, ecological, a low carbon and green jobs economies.
- Building-term relationships with new and existing partners as well as conducting research to identify Environmental Protection & Food Safety and Waste Disposal exercising performance indicators that can be monitored and managed from baseline to conclusion. And, whenever possible, make midcourse adjustments that remove obstacles and enhance success.
- Develop accounts by checking green growth sensitization and awareness creation through training courses, green growth conference and exhibitions, public-private partnerships, green enterprises challenge, tree planting and water harvesting in schools.

- Identify Green Growth Business opportunities, effective strategies for promoting green economy, tapping into global innovations to accelerate green growth, involvement of women and youth in green growth agenda, exploring Synergy strategies within development partners. Conceptualize detailed meticulous record keeping with environmental innovation trends, environmental hazards segmentation, environmental waste analysis and climate-resilient adopted technologies features, fact, advantages and benefits knowledge.

**Rapporteur on Commercial Dairy and Export Vegetables Value Chains, Green Growth and Youth Employment in Nyandarua, Nakuru and Bomet Counties; Micro Enterprise Support Program Trust (MESPT)-DANIDA Funded Program: October 2016-January 2018.**

- Inception report providing results of challenge review in counties where the challenge has already taken place with clear recommendations on understanding basic concepts, functions, significance and limitation of two value chains, improving the gray areas in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) business competitiveness and sustainability through sustainable market-based solutions in poverty reduction.
- Review of counties challenge and strategies reports in relation to finance, agro-inputs compliance and accreditation systems, partnerships, governance, gender engagement, system market constraints, competitiveness, value addition, risk identification and management framework and emerging innovations in promotion of food efficiency and safety system.
- Document and submit to MESPT immediate quality assurance strategies in bridging the gaps and interventions adopted by having midcourse adjustments on curriculum and operational manuals for each Co-operative in establishment of National Food Quality, Human & Animal Waste Disposal Standard Guidelines, and Safety System.
- Review on introduction to value chain development, value chain project design overview, intervention concept and its relationship to finance, risk identification and management, strength & constraints analysis, gender engagement and market linkages.
- Generate and submit an independent rapporteur report per County including the national competitions on building capacities among training institutions on green growth adoption and climate change risks assessment.
- Generate and submit a list of investors, SMEs, Agricultural Vocational Training Institute and Polytechnics, County - actors and collaborators or groups of interest during the counties challenges.
- Review of a system of economic activities that promote resource efficient, clean and climate sensitive technologies & solutions. Adoption of sustainable low cost-effective irrigation technologies for food security and livelihood upgrading.

**Field Supervisor; Food Chain Millers, Nakuru: August 2010-July 2016.**

Duties:

- Promoting, training and recruiting farmers to grow sorghum, millet and other traditional crops (drought tolerant crops which do well in Arid and Semi-Arid Areas) as part of hunger alleviation program, employment creation, skills in agro-products food processing, value addition, packaging and marketing by advocating for agribusiness sustainable clusters through 2Scale program in), Nakuru, Baringo, Nyandarua and Laikipia Counties.
- Participate in market research, identification, development, partnership and linkages by analyzing intervention concepts and strategies, gender engagement in value chains, farmers and SMEs training, risk identification and management.
- Building local agribusiness capacity by providing technical and institutional agronomic assistance and brokering partnerships and linkages to Business Development Service Providers who then provide technology, advocating use of certified seeds, organizational capacity, market access credit and extension advice.

## **Community Development Volunteer; ChildFund International Central Rift Cluster: January-June 2010.**

### Duties:

- Social Policy, Administration and Community Needs Assessment.
- Project Work, Social Group Work, Social Case Work, Report and Proposal Writing.
- Involved in Participatory Integrated Community Development (PICD).

## **Food Security and Livelihood Program Assistant; Action Against Hunger (ACF-USA): June-December 2008.**

### Duties:

- Participate in **Cash-Based Interventions** Food Security and Livelihood Project Proposal Conceptualization, Design and Development.
- Coordinate collection of data and pre-test collection tools in food security and livelihood baseline surveys within the informal settlements in Nakuru Town West and Molo Sub-Counties.
- Facilitate targeting, selection and registration of 1000 beneficiaries using the Community Based Targeting and Distribution (CBTD) criteria.
- Successfully organizing and training of 6 Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) in Cash-Based Income Generating Activities, entrepreneurship and risk management in slums areas of Nakuru and Molo areas.
- Making weekly, bi-weekly and monthly reports to the field coordinator.

## **Repatriation/Community Service Intern; United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); Kakuma Refugees Camp: October 2007-March 2008.**

### Duties:

- Registration of 12,800 Sudanese nationalities in voluntary repatriation program in safety and dignity.
- Verification of biometric data (photos and fingerprints) and statistical reports writing to all repatriates before movement.
- Writing weekly and Monthly project reports to the Head of Unit.

## **EDUCATION**

- **Bachelor of Science Agriculture and Human Ecology Extension** Egerton University Njoro Kenya, from September 2002 to November 2007.
- **Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education-** Chebisaas Boys High School from 1997 to 2000; B (Plain)
- **Kenya Certificate of Primary Education-** Kandie Primary School; from 1987 to 1996; 506 marks

## **KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES**

1. Certificate in Business Plan and Small Business Management.
2. Certificate in Conflict Management and Peace Building.
3. Certificate in Training of Trainers (TOT).
4. Certificate in Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA).
5. **ICT Competence:** Proficient in all Microsoft Office Applications & Internet navigation with high skills in reports generations, development of presentations and data systems.

## **INTERESTS AND HOBBIES**

- Reading motivational books and participating in community development initiatives.

## REFEREES

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