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Work Experience

Lecturer/ Policy Advisor: November, 2014 to date.

A. Centre for Advanced Studies in Environmental Law and Policy (CASELAP). University of Nairobi.

- Teaching postgraduate students and supervising PhD and Masters Students whose research focus on Environmental Policy, natural resource governance, Climate Change policy/finance/adaptation/security; climate change resilience among communities, Blue economy, gender and land governance.
- Took part in the development of the Kenya Wildlife and Conservation Policy in 2017 through the Centre – This was commissioned by the Ministry of Environment.
- Took part in the development of the sanitation policy- 2019 commissioned by Ministry of Water Kenya.
- Conducted a study in collaboration with Kenya Marine and Fisheries on gender mainstreaming in the Blue Economy- the case of Mombasa county. **2021**
- Took part and contributed to the IPCC 6th assessment report- convened by Kenya focal point. **2021**
- Took part in the analysis of gender, equity, human rights and social inclusion in Covid 19 strategies in Kenya.

B. Thesis Examined to completion:

1. Naibei Peter. Dynamics of urban landscape contestation and their implications on Utilization of Public green spaces: A case of Michuki Memorial Park, Nairobi, County. 2018
2. Valentine Oponga. Role of traditional forest conservation systems in sustainable forest management: A case of the Kipsigis sacred Hill .2018
3. Ruth Muthui. Factors influencing compliance with charcoal laws and regulations in Kitui County. Kenya. 2018.
4. Robert Muthami. Efficacy of Community Based Adaptation (CBA) : a case of KARLO projects in Makindu Sub-County, Makueni County Kenya. 2019
5. Ambrose Njagi. Analysis of Mechanisms for the protection of traditional forest related knowledge and practices to achieve sustainable forest management: a case study of Kaya forests of Kenya. 2019
6. Maloba Innocent. Valuing Urban Environmental Quality Improvement through Household Willingness to Pay for Waste Separation in Langata sub-county, Nairobi. 2020.
7. Silas Mulehi. An assessment of charcoal production value chains and its implication on sustainable biomass regeneration. A case study of Kajiado county, Kenya 2021.
8. Fridah Onyango Silas. Incentivizing private landowners for sustainable management of wetlands in Kenya. A case of Nyando Wetlands. 2021

Evaluator:

- A. External Evaluator of the Building Resilience to Drought 2 Programme by World Conservation Union (IUCN) whose role was to implement identified resilience activities in Garissa and Lower Tana Counties in Kenya. February- March 2018. Euro- Africa consultants**

B. External Evaluator of the Climate Impacts Research Capacity and Leadership Enhancement (CIRCLE) whose role is to strengthen the capacity of African researchers and institutions to do research on the impact of climate change in Africa. December 2016- June 2017. Development Alternative Initiatives (DAI)- Europe

Reviewer:

A. Advisory committee Member to NPX . NPX is a USA based organization that aims to transform how non profits are funded by linking funding with results. July 2020

B. Technical Team review member for the

- i. Human Rights and Biodiversity Legal Assessment tool for Africa.
- ii. Biodiversity and Agriculture Legal assessment tool for Kenya

March- October 2017. **International Development Law Organization (IDLO) Kenya**

C. External reviewer of Climate Change and Governance Proposals. November- December 2016. Development Alternative Initiatives (DAI) Kenya Office

Role: Reviewed, rated and scored all proposals based on the selection criteria. Participated in the Selection Committee at Deepening Democracy Programme secretariat, to discuss individual reports, consolidated results and prepared a shortlist of successful projects for DDP to consider. Undertook a final review of the selected proposals.

D. Program Advisory Committee Member: January 2016-December 2020. Leading Integrated Research for Agenda 2030 in Africa. International Council for Science (ICSU).

Role: Guiding the framing of competitive calls for proposals on global environmental change, disaster risk reduction, sustainable energy and human health and well-being in urban environments, in line with the frameworks of research programmes: Future Earth, Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) and Health and Wellbeing in Changing Urban Environment.

Taking research funding decisions: advising on review process, selecting pre-proposals for participation in the trans-disciplinary trainings, selecting full proposals for grant awards based on the recommendations of groups of independent scientific reviewers, determination of appropriate funding levels, and overseeing projects progress.

Research (Consultant)

A United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

- Developed a research paper on the state of climate security in Kenya
- Took part in the discussions of committee of experts with UNDP staff on how to address climate security in UNDP programming. **(February 2021)**

C. Kenya Commercial Bank Group

- **Developed the Gender, and Financial Inclusion policy for the Bank in readiness for accreditation for the Green Climate Fund. February 2020**
- **Provided assistance in the interpretation of the GCF funding procedures and compiling together required documentation for KCB group accreditation.**
- **Achievement: The KCB group has since been accredited as a recipient of the GCF Funds in November 2020**

C. Freidrich Ebert Stiftung and GIZ

- Conducted research on climate security and the global agenda as well as Climate security and peace agreement in Kenya. Two opinion papers shared with the roundtable team members.
- Member of group of stakeholders engaged in this research from the East and horn of Africa.
- Took part in round table meetings on the same topic.
(Between **2019- 2020**)
- Wrote a blog on ‘The Climate , Security and Peace Nexus- A perspective and Evidence from Kenya’ <https://www.frient.de/artikel/20jahrefrient-climate-land-and-resources2>

D. Christian Aid

- Conducted a gender and social inclusion study of the County Climate Change Fund (CCCF) mechanism and the investments in Garissa, Isiolo and Makueni Counties. **June- July 2019. Findings available in a report by Christian Aid.**

E. Euro- Africa Consultants

- Developed and documented a Case Study of WFP’s ACP transition process from national to county government level with a special focus on the experience from Baringo, Samburu and Wajir Counties. A study commissioned by **AfricaLead 11- USAID. (May 2018- June 2018)**

F. Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

- Researcher, Conducted a case study on inclusive sustainable economic transformation in Kenya. The case of Busia, Kwale and Machakos. **July 2021- February 2022**
- Researcher, Conducted a household survey on poverty monitoring during Covid-19 in Kibra and Vihiga (Kenya) **August - November 2020**
- Researcher, conducted a study on gender and social inclusion within the rail transport. Case study of Kenya. **(April- August 2020)**
- Researcher, conducted a study on linking financial services and social protection in Northern Kenya. **(July-August 2018)**
- Researcher, conducted a study on Poverty Dynamics – case study Kenya.- The objective of the study was to expand our understanding of the drivers of sustained and transitory poverty escapes, in addition to those of chronic poverty, across contexts and to draw out policy and programming implications that contribute to USAID’s overall mandate of ending extreme poverty. **(August 2017- February 2018).**
- Researcher, conducted a study on ‘Pathways to Resilience – The Role of Social Protection; Kenya case study. This research took place as part of the Knowledge Management component of the DfID-funded Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED) programme (www.braced.org). **(June – October, 2016)**
- Supported the development of the Kenya Case study on the “Strengthening Coherence Between Agriculture and Social Protection Policies, The case of Turkana County (April, 2015). **See report:** <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i5295e.pdf>

G. Land Development Governance Institute (LDGI)

- Researcher- Conducted training on gender mainstreaming in land use planning for land control boards and community land management committees. **November 2020.**
- Participated in a research on “Promoting greater community benefits in large scale land acquisitions for investments in Kenya” **in 2016.** See www.ldgi.org. Additional research on gender inclusion and impacts of these large-scale investments was to be carried out but we could not secure funding for this bit of research.

H. LOSAI Management

- Conducted an analysis of the Legal framework governing the Water and Sewer management. The case of Nairobi Water and Sewer Management Company. **(August-September, 2016)**

- I. Pegassys Institute , South Africa and LOSAI Management**
- Principal Researcher; conducted a study on Decision Making and Planning in four counties (Tana River, Laikipia, Narok, Machakos) in Kenya around the Water, Food and Energy Nexus. In addition I looked at the inclusion of women and marginalised groups into planning of climate change in the water, food and energy nexus. (**August 2015- March, 2016**)
- J. Practical Action Consulting (PAC), United Kingdom**
- Principal Researcher; Conducted a study on Gender Climate Compatibility and Development. A case study of Kisumu City. (**May 2015- March, 2016**)
 - Principal researcher; Conducted a study on how to communicate climate science at National level, with case studies from Turkana and Kwale Counties. (**February-March 2017**)
- K. International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) January 2014- December 2014**
- Principal Researcher; investigated complementarities between Social Protection Programmes and Climate Change in semi-arid and arid lands in Kenya. The case of Wajir and Isiolo counties. (See details at <http://pubs.iied.org/17267IIED>)
 - Conducted an additional case study on the benefits of Social Protection Programmes and climate resilience activities for female headed households only in Isiolo County. March-April 2015
- J. Institute of Development Studies- University of Sussex (UK)**
- Principal Researcher; conducted a study on Courting Catastrophe; Humanitarian policy and practice in a changing climate in Kenya. Special focus on the role of Kenya Red Cross in Siaya county and other humanitarian organizations in Isiolo county. *October 2013- March, 2015*
See details at <https://www.nmbu.no/en/about-nmbu/faculties/sanmvit/departments/noragric/research/clusters/chsd/projects-and-activities/courting-catastrophe>
 - Provided assistance in conducting a study on public-private investments in the semi-arid and arid lands in Kenya. **March-May, 2014**
 - Provided assistance on analyzing project outputs of community based to climate change adaptation projects in Malawi, Kenya and Tanzania and teasing out the best policy engagement avenues. **June- September, 2010**
 - Principal Researcher on Children in a Changing Climate project- Kenya chapter. 2009
See details at www.preventionweb.net/files/13119_cccReportFinal1.pdf
- K World Agro-forestry Centre (ICRAF)**
- Compiled and synthesized 8 commissioned studies for the DGIS programme to form a characterization study as per guidelines provided by ICRAF. January 2015.
- L Arid Lands Information Network**
- Compiled and developed a policy brief for Baringo County out of the Vulnerability Assessments conducted in November 2014 and stakeholder meetings. January 2015
- M London School of Economics, Centre for Civil Society.**
- Worked as a research assistant on Global war on Terror: The role of civil society in combating terrorism in Kenya in collaboration with London School of Economics. Centre for civil society. 2006-2008.

African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS):

ACTS is an inter-governmental, International Policy Research Organization based in Nairobi, Kenya.

- A. Regional Coordinator**
East and Southern Africa March 2008- October 2009

- Provided technical guidance and overall project management and coordination of the Community Based Adaptation to climate change in Africa (CBAA) project in 8 countries.
- Managed and Coordinated a project on Civil society engagement in International Climate Change negotiations..
- Served as the Capacity building on Climate Change to Adaptation in Least Developed Countries network (CLACC), fellow for Kenya, a programme managed by International Institute for Environment and Development-(UK)

Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) September 2005- February 2008

- Coordinated a team of authors from 38 countries from SSA who took part on the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development. (IAASTD).
- This was a four year collaborative effort that assessed Agriculture, Knowledge, Science and Technology in meeting development and sustainability goals of reducing hunger and poverty; Improving nutrition, health and rural livelihoods; Facilitating social and environmental sustainability.
 - Achievements: (1) Synthesis report (11) Sub-Saharan Africa Report (111) Summary for Decision Makers report.

Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) January 2001- December 2005

- Coordinated a team of researchers from East, West, South and North Africa who worked on the Pan African Programme on Land and Resource Rights (PAPLRR).
- Worked with civil society organizations working on Land issues to champion the land rights in Africa.

Research Fellow:

- Climate Change and Conflicts in the Horn and Eastern Africa. 2008
- Rethinking Ecology and Conflicts in sub-Saharan Africa. 2006- 2007

Educational Qualification

PhD graduate (The Open University- UK). 2009-2013. My research was on Climate Change, Policy and Vulnerability of Tropical Forest communities in Kenya and Uganda. The aim of this research was to assess the understanding of climate change related vulnerability of two tropical forest communities in Kenya and Uganda, and examine the impacts of climate change and related policies on these communities, and how it affected their livelihoods and well-being. The research used the capability approach to illuminate their experiences with climate change, changing conditions in the society (politics, history, behavior of individuals, environment) as well as how they exerted their agency to adapt to these changes in climate.

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| • | MA Diplomacy & International Studies | University of Nairobi | (2005) |
| • | BED Information Science | Kenyatta University | (1998) |

Training/ Capacity Building 2021

- 1.The Paris Agreement on Climate Change as a development agenda (31st May- 09 July) Course offered by **United Nations Systems Staff College. May- July 2021**
2. Delivered a capacity building session on Climate financing to a delegation from Ethiopia who were looking to be accredited by The Global Climate Fund. **Africa School of Government. May 2021.**

Publications:

- Eichsteller, M. Njagi, T; **Nyukuri. E.** The role of agriculture in poverty escapes in Kenya - developing capabilities approach in the context of climate change. *World Development Journal*. September **2021**.
- **Nyukuri. E** Rajabali, F. and Naess L. Gender and Climate -resilient planning at sub-national levels: Insights from Kenya counties. *Climate and Development*. Forthcoming. **2021**. Book chapter in Environmental Governance Book. University of Nairobi
- **Nyukuri. E.** and Obiero- Anyango. S. Gender analysis of the County Climate Change Fund (CCCF) Mechanism and the Investments in Garissa, Isiolo and Makueni Counties. Research report. **September, 2019**.
- Weiingartier, L. Ulrich, M. and **Nyukuri. E.** Linking financial services and social protection for Climate resilience. Case study of Wajir. ODI Working paper. **July 2019**.
- Scott, L. Miller. R, Diwakar, V, Njagi, T and **Nyukuri, E.** Resilience and Sustainable Poverty escapes in Rural Kenya. Research Report. Overseas Development Institute (ODI). June 2018)
- Mosberg, M. **Nyukuri.E** and Naess, L. (2017). The power of ‘know- who’ Adaptation to climate change in a changing humanitarian Landscape in Isiolo, Kenya. *Humanitarian Aid and Climate Change*. IDS Bulletin. July issue.
- **Nyukuri. E.** (2017) Land, property rights and climate change in Kenya. Book chapter “The Gallant Academic” Essays in honour of Prof. Okoth Ogendo. University of Nairobi Press.
- **Nyukuri, E,** Lars Otto Naess and Lisa Schipper (2016). Gender approaches in Climate Compatible Development: Lessons from Kenya. Main report. CDKN.
- **Nyukuri, E,** Lar Otto Naess and Lisa Schipper (2016). How do gender approaches contribute to climate compatible Development? Lessons from Kenya. Policy Brief. CDKN.
- Slater, R & **Nyukuri.E.**(2016) Strengthening Coherence between agriculture and Social Protection. Kenya Country case study report. FAO. Rome. 2016
- **Nyukuri, E** & Anderson, S. 2014. Establishing radical synergies between social protection and Climate Adaptation support. IIED. Research Briefing.
- Marin, A, Naess, L.O & **Nyukuri, E.** 2014. How can preventive humanitarian interventions support climate change adaptation? A case study of Siaya, Kenya.
- **Nyukuri, E.** 2013. Climate Change, Policy and Understanding of vulnerability among tropical indigenous forest communities in East Africa. The case of Ogiek and Batwa. PhD. Thesis.
- *Kameri- Mbote & Nyukuri. E.* 2013 *Climate Change, Law and Indigenous People in Kenya. Ogiek and Maasai Narratives.* In: A. Randall and, E.A. Kronk (eds). *Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples. The Search for Legal Remedies.* Cheltenham; Edward and Elgar Publishing limited.
- Wakhungu J & **Nyukuri, E.** (2008) *Climate Change and Conflicts in East and Horn of Africa.* ACTS press.
- Yatich T, Awiti A, **Nyukuri E,** Mutua J, Kyalo A, Tanui J and Catacutan D. 2007 Policy and institutional context for NRM in Kenya: Challenges and opportunities for Landcare. ICRAF Working paper-no. 43. Nairobi: World Agroforestry Centre.
- Africa Assessment: Environmental Conflict and Cooperation in the African Great Lakes Region. A case Study of the Virunga’s. Report of the Regional Consortium. 22-23 August 2007, Nairobi, Kenya. Research Assistant to the Assessment. UNEP/Woodrow Wilson Centre for Scholars.
- Eriksen, S., Owuor, B., **Nyukuri, E** and Orindi, V (2006) Vulnerability to climate stress – local and regional perspectives. Proceedings of two workshops- Nairobi and Kitui, Kenya. *CICERO Report 2006:01*
- Sikoyo, G., **Nyukuri, E.,** Wakhungu, J. (2006) Intellectual Property Protection in Africa: Status of Laws, Research and Policy Analysis in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa and Uganda. *Ecopolicy Series.* ACTS Press.
- **Nyukuri. E.** Gender and Land Conflicts in Kenya. Implications for gender mainstreaming in the National Land Policy. Masters Thesis. 2005. University of Nairobi
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References

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