

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### 1.0 PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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OCCUPATION : Senior Lecturer.

### 2.0 QUALIFICATIONS:

#### 2.1 Academic Qualifications

2006-2010	Kenyatta University (Kenya)	Ph.D Special Needs Education
2001 – 2003	University of Oslo (Norway)	M Phil. Special Education
1995 – 1998	Kenyatta University	B. Ed Special Education

(Kenya)

1991 – 1993 Kenya Institute of Special Education (Kenya) Diploma Special Education

## 2.2 Other Courses

2004: Certificate in MS Windows, MS Word, MS Excel, MS Access, Internet and Email.

2007: Certificate of participation in the Kenya Music Festival Trainers & Adjudicators' workshop at Tom Mboya Labour College

## 3.0 EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Currently, lecturing at Kenyatta University, Department of Special Needs Education since 2005 to-date.
- Kenya Institute of Special Education 1998 – 2005 (Teaching Diploma students in Special Needs Education)
- St. Catherine High School Nairobi 1998 (May – July) – Teaching Kiswahili (as a student teacher)
- Aga Khan Primary School 1994- 1995 – Teaching in the Unit for the Deaf

## 4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY

### 4.1 At Kenyatta University

- 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019: Appointment **Ag, Director**, Directorate of Disability Services Kenyatta University.
- 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Nominated to attend an induction workshop for Teacher Professional Development (TPD) Service Providers and TSC Regional Coordinators and County Directors
- 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019: Appointment to a Committee to address the problem of late commencement of lectures at the beginning of each semester.
- 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2018: Appointment to the Tenth Disability Awareness Day Committee.
- 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018: Appointment as Chairperson, Early Childhood and Special Needs Education Department (Newly merged departments) at Kenyatta University.

- 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018: Appointment to the Teaching Practicum Board as a board member, Kenyatta University.
- 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2018: Appointment as a Member of Vice Chancellor's Committee to develop Expression of Interest (EoI) for Provision of Teacher Professional Development (TPD) Training and Related Programmes for Registered Teachers in Kenya.
- 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2018: Appointment as Chairperson, Special Needs Department at Kenyatta University.
- 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2018: Appointment to the Technical Research Team on Curriculum Reform at Kenyatta University.
- 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017: Appointed as a Staff Mentor in Kenyatta University for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 Academic years.
- 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2017: Appointment as a Convenor in a Sub-committee for Review of Disability Policy in the Directorate of Disability Services, Kenyatta University.
- 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017: Appointment as a Warden for female students in Aberdare zone in Kenyatta University.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April, 2017: Appointment to stand in as Director, Directorate of Disability Services, Kenyatta University.
- 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017: Appointment as Coordinator for Departmental Postgraduate Program, Department of Special Needs Education, Kenyatta University.
- 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016: Appointment as a member of the Steering Committee to Kenyatta University Disability Day 2016.
- 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016: Appointment as a Member of the Organizing Committee to prepare for the 6<sup>th</sup> African Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) Conference held at Kenyatta University Conference Centre from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2016: Appointed **Ag. Director**, Kenyatta University Directorate of Disability Services.
- 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2016: Appointment as Student Advisor (PhD Programme) in the Department of Special Needs.
- 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015: Appointment on promotion to Senior Lecturer.
- 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015: Appointment as a member of the Steering Committee to Kenyatta University Disability Day 2016.
- 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 to date: Appointment as a Board Member of the Kenyatta University Disability Services Board.
- 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015: Appointment as Regional Postgraduate Coordinator- Central Region in the Department of Special Needs Education.

- 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 to date: Appointment as Regional Coordinator for Kakamega/Vihiga Teaching Practicum and Mentorship Programme.
- 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 to date: Appointment as Kenyatta University Staff Mentor.
- 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014: Appointment as a member of the Steering Committee to Kenyatta University Disability Day 2015.
- 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014: Appointment as a Member of the School Board of Postgraduate Studies, Kenyatta University.
- 14<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014: **Ag. Director**, Directorate of Disability Services (DODS), Kenyatta University.
- March 2014 To-date: Appointment as Assistant Coordinator for Post Graduate studies in the Department of Special Needs Education, Kenyatta University
- June 2011 to-May 2013: Departmental Examination Coordinator (Special Needs Education Department) Kenyatta University
- 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2010: Appointment to Kenyatta University Disability Services Board
- 2010: Coordinator of Post Graduate board in the Department of Special Needs Education, Kenyatta University.
- 2005-Todate: Course coordinator in Total Communication (Sign language) Kenyatta University, Department of Special Needs Education.
- October 2006 : Teaching Practice Supervisor Kenyatta University – Bungoma and Busia districts.
- September 2004 – November 2005 – Part-time lecturer at Kenyatta University, Department of Special Needs Education.

#### **4.2 At Other Institutions**

- 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019: Appointment as External Examiner by Tom Mboya University College, Homa Bay.
- 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019: Appointment as External Examiner by Maasai Mara University in the School of Education, Department of Educational Psychology and Special Needs.
- 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019: Appointment as a board member on the Interview panel at Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development at KICD.
- 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017: Appointment as External Examiner by Maasai Mara University in the School of Education, Department of Psychology and Special Needs Education.
- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017: Appointment as External Examiner for Thesis by University of South Africa (UNISA).

- 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016: Appointment as Adjunct Faculty member by Mount Kenya University.
- 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016: Appointment as External Examiner for 2016-2017 academic year, Kyambogo University, Uganda.
- 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016: Appointment as a Guest Speaker at Special Schools Sports and Games-Buasia County at Amagoro Girls Secondary School. Courtesy of The County Director of Education. Busia.
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016: Appointment as External Examiner in the School of Education, Department of Special Needs for 2016-2018 academic years, Mount Kenya University.
- 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016: Appointment as an External Subject Expert for the Special Needs Education (SNE) Curriculum Review by Maasai Mara University.
- 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015: Appointment as a Member to the Special Education Services Technical Committee by Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS).
- 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015: Appointment as External Examiner for 2014-2015 academic year, Kyambogo University, Uganda.
- 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014: Appointment as External Examiner for 2013-2014 academic year, Kyambogo University, Uganda.
- 2013: Member of the Editorial Board, Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKUO), Tanzania.
- 2004 to date: Corporate Member, The Kenya Society for Deaf Children.
- 2009: Trainer Of Trainers (TOT) in 2009 Kenya National and Population Census in Nairobi.
- November 2008: Peer reviewer, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. Nairobi.
- 2004 : Head of Department, Research Information and Documentation, KISE.
- 2004 – External examiner in Special Needs Education and Rehabilitation at Kyambogo University, Uganda.
- 2004 – Secretary to KISE 2004/2005 Diploma interviews Panel in the department of Hearing Impairment.
- April 2004 – Local Adviser in Kenya for Masters Students in Special Needs Education, University of Oslo.
- February 2004 – Trainee in Public Integrity Service Programme at Egerton University.
- January 2004 – Head of Department, Finance and Administration, Distance Learning Department (KISE) Nairobi.

- August 2000 – Head of Department, Hearing Impairment Department (KISE)
- September 1999 – Assistant Dean of Students, giving guidance and counseling to Diploma students at KISE.
- May 1999 – Senior Supervisor in the 1999 Kenya Population and Housing Census.
- 1998 – Lecturer in the department of Hearing Impairment at KISE.

## **5.0 FELLOWSHIP**

- Nominated for CODESRIA small grant and fellowship for Thesis writing at Dakar, Senegal, September 2008.
- Nominated for Kenyatta University Deans Award for Research and Development 2008.

## **6.0 POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION**

### **6.1 PhD Supervision**

#### **6.1.1: COMPLETED**

- Chege, Mary Wairimu E83/2969 3/2014- Influence of Assistive Technology on Teaching and Learning Mathematics Through Braille in Special Primary Schools in Kenya.
- Sambu Mary Cheptanui E83/20338/2012 - Influence of Kenyan Sign Language Instruction Mode on Academic Performance of Learners with Hearing Impairment in Selected Special Primary Schools in Kenya.
- Mutai Paul Kipkorir E83/20598/2010 ‘Incidences and Prevalence of Children with Communication Disorders and the Impact on their Education in Mainstream Primary Schools in Kericho County, Kenya.
- Walingo Janet E83/28087/2013 “Analysis of Individualized Educational Programme Implementation for Functional Support to Learners with Deaf-blindness in Selected Schools in Kenya.

- Omugur Patrick - E83EA/22963/2010 ‘Teachers Competences in Developing Communication Strategies for Participation and Achievement of Learners who are DeafBlind During Activities of Daily Living-Uganda.’

### **6.1.2 NEAR COMPLETION**

- Jacob Mpekethu Mutia - Road Traffic Accidents Induced Disabilities and their Influence on Academic Achievement of Survivors and Their Dependants in Kiambu County, Kenya.
- Munyendo Sella E83/23380/2010 ‘Effectiveness of Methods of Teaching Reading Skills to Learners with Hearing Impairments: A Study in Western Province, Kenya.

### **6.1.3: ONGOING**

- Yabbi Opiyo Judith – Effects of Instructional Strategies on English Composition Performance Among Standard Seven Learners with Hearing Impairments in Selected Counties in Kenya.

## **6.2 MASTERS SUPERVISION**

### **6.2.1: COMPLETED**

- Mugisa Charles – E55/CE/20126/2010: Influence of Interpersonal Relationship on Academic Performance of Learners with Hearing Impairments: A Case of ST. Bernadette Turkana County, Kenya.
- Gwoki Zipporah Kerubo – E55/CE/22950/2010: Modes of Instruction and their Effects on Performance among Hearing Impaired Learners in Special Schools in Kisii County, Kenya.
- Mwaikali Irene Pius – Q57/CTY/PT/20610/2012 - Accessibility to Health Care Services among Deaf People in Nairobi County.
- Patrick Chabari – E55/CE/25968/2011: Identification of learners with writing difficulties among class seven learners with hearing impairment: A case of Njia Special School, Meru County, Kenya.

- Grace K. Muguongo - E55/10015/006 “Factors influencing performance in mathematics in Kenya Certificate of Primary Education examination among learners with hearing impairment in Meru County.
- Odhiambo Barack Agunda – E55/CE/ 26440/2011 – Reading Strategies Adopted by Learners with Hearing Impairments in Reading for Comprehension in Special Primary Schools in Kisumu County, Kenya.
- Yahya Umar Magaji - E55F/23702/2013: Influence of Parental Socioeconomic Status of female students with Hearing Impairment: A Case of Jada Special School, Adamawa State, Nigeria.
- Evelyne, N. Pwoka: E55/CE/23392 – Perception of learners on teaching-learning processes and their academic performance in selected primary schools for the hearing impaired in Uasin Gishu County, Kenya.
- Rwaimba Muthomi Samuel - E55/12580/2009: School based factors affecting learning of Kenyan Sign Language in primary schools for hearing impaired in Embu and Isiolo counties, Kenya
- Abel Kilanya -E55/20132/2010-Effects of Kenyan Sign Language on Acquisition of English Language: Study of Esageri School for the Deaf, Mogotio, Baringo County, Kenya.
- Namide Fredrick – E55/CE/26441/2010: Analysis of teaching strategies on performance in sciences: A case of Rev. Muhoro Secondary School for the Deaf; Nyeri County, Kenya.
- Byaruhanga K. Ismael – E55F/20367/2010 - Analysis of Educational Services for Learners with Hearing Impairments: A Case Study of Oriental Province in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Hellen Nyakundi - E55/22866/2011-Effectiveness of Assessment and Placement of Learners with Hearing Impairment in Schools in Kajiado North District, Kajiado County, Kenya



- Samwel Acheru - E55/22888/2011-Impact of Counselling on Use of Hearing Aids by Learners with Hearing Impairment in Primary Schools in Ruiru, Kiambu County, Kenya.
- Lucy Wambui Muiruri: E55/21788/2012 - Determining Classroom Communication and Academic Performance of Learners with Hearing Impairment. A Case of Kambui School for the Deaf, Kiambu County, Kenya.
- Githaga Julia Wairimu: E55/20131/2010: relevance of vocational courses for trainees with physical disabilities to market demands at Muriranjas and Nyandarua centres, Murang'a and Nyandarua counties, Kenya.
- Joyce Raga: E55/13250/2009 - Discrepancies between Kenyan Sign Language Medium of Instruction and English on Examination Performance of Deaf Students at Kuja Secondary School, Migori, Kenya
- Munyua Carolyn Gakurii: E55/12591/2009:Factors influencing choice of vocational courses by learners with hearing impairments in selected vocational training centres, Kenya.
- Beatrice Imbiti: E/55/12586/2009: Strategies used in implementation of Kenyan sign language by teachers in primary schools for learners with hearing impairments, in western region, Kenya.
- Gitonga Muthoni Jane: E55/12582/2009: How pre-school children with hearing impairments communicate at home and school in Kirinyaga County, Kenya.
- Judith Chepkorir:E55/10495/2008: Examination on costs of inclusion faced by students in public universities: A case of Kenyatta University.
- Catherine Makokha Namalwa: E55/12373/2004: An assessment of the conditions requisite for learning Kiswahili language by learners with hearing impairment in Mumias Primary School for the Deaf, in Kakamega County, Kenya.

## **6.2.2 ON GOING**

- Mpaku Mukire Julius E55/CE/24531/2012: Impact of Administration Strategies on Inclusion of Learners with Hearing Impairments in Regular Primary Schools in Tharaka Nithi County, Kenya.
- Ann W. Muchiru E55/23484/2011: Impact of Assisstive Technology in Accessing Educational Information by Blind Students: A Case of Kenyatta University Post-Modern Library, Nairobi County.
- Masayi Delilah – E55/26011/2014: Relationship Between Utilization of Assisitive Hearing Technology and Academic Achievement of Learners in Schools for the Deaf in Kakamega County, Kenya.
- Everlyne Achieng’ Owuor – E55/CE/28530/2013: Virtues of Socialization of Learners with Hearing Impairments on Academic Performance. A Case of Thawabu Inclusive School in Nairobi County, Kenya.
- Auma Pascalia Angela E55/CE/25035/2014: Influence of Family Dynamism on Academic Performance of Learners with Hearing Impairment in Special Primary Schools in Busia County, Kenya.

## **7.0 CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS**

### **7-1 Participation in Workshop/Conferences**

- 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019: Participated in a workshop on “Sensitization on Competence Based Curriculum to Kenyatta University Staff” at Kenyatta University Conference Centre.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2019: Presented a paper on “Challenges and good practice in Deaf Education in Kenya: Diversity in Deaf Education” in an international conference organized by Kentalis in conjunction with Archbishop Mihayo University College of Tabora (AMUCTA) at AMUCTA Tanzania.
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019: Presented a paper on “Enhancing quality of Teaching, Research and Community Service Through Centre of Excellence in Early

Childhood and Special Needs Education” in a Symposium for Kenyatta University (KU) -Arizona State University (ASU) collaboration” organized by the ASU at Tempe Campus in Phoenix, Arizona, USA.

- 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019: Participated in a workshop on “Place of Kenyan Sign Language in teaching of languages” organized by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with USAID in Nairobi.
- December 2018: Conducted research “Mapping on Inclusive Education in Lakes (Rumbek) and Jongolei (Bor) in South Sudan” courtesy of “Save The Children International.
- 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2018: Presented a paper in the 5<sup>th</sup> International Annual October Conference on Education and Lifelong Learning at Kenyatta University Conference Centre, Nairobi.
- 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> October 2018: Participated in a workshop on HEInnovate Assessment Tool organized by Collaboration for Entrepreneurial Universities (CEPU) at Kenyatta University, Business Students Service Centre.
- 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> July 2018: Participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Early Childhood Development Stakeholders Conference held at Kenyatta University, Business Student Service Centre.
- 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018: Participated in the School of Education Post Graduate Seminar at College of Education Boardroom.
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018: Participated in a Training of Trainers workshop as part of the Teacher Training and Development for Peace-Building in the Horn of Africa and Surrounding Countries Programme held at Kenyatta University, Business Student Service Centre.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018: Participated in a workshop on Speech and Language Therapists organized by PAGEL project Germany, held at Kyambogo University, Uganda.
- 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018: Presented a paper in a workshop on Competence Based Curriculum Sensitization to Staff and Chairpersons in the School of Education, Kenyatta University held in the School of Education Boardroom.
- 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018: Participated in the Staff Mentors Seminar organized by Kenyatta University.
- 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017: Participated in the 2017 Cerebral Palsy Charity Walk/World Cerebral Palsy Day organized by Cerebral Palsy Society of Kenya at Mbagathi Road Primary School Nairobi.
- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017: Presented a paper in a workshop on Development of Curriculum Designs for early years education organized by Kenyatta University, School of Education and Life Long Learning.

- 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017: Participated in a workshop on Stakeholders Curriculum Review organized by Department of Special Needs, Kenyatta University.
- 5<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> March 2017: Participated in the Kenyan Sign Language Lower Primary panel in a workshop on Development of Curriculum Designs in Early Years Education organized by Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development held at North Coast Hotel, Mombasa.
- 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> February 2017: Participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> East Africa International Conference on Communication Disability held at Kenyatta University Conference Centre.
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August 2016: Participated in the “1<sup>st</sup> Biennial Conference on the State on Higher Education in Kenya” organized by Commission for University Education in collaboration Universities and Research Institutions held at Kenyatta University Amphitheatre, Nairobi.
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> August 2016: Participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> African Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) Conference organized by NEMA in collaboration with Kenyatta University held at Kenyatta University Conference Centre. Nairobi.
- 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016: Participated in the school of Education Post-graduate seminar organized by the School of Education at Business & Students Services Centre, Kenyatta University. Nairobi.
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016: Participated in The School of Education 2<sup>nd</sup> Academic Seminar, Kenyatta University at Business & Students Services Centre, Kenyatta University. Nairobi.
- 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016: Participated in NY2GS Climate Change Symposium on “Climate smart Solution to promote Industry’s Green Growth practices organized by Environmental Education, School of Environment at Kenyatta University Conference Centre. Nairobi.
- 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2016: Participated in a workshop organized by Kenya Bureau of Standards in collaboration with Commission for University Education on Harmonization of Standards in University Education held at Panari Hotel, Nairobi.
- 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2016: Participated in Kenyatta University Seventh Disability Awareness Day as a Committee member at Kenyatta University.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016: Participated as a Panel Member in a workshop to review Diploma in Sign Language Curriculum in Special Needs Education at Kenya National Examination Council, Mitihani House, Nairobi.
- 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2015: Participated in the workshop to review Inclusive Curriculum for Diploma in Special Needs Education at Kenya Institute for Curriculum Development, Nairobi.
- 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2014: Attended a Stakeholders meeting on the Marrakesh Treaty organized by Kenya Copyright Board, NHIF Building, Nairobi.

- November, 2014: Participated in a workshop on Grant Proposal Writing organized by Centre for Teaching Excellence & Evaluation at Kenyatta University, Nairobi.
- 30th September, 2015- Participated in a meeting with Bible Translation and Literacy Team, at Directorate of Disabilities Services, Kenyatta University.
- September, 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2014: Participated in a training workshop on Ethical and Responsible Conduct of Research at Kenyatta University Conference Center, Nairobi.
- September, 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2013: Participated in Writing Workshop for Kenyan Sign Language Instructional Materials by Kenya Society for Deaf Children held at Stem Hotel, Nakuru.
- 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2013: Successfully completed the course on Teaching Methodology organized by Centre for Teaching Excellence & Evaluation at Kenyatta University, Nairobi.
- February 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013: Participated in Writing Workshop on Kenyan Sign Language Instructional Materials by Kenya Society for Deaf Children held at Stem Hotel, Nakuru.
- January 23-24<sup>th</sup>, 2013: Participated in Kenya Society for Deaf Children on Kenyan Sign Language stakeholders workshop to develop teaching materials for deaf children at Kenya Institute of Education, Nairobi.
- 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2012: Convened a workshop on “Introduction to sign Language” to Library personnel organized by Kenyatta University Disability Service Office at Kenyatta University Post Modern Library, Nairobi.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012: Participated in Subject Panel Workshop for Kenyan Sign Language Syllabus for Primary Teachers’ Colleges at Kenya Institute of Education, Nairobi.
- September 29<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> 2011: Participated in an international conference on Disability Mainstreaming in Development Co-operation: An ISO Approach at Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi.
- May 2010: Participated in a Post-doctoral Seminar on East Africa Regional Integration at Kenyatta University, Nairobi.
- A workshop on Kenya Sign Language Curriculum Development in April 2009 at Kenya Institute of Education, Nairobi.
- Kenyatta University Capacity Building seminar for Mentors in March 2009 at Kenyatta University.
- 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, July 2007: Participated in writing and editing workshop at Hotel Senate, Juja, organized by Kenya Institute of Special Education, Nairobi.

- 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007: Participated in training workshop on writing of modules for Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE) Open Distance & E-learning at KISE National Resource Centre.
- 31<sup>st</sup> July –9<sup>th</sup> August 2007: Participated as an adjudicator for sign language in the Kenya Music Festival Adjudication at Nakuru, organized by Ministry of Education.
- Kenyatta University Millennium Development Goals in October 2006 at Utalii Hotel (Participant)
- A workshop on Mentoring Process for Kenyatta University students at Utalii Hotel (Participant)
- Codesria Workshop on Research and Article Writing at Kenyatta University November 2006 (Participant)
- Distant Learning Writers Workshop (KISE) on Review of Course Modules at Hotel Kunste Nakuru 26<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2000
- In-service course workshop for teachers of children with hearing impairments at Daadab Refugee Camp 7<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> December 2000 (Facilitator)
- In-service course workshop on Speech training for children with Cerebral Palsy (CP) at KISE 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> April 2000
- International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) Conference on 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> April 2000.

## **7.2 Presentation of papers at Academic and Professional Conferences**

- 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019: Presented a paper on “Special Needs Education under Competence Based Curriculum: The role of universities in positioning and preparedness” in a Pre-Conference for University Sector Positioning, Preparedness and Role in the on-going Education Reforms for Enhanced Access, Inclusivity, Equity and Relevance” held at Kenyatta University Conference Center.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2019: Presented a paper on “Challenges and good practice in Deaf Education in Kenya: Diversity in Deaf Education” in an international conference organized by Kentalis in conjunction with Archbishop Mihayo University College of Tabora (AMUCTA) at AMUCTA Tanzania.
- 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2019: Presented a paper on Enhancing Quality of Teaching, Research and Community Service Through Centre of Excellence in Early Childhood and Special Needs Education organized by Arizona State University at Tempe Campus in Phoenix, Arizona, USA.
- 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2018: Presented a paper on Teachers’ readiness in Implementing Competency Based Curriculum in Primary Schools in Kiambu County, at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Annual October Conference on Education and Lifelong Learning

organized by School of Education, at Kenyatta University Conference Centre, Nairobi.

- 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017: Presented a paper on “Inclusion of children with Pragmatic Disorders in Kenya at the 6<sup>th</sup> East Africa International Communication held at Kenyatta University Conference Centre Organized by Association of Speech and Language Therapist Kenya in conjunction with Kenyatta University.
- 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017: Presented a paper on “Intricacies of Non Verbal Communication: The Deaf making a breakthrough at the 6<sup>th</sup> East Africa International Communication held at Kenyatta University Conference Centre Organized by Association of Speech and Language Therapist Kenya in conjunction with Kenyatta University.
- 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016: Presented a paper on “Equity in student enrolment in Public Universities in Kenya: An analysis on the courses pursued by undergraduate students with disabilities enrolled at Kenyatta University. Organized by Commission for University Education in collaboration with Institutions of Higher Education held at Kenyatta University.
- 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016: Presented a paper on “Accessibility to Higher Education by Students with Disabilities: The Case of Kenyatta University. Organized by Commission for University Education in collaboration with Institutions of Higher Education held at Kenyatta University.
- 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2016: Presented a Motivational Talk on “Team work and collaboration” to parents and teachers of Spire-Tumaini school in Ruiru, Kenya.
- 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2015: Presented a paper on “Making a difference in Deaf Learners Education in Nairobi County” at Meridian Hotel, Nairobi in a workshop organized by Undugu Society of Kenya.
- 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013: Presented a paper on “The reality on the ground: challenges faced by deaf children in accessing inclusive education” at Panafric hotel, organized by ANNPCAN-Kenya , Nairobi.
- September 2013: Presented a paper on “Girl Child Education” to Busia County Education day, at Busia, Kenya.
- May 2010: Presented a paper on Relationship between self-esteem and academic achievement for girls with hearing impairments in Kenya at East Africa Regional Integration Post-doctoral Seminar at Kenyatta University, Nairobi.
- November 2008: Presented a paper on “Self-esteem for girls with hearing impairment and its implications on schooling” in an international conference (RECOUP) at Kenyatta University; Nairobi.
- May 2004: Presented a paper on “Corruption Risk Assessment” and “Development and Implementation of a Corruption Prevention Plan (CPP)” to the staff of Kenya Water Institute Nairobi.

- February 2004 : Presented a paper on “Adapted Physical Education Ball Games” to teachers of physically handicapped children in Kenya; Nakuru.
- February 2000 : Presented a paper on “Exceptional children and Intergrated Programme” to parents and teachers at Aquinoe Centre Kitale.
- October 1998 : Presented a paper on “Effects of hearing impairments on school children” to teachers at Visa Oshwal School, Nairobi.

### **7.3 Convening and Coordinating Conferences**

- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016: Organized the 6<sup>th</sup> African Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) Conference held at Kenyatta University Conference Centre as a committee member in conjunction with NEMA.
- 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2012: Coordinated a one day seminar on “Introduction to Sign Language” at Kenyatta University Post Modern Library staff, Kenyatta University, Nairobi.

## **8.0 RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS :**

### **8.1 Articles in Refereed Journals**

- Chege Mary Wairimu, Joel M. Chomba and Beatrice Bunyasi Awori (2018) Factors Influencing the use of Assisstive Technology in Teaching Mathematics to Learners with Visual Impairments in Special Primary Schools in Kenya. Academic Research International. Vol. 9 (1) March 2018.
- Beatrice Bunyasi Awori and Judith Chepkorir (2018) “Equity in Students’ Enrolment in Public Universities in Kenya: An Analysis of Undergraduates with Disabilities. Commission for University Education: The State of University Education in Kenya, Selected Papers from the 1<sup>st</sup> Biennial Conference, 2016. Vol. 1, 192 – 206. ISBN 978 – 9966-009-24-1 @ 2018.
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- Chomba, Munyi.; Mukuria, Gathogo,; Kariuki, P. W.; Tumuti, Samwel and Beatrice Bunyasi Awori(2014): Education for Students with Intellectual Disabilities in Kenya: Challenges and Prospects. *Disability Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 34, No. 4.
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- Makokha, Catherine Namalwa, Awori Beatrice Bunyasi and Masinde Edwin (2014): An assessment of the conditions requisite for learning Kiswahili language by learners with hearing impairment in Mumias Primary School for the Deaf, in Kakamega County, Kenya. *International Journal of Innovation and Scientific Research*. ISSN 2351-8014 Vol.11 No. 1, 8-18 October 2015.
- Imbiti Beatrice, Awori Beatrice Bunyasi and Kwena Jacinta Aswani (2014): Strategies facilitating Kenyan sign language progress in primary schools for learners with hearing impairments in western province, Kenya. *International Journal of Education and Research* Vol. 2 No. 1, 38-49. January 2014.
- Munyua Carolyn Gakurii, Awori Beatrice Bunyasi and Rukangu Simon (2014) Factors Influencing Choice of Vocational Courses by Learners with Hearing

Impairments in Selected Vocational Training Centres, Kenya. International Journal of Education and Research Vol. 2 No.7, 1-12. July 2014.

- Beatrice Bunyasi Awori, Karugu Geoffrey Kamau and Mugo John ( 2010): Relationship between self-esteem and academic achievement of girls with hearing impairments in secondary schools for the deaf in Kenya, Journal of the American academy of special Education Professionals (JAASEP) pg 38-51.

## **8.2 Articles in Conference Proceedings**

- Mukuria Gathogo, Chomba Wa Munyi and Awori Beatrice Bunyasi (2012) Inclusive Education in Kenya: The Past, Present and Future. Disability Studies Quarterly (Under Review).
- Mukuria Gathogo, Chomba Wa Munyi and Awori Beatrice Bunyasi (2012) Education for Children with Intellectual Disabilities. Disability Studies Quarterly.

## **8.3 Books**

- 2018: Kenya Society for Deaf Children: Practical Kenyan Sign Language: A guide book for learners in Primary Schools.
- 2015: Beatrice Bunyasi Awori and Margaret Murugami: Low Incidence Exceptionalities I Module. Published by Kenyatta University.
- 2014: Beatrice Bunyasi Awori. Communication Skills II for Learners with Hearing Impairments. Module published by Kenyatta University.
- 2007: Beatrice Bunyasi Awori and Ambrose Osong, Written Language: written Expression, Spelling and Hand-writing, published by Kenya Institute of Special Education, module series.
- 2009: Beatrice Bunyasi Awori. Total Communication II, Module published by Kenyatta University.

## **9.0 NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION WITH EXTERNAL**

### **ORGANIZATIONS:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019: External Examiner, Tom Mboya University College (A Constituent College of Maseno University).
- 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019: External Examiner, Maasai Mara University, School of Education, Department of Psychology and Special Needs Education,
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018: External Examiner, Tom Mboya University College (A Constituent College of Maseno University).

- 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2017: External Examiner, School of Education, Department of Psychology and Special Needs Education, Maasai Mara University.
- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017: Examiner for thesis by University of South Africa.
- 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016: Adjunct Faculty Member of Mount Kenya University.
- 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016: Reviewed Special Needs Education (SNE) Curriculum as an External Subject Expert for Maasai Mara University.
- October 2010-January 2011, Conducted a Feasibility study on Establishment of a Regional Justice System for children in East Africa, Kenya region, Awarded by ANNPCAN.
- October 2010, Carried out on Evaluation of the Social and Education Service Support and Elimination of Child Labour projects of Ruben Centre (Mukuru Community, Nairobi), Awarded by Terre de Hommes, Netherlands.
- October 2010, Developed a Strategic Plan 2010-2015 for Ruben Centre, Mukuru Community, Nairobi.
- October 2010: Evaluation of Ruben Projects and Strategic Plan Development Mukuru Community, Nairobi.
- Conducted a research on Mobile Schools Programme for Nomadic Pastoralists in Kenya, Office of the President, Special Programmes, a pilot project in Wajir, Ijara and Turkana Districts as assistant researcher 2006.
- Conducted a research on Evaluation and Assessment of Methodologies used in Schools for children with Special Needs Education, Nairobi 2005.
- Conducted a research for my M. Phil degree: Interaction and Participation of Children with hearing impairment and the hearing in schools, Nairobi 2003, at University of Oslo, Norway.

## **10.0 EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL GRANTS**

- September 2008: Won US\$3000 research grant from CODESRIA.
- June 2008: Awarded Ksh.50,000/= Research Grant by Dean, School of Education, Kenyatta University.
- June 2017: Wrote a grant proposal for Inclusion of children with disabilities (CWDs) in pre-school education programmes for early childhood development (ECD) in Kenya. Research grant by British Academy.

## **11.0 LOCAL, REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

### **11.1 External Examiner in other Universities**

- 2018: Department of Special Needs, External Examiner, Tom Mboya University College.
- 2018: Department of Educational Psychology, Pwani University.
- 2017: School of Education, Department of Special Needs Education, External Examiner, Maasai Mara University.
- 2016: Adjunct Facult Member, Mount Kenya University.
- 2016: Special Needs Department, External Examiner, Kyambogo University, Uganda.
- 2016: School of Education, Department of Special Needs Education, External Examiner, Mount Kenya University.
- 2016: External Examiner, Department of Special Needs, University of South Africa.
- 2016: External Subject Expert, in the Validation of Special Needs Education Programme, Maasai Mara University.
- 2015: Special Needs Department, External Examiner, Kyambogo University, Uganda.
- 2014: Special Needs Department, External Examiner, Kyambogo University, Uganda.
- 2004-2006: Special Needs Department, External Examiner, Kyambogo University, Uganda.

### **11.2 Review of professional periodicals**

- 2016: Reviewer of Special Needs Education Curriculum for Maasai Mara University
- 2014: Reviewer the Journal of Third World Studies
- 2014: Reviewer Education Research and Reviews (Open Access)
- 2009: Reviewer, Jomo Kenyatta University proposal review.

### **11.3 Being invited to a conference as a Guest Speaker**

- April 2016: Guest Speaker at Busia Special Needs Sports at Amagoro Girls Secondary School.

- 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2015: Guest Speaker, at Spire-Tumaini school, Ruiru, Kenya and presented a Motivational Talk on “Team work and collaboration” to parents and teachers.
- 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2014: Guest Speaker at Ruiru Association of Persons with Disabilities seminar, Presented a paper on care and protection of persons with Disabilities.

#### **11.4 Appointment to Boards**

##### **July 2016**

Appointed Board member (Secretary) Busia Professionals Association.

##### **July 2015**

Appointed Board Member of “Abeingo Association” of Kenyatta University.

##### **April 2014**

Appointed Member of the Board of Governors, St, Audrey Secondary School for the Deaf (Nyang’oma).

##### **April 2010**

Appointed Member of the Board, Kenya Society of Deaf Children.

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