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Profile

Climate change professional with 5+ years of experience delivering participatory, learner-centred training and capacity-building programmes for youth, women and rural communities. Skilled in conducting stakeholder and community engagement, facilitating inclusive learning, and strengthening local capacity to advance green enterprises, sustainable livelihoods and climate-resilient development.

Core Skills

- Business development training design and delivery
- GYB, SYB, IYB training skills
- Participatory training and adult learning methodologies
- Environmental education and awareness
- Rural community stakeholder mobilization and engagement
- Gender responsive and inclusive facilitation
- Monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning
- MS Office, Google Workspace, ODK, Kobo Toolbox, Canva, Zoom, Microsoft Teams

Experience

African Forest Forum (AFF)

Jun 2026 - Present

Associate

- Engage researchers, practitioners and youth across Africa to facilitate knowledge exchange, promote uptake of research findings and best practices, strengthening participation in sustainable forest management and climate resilience initiatives.
- Develop technical reports, review papers, presentations and communication materials to support programme implementation and knowledge dissemination.

African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD)

Young Impact Associate Fellow

Dec 2025 - Present

- Strengthening capacity in monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL), data-driven leadership, and evidence-based decision-making within Africa's agri-food systems.

SIYB Africa Limited

NYOTA SESD Project

Mar 2026

Trainer/Facilitator

- Facilitated structured entrepreneurship and employability training in Yala Township Ward for over 50 trainees in 20days, delivering modules on business planning, financial literacy and market readiness.

- Designed and delivered interactive learner-centered sessions using practical tools, and group exercise to enhance knowledge retention and application.
- Supported roaster management and coordination for 145 trainees, ensuring proper scheduling, attendance tracking and smooth training flow across the training center.

The Nile Basin Discourse

Nile Cooperation for Climate Resilience (NCCR) project

Aug – Nov 2024

Trainer

- Facilitated multi-stakeholder engagement sessions on floods and drought mitigation for rural communities in Kisumu, West Pokot and Busia Counties producing actionable recommendations that informed the design and implementation of community-based climate resilience initiatives.
- Drafted comprehensive, data-driven reports capturing training outcomes, community insights and stakeholder perspectives to inform climate adaptation strategies and evidence-based decision-making.

Vihiga County Government

Department of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries

National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP)

Feb - Jul 2024

Agripreneur

- Trained farmers and value-chain actors in Luanda Sub-County on climate-smart technologies and agribusiness management practices, strengthening practical skills, productivity, and income-generating capacity.
- Conducted needs assessments using the Know Your Farmer App, improving farmers' access to resources, advisory services, and opportunities for entrepreneurial growth.

Vihiga County Government

Department of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries

Oct 2023

National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP)

Enumerator

- Mapped 310 agricultural value chain actors within Luanda Township Ward, providing a comprehensive overview of the ecosystem.
- Collected data from 286 farmers using Open Data Kit, capturing details on farm ownership, business models, water use, and farming activities to support data-driven decision-making.

INNO-NEAT Energy Solutions

Mar 2022 – Mar 2024

Project Officer

- Mainstreamed Safi Solar, a solar-powered water filtration system, in rural communities of Kisumu County experiencing clean drinking water shortages.
- Sensitized women and youth groups on solar-powered water filtration systems as

income-generating enterprises, building their skills in product use, market identification, and business management for sustainable adoption.

Kipepeo Community Empowerment Program, CBO

Jan 2020 – Nov 2023

Volunteer

- Facilitated agribusiness trainings using demonstration and peer-learning approaches, strengthening practical skills, business decision-making and livelihood resilience among women and youth farmers in Luanda and Emuhaya Constituencies.

The Ngao Foundation, Nairobi

Micro-Solar Irrigation Pump Project

Jan – Dec 2018

Project Assistant, Volunteer

- Coordinated and supported business development training of last-mile solar entrepreneurs on climate-smart agriculture and solar-powered irrigation, strengthening skills for income generation and self-employment.
- Assisted hands-on field demonstrations of portable solar irrigation technologies, improving farmers' technical confidence and readiness to adopt and market solar solutions.

Education

Bachelor of Science Degree in Natural Resource Management
Kisii University

Dec 2017

Certificates and Membership

GYB-SYB-IYB Certified Trainer

Organization: SIYB Africa Limited

Fundamentals of Project Management

Planning for Monitoring and Evaluation

Organization: Philanthropy University (Online short courses)

Environmental Impact Assessment and Audit, Associate

Organization: National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Associate Member

Environment Institute of Kenya (EIK)

Associate Member

References

Available Upon Request.