

# DENNIS OCHIENG ONYANGO ONG'ECH

## CURRICULUM VITAE 2022

### PERSONAL DETAILS

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### CAREER OBJECTIVES

My desire is to apply my acquired skills and experience in development science to improve livelihoods.

### PROFILE SUMMARY

I am a dedicated and result-driven professional with aspiring progressive career in international development and climate change issues. I am self-driven and disciplined, ambitious, dynamic, innovative, highly organized, analytical, a fast learner and a true team player with good interpersonal skills. I have experience working with governments, non-governmental organizations, bilateral and private entities including policy makers in Eastern and Southern Africa. I have experience with various donors including: FCDO, UNCCD, UNICEF, and JICA. I have published on environmental management, international development, climate change and adaptation, COVID-19 Pandemic, water insecurity, adaptation, and sustainability issues in peer-reviewed journals.

### PROVEN AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Strategic planning, leadership & Management
- Research and policy analysis
- Proposal writing & Fundraising
- Programs Management
- Donor /Grants Management
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- Climate change adaptation finance
- International Development (Conflicts, Security and Development)
- Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and Policies
- Publications
- Finance, Budgeting & Cost Management
- Governance
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Socioeconomic Issues and Gender

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

1. 2019 – 2022 Ph.D. in Climate Change and Adaptation at the University of Nairobi – Research “*Pathways for Transformative Climate Change Adaptation Funding in Arid Regions: A Case of Turkana County, Kenya*”.
2. December 2020 – December 2021: Fellow on Trends, Rhythms, and Events in the Earth's Climate System – Past, Present, and Future at the University of Potsdam
3. September 2016 – June 2019: Birmingham University; MSc. International Development (Conflicts, Security, and Development)
4. August 2009 – April 2013: Kenyatta University; Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Community Development).
5. August 2021 – August 2021: Data Collection and Analysis for Institute for Climate Change and Adaptation (ICCA) Early Career Researchers, University of Nairobi.
6. January 2021 – February 2021: ARUA Short Course on Communicating Science for Impact
7. 2002 – 2005: St. Mary's Yala High school; Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education
8. 1993 – 2001: Sega Township Primary school; Kenya Certificate of Primary Education

## **SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**

- Appointed by the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Gender, Senior Citizens Affairs and Special Programmes as a committee member for the County Drought Committee for Turkana County, working under the National Drought Emergency Fund (NDEF)

## **PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE:**

### **1. March 2017 – To Date: The University of Nairobi – Observatory Coordinator**

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- a. Support the project team in program planning, budgeting, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting on program activities and progress
- b. Lead research activities on climate change and development issues in the observatory
- c. Develop a county stakeholder engagement plan and lead the stakeholder engagement process at county level to ensure the stakeholders are actively involved in the programme
- d. Coordination and management of research (biophysical and socioeconomic) activities in the Turkana Observatory.
- e. Contribute to the design and dissemination of research tools to support both formative and implementation research
- f. Directly manage and train research assistants, providing oversight to major functions of implementation research, including data collection, analysis, documentation, and dissemination.
- g. Support the county government of Turkana and partners in County Climate Change, environment and water related policy formulation and programme designing through the evidence generated
- h. Executing well-designed socio-economic and poverty baseline surveys to gain a better understanding of the poverty-climate change-water insecurity nexus.
- i. Analyze social-economic datasets, write, and publish articles in peer-reviewed journals/digests that highlight findings from research activities in Turkana observatory
- j. Proactively identify issues and concerns and use participatory processes to overcome implementation obstacles.
- k. Contribute to transition plan moving from Research and Collaboration to Activity Implementation (Research into Action) by ensuring research results are useful, accessible, and applicable for making activity design decisions
- l. Manage partnerships with national institutions, giving oversight to their contributions to the REACH research agenda.
- m. Link WASH activities with research for evidence based decision guidance to the Key stakeholders including the county government, national government and local leadership

### **2. July 2013 –January 2017: National Engagement Coordinator - Environmental Liaison Centre International.**

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- a. **Partnership, networking and advocacy & Fundraising**

- Building and strengthening strategic partnerships through active networking, advocacy and effective communication of the centre's competencies in project service delivery and management.
- Supported development the identification of partners and opportunities that could advance partnership opportunities and project financing.
- Prepared proposals and guided partnerships engagements.

#### **b. Technical Support and Coordination**

- Support the development of community engagement strategies and strong stakeholder and client relations, ensuring the sustainability of the Communities.
- Support the development of strategies to promote synergies in alignment with national government policies, strengthen relationships, and leverage coordination among government authorities, NGOs, private sector, and development and humanitarian actors at national and international levels.
- Support public engagement, citizen involvement, and public consultation strategies
- Provide analysis, capacity-building, monitoring and implementation support
- Contribute to the development of annual work plans and work in close collaboration with team members to ensure integrated programming.

#### **c. Management**

- Contribute to the development of project staff through training and mentoring on people centred land governance
- Ensure that the community engagement and city systems strengthening aspects of the program are implemented according to defined work plans to achieve program deliverables.
- Facilitating the formulation of the annual Workplan, including organising face to face meetings with platform members and keeping such meetings focused on joint interests
- Ensuring timely and effective implementation of activities in line with yearly action plans

#### **d. Financial Management**

- Providing oversight to all finance and administrative service in the programme
- Responsible for the finance management and administration. Analyzing the overall budget and closely tracking and monitoring the effective use of program funds throughout the projects' implementation circle.
- Ensuring effective implementation and compliance with the overall finance and grant requirements
- Leading and coordinating fundraising efforts

### **SELECTED CONSULTANCIES**

1. August 2022: Training of county government officials and ward climate change committees on **climate change frameworks, tools and techniques to facilitate planning and designing community based adaptation projects: LOKADO and UN-IOM**
2. May 2022: Training of county government officials on climate change governance and programming
3. January 2022-September 2022: Gender, human rights and workers' rights: **Impactt, Britain**
4. July 2021: **Gender vulnerability** of women and men working in the tea sector (Finlay, Sotik tea and Nandi tea).
5. April 2021: **Human Rights Impact Assessment: British American Tobacco**

6. February 2021: **Solar Powered Borehole** Business Case Development Community Engagement Consultant – Turkana County: **Practical Action**
7. January 2020: Consultant – Turkana **County Climate Change Action Plan** (2023-2027) formulation
8. July 2020: Consultant– Turkana **County Climate Change Policy, Bill and Financial Regulation:** Turkana County Government
9. August 2019: Consultant- **End of Project Evaluation** in Turkana County, Kenya - Lodwar: **Practical Action**

## PUBLICATIONS

1. Callum M., Sebastian E., Gilbert O., Geoffrey O., Daniel O., Ong'ech D. (2022). Observations of the Turkana Jet and the East African dry tropics: Radiosondes. Investigation for the Turkana Jet (RiftJet). *Manuscript Submitted*
2. Muok, B.O., Siri E., Mosberg, M., and Ong'ech, D.O (2021). The politics of forest governance in a changing climate: Political reforms, conflict and socio-environmental changes in Laikipia, Kenya." *Forest Policy and Economics* 132 (2021): 102590
3. Ong'ech D.O., Olago D.O., Opondo, M., Dulo, S., Ouma, G., and Mumma, A. (2021). The Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on water burden among households in Turkana County.
4. Chaudhry, S., Ong'ech, O. O. D., & Njoroge, P. (2021). Responses to Covid-19 and Climate Action in the East African Community: Key Lessons from the Case of Kenya.
5. Muok, B., Ong'ech, D.O., (2020). *Impacts of Conflicting Institutional Mandates on Water Security: Pathways for Water Sector Development in Turkana County, Kenya.* *Science, Technology and Public Policy.* Vol 4, No 2, 220, pp. 44-53: doi 10.11648/j.stpp.20200402.11
6. Ong'ech, D.O. (2018). *Water Sector Development in Turkana: Filling the critical Sectoral Gaps.* Water Security and Climate Change, Kenyatta University.
7. Dulo, S.O., Ouma, G.O., Tanui, F., Odira, M., Muturi, F., Wanguba, B., and Ong'ech, D. (2017). Draft Turkana Water Audit Report. REACH Kenya.

## SKILLS

- Data Analysis: Statistical package for social science (SPSS), Python, MAXQUADA, and Stata.
- MS Office packages
- Programme progress reporting
- Log frame Reporting
- Organizing and facilitating workshops
- Training

## REFEREES

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