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EDUCATION

University	Main discipline	Degree awarded
NAIROBI,KENYA	AGRICULTURE	BSc. AGRICULTURE.
MISSOURI, USA	SOIL SCIENCE	MSc. AGRONOMY
READING, UK	WEED SCIENCE	PhD.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 1. January 2005 to February 2007. *Striga* Management Project entitled "*Striga* control in western Kenya: Raising awareness, containing and reducing the infestation and developing strategies for eradication" in collaboration with SCODP, SACRED Africa TSBF-CIAT, Maseno University, Moi University and FORMAT to the tune of US\$ 35.1154.00
- 2. **01 October 2002 to 31 December 2005.** DIFID funded project on "Integrated pest and soil management to combat *Striga*, stemborers and declining soil fertility in the Lake Victoria basin" in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania to the tune of £283,650.00
- 3. 1995-1997: Principal Investigator in the project titled "Studies on witchweed (*Striga hermonthica* (DEL.) BENTH) seed longevity and maize (*zea mays*) productivity under different management systems in Kenya" funded by Rockefeller Foundation. US\$. 26,900
- 4. 2000 2002: Co-Investigator in the project entitled "Studies On Effects Of Maize And Sesame Mixed And Rotation Cropping Systems On Striga Infestation" funded by ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION. US\$. 66,760
- 5. **2004-2007:** Co-Investigator in the project titled "Striga Control in Western Kenya: Raising awareness, containing and reducing the infestation and developing strategies for eradication" funded by AATF. US\$. 57,942.
- 6. 2008: **Co-Investigator in the project titled "**The Striga Technology Extension Project (STEP)" funded by AATF. US\$. 329,384
- 7. 2010: Principal Investigator in the project entitled "Integrated Striga control and improved soil health in western Kenya" funded by AATF. US\$. 132,300
- 8. **2010-2012: Principal Investigator**, in the project titled "Unlocking cereal production by Eliminating Striga threat and improving soil health in Western Kenya" funded by Kilimo Trust. US\$. 124,922.
- 9. 2011: Principal Investigator in the project titled "Scaling Up Commercialization and Adoption of WS 303 Maize Variety in Western Kenya" funded by AATF. US\$. 42,000
- 10. 2012: Principal Investigator in the project titled "Scaling Up Commercialization and Adoption of WS 303 Maize Variety in Western Kenya" funded by AATF. US\$. 67,320
- 11. **2012: Principal Investigator** in the project titled "BASF support to *Striga* control project" funded by BASF. €. **10.000**.
- 12. **2014: Consultant to** conduct situational analysis of 'Humidtropics program' covering production systems and natural resource management and environment in the West Kenya action site for International Livestock Research Institute, Nairobi from 26th March to 23rd June 2014 funded by ILRI. **US\$. 21,000.00.**
- 13. **2014-2015:** Co PI in the project "Enhancing capacity of Maseno University Seed Unit to deliver to market resilient new maize varieties in western Kenya" funded by Land O' Lakes. KES. 4,891,855.

- 14. **2014-2015**: **Principal Investigator**. "Integrated soil fertility management for striga control and enhanced system productivity in western Kenya". funded by IITA. **US\$. 50,000.00**
- 15. **2018-2020: Principal Investigator** Mitigation of Climate Change Through Sustainable Integration of Maize Based Agro-Forestry Systems for Food Security and Poverty Reduction in Western Kenya. **Funded by NRF. KES. 10,234,620.00.**
- 16. **2020-2025**: Upscale the Benefits of Push-Pull Technology for Sustainable Agricultural Intensification in East Africa. **Funded By Eu €. 477,450.00**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE 2003 to Date

HONORS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

International Weed Science Society

SKILLS AND TRAINING

INTRODUCTION TO GIS AND PC ARC/INFO 3.41:February 28 to March 11, 1994. **COMPUTER SKILLS:** MsWord, MsExcel, SAS, Mstatc and Word Perfect, SPSS.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 1. Dean, School of Agriculture and Food Security from October 2014 to date
- 2. Chairman, Department of Applied Plant Science from March 2012 to October 2014.
- 3. Coordinator, timetable and examination from 1st February 2004 to January 2006
- 4. Coordinator, industrial attachment and field trips for department from March 2005 to 2014
- 5. Chairman, Ad Hoc committee on restructure of course/programs in 2005 to 2007
- 6. Maseno University Acting Chairman, Department of Botany and Horticulture on 22nd October 2007 and between 17th to 30th April 2009
- 7. Chairman of Board of Management, Rapogi Secondary School from 2005 to 2012
- 8. Member, Board of Management, Rapogi Secondary School from 2005 to 2015
- 9. Patron, Rapogi Primary School from January 2003 to 2018.
- 10. Member of Kisumu Rural Constituency Food Security Committee from 10th April 2006 to date and presented a paper entitled "Analysis of Food Security in Kisumu Rural of Nyanza Province" during the workshop on Food Security as a measure of independence to democratic choices in Kisumu Rural Societies: The Case for Kisumu Rural Constituency organized at Kit Mikayi on the 10th April 2006.

- 11. National Technical Coordinator, Striga Research (25th November 1998 to date). This involves bringing together scientists conducting research and dissemination activities related to Striga weed in Kenya through annual meetings to avoid duplication.
- 12. Area Co-ordinator (Coastal Region), Fertilizer Use Recommendation Project (BMZ/GTZ funded) between 1987-1990.
- 13. Chairman of the Striga Working Group consisting of scientists from East and Central Africa conducting research on Striga weed between 1993-1994.
- 14. Principal Investigator, AHI sub-theme on IPM for controlling Striga in Emuhaya, Vihiga district in collaboration with ICRAF. As the team leader of a multidisciplinary team of scientist, it was my responsibility to ensure coordination and ensure that our dissemination strategy to farmers is well organized and was responsible for the management of the funds. This activity had an inbuilt monitoring and evaluation component and was conducted in a participatory way with the clients.
- 15.A member of the Steering Committee of the System-Wide Programme on Integrated Pest Management (SP-IPM) pilot site project in Lambwe Valley, western Kenya from January 2000 to 2002. This is a partnership between ICIPE, KARI, MoARD, CIMMYT, ICRISAT, CABI INTERNATIONAL, CARE-KENYA AND CATHOLIC DIOCESE of HOMABAY in the dissemination of best-bet IPM technologies to control Striga weed and stem borers in maize. The basic concept is for several IARCs, working with NARES to bring together their best-bet IPM technologies at selected sites in Africa ina participatory process with farmers
- 16. Acting Centre Director, National Sugar Research Centre-Kibos, August 24th to 28th 1998.
- 17. Acting Centre Director, National Fibre Research Centre-Kibos, December 21st 2001 to 31st

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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- 2. **Odhiambo,G.D. and J.K. Ransom. 1991.** Effect of nitrogen and cowpea intercropping on the development of *Striga* in maize. Proceedings of the East African Weed Science Society. pp. 30-32
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- 5. **Odhiambo,G.D. and J.K. Ransom. 1993.** Preliminary evaluation of long-term effects of trap cropping and maize management on *Striga*. In: A.H.Pieterse, J.C.A. Verkleij and S.J.ter Borg, Biology and management of *Orobanche*, Proceedings of the Third International Workshop on *Orobanche* and related *Striga* research. Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Royal Tropical Institute, pp. 505-512.

- 6. **Ransom, J.K. and G.D. Odhiambo. 1993.** Long-term effects of fertility and hand-weeding on *Striga* in maize. In:A.H.Pieterse, J.C.A. Verkleij and S.J.ter Borg. Biology and management of *Orobanche*, Proceedings of the Third International Workshop on Orobanche and related *Striga* research. Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Royal Tropical Institute, pp. 513-519.
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- Odhiambo,G.D. and J.K. Ransom. 1994. Long-term strategies for *Striga* control. In:Jewell D.C., S.R. Waddington, J.K. Ransom, and K.V. Pixley(eds). 1995. Maize Research for Stress Environments. Proceedings of the Fourth Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Maize Conference, held at Harare, Zimbabwe, 28 March 1 April 1994. Mexico D.F. CIMMYT. pp 263-266.
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