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### EDUCATION

**2000**, Uganda Management Institute (UMI); Journalism and Media Management, Postgraduate Diploma

**1997**, Makerere University; BA (Arts), Degree

### FELLOWSHIPS

**2016**, Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium; Journalist in Residence

**2011**, Oklahoma State University; Food Security Fellow

**2007/08**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Harvard University, Boston, Knight Science Journalism Fellowship

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### **Contributor to Lancet; July 2018 to date**

- Proposing science news story ideas to the editor
- Writing features and news stories
- Following up assignments from the editor

#### **Uganda Reporter, Science For Development Network @SciDev.net, 2010 to date**

- Proposing science news story ideas to the editor
- Writing features and news stories
- Following up assignments from the editor

#### **User engagement coordinator, @SciDevNetSSA, 2013**

- Managing [SciDev.Net](#) regional social media
- Putting content on twitter and facebook
- Marketing the twitter and facebook content for sub-Saharan Africa

#### **Mentor, World Federation of Science Journalists, WFSJ , 2010 to 2012**

- Offer guidance for mentee (journalists) with their science journalism careers
- Help mentees refine their stories, giving feedback as they research stories

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- Improve mentees stories to high-quality publishable products

### **Founder and President, Health Journalists Network in Uganda, HEJNU, 2011**

- Being the overall coordinator of HEJNU activities that include; science or media Cafés, annual health journalism conference and a magazine the *Health Digest*
- Fundraising for HEJNU activities
- Being managing editor of the HEJNU periodical, the *Health Digest*

### **Special Correspondent; The EastAfrican newspaper; [www.theeastafrican.co.ke](http://www.theeastafrican.co.ke), 2000 - 2013**

- Proposing science news and features story ideas to the editor
- Medical, technology and science reporter at the Kampala Bureau
- Following up assignments from the editor

**Freelance contributor**, articles have appeared in various news outlets globally including; Nature journal [www.nature.com](http://www.nature.com), PlusNews [www.plusnews.org](http://www.plusnews.org), On-islam [www.onislam.net](http://www.onislam.net), University World News; **UWN**, RealHealth News based in UK and Women International Perspective (WIP)

### **Content developer; Content developer for Network of Climate Journalists for the Greater Horn of Africa [NECJOGHA](http://NECJOGHA), Oct 2008-2009**

### **Research projects:**

#### **Research Assistant, Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR) Jan –August 2001; Impact of telecentres in Uganda**

- Held consultative meetings with telecentre managers
- Gathered data from local communities that use telecentres in five centres
- Disseminated the research findings in seminars and writing reports.

#### **Research Assistant, Uganda Communications Commission (UCC)**

**May –August 2004;** 'Redressing the Digital divide: A critical profile of Uganda's Internet and ICT Usage' 2004 in eight districts in Uganda.

- Collecting information about use of the internet from different focus groups
- Analysing the information collected
- Report writing

**Researcher, A study titled; 'From Paper to Mike: An analysis of Health Systems Reporting In Uganda's Print and Radio Media', March to June 2010:** <https://idl-bnc-idrc.dspacedirect.org/handle/10625/45459>

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The study was done by a multidisciplinary team, from the media and academia led by Makerere University and funded by Research Matters, a collaboration between the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

- Participating in the study design
- Interviewing and collecting information from key participants
- Holding focus groups discussions
- Analysing the information collected
- Report writing

### **Media Consultancy projects:**

#### **Media trainer, Uganda Media Development Foundation (UMDF), 2009**

- Train upcountry journalists (Masaka, Fortportal, Soroti, Mbarara) on environment/climate change reporting
- Edit news stories written during the training
- Report about the assignment

#### **Dissemination of Research , Centre for Reproductive Health Rights, 2013**

- Develop a comprehensive media strategy; organise a round table and press conference, secure media interviews for the heads of the Centre
- Media monitoring and evaluation
- Submit a comprehensive coverage report, including packet of successful media coverage (PDF, mp3, videos, etc.)

#### **Media trainer, World Federation of Science journalists, in Nairobi, 2015**

- Train regional journalists (from Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda) on covering public health and emergencies
- Develop a course outline for the training
- Edit stories produced as part of the project

#### **Documentation, Malaria Consortium, 2015**

- Go to the field to collect data in project areas
- Write stories for the local media and for the malaria consortium blog about the Integrated Community Case Management project (ICCM)
- Write a learning paper about ICCM
- Take photographs about the project

#### **Media outreach, International Potato Center, RTB-ENDURE project, 2015**

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- Write stories for local media about RTB-ENDURE project, handle incoming requests for information from media outlets
- Identify opportunities to prepare case studies and blogs to be disseminated
- Content preparation support; edit and support in preparation content

### **Editing consultancy, UNDP Uganda, 2016**

- Edit reference Manuals and Study reports
- Proof read documents and provide corrections
- Suggest edits to maintain UNDP style, tone and form, and quality without compromising quality

### **Editing consultancy, UNDP Uganda, 2016**

- Work with the GOU through the Ministry of Water and Environment, to pick out the salient features/issues in the report
- Review and summarize the Public Policy and Financing Framework for the EBA in the Mt Elgon Ecosystem Report into a 25 pages booklet
- Work with Government, Ministry of Water and Environment to produce a well laid out A-5 booklet ready for printing

### **Other skills**

- Rappotuering
- Media training
- Fixing

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

Board Member of the ICT policy centre for Eastern and Southern Africa (CIPESA)

Community Advisory Board (CAB) member of Makerere University Walter Reed Project (MUWRP) (representing the media)

Member, Mentor, World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ) [www.wf-sj.org](http://www.wf-sj.org)

Member, Uganda ICT Journalists (Former Media Node Coordinator)

Member, Network for Climate Change Journalists for the Greater Horn of Africa (NECJOGHA)

Member, Uganda Science Journalists Association

Member Network of Climate Journalists in the Greater

## **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

**'Tunza Watoto wa Africa' 2007**; Journalism Award on children and HIV from African Network for Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN)

**Best Female ICT writer 2006**, UNECA/AISI

# **Esther Nakkazi**

**Best Cancer Reporter 'Special Merit Award' 2013**, the European School of Oncology  
**35th Global Media award for the population Institute** (Award for the Health Journalists Network in Uganda 2015)

## **REFEREES**

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