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BIODATA

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LANGUAGES: English, Swahili.

CAREER OBJECTIVE

To work as professional mass communications agent, that can be depended upon by the society and the world at large.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

2001-2000: Foundation College Of Professional Studies-
Diploma in Mass Communication

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

1999-1996: South Tetu Girls Secondary School-
Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education.-KCSE
1995-1990: St Teresa's Boarding Primary School-
Kenya Certificate of Primary Education- KCPE

WORK EXPERIENCE

May 2012 - to date: Agriculture & Environment Writer - Radio Africa Group (The Star Publication)

Responsibilities

Identifying and editing agriculture, food security and climate change news and feature story ideas.
Generating news feature content for the newspaper as assigned by the editor.
Executing fresh assignments related to current agriculture, drought/food security, climate change and environment issues through interviews with contacts and sources.
Providing editorial opinion and giving logistical support as per the laid down standards, policies and deadlines on environment and agriculture stories.
Developing and maintaining a database of contacts through continuous networking.
Producing multi media (audio and videos) agriculture and climate change stories.

January 2021- to date: Contributing for the Sayansi Magazine (Sayansi is a Swahili name for Science) online Magazine published by the Media for Environment, Science, Health and Agriculture (MESHSA).

Responsibilities

Regularly contributing agriculture, climate change, biodiversity and science related stories for the monthly online magazine.

February 2014- February 2015: In-charge of Agriculture pull out published by the Star Newspaper.

Responsibilities

Identifying and editing agriculture, food security and climate change news and feature stories for the Tuesday Agriculture pull out.

July 2007- May 2012: Correspondence Science features writer - The People Daily Newspapers, Science Africa and ASK Kenya Farmers Magazine

Responsibilities

Identifying feature story ideas, writing and editing. Generating new feature content for the newspaper and magazine as assigned by the editor.

Providing editorial opinion and giving logistical support as per the laid down standards, policies and deadlines on environment, health, and agriculture stories.

Executing fresh assignments related to current science (environment, health and agriculture) issues through interviews with contacts and sources.

Developing and maintaining a database of contacts through continuous networking.

Achievements

Participated in the Environmental Journalism Course in Zanzibar 2008 & 2009.

Participated in the Media for Environment, Science, Health and Agriculture (MESHA) training on Science Journalism in Nairobi December 8- 10 2008.

Columnist on environment appearing once a week on Thursdays

Made valuable contacts pertinent to my line of work and other topics.

January 2003: News reporter-intern - The People Daily Newspaper

Responsibilities

Gathering news independently or as assigned by the news editor, through interviews and press conferences.

Writing articles with minimal editing for newspaper pages.

Analyzing press releases, researching for stories for both news and feature pages.

Downloading and incoming news stories from regional correspondents.

July 2002: Attachment-Public Relations Office - National Water Conservation and Pipeline Corporation

Responsibilities

Writing and editing press releases for external communication.

Assisting the customer care department with day to day matters.

Providing support services and essential information to management.

Handling the internal communication system, through phone and internet

Ensuring demands of all clients are met within the framework, procedure and principles of the company.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

Participated in the former International Institute of Journalism Fellowship on Environmental Reporting in Berlin, Germany in June - July 2011.

Received a grant to cover stories on REDD+ from the Centre for Science and Environment in India in 2016.

Received a grant from Media for Environment, Science, Health and Agriculture (MESHA) Kenya/ International Development Research Centre (IDRC) to cover UNFCCC COP27 climate change meeting in Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt in 2022. I also received a second grant from IDRC/MESHA to cover UNFCCC COP28 virtually.

Won the 2022 OFAB-Kenya Media awards as the over all winner and participated in the OFAB-Africa award in Abuja, Nigeria.

Received a Health Solutions journalism storytelling grant from Science Africa and Africa Health Solutions Journalism in 2024 to cover a story on the impacts of indoor air pollution to children.

OTHER COMPETENCIES

Good public relations, knowledge, understanding and experience

One-year experience in administrative and public relations support, front office management in the media and mass communication sector.

Experience in researching and writing science-related articles.

Possess excellent organizational, communication and interpersonal skills while maintaining confidentiality of the office.

Ability to organize office systems and plan for ongoing needs.

Ability to coordinate projects including newsletter, press statements and annual report.

Ability to work with varied cultural and socio economic groups, some of whom have emotional and cognitive issues.

Ability to multi-task, detail-oriented, team player and work with minimal supervision

Computer literate.

OTHER INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

Reading & watching nature-related documentaries and current affairs.

Nature walks and wildlife viewing.

Listening to music and making friends.

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