

DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH, EXTENSION AND CONSULTANCY



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Educational Background:

- PhD in Community Development, Laikipia University, Kenya, 2017
- Master of Science - Agriculture & Rural Development , National University (UCD), Ireland, 2006
- Bachelor of Commerce -Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA), Kenya, 1994
- Diploma in Animal Husbandry Egerton University, Kenya, 1989

Brief Auto-biography of the Faculty/Staff

In recent years Dr. John Kingau has been in the forefront of enhancing and facilitating research mandates at Laikipia University which include; initiation of international conference forums for academics and practitioners, establishment of institutional journals for publications of faculties and scholarly papers, access of 'The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library' (TEEAL) for access of Journal Articles and linkages with local community within the vicinity of the University through supply of the Monthly Organic Farmer magazine among others.

Recent Appointments

- 2018- September: Appointed a member of Advisory Committee of Directorate of Research, Extension and Consultancy
- 2018-July: Appointed a member of a taskforce developing a Farm Business Plan for Laikipia University
- 2018-July: Appointed as an Academic Leader of PhD Community Development Programme of Laikipia University Main Campus
- 2018: Member of Conference Organizing Committee 4th Laikipia University International Conference held from 23rd -25th May.

- 2016: Member of Conference Organizing Committee 3rd Laikipia University International Conference held from 24rd -27th May.
- 2017: Appointed a member of the committee developing Policy on Linkages and Collaboration
- 2017: Internal Part-Time Lecture: Rural Sociology-Laikipia University
- 2014 : Internal Part-Time Lecture; Animal *Production*, *Technical Report Writing* and *Research Proposal Writing* –Laikipia University
- 2014: Participated as Member of the Committee organizing 2nd Laikipia University International Conference held from 20th -23rd May.
- 2014: Appointed a member of the Laikipia University Procurement Committee
- 2013-2014: A member of the Technical Team for preparing the Laikipia University Journals
- 2013: Acting Director Research, Extension and Consultancy- Laikipia University May: Appointed a member of Laikipia University Research, Extension and Consultancy Committee
- 2013 June: Appointed as an Internal Quality Auditor of Laikipia University
- 2012 Sept: Appointed as a technical editor of the Laikipia Journal of Science and Technology (JSAT) / Journal of Social Science, Education and Humanities (JSSEH)

Dr John Kingau poses long term experience in rural development projects across Eastern Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Uganda, Ethiopia, Rwanda and South Sudan). Initiated several outreach programmes with communities in various parts of Kenya and created linkages in Uganda, Tanzania and Southern Sudan with different Partners in Education, Agriculture and Natural Resources Development. Dr. Kingau served for several years as a Coordinator and Manager in Agricultural and Livelihood Projects of Kamara- Lare Nakuru; facilitated responsive and dynamic solutions to Disaster Risk Response Livelihoods Programmes in ASAL regions of Tenges / East Pokot- Barpelo Mission (Baringo; Diocese of Lodwar (Nakumurwo Irrigation Project); Diocese of Embu (Ishiara Parish Livelihood and Youth-Embu), PREMAP (Isiolo), Wenje Parish (Tana River), Hura-Hura and North Horr Goat Projects in Marsabit County. Others were Subawanga and Mbeya Provinces (Southern Highlands Network Projects-Tanzania). My career spanning a period of over 25 years includes practical / competence based training with Baraka Agricultural College and CBOs, experience in the fields of human resource management, administration, general management and as a development Liaison Person with NGOs and Networks such as PELUM , ANAFE, ICRAF, Trocaire Kenya, Misereor-Germany, Self-Help Africa among others). He has consulted in several projects taking lead roles; as a community mobilizer, Trainer of Trainees and Rural Development facilitator in livelihood and community development portfolios. He has been a Board member of Agricultural Rural Development Programme of Nakuru-Kirecho Catholic Diocese Programmes.

Recent Selected publications

1. **John Mathenge Kingau, 2017.** *Self-Reliance Projects and Livelihoods of Youth In Selected Rural areas of Nakuru County, Kenya.* A thesis documentation for PhD in Community Development
2. **John Mathenge Kingau , 2005** *Assessing the Impact of a Scholarship-Training Programme on Empowering Rural Communities in Kenya -A thesis publication for Master in Agric.& Rural Development*
3. Contributed book chapter articles in publication of Sustainable Agriculture Manual by SCADEP-Kenya

4. **John Kingau, Vol:1 2013**; *Effects of Interaction of Graduates in Empowering rural communities through a BAC-GORTA scholarship Training Programme...* **paper published in the Laikipia Journal of Social Science, Education and Humanities(JSSEH)** pp. 93-113
5. **John M. Kingau et al** : *The future of Rural Youth Self reliance Projects in Kenya.* Journal of African Research and Development(JARD) Vol 1; Issue 1;10 July 2016 –GLAC International
6. **John M. King'au et al** -*Self-Reliance Projects: A Springboard for Rural Youth Livelihoods.* Asian Academic Research Journal of Social Science & Humanities-Vol 1; Issue 9; September 2016
7. **Kingau J.M et al** -*Self-reliance Projects; The future Core Driver of Rural Youth Livelihood Development Outcomes.* Kabarak Journal of Research & Innovation Volume 5 Number 1 (2017)

Research Interest

- Emerging issues in agriculture and Rural Development
- Youth self-reliance and sustainable development
- Youth involvement in agri-enterprises
- Agricultural value chains and Agri-entrepreneurship
- Livelihoods assets and Community development

Awards Received

1. 2004-2006: Misereor Germany Scholarship Fund for Master Studies in Dublin Ireland. Amount Euros **10,000**
2. 2010 Manos Unidas Borehole Drilling Grant for Baraka Self-Help Group. Amount **Euros 12,918.**
3. 2015/2016 -National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation ST&I Research Grant (PhD). Amount **Kes. 350,000**
4. 2015-2016.Microbial status of drinking water in Kamukunji settlement – a rural slum close to Laikipia University: Collaborators: Nyukuri J.; Onyancha Wilda.; Ngure V.N.; Obwanga B.O.; and **Kingau J.** Laikipia University Internal Research Funds (**Kes 192,000**)