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Professional profile

Dr. Hezron N. Isaboke is a Senior Lecturer in Agribusiness Management at the University of Embu, with over 13 years of university service and a research portfolio connecting agricultural economics with practical solutions for smallholder livelihoods and agribusiness development. He holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics and Management from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences and an MSc in Agricultural and Applied Economics from Egerton University in collaboration with the University of Pretoria. His expertise spans agricultural innovation and technology transfer, value chain development, market participation, risk management and insurance, food security, and gender-inclusive agrifood systems. He served as Chairman of the Department of Agricultural Economics & Extension from April 2019 to March 2025, has supervised or co-supervised five completed PhD and nine completed master's theses, and has contributed to peer-reviewed research on collective action, digital extension, seed adoption, poultry and edible insect value chains. His experience as a principal or co-principal investigator and consultant complements his teaching, postgraduate mentorship, curriculum development and academic leadership.

Research expertise and collaboration interests

- Agricultural innovation, technology adoption and transfer: digital extension, seed systems, irrigation and climate-smart agricultural practices.
- Agribusiness and value chain economics: production efficiency, profitability, value addition, market participation and marketing channel choice.
- Agricultural risk and resilience: weather-index insurance, household coping strategies and food systems resilience.
- Inclusive agrifood systems: gender participation, collective action, women's empowerment and household food security.
- Agricultural finance and enterprise development: farm and firm financial analysis, entrepreneurship and smallholder investment decisions.
- Applied research, baseline evaluation, postgraduate supervision and farmer-oriented extension.

Education and professional qualification

2014–2017 | PhD in Agricultural Economics and Management — Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), Beijing, China.

2009–2011 | MSc in Agricultural and Applied Economics — Egerton University, Kenya, in collaboration with the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

2001–2006 | Bachelor of Agribusiness Management — Egerton University, Kenya.

2003–2004 | Certified Public Accountant, Part I (CPA I) — Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examinations Board (KASNEB).

1997–1999 | Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) — St. Philips High School, Embu, Kenya.

1996–November 1996 | Secondary school Education — Parklands High School, Nairobi, Kenya.

1988–1995 | Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) — New Kihumbuini Primary School, Nairobi, Kenya.

Academic appointments and responsibilities

July 2025–present | Senior Lecturer, Agribusiness Management — University of Embu

- Deliver undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in agribusiness and agricultural economics; prepare learning materials and assess student learning.
- Supervise postgraduate and undergraduate research and mentor students and colleagues.
- Conduct research, publish scholarly outputs and participate in funded research, consultancy and agricultural extension.
- Contribute to curriculum development and review, academic committees and departmental governance.

July 2017–June 2025 | Lecturer, Agribusiness Management — University of Embu

- Prepared and delivered lectures, tutorials and seminars; set and marked assessments and examinations.
- Supervised student research and supported academic mentorship, research dissemination and extension activities.
- Participated in curriculum development, school and departmental meetings, and university committees.

March 2013–June 2017 | Tutorial Fellow — Embu University College

A constituent college of the University of Nairobi during the appointment.

- Prepared and delivered teaching sessions in agribusiness, production economics, agricultural marketing and finance, quantitative methods and mathematics for economists.
- Assessed student work, provided academic advice and contributed to curriculum review, research and university service.

September 2011–April 2013 | Part-time Lecturer — Egerton University and Kisii University

Teaching portfolio

Undergraduate and postgraduate teaching across agribusiness management, risk and value chain management, production economics, entrepreneurship and small business, quantitative methods in business, agricultural marketing, agricultural finance, research methods and mathematics for economists.

Academic practice includes student assessment, examination coordination and moderation, research supervision, mentoring, and curriculum development and review.

Academic leadership and university service

April 2019–March 2025 | Chairman, Department of Agricultural Economics & Extension

- Led departmental academic and administrative operations and represented the Vice-Chancellor at departmental level.
- Oversaw policy implementation, annual budgeting, procurement planning and departmental financial records.
- Coordinated annual reporting, performance contract returns and staff appraisal; represented the department in university committees and Senate-related business.

June 2018–March 2019 | Departmental Examination Coordinator

- Coordinated examination submission and moderation, compiled results for the School Examination Board, and handled missing marks, supplementary and special examination matters.

April 2013–August 2014 | Coordinator, Student Affairs — Embu University College

- Supported student welfare, counselling referrals, complaints resolution, student governance, clubs and co-curricular participation; served in expanded management.

Committee and partnership service

- November 2020–present: UoEm–EWASCO MoU Joint Implementation Committee.
- October 2020–present: University Agricultural Biotechnology Node and UoEm–CARITAS MoU Implementation Committee.
- July 2020–present: NCPB–UoEm MoU Joint Implementation Committee.
- January–August 2014: Health Unit Management Committee.
- August 2013–August 2014: University College Tender Committee.
- May 2013–August 2014: University ISO Certification Committee.

Research grants and funded projects

2026 | Circular Economy: Leveraging Smart Technologies for Sustainable Ecologies, Food Security and Climate Resilience

Co-principal investigator • National Research Foundation, South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) • R10,000,000

2025 | Community Gardens in Schools and Universities for Teaching, Research and Community Service in Embu County

Co-principal investigator • University of Maryland Eastern Shore

2025 | Agri-food Systems and Entrepreneurship Consortium for Enabling Youth Employment in Kenya (ASEC)

Co-principal investigator • Mastercard Foundation • USD 19,796,041 (consortium funding)

2024–2026 | Strengthening the Chicken Value Chain beyond Backyard Farming with Eco-Friendly Practices among Smallholders in Lower Eastern Kenya

Co-principal investigator • UNESCO • USD 49,986

2022–2023 | Enhancing Livelihoods through Access to Poultry Feeds among Smallholders in the Post-COVID-19 Era in Eastern Kenya

Co-principal investigator • Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) • AUD 20,000

2010–2012 | Investigating the Adoption of Butternut Squash (*Cucurbita moschata*) among Smallholders in Kenya

Principal investigator • African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) • USD 3,000

Consultancy and applied professional work

2026 | Lead Consultant — Baseline Evaluation for the Food Systems Resilience Project (FSRP), Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Kenya.

2019 | Associate Consultant — Training needs assessment and cold-chain training manual for fruits and vegetables, EA Fruit Farm, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, through Agribusiness Solutions Ltd.

Postgraduate research supervision

Completed: five PhD and nine master's theses. Ongoing: two PhD and seven master's theses, as recorded in the October 2026 source CV.

Completed PhD supervision

- Margaret Njeri Mwangi Digital Extension, Seed Technology Adoption Dynamics, and Welfare Impacts in the Smallholder Potato Value Chain in Kenya. (2026)
- Catherine Nyambune Maindi Collective action, women empowerment and food security among smallholder farmers in Murang'a County, Kenya. (2024)

- Nancy Wamwitha Ndung'u Economic evaluation and gender participation in the edible insect value chain development in Kenya and Uganda. (2025)
- John Kennedy Musyoka Economic evaluation of coping strategies in chicken farming on productivity and resilience to covid-19 among smallholders in lower Eastern Kenya. (2025)
- Tore Kipngetich Nelson Assessing the impact of Index-Based Livestock Insurance on poverty, productivity, livelihood, asset protection and food security among pastoralists in Hadado Sub-County, Wajir County, Kenya. (2025)

Ongoing PhD supervision

- Caroline Mukami Miriti Hybrid Agricultural Extension Models and the Incentive Mechanisms for Carbon Farming Adoption among Smallholder Farmers in Eastern and Central Kenya
- Andrew Kiriimi Effectiveness of Agricultural Extension Pathways in Promoting Sustained Use of Climate-Smart Dairy Practices among Smallholder Farmers in Upper Eastern Kenya

Completed master's supervision

- Ombasa Mboi Elizaphan — Participatory Evaluation of Spacing and Intercropping on Productivity of Bambara Groundnuts and Sorghum in Embu County. (2024)
- Kelvin Murimi Nthiga — Market Efficiency, Choice of Marketing Channel and Supply of Macadamia among Smallholder Farmers in Embu-West Sub-County. (2024)
- Priscilla Nyaguthii Njue — Dairy Goat Farming, Support Services and Market access on Household Food Security among Smallholder Farmers in Kirinyaga County, Kenya. (2023)
- Kithome Mary Muluki — Selected Factors affecting Adoption of Irrigation Technologies and Productivity among Small-Scale Farmers in Machakos County, Kenya (2022)
- John Kennedy Musyoka — Farm-Level Supply and Value Addition of Mangoes among Small-Scale Producers in Machakos County. (2020)
- Kaloi Kadipo/ — Economics of the System of Rice Intensification on Smallholders' Rice Productivity in Mwea Irrigation Scheme, Kenya. (2020).
- Samuel Odhiambo — Selected Socio-Economic Factors influencing Sorghum Adoption & Productivity among Small-scale Farmers in Siaya County, Kenya. (2020)
- Kelvin Karingu — Transaction Costs, market participation and choice of marketing channels among smallholder avocado farmers in Murang'a County. (2020)
- Thomas Mbogo — Efficiency, Profitability and Farm prices among Smallholder Tomato Farmers in Mwea, Kirinyaga County. (2020)

Ongoing master's supervision

- Paulatte Chelagat Kipchirchir Economics of Precision Agriculture Technologies on Maize Productivity and Household Food Security among Smallholder Farmers in Kakamega County
- Meshack Kalii Ndambuki ICT- Based Agricultural Extension Approaches, Productivity and Choice of Marketing Channels among Smallholders in Drylands of Lower Eastern Kenya
- Gikaria Roseflorence Wanjira Post Harvest Losses, Choice of Marketing Channels and Gross Margin Analysis of Irrigated Tomatoes among Smallholder Farmers in Kirinyaga County.

- Timothy Ntongai Kalung'e Technical efficiency, choice of rice varieties under system of rice intensification and conventional flooding among smallholder farmers in Mwea Irrigation Scheme, Kenya
- Mercy Chepkemai — Adoption and Returns to Investment of Rainwater Harvesting Technologies among Smallholder Farmers in Machakos County
- Peter Mwakio — Adoption of Improved Wheat Varieties, Technical Efficiency and Food Consumption Expenditure among Wheat Farmers in Kieni, Nyeri County.
- Purity Akinyi George — Economics of Basmati Rice Blending along the Downstream Rice Value Chain in Mwea Sub-County, Kirinyaga County.

Postgraduate thesis examination

External examination

- Commercialization of pulses and its impact on food security among smallholder farmers in Makueni County, Kenya (MSc 2026)
- Farmer Response to Climate Change by Adoption of Soil Conservation and Rehabilitation Technologies in Bungoma County, Kenya (2026)
- Analysis of transaction cost and trans-actor characteristics effect on market outlet choice and gross margins among Irish potato farmers in Kinangop Sub-county, Nyandarua County (MSc, 2025).
- Perceptions, socio-economic and institutional factors on willingness to pay for agricultural insurance among Khat farmers in Meru County, Kenya (MSc 2023)
- Postharvest practices, market outlets and socio-economic characteristics affecting mango and passion fruit postharvest loss management in selected counties of Kenya (Msc 2022).
- Effects of gross margin, farmer perception & socio-economic characteristics on choice of Tuta absoluta management methods in tomato production in Mwea, Kirinyaga County (MSc 2022).
- Impact of marketing channels, feeding supplements and credit access on milk production among smallholder dairy farmers in Chuka Sub County, Kenya (MSc 2021).
- Effect of Tick and Mastitis Control, Supplementation and Sheds on Milk Revenue among Smallholder Dairy Farmers in Kepseret Sub-County, Kenya. (MSc 2020)
- Analysis of Agronomic, Cost and Cooperative Management Factors Affecting Earnings of Smallholder Coffee Farmers in Runyenjes Sub-County, Embu County Kenya. (MSc 2020)
- Effect of Farm Inputs and Smallholder Farmer Characteristics on Irish Potato Production Technical Efficiency in Molo Sub County, Nakuru County, Kenya. (MSc 2020)
- Assessment of Socio-economic and Institutional Factors affecting Optimization of Coffee Production in Chuka Sub-County, Tharaka Nithi County. (MSc 2020)
- Identification of Socio-economic and Production Factors affecting Uptake of Banana Value Addition by Farmers in Chuka Sub-County, Tharaka Nithi County, Kenya. (MSc 2019)

Internal examination

- Institutional Characteristics and Efficiency of Universities in Kenya: Moderating Effect of University Size (PhD, 2026)

- Agricultural Extension Services and Utilization of Soil and Water Conservation Technologies among Youth Farmers in Drylands of Machakos County, Kenya (MSc, 2025)
- Capital adequacy, income diversification, competition and liquidity creation of commercial banks in Kenya (MSc, 2023)
- Agricultural extension services on banana value chain development among smallholder farmers in Meru and Tharaka-nithi Counties, Kenya (PhD, 2022).
- Adoption of recommended technologies along banana value chain and its effects on productivity in Embu West Sub-County (MSc, 2022)
- Productivity and profitability of selected cabbage varieties under varying drip irrigation schedules in Humic Nitisols of Embu County (MSc, 2022)
- Gender influence on soil fertility and water management technologies uptake among smallholder farmers in Tharaka Nithi County. (MSc, 2021)
- Climate change adaptation information for improved agricultural productivity among small-holder farmers in Lower Eastern Kenya. (MSc, 2021)
- Technical efficiency, profitability and adoption of best agronomic practices among smallholder sugarcane farmers in Malava Sub-County, Kakamega County. (MSc 2020)
- Liquidity Management and Financial Performance in Microfinance Institutions in Kenya (MBA 2020)
- Micro and Macro Environment and Implementation of Public & Private Partnership Infrastructure Development in Kenya (MBA 2019)

Publications

Book chapter

Nyarindo, W., & **Isaboke, H.** (2026). Roots of change: The social transformation of plant domestication. In *Encyclopedia of Agriculture and Food Systems* (3rd ed., Vol. 20). Elsevier. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/B9780443159763000404>

Journal articles

Musyoka, J. K., Nyarindo, W. N. & **Isaboke, H. N.** (2026). Closing the Productivity Gap in Smallholder Chicken Enterprises in Eastern Kenya. *Journal of Agricultural Science* (in press)

Maindi, C. N. & **Isaboke, H. N.** (2026). Collective Action for Women Empowerment: Navigating Synergies and Trade-Offs for Sustainable Outcomes Among Smallholder Households in Central Kenya, *Advances in Agriculture*, 6167801. <https://doi.org/10.1155/aia/6167801>

Mwangi M, Nyarindo W, Ngigi M & **Isaboke H** (2026) Closing the gender digital gap: impacts of digital extension solutions on agricultural productivity and commercialization in Kenya, *Cogent Food & Agriculture*, 12:1, 2690311. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23311932.2026.2690311>

Mwangi MN, Nyarindo WN, Ngigi, MW, **Isaboke HN** (2026) Seeding food security: Overcoming barriers to quality potato seed adoption among smallholders in Kenya. *PLOS ONE* 21(5): e0346796. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0346796>

- Musyoka, J. K., Nyarindo, W. N., Alders, R., & **Isaboke, H. N.** (2025). COVID-19 and smallholder chicken farmers in eastern Kenya: assessing resilience and coping strategies. *Advances in Animal and Veterinary Sciences*, 13(7), 1571-1585.
- Maindi, C., Nyarindo, W., Ndirangu, S., & **Isaboke, H.** (2025). Gender differentials in smallholder participation in efficiency and livelihood-enhancing collective action initiatives in Central Kenya. *Gender, Technology and Development*, 29(2), 185-210. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09718524.2025.2478768>
- Ndung'u, N., **Isaboke, H.**, Nyarindo, W., Otieno, M., Gicheha, M., & Kinyuru, J. (2025). Entwined evolution: how innovation networks foster collaborative growth in East Africa's edible insect value chain. *Journal of Insects as Food and Feed*, 1(aop), 1-18. DOI: 10.1163/23524588-bja10233
- Ndung'u, N., **Isaboke, H.**, Nyarindo, W., Otieno, M., Gicheha, M., & Kinyuru, J. (2025). Gender differentials in cricket farming and its impact on household food security levels in East Africa. *PLOS ONE*, 20(6), e0326108. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0326108>
- Ndungu, N., **Isaboke, H.**, Nyarindo, W., Otieno, M., Gicheha, M., & Kinyuru, J. (2025). Understanding gender dynamics on the intentions of small-scale traders to trade in edible insects in Kenya. *Journal of Agricultural Science*, 17(6), 42. <https://doi.org/10.5539/jas.v17n6p42>
- Musyoka J. K, Nyarindo W. N., Alders R, **Isaboke H. N.** (2025) Gender roles and constraints in enhancing hybrid chicken production for food security in lower Eastern Kenya. *PLoS ONE* 20(3): e0318594. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0318594>
- Maindi, C. N., Nyarindo, W. N., Ndirangu, S.N. and **Isaboke H.N** (2024) Collective action typologies and their implications for policy targeting: The case of smallholder households from central region of Kenya, *Journal of Agriculture and Food Research*, 18 (101288). Available at <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666154324003259>
- Maindi, C.N., Nyarindo W. N., Ndirangu S. N and **Isaboke H.N.** (2024). Debunking the one-size-fits-all approach: Synergistic and trade-off effects of collective action on household food security among the smallholder farmers in central Kenya. *Journal of Global Innovations in Agricultural Sciences* 12:811-826.
- Nthiga, K.M., Ndirangu, S.N. and **Isaboke H.N.** (2024). Exploring Factors Influencing Market Engagement and Marketing Channel Selection among Smallholder Macadamia Farmers in Embu West Sub County, Kenya. *Journal of Global Innovations in Agricultural Sciences* 12:333-339. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.22194/JGIAS/24.1274>
- Njue, P. N., **Isaboke, H. N.**, & Migose, S. A. (2023). Contribution of dairy goat farming to household dietary diversity among smallholder farmers in the Central Highlands of Kenya. *Journal of Agriculture and Rural Development in the Tropics and Subtropics*, 124(1), 1–11. <https://www.jarts.info/index.php/jarts/article/view/202302217524/1083>
- Ombasa E. M., Muturi P. W., Gichimu B. M., **Isaboke H. N.**, Gitari J. N. (2022). Factors Influencing Willingness to Adopt Recommended Bambara groundnut (*Vigna subterranea* L. Verdc) Agronomic Practices Among Smallholder Farmers in Semi-Arid Lands of Embu County, Kenya. *Journal of Experimental Biology and Agricultural Sciences* 10(4), 805-811. 10.18006/2022.10(4).805.811

- Kithome M. M., Mogaka H. R., Mugwe J. N., Isaboke H. N. (2022) Factors influencing Adoption of Irrigation Technologies among Ssmallholder Farmers in Machakos County, Kenya. *Journal of Agricultural Extension*, 26(3), 44–59. <https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/jae.v26i3.5>
- Njuguna, K.K., **Isaboke, H.N.** & Ndirangu, S.N.(2022). Determinants of ssmallholders’ choice of avocado marketing outlets and profitability in Murang’a County, Kenya. *SN Bus Econ* 2, 91. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43546-022-00261-y>
- Isaboke, H. N.** and Musyoka, J. K. (2022). Analysis of the factors affecting farm-level output of mangoes among small-scale farmers in Mwala Sub-County, Kenya. *International Journal of Agricultural Technology* 18(3):991-1000.
- Isaboke H. N.** (2021) Determinants of Participation of Ssmallholder Farmers in Weather Index Insurance in Embu County, Kenya. *Journal of Agricultural Extension*, 25(3), 1–12.
- Kaloi, F. K., **Isaboke, H. N.**, Onyari, C. N., & Njeru, L. K. (2021). Determinants Influencing the Adoption of Rice Intensification System among Ssmallholders in Mwea Irrigation Scheme, Kenya. *Advances in Agriculture*. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2021/1624334>
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- Okeyo, S. O., Ndirangu, S. N., **Isaboke, H. N.**, Njeru, L. K., & Omenda, J. A. (2020). Analysis of the determinants of farmer participation in sorghum farming among small-scale farmers in Siaya County, Kenya. *Scientific African Journal*, 10(November), e00559. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sciaf.2020.e00559>
- Karing’u, K. N., **Isaboke, H. N.**, & Ndirangu, S. N. (2020). Transaction costs and participation in avocado export marketing in Murang’a County, Kenya. *Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies*. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JADEE-12-2019-0206>
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- Okeyo, S. O., Ndirangu, S. N., **Isaboke, H. N.**, & Njeru, L. K. (2020). Determinants of sorghum productivity among small-scale farmers in Siaya County , Kenya. *African Journal of Agricultural Research*, 16(5), 722–731
- Mwangi, T. M., Ndirangu, S. N., & **Isaboke, H. N.** (2020). Technical efficiency in tomato production among ssmallholder farmers in Kirinyaga County , Kenya. *African Journal of Agricultural Research*, 16(5), 667–677.
- Yegon, R., **Isaboke, H. N.**, Mrema, G. C and Mtakwa, P. (2020). Economics of Planting Pits under Sorghum and Pigeon Pea in Semi-Arid Areas of Eastern Kenya. *Agricultural Socio-economics Journal* 1: 15-22
- Isaboke, H. N.**, Qiao, Z., & Nyarindo, W. N. (2016). The Effect of Weather Index Based Micro-Insurance on Food Security Status of Ssmallholders. *Agricultural and Resource Economics : International Scientific E-Journal*, 2(3), 5–21.

Isaboke, H. N., Qiao, Z., Nyarindo, W. N., & Ke, W. (2016). Explaining the Perception of Smallholders towards Weather Index Micro-insurance alongside Risks and Coping Strategies. *International Journal of Food and Agricultural Economics*, 4(4), 59–77.

Isaboke, H. N., Mshenga, P., Mutai, B. K., & Saidi, M. (2012). Determinants of Adoption of Butternut Squash (*Cucurbita moschata*) Farming by Small-holders in Suba District, Kenya. *Journal of Agriculture & Rural Development*, 9, 82–97.

Isaboke H. N., Mshenga P & Saidi M. (2012). Effect of Butternut squash (*Cucurbita moschata*) on the incomes of the Small-holders in Suba District, Kenya. *Asian Journal of Agricultural science*. 4(5): 319-324

Conference presentations

Ndung'u, N., & **Isaboke, H. N.** (2026). Gendered influence on the extent and adoption speed of cricket farming among smallholders in East Africa. 8th African Conference of Agricultural Economists, 22–25 September 2026, Nairobi, Kenya.

Nyarindo W. N., **Isaboke, H. N** & Alders R. (2022). Enhancing livelihoods through access to poultry feeds among smallholders in post COVID -19 era in Eastern Kenya: A gender perspective. GAF8 - The 8th Global Conference on Gender in Aquaculture & Fisheries Shaping the Future: Gender Justice for Sustainable Aquaculture and Fisheries, 21-23 November 2022 Kochi, Kerala, India

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Isaboke, H. N., Qiao, Z., Nyarindo, W. N., Ke, W. (2016) Factors explaining producer perception towards weather index micro insurance: Evidence from Kenya. Fifth RUFORUM Biennial Regional Conference 17 - 21 October 2016, Cape Town, South Africa

Scholarships and recognition

2014–2017 | Doctoral scholarship in Agricultural Economics and Management — Government of the People's Republic of China through the China Scholarship Council.

2009–2011 | Scholarship for the Collaborative Master's in Agricultural and Applied Economics (CMAAE) — African Economic Research Consortium (AERC).

2007 | Best Salesperson Award — Barclays Bank of Kenya.

Professional development and academic engagement

22-25th September 2026 - The 8th African Conference of Agricultural Economists (ACAE) 22-25th September 2026, Nairobi, Kenya

16 to 20 May 2022 Transformative Leadership Course – TLC6/2022 offered by the Kenya School of Government, Embu

24th February 2021: ISO 9001:2015 (QMS) & ISO/IEC 27001:2013 ISMS Awareness Training held at the University of Embu.

23 January 2018: Examination Setting, Administration & Processing Training held at the University of Embu, Kenya

6 April 2015: Agriculture, Economics and Nature online course with the grade (Pass) on 6th April 2015. Course Coordinator: Professor David Pannell, University of Western Australia.

7 – 9 May 2014: ISO 9001:2008 Internal Quality Auditor's Course. Facilitated by Alpex Consulting Africa Limited

8 -14 Dec, 2013: Sixth Science Conclave held at the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, India, 8-14, 2013

3 - 5 Jun 2013: Quality Management Systems: Implementation of ISO 9001:2008. Facilitated by Kenya Bureau of Standards in Embu University College, Kenya

23 Nov 2011: Research and Proposal writing and Publishing workshops. Facilitated by Egerton University

29 - 2 Nov, 2012: Facilitating Pro-poor Value Chain Development and Actor Empowerment: By International institute of Rural Restructuring & Egerton University

28 Sep 2012: RUFORUM Biennial Meeting 24 - 28 September 2012, Entebbe, Uganda.

19 – 23 Sep, 2010: Third Joint 3rd Africa Association of Agricultural Economists and 48th Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa conference 19-23 September, 2010 in Cape Town- South Africa.

Professional memberships

African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE). ID# 4016711

International Food & Agribusiness Management Association (IFAMA). ID# 50898525

Earlier industry experience

February–August 2009 | General Service / Data Clerk — Kenya Seed Company, Nairobi.

August 2008–February 2009 | Personal Financial Advisor — Old Mutual Life Assurance Co. Ltd; client financial advice and promotion of financial products.

January 2007–July 2008 | Direct Sales Representative — Barclays Bank of Kenya Ltd; customer acquisition, service delivery and relationship management.

Professional references

Available on request.