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EDUCATION

Year	Degree	Institution
2007	Doctor of Philosophy, Development Economics	Wageningen University, The Netherlands
1994	Master of Science in Agricultural Economics	University of Nairobi, Kenya
1988	Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Agriculture	University of Nairobi, Kenya
1983	Advanced Level Certificate of Secondary Education "A Levels"	Alliance Girls High School

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Farm Household and Development Economics, Economic and Policy Research, Impact Evaluations

WORK EXPERIENCE

2014	Acting Director of the MLE Unit, Tegemeo Institute. Responsible for the implementation of the 'MLE Institutional Strengthening Project' which is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
2009 - 2014	Senior Research Fellow, Tegemeo Institute
2011 -2013	Deputy Chair of ASCU's Food and Nutrition Security Thematic Working Group
2012-2014	Coordinator for Outreach under the USAID funded TARPRA II Programme
2007 - 2009	Senior Research Officer, Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI)
1999-2002	Research Fellow, Tegemeo Institute
1994 - 1999	Research Officer, KARI

SELECTED OUTREACH EVENTS

Food Situation Assessment	Background paper presented during a Tegemeo Breakfast Policy Forum on: 'Achieving sustained food supply in Kenya: the role of selected policy instruments'. Held at the Norfolk Hotel.
Advances in Kenya's Policy on	Background paper presented During the 73rd Open Forum on

GMOs and its Effects on Food Security	Agricultural Biotechnology in Africa (OFAB) event , held on November 28th, 2013 at the Nairobi Safari Club Hotel, Nairobi
An analysis of the Agriculture and Rural Development Sector MTEF budget (2013 – 2016).	Discussant, during the public sector budget hearings of the MTEF Budget 2013/14 – 2015/16 for the Agriculture and Rural Development Sector, KICC Amphitheatre, Nairobi, 13 th November 2012

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Papers in Refereed Journals

- . M. Kamau, K. Burger, K. Giller, A. Kuyvenhoven, (2012): *Determinants of Labour Mobility within Smallholder Farms in Western Kenya and Implications for Labour Use Efficiency*. In the African Journal of Agricultural Research (AJAR) Vol 7(23)
- . M. Kamau, K. Burger, K. Giller, A. Kuyvenhoven, (2009): *Labour Markets and Labour Allocative Efficiency in Farm Households of Western Kenya*. In African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AFJARE) Vol. 3 No. 2.
- . Mercy Kamau, Melinda Smale and Mercy Mutua, (2013). 'Factor demand for soil fertility management in Kenya's grain basket'. MSU International Development Working Paper No. 132
- . Mercy W. Kamau, Raphael Gitau and Moses Matui, (2011): *Organizational Structures and Community's Voice/Presence in Governance of Food Security Related Initiatives in Kenya*. Tegemeo Working Paper 50.
- . Kamau, M. W., Mose, L. O, Fort, R., and Ruben, R., (2011): "The Impact of Certification on Smallholder Coffee Farmers in Kenya: The case of 'UTZ' certification program". Tegemeo Working Paper 47.

Policy Briefs

- . Mercy Kamau, Mary Mathenge and Lilian Kirimi, (2012): *How can Kenya better manage maize prices? Effects of import tariffs, regional trade and producer price support*. Tegemeo Policy Brief No. 7.
- . Raphael Gitau, John Olwande, Mary Mathenge, Lilian Kirimi and Mercy Kamau (2012): *Potential effects of the imposition of value added tax on agricultural inputs and sifted maize meal*. Tegemeo Policy Brief No. 8.
- . Mercy Kamau, J. Githuku and J. O. Olwande, (2011): *Towards the attainment of MDG Number 1 on Food Security: Prevalence and depth of hunger in poor households in Nairobi and adequacy of cash transferred*. Tegemeo Policy Brief No. 1B.
- . Mercy Kamau, J. O. Olwande and J. Githuku, (2011): *Relating food expenditure to food insecurity in urban households: The case of Nairobi*. Tegemeo Policy Brief No. 1C.
- . Mercy Kamau, J. O. Olwande and J. Githuku, (2011): *Changes in food consumption and expenditures among households in Nairobi*. Tegemeo Policy Brief No. 1A.
- . Mulinge W., Nambiro E., Kamau M. W., et al., (2009): *Assessment of Costs of Production, Marketing and Processing in Kenya: A Maize Grain-Maize Meal Value Chain Analysis*. (2009): Report by Ministry of Agriculture and KARI's Socio-economics and Biometrics Division.

Working Paper Series - Consultancy Reports

- . An external evaluation of the Great Lakes Cassava Initiative (GLCI) in **Tanzania and Rwanda. A**

consultancy report prepared for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, November 2012

MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Membership Category	Organizations
Member	American Association of Agricultural Economists (AAEA) African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE) African Evaluators Association (AfrEA)