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PROFILE SUMMARY

David is currently working as a research fellow in the agriculture and food security programme at the African Centre for Technology Studies (an international policy research organization based in Nairobi, Kenya). David holds a Bachelors degree in Environmental Studies from Kenyatta University and a Masters degree in Development Studies from the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), the Netherlands. Working in a challenging international NGO environment, he has accumulated over 5 years of invaluable experience in policy research and analysis on issues related to agricultural, food security, trade and development in general.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), the Hague, the Netherlands, 2003
Master of Arts in Development Studies (Major- Agricultural and Rural Development)

Research topic: Agricultural Biotechnology and Cotton Production. Lessons and Evidence on Harnessing Bt. Cotton for Kenya's Smallholder Farmers (Grade B+)

Kenyatta University, Kenya, 1999

Bachelor of Environmental Studies- (Second Class Honours Upper Division)

EMPLOYMENT AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow- *The African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) 2004-2006*

Current position: Regional Coordinator, the RABESA initiative (Regional Approach to Biotechnology and Biosafety Policy in Eastern and Southern Africa).

Responsibilities

- Overall coordination and project management in six case study countries.
- Preparation of work plans and managing the project budget
- Constituency building and networking.
- Preparation of TOR and contractual documents for RABESA National Resource Persons (NRPs)
- Supervision of NRPs in the six case studies.

- Writing of policy briefs, technical reports and project quarterly and annual progress and narrative reports to partners and donors.
- Networking with core project partner institutions COMESA, Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) and the Programme for Biosafety Systems (PBS).
- Organizing project review and strategic planning meetings.
- Organizing and making presentations at national and regional workshops in the case study countries
- Organizing the RABESA regional workshop for the COMESA member states

Achievements

- Successfully coordinated the implementation of RABESA as per the project goals, objectives and time frame.
- In collaboration with NRPs, successfully generated technical data and organized RABESA national consultative meetings in the case study countries to disseminate the findings.
- Publication of project outputs.
- Timely submission of project technical narrative reports to the donor
- Successfully organized the RABESA regional workshop.

2004-2005 Project coordinator Farmers Competence Initiative

Coordinated a project on '*Assessing Competence Gaps in Linking Agricultural Production with Value Adding and Marketing in Kenya and Ethiopia*'. A study commissioned by the Regional Land Management (RELMA) in collaboration with ACTS. The study resulted to preparation of Kenya and Ethiopia country reports that recommended innovative ways of strengthening the linkages between production, value adding and marketing.

Achievements

- Organized two workshops in Kenya and Ethiopia to disseminate findings to policy makers and practitioners in the relevant ministries of industry, trade, environment and agriculture.

2000-2002 Researcher assistant ACTS

Reporting to the Director of Policy Research and Outreach.

Responsibilities

- § Proposal development and fundraising efforts through preparation of concept notes and proposals.
- § He was responsible for periodic preparation of progress/narrative reports for donors.
- § Preparation of policy briefs and training course and workshop announcements.
- § I played a very instrumental role in implementing the policy and capacity building components of the BIO-EARN programme (Eastern Research Network for Biotechnology). The network is involved in promoting sustainable application of biotechnology to help improve livelihoods, ensure food security and safeguard the environment in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia. Under BIO-EARN, I was responsible for writing and presenting background papers, organizing, co-ordinating and managing logistics for regional workshops and capacity building courses.

Achievements

- Successfully organized two regional workshops and two training courses
- A total of sixteen policy makers and scientists were trained
- Publication of research findings.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Paarlberg, R., Wafula, D. , Minde, D and Wakhungu, J. 2006 Projected Farm Income Gains in the COMESA/ASARECA Region from Commercialization of Bt Maize. ACTS, Press Nairobi.
2. Paarlberg, R., Wafula, D. , Minde, D and Wakhungu, J. 2006 Projected Farm Income Gains in the COMESA/ASARECA Region from Commercialization of Bt Cotton. ACTS Press, Nairobi.
3. Paarlberg, R., Wafula, D., Minde, D and Wakhungu, J. 2006 Food Aid Import Policies In the COMESA/ASARECA Region: The Costs and Benefits of Current Policy Options. ACTS Press Nairobi
4. Paarlberg, R., Wafula, D., Minde, D and Wakhungu, J. 2006 Commercial Export Risks from Approval of Genetically Modified (GM) Crops in the COMESA/ASARECA Region. ACTS Press, Nairobi.
5. Wafula, D and Clark, N. 2005. Science and Governance of Modern Biotechnology in Sub-Saharan Africa-The Case of Uganda. *Journal of International Development J. Inte. Dev* 17, 679-694 (2005)
6. Wakhungu, J and Wafula, D 2004. Introducing Bt Cotton. Policy Lessons for Smallholder Farmers in Kenya. ACTS press, Nairobi, Kenya.
7. Odame, H., Mbote, K.P, and Wafula, D. 2003. Governing Modern Agricultural Biotechnology in Kenya: Implications for Food Security. IDS, Sussex. IDS Working Paper, Biotechnology Policy Series, no 20.
8. Odame, H., Mbote, K.P, and Wafula, D. 2002. Innovation and Policy Process. Case of Transgenic Sweet Potato in Kenya. *Economic and Political Weekly* Volume 37 no. 27. July 6, 2002.
9. Mbote, K. P, Wafula, D. and Clark, N. 2001. Public-Private Partnerships for Biotechnology in Africa: The Future Agenda. ACTS press, Nairobi, Kenya.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

- Certificate in Computer Applications.
(Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, Excel and Access)
- Proficient in the use of Internet and E-mail

PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

2006 (March) Eastern and Southern African Dialogue on Policy-making on Biotechnology, Trade and Sustainable Development, held at the Jinja Nile Resort, Uganda. The Dialogue was organized by International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) and the African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS). *Presented a paper on the Implications of GMOs on Trade and Access to Emergency Aid.*

2004 (May) Global Biodiversity Forum for Eastern and Southern Africa held at White Sands Hotel Dar es Salaam. *Presented a paper on Harnessing Agricultural Biotechnology for Smallholder Farmers in Africa*

2005 (November) Fourth Conference on USAID-African Partnership in Biotechnology: Path to Product Development, held in Pretoria, South Africa. *Presented a paper on the RABESA Agenda and Implementation process.*

2005 (March) The Globalization of Agricultural Biotechnology: Multi-Disiplinary Views from the South held at Warwick University, UK. *Presented a paper on the Institutional and Technological Challenges of Harnessing Bt Cotton for Smallholder Farmers in Kenya*

2003 (October) International Conference: Can Agricultural Biotechnology be Pro-poor? Examining the Politics of Policy in the Developing World, held at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) Sussex, UK. *Presented a paper on Governing Modern Agricultural Biotechnology in Kenya. Implications for Food Security.*

PERSONAL TRAITS

- Ability to handle multiple tasks, work under pressure and meet deadlines
- Good interpersonal and organizational skills
- Diligent, reliable, flexible and adaptable

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