## Personal Profile- Reuben Masinde Waswa



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Mr. Waswa is a highly talented Agricultural researcher and professional with experience in agriculture/agronomy, food security, environmentally friendly farming activities and sustainability, adaptation to climate change and mitigation with a bias in Crop Protection. He has over 15 yearsqexperience working with communities in private companies, teaching in the University and as a private agricultural consultant. He was involved in two National Projects; One as a National Crop Protection Specialist in a technology transfer project leading to adoption of methyl bromide alternatives in soil fumigation in pest control in horticulture in Kenya, and two as a Research Associate in a project that determined Food Security Status in Kenya. He has previously worked with German Technical Co-operation(GTZ/GIZ), United Nations Development Programme(UNDP), United Nations Industrial Development Programme(UNIDO), Veterinary and Agronomic East Africa Ltd. He has also curried out agricultural consultancies for various companies and individual farms. Currently he is a part-time lecturer at the University of Nairobi (Faculty of Agriculture) and Research Associate at the African Women Studies Centre of the University of Nairobi.

Mr. Waswa has extensive, research, knowledge and hands-own experience in crop disease and pest management, hydroponics, crop soil and irrigation water disinfection. He possesses excellent knowledge in agricultural research operations, extension and teaching activities, with deep understanding of the agricultural industry and effective and safe use of resources, knowledge and application of computers for increased productivity. He also has first-hand information on gender dynamics in agricultural production.

Mr. Waswa holds a Bachelors degree in Agriculture, Master of Science degree in Plant Pathology and currently a PhD Student.