

## My Profile



### **Mr. Kimaru s.I Msc (Uonbi), Bsc (Egerton)**

I joined university of Nairobi in the year 2011 for my Master of Science Degree in crop protection and graduated in December, 2013. I did my Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education and Extension at Egerton University where I graduated in the year 2006. In the year 2007 I worked briefly at Embori and Daiser Farm as a scouter (crop protection officer). Later between 2008 to 2010 I joined Equity Bank Limited Kenya as Agriculture credit relationship officer.

My job at Equity entailed working with Kilimo Biashara groups and individual farmers mainly doing greenhouse farming. I worked tirelessly and managed to train, recruit and advance credit to more than two hundred farmer groups and a hundred individual farmers. I championed together with Researchers at Kari Katumani the uptake of Gadaam (white sorghum) among farmers in Ukambani region with excellent results. The farmers were able to get a livelihood by selling their produce to east African breweries.

From 2010 to date I am a high school tutor teaching Biology and Agriculture, I also manage the school farm where a variety of crops: fruits, vegetables, cereals are grown and Livestock kept. I am also the head of Technical and Applied sciences department and a member of school tender committee. On another note, I am

a director and a shareholder with Horizonet Investment Company where I advise on agribusiness ventures.

My Msc thesis focused on biotic factors affecting African Indigenous vegetables. I have since published one paper while the other is being reviewed for publication. I have also attended scientific conferences with the most notable one being the 11<sup>th</sup> Crop Science Conference at Entebbe, Uganda where I presented one paper and a poster courtesy of University of Nairobi. My ultimate career objective is to be a researcher/lecturer in a higher institution or research institution.

My hobbies include: Playing volleyball, tending to my small vegetable garden and talking to my students.



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I am a Member of African crop Science Society



A woman taking care of African indigenous vegetables(AILVs) in our school Farm(My area of interest and research)



The entrance view of the school where I am currently teaching.

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### First class in and out of varsity

How Eric Mumo turned dry Kitui land into a centre of excellence in farming.



One of my customers and a friend who I advance a credit facility while working with Equity bank as Agriculture Credit Relationship officer in Kitui Branch.

A graduate of JKUAT do serious agribusiness in dry areas of Nzangathi-Kitui County. Is a wake up call to the youth to embrace Agribusiness for self employment.

*Quoting Lupita Nyong'o "No matter where we come from our dreams are valid"*