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Objective

I like working with data and embrace continuous learning and looking for a position in data analytics and business research and analysis. Typical roles include forecasting, data visualization, developing dashboards, and analyzing data for A/B tests that call for both technical and communication skills.

Key Skills

- Financial management & donor grants management & reporting - USAID / EU/ AMREF.
- Research methods in business (see www.orcid.org/0000-0002-8204-7034).
- Data analysis in R (see <https://github.com/Karuitha?tab=repositories>).
- Data analysis in Ms Excel, Eviews and Stata with SQL basics.
- Creative with strong verbal & written communication skills (see writing samples below).
- Analytical problem-solver with good people skills & a strong work ethic.

Experience

2017 - Present: PhD candidate, Wits Business School.

- Thesis Title: Transformation of MFIs in Africa
- Supervisor: Prof. Kalu Ojah
- Expected Completion: 2021.

2009-2010: Project Manager, Environment and Livelihoods, NECLI- CBO, Laikipia, Kenya.

- Led the Implementation of a US\$200,000 2 year European Union (EU) and Danish Development Agency (DANIDA) environmental conservation and livelihoods improvement project.
- Drew project financial and narrative reports and budgets in EU/DANIDA guidelines.

2008-2009: Finance Officer, Twana Twitu Cares, Nairobi/ Mwingi, Kenya (<www.twanatwitucare.org>).

- Managed finances for a US\$150,000 USAID/AED and AMREF funded HIV/AIDS Orphans & Vulnerable Children (OVC) support project.
- Drew project financial reports and budgets following USAID/AED/AMREF reporting formats.
- Automated accounting and inventory management systems.

Professional Certifications

Reproducible Templates for Analysis and Dissemination

EMORY UNIVERSITY (ON COURSERA)

2021

Professional Certificate in Data Science (Using R).

HARVARD UNIVERSITY (HARVARDX ON EDX)

2021

The Analytics Edge - Data Analysis (Using R).

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MITX ON EDX)

2020

Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) - Non-practicing.

VISION INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONALS

2009

Certified Public Accountant of Kenya.

VISION INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONALS

2008

Professional Memberships

- 2015 - Current: Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) Kenya chapter.

Education

PhD in Financial Economics (ongoing).

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, JOHANNESBURG.

Johannesburg, South Africa.

2017- Current.

Master of Business Administration in Finance.

EGERTON UNIVERSITY.

Nakuru, Kenya.

2004-06.

Bachelor of Education with Economics & Math.

EGERTON UNIVERSITY.

Nakuru, Kenya.

1997-2001.

Awards and Prizes

- 2020: Africa Economic Research Consortium (AERC) research grant. (US\$ 3,000).
- 2019: Banking Sector Education & Training Authority (BANKSETA) research grant. (US\$10,000).
- 2018: Bradlow Foundation research grant. (US\$ 10,000).
- 2017-2019: PhD Post-graduate merit award, University of the Witwatersrand. (US\$ 10,000).
- 2008: Vision Institute of Professionals- Top 10 Student in Kenya's Public Accountancy Exams, 2007.

Journal Articles

- Karuitha, J. K., & Onyuma, S. O. (2013). Management of Financial Crises: Priorities for Rebuilding the Financial Architecture in Africa. *African Management Development Review*, 10(4), 34-49.
- Karuitha, J. K., Onyuma, S. O., & Mugo, R. (2013). Do Stock Splits Affect Ownership Concentration of Firms Listed at the Nairobi Securities Exchange? *Research Journal of Finance and Accounting*, 4(15), 105-117.
- Onyuma, S. O., Mugo, R. K., & Karuitha, J. K. (2012). Does Cross-border listing (still) improve firm financial performance in Eastern Africa?. *Journal of Business, Economics*, 1(1), 91-109.

Newspaper Opinion Pieces & Reports

8 newspaper opinion pieces & 3 reports (<https://johnkaruitha.wordpress.com/blog/>). Samples;

- Youth and the Digital Economy in Africa, The Africa Portal, July 31, 2020.
- Why FinTech lending could push the poor into debt trap, Business Daily- Kenya, April 2, 2019.

Conferences and Workshops

Over 20 conferences & workshops (see <https://johnkaruitha.wordpress.com/conferences/>), the recent are;

- Nov 2019: *Global development finance*. Johannesburg, South Africa. Paper: "Microfinance and financial inclusion in Africa."
- Aug 2019: *Political economy of Africa's development*, Johannesburg, South Africa. Paper: "Is Micro too Small? Microfinance and Financial Inclusion in Africa."

Hobbies

Swimming & general fitness training; Listening to music; Adventure.

Referees

- Kalu Ojah, Professor of Finance, Graduate School of Business Administration, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. Phone: +27 117 173 764. Email: kalu.ojah@wits.ac.za.
- Raphael Kariuki, Head of Region, East Africa, Terre des Hommes, The Netherlands. Phone: +254 722 591 344 / +254 722 209 581. Email: r.kariuki@tdh.nl.