

# Reuben Muhindi Wambui

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Africa Regional Coordinator, UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), Switzerland** 05/2020 – Present

- Managing the regional work strategy and programme activities of UNEP FI in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Responsible for banks, insurers, and investors in the region, including their UNEP FI membership
- Delivered industry trainings on sustainable finance and climate change risk and opportunities in Africa

**Climate Change Risk Analyst, Credit Suisse, Switzerland** 06/2019 – 08/2019

- Delivered a climate-relevant green tagging analysis of the bank's balance sheet for real estate and power generation sectors
- Collaborated in the application of climate transition scenarios for stress testing the bank's portfolio exposure to climate risk
- Reviewed the EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy and prepared feedback for the Association for Financial Markets in Europe (AFME)

**Management Consultant, McKinsey & Company, Kenya** 08/2016 – 07/2018

- Multi-industry consulting experience: power utilities, off-grid energy, airline, agriculture, FMCG, beverages, pharmaceuticals
- Delivered on client engagements across multiple countries: Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Malawi and the UK
- Recognized with the McKinsey Values Day Award for demonstrating leadership among fellow colleagues

**Teaching Fellow and Research Associate, Strathmore University, Kenya** 11/2015 – 07/2016

- Taught Macroeconomics and Asset Pricing classes to economics and finance undergraduate students
- Successfully bid for a research proposal as a 3-member consortium that delivered the University's first graduate tracer study
- Conducted policy and innovation research working with Prof. Robert Mudida, the resident Professor of Political Economy

**Research Associate, Utawala Africa, Kenya** 01/2015 – 11/2015

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- Supervised a team of data enumerators for a GIS-enabled research survey for Homa Bay County Government, Kenya
- Contracted as one of three Kenyan researchers for a UNICEF study on education governance and peace-building in Kenya

**Research Assistant, Strathmore Law and Policy Institute, Kenya** 05/2014 – 12/2014

- Delivered an analysis on the cost of implementing a devolution system in Kenya introduced by a new constitution in 2010
- From the devolution study, I co-published a research article in the Africa Policy Journal at the Harvard Kennedy School

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Program – Levels I and II complete
- Financial Risk Management (FRM) Program – Part I complete

## EDUCATION

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**Master in International Economics, The Graduate Institute Geneva, Switzerland** 08/2018 – 09/2020

- Won the Economics department best thesis award for my thesis on climate-related financial risks for Kenyan banks
- Recipient of the Credit Suisse scholarship attributed to outstanding master's students
- Global winner of the St. Gallen Wings of Excellence Award 2019 (1<sup>st</sup> position out of ~800 entries from 100+ nationalities)

**Bachelor of Business Science in Financial Economics, Strathmore University, Kenya** 04/2011 – 06/2015

- Graduated top of class with a first-class honor; 3.69/4.00 average
- Recipient of the "Most Outstanding Student" award voted by the 2015 graduating class

**High School Diploma, Nyeri High School, Kenya** 02/2006 – 11/2009

- Scored A- mean grade in the high school national examination
- 2<sup>nd</sup> runners up in a national mathematics contest and awarded a university scholarship by Strathmore University

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS

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- Muhindi, R. (2020). CBK ought to tackle climate change risks. *Business Daily Africa*, p. 9.  
<https://www.businessdailyafrica.com/analysis/ideas/CBK-ought-to-tackle-climate-change-risks/4259414-5408778-13cm42n/index.html>
- Muhindi, R. (2019). More women in management no longer tokenism for firms. *Business Daily Africa*, p. 3.  
<https://www.businessdailyafrica.com/analysis/ideas/More-women-in-management-/4259414-5122122-dr43c6z/index.html>
- Muhindi, R. (2019). *Systemic interventions for sustainable capital financing*. St. Gallen Symposium:  
<https://www.symposium.org/sites/default/files/2020-01/Reuben%20Muhindi.pdf>
- Makambi, S., Muhindi, R., & Nduku, G. (2017). *Influence of bank lending to the government on private sector credit in Kenya: A fiscal deficit specification*. KBA Banking Research Working Paper No. 18. Nairobi: Kenya Bankers Association
- Mudida, R., Muhindi, R., & Wagacha, A. (2015). *Graduate tracer study on Strathmore University graduates between 2005 and 2015*. Nairobi: Strathmore University
- Franceschi, L., Memusi, S., & Muhindi, R. (2015). The cost of devolution in Kenya: A cost analysis of the new governance framework introduced by the 2010 Constitution of Kenya and its impact on the country's public finance, *Africa Policy Journal, Harvard Kennedy School*, 10, pp 28-58.

## SELECT PROJECTS

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- SDG Global Talent, UNLEASH Innovation Lab, Singapore, 2018
- Treasury and Planning Secretary, World Youth Government, Kenya, 2016
- President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Program, Kenya, 2015

## SELECT COMMUNITY WORK

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- Board Member, Word of Faith High School, Kenya, 2012 – 2017
- Financial literacy curriculum developer, Valuraha Group, 2015
- Fundraising volunteer – Strathmore University, 2012 – 2013
- High school tutor – Kiambu Township Secondary School, 2012
- Volunteer trainer – KAIH Vocational Centre for Persons with Intellectual Disability, 2010

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Rudi Dornbusch Prize for Best Thesis in International Economics, Switzerland, 2020
- Delegate, Yenching Global Symposium, China, 2020 (postponed due to COVID-19)
- Global Winner, St. Gallen Wings of Excellence Award, Switzerland, 2019
- Credit Suisse Scholarship Awardee, Graduate Institute, Switzerland, 2019/20
- Silver Award Winner, UNLEASH Innovation Lab, Singapore, 2018
- Leadership Award, McKinsey & Company Values Day, Kenya, 2017
- First Runner-up, CFA Research Challenge, East Africa, 2014
- Best student in Financial Economics, Strathmore University, 2011 – 2014
- Scholarship Awardee, Shah Ranmal Raja Charitable Trust, 2012
- Best Student Excellence Award, Word of Faith Bible College, 2010

## LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

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- Languages: English (bilingual), Swahili (bilingual)
- Computer skills: Excel (advanced), PowerPoint (advanced)
- Data analysis skills: STATA (intermediary), EViews (intermediary)

Referees readily available on request