PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Male | Date of birth 30/12/19983 | Nationality Kenyan

JOB APPLIED FOR

TC Membership

WORK EXPERIENCE

July 2016 to present (Engaged when need arises)

Expert Reviewer in Food safety and Nutrition.

National Biosafety Authority, Kenya.

P.O. Box 28251-01000

Nairobi.

www.biosafetykenya.go.ke

Reviewing and making decisions on the microbial quality and safety of foods in Kenya.

Acquired skills in food safety, security and nutrition concerns, decision making and application of science informed policies.

Public sector

August 2012- To present

Senior Biochemist.

Food Safety and Nutrition Unit, National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL), Ministry of Health

P.O BOX 30016 -01000, Nairobi.

Web: www.nphl.go.ke, www.health.go.ke

- Performing analysis of foods for microorganisms, mycotoxins, to ascertain safety, quality and conformance to standards.
- Participation in nutritional programmes e.g Iron, Zinc, Vitamin A and Potassium Iodate fortification in foods.
- Implementation ISO 17025 standard in the Laboratory.
- Participation in Codex Technical committees on food standards, formulation of food standards in Kenya in collaboration with Kenya Bureau of standards secretariat.
- Formulation of food hygiene guideline in collaboration with stakeholders.
- Represent National Public health Laboratory at the National Food safety coordinating committee (NFSCC).
- Generation of analytical results which are used to influence policy decisions on nutrition and public health matters at the Ministries of Health and Agriculture and Livestock.

Acquired skills in leadership, project management ,research, food safety and public health nutrition

Public sector

July 2011- August 2012 Assistant Livestock Production Officer

Ministry of Livestock P.O BOX 107, Kithimani.

Worked as a livestock production officer in charge of food nutrition, safety, value addition and disease prevention in Katangi Division.

Worked with National Agriculture and Livestock Extension Programme-Swedish International Development Authority (NALEP-SIDA) programme and Kenya Agricultural Research Institute -MCGILL University food safety, nutrition and security project in Yatta district.

Acquired skills in leadership, project management, research, food safety, value addition and Monitoring and Evaluation.

Public sector

Jan to July 2011 Teacher Biology and chemistry

Kitangani Secondary School

Acquired skills in teaching methodologies.

May to Aug 2009 Teacher Biology and chemistry

Kyasioni Secondary School

Acquired skills in teaching methodologies.

August 2007- September 2008 Production Supervisor

Guango Dairy and Food Products Ltd

P.o Box 426, Karuri.

Incharge of processing, quality assurance and coordinating Maintenance practices in the food plant.

Acquired skills and experience in food microbiology, processing, product formulation, quality assurance and maintenance.

Private sector

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2014 - 2015 MSc in Food Science – Title of dissertation: Microbial growth and lipid

accumulation by newly isolated Metschnikowia sp. Strains.

University of Reading, United Kingdom.

Food microbiology and food safety, Fundamentals of human nutrition, Nutrition in health and disease, Food chemistry, Food analysis, Food processing, Sennsory evaluation, Post

graduate research skills for food

2008 - 2010 BSc in Food Science and Technology–Title of dissertation: Use of Baobab

fruit pulp as stabilizer in plain yoghurt.

Egerton University, Kenya.

Second class upper

2005 - 2007 Diploma in Dairy Technology

Egerton University, Kenya.

1999 - 2002 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education(K.C.S.E)

Bishop Ndingi High School, Kenya.

1991 - 1998 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education(K.C.P.E)

Kamuya Primary School, Kenya.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Microbial Food Quality and Safety-Analytical methods.

Topics covered

- Methods for detecting microbial pathogens in foods.
- Methods of mycotoxin analysis in foods

From 03/06/2019- 28/06/2019 University of Copenhagen

- Methods of detecting virus in food
- Methods to determine antimicrobial resistance and bacteriophage activities.
- Good laboratory practice, sampling errors and accreditation.
- Application of predictive microbiology
- Traditional and molecular methods for determining quantitatively microbial contents of foods
- Cultivation-based, DNA-based and other(e.g Maldi-TOF) methods for identification and typing of bacterial pathogens

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)

English, Kiswahili, kikamba

Other language(s)

English

UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2

Communication skills

Good communication skills gained through training at Egerton University, through participation in workshops for scientific communication in the United Kingdom and through my experience as a teacher and Chairman of National Codex Committee on food import and export inspection and certification at Kenya Bureau of Standards.

Organisational / managerial skills

- leadership (currently responsible for a team of 8 people), in charge of a group of 10 workers at Guango Dairies Limited, was responsible for a team of 1000 youth in Machakos Catholic Diocese in 2003-2004(Youth Leader) and was in charge of preps at secondary school(Preps prefect)
- Management Head of a delegation from the ministry of health, during preparation of exhibits for presentation in Nairobi international trade fair in October 2016.

Job-related skills

 good command of quality control processes, problem solving and decision making (currently responsible for quality audit)

Computer skills

 good command of computer applications i.e Microsoft word, Excel, PowerPoint, outlook, publisher and Access.

• Experience on computer maintenance and trouble shooting.

Other skills

- Enjoy sports particularly football, volley ball and running.
- Love to travel and experience different cultures

Driving licence BCE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Conferences

Representative of the ministry of health at Joint FAO/WHO coordinating committee for Africa, Food Standards programme 22nd *Session*, Nairobi, Kenya, 16-20 January 2017.

Honours and awards

Awarded commonwealth Scholarship for developing countries 2014/2015 to pursue master's course at the University of Reading , United Kingdom.

Memberships

- Technical Committee member: National Codex Committee on Food Hygiene at Kenya Bureau of standards.
- Technical committee member: Meat and meat products at Kenya Bureau of Standards.
- Technical Committee member: National codex committee Veterinary Drug Residues and Antimicrobial Resistance in Food.

Courses

- Completed an online course in grant proposal writing and research writing by Author AID(18/04/2017 to 12/6/2017)
- Trained on methods methods of analysis of Iron, Zinc and Vitamin A in fortified foods (May 2014).

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