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### **CAREER OBJECTIVE**

 To pursue a rewarding and challenging career, which would offer me an opportunity to utilize my resources to the fullest for the general betterment of humanity.

### **EDUCATION**

2019-2021: Bachelor of Technology in Industrial and Applied Chemistry: TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF KENYA.

**2016-2018**: TVET Diploma in **ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY**: **KABETE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC** 

**Focus on**: Inorganic chemistry, Organic chemistry, Physical chemistry, Analytical chemistry techniques, Instrumental methods, chromatographic techniques and Classical methods.

2011-2014: Kenya certificate of Secondary Education, KIKUYU BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

2003-2010: Kenya Certificate of Primary Education, NGURIUNDITU PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **PROFESSIONAL SPECIALITIES**

- Spectroscopic Methods (UV/Vis, FES, GFAAS, FAAS, ICP-MS, Cold Vapor-AAS, ICP-OES, MP-AES).
- Chromatographic Methods (LC-MS/MS, GC-MS/MS, HPLC).
- Chemical Analytical techniques (Gravimetric analysis).
- Method Development and Validation.
- Equipment and Analytical Balance Verifications and Basic Instrument maintenance.
- Sampling.
- Analytical Standards preparations.
- ❖ Identification, Neutralization, and Disposal Strategies for Abandoned and Stockpiled Dual-Use Chemicals.
- Sample Analysis.
- Quality Control and Assurance (QA/QC).
- Laboratory Waste Management.
- Laboratory safety and First Aid.
- XRD, XRF Instruments.
- Specimen Preparation and Lab Analysis
- Environmental Impact Assessment.
- Quality Management System.
- Data Analysis and Uncertainty of measurements.
- Internal Quality Auditing.
- Methods for Analysis of Food Contaminants: Rapid Screening Rapid Screening and Confirmatory Techniques.
- Occupational Health and Safety (OSH).

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

09/01/2020 to date —Present: Laboratory Technologist, Chemical Science Investigations (CSI International Laboratories)

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Analytical standards preparation.
- ❖ Heavy metal contamination analysis using AAS, FAAS, MP-AES, ICPOES, ICPMS.
- ❖ Analysis of available nutrients in Milk, Meat and other animal products.
- Preparing culture media and reagents for microbial Analysis.
- Coordination of Proficiency Testing Programs in water and Food Samples.
- ❖ Maintenance of measurement records as per ISO 17025 requirements and QMS.
- Food and Feed Proximate analysis of Carbohydrates, Proteins, Fibre, Crude Fat Content, Crude Oil and Vitamins.
- Soil Fertility evaluation and Fertilizer recommendation.
- Preparing samples and specimens for laboratory analysis.
- Fertilizer quality evaluation.
- Livestock feed formulation analysis.
- Training and supervision of students on attachment, internship and new staff in the Laboratory.
- Ensuring health and safety requirements are adhered to according HSE requirements.
- ❖ Analysis of pesticide MRLs in Fresh Produce using HPLC, GC-FID, GC-ECD, LCMS, GCMS.
- Mycotoxin(aflatoxin) maximum limits analysis using HPLC, LCMS.
- Data Logging in equipment logbook.
- Maintenance of Laboratory hygiene and ultimate cleanliness.
- ❖ Implementing laboratory work schedules as per ISO 17025 guidelines.
- ❖ Portable water analysis and water quality evaluation and recommendation.
- Data interpretation and recommendation.
- Complete chemical analysis of effluent water from industries.
- Determination of BOD/COD in wastewater samples.
- Gravimetric analysis of gypsum for industrial use.
- Titrimetric determinations of treated water.
- Instrument calibration and maintenance.
- ❖ Analysis of hydrocarbons from Industrial Effluents (BTEX, TPH, PAH) using GCFID, GCMS.
- ❖ Pharmaceutical products analysis and quality assurance using HPLC, UV-vis, GCFID, LCMS.
- Sampling.
- Maintenance of client Database.
- Air quality monitoring and recommendations.
- Research and development.
- \* Report formulation and analytical data interpretation.
- Effluent treatment plant (ETP) recommendations.
- Method validation, Development and Verification.
- Preparing for KENAS Audits annually.
- Analysis of in process, raw material and finished pharmaceutical and industrial products.
- Industrial Effluents Analysis, consultancy and Treatment.

## January 2019 to 06-01-2020 — Present: Intern, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)

KEPHIS is a government parastatal whose responsibility is to assure the quality of Agricultural inputs and produce for Food security, globally competitive agriculture and sustainable development.

## **Responsibilities**

- Glassware Verification and Analytical balance calibration.
- Analytical Standards preparation.
- Chemical and physical analysis on food/agricultural products in accordance using the standard operating procedures.
- Mycotoxin (Aflatoxin) analysis using LC-MS/MS, HPLC.
- Heavy Metals contamination Analysis using AAS, FAAS, ICP-MS, ICP-OES, GF-AAS
- ❖ Analysis of pesticides MRLs on fresh produce using GC-MS/MS, LC-MS/MS, HPLC
- ❖ Analysis of water for irrigation suitability using multiparameter photometer, **UV/Vis**
- Fertilizer, Manure, and Feeds Analysis using Soxhlet extraction, Kjeldahl method, UV/VIS, FAAS, MP-AES.
- Complete Soil fertility testing and Fertilizer recommendation.
- Method Development and Validation.
- ❖ Perform percent (%) loss on ignition (Moisture content and Ash content).
- Analysis of organic and inorganic trace contaminants in plants, soil, crops, water and animal produce.
- Portable water analysis.
- Pesticides and Fertilizer formulations analysis.
- Sample archiving and disposal of overdue samples (past 3months).
- Irrigation water analysis and recommendations.
- Ensuring QA/QC procedures are maintained according to SANAS requirements.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017-30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017:** Research work/Project, Determination of Heavy Metals in effluents from petrol stations (Industrial area), **Kabete National Polytechnic** 

## Responsibilities

- Routine laboratory maintenance
- Sample collection, preservation, and preparation, Extraction and analysis
- Report writing and results interpretation
- Research work presentation

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017- 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017: Attachment: Ministry of Mining and Geological Surveys

### Responsibilities

- Calorific value determination using Bomb calorimeter
- Qualitative Analysis of elemental composition using XRF, XRD Instruments.
- Qualitative and quantitative chemical composition/determination using AAS, UV/Vis, FAAS, ICP-MS and Infrared photometer
- PH testing, instrument calibration, centrifugation and volumetric/coulometric titrations
- Ensure proactive continual capture of important environmental parameters of COD, BOD, Waste water, hazards waste and heavy metals.
- Gravimetric analysis of gypsum for industrial use
- ❖ Working in accordance with GLP, SOP and ISO-17025 requirements
- ❖ Titrimetric determinations in raw and treated water samples
- Report formulation and Analytical data interpretation
- Sample reception and registration for analysis

## **Professional Short Trainings**

- 1. First aid and safety procedures: Trained at St. John's ambulance.
- 2. Methods for Analysis of Food Contaminants: Rapid Screening and Confirmatory Techniques by international Food Safety training Laboratory in UNIVERSITE LAVAL-QUEBEC(CANADA)
- 3. Trained on cGLP, ISO-17025:2017 by Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS).
- 4. Attended Basic operational and applications training on the Thermo scientific iCAP-7400 Duo ICP-0ES by Anatech Instruments (Pty) Limited.
- 5. Computer Applications trained at Arknet Computer College.
- 6. Electrical Installation trained at Muguga Youth Polytechnic.
- 7. Trained on Quality control and Quality assurance at CSI International Limited.
- 8. Attended basic operational and applications training on the SpectrAA-5 Varian AAS by Ultra Engineering Systems CO. Limited.
- 9. Internal Quality Auditing trained at Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS)
- 10. Fire Marshall Training at New Sonic Quality Inspectors.
- 11. Competence training and evaluation on determination total organic carbon (TOC) in soil at Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service.
- 12. Occupational Health and Safety (OSH) trained at New Sonic Quality Inspectors.
- 13. Attended basic operational and Applications Training on Gas Chromatography-(GC-5890-HP) by Ultra Engineering Systems CO. Limited.
- 14. Identification, Neutralization, and Disposal Strategies for Abandoned and Stockpiled Dual-Use Chemicals in Kenya-Kenya Chemical Society.
- 15. Basic Application Training on ICPMS by Analytic Jena on: -Instrument Operation and setup of PQMS, Software navigation with Aspect MS, Method Development and Optimization, Calibration, measurement and data evaluation.

## Other skills

- Quality inspection and Auditing
- Report writing and recommendation's
- Analytical skills
- Computer application skills and data presentation.
- Quality control and Quality Assurance
- Data Entry and Statistical data analysis
- Team player and self-driveTime management skills
- Driving skills and Personal integrity and attention to detail.

## **REFEREES**

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