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Professional Qualification

2008 Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (Qualified)

2014 Global Association of Risk Professionals – Risk Certification Program

Professional Memberships

Association of Certified Chartered Accountants

Global Association of Risk Professionsals

Institute of Risk Management

Education

2017 Postgraduate Diploma in Business Research Methods – Edinburgh Business School

2014--- Doctorate of Business Administration – Edinburgh Business School

***“The Effect of implementing an Enterprise Risk Management Framework on the Strategic Objectives of an Organisation”.***

2005 MSc International Banking and Financial Services – University of Reading, UK

2004 BA (Hons) Business Analysis – University of Reading, UK

2000 International Baccalaureate (I.B.) Diploma – St. Mary’s School Nairobi

1998 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education – Starehe Boys Centre

Experience

November 2016 – **Group Head, Enterprise Risk Management – KTDA Holdings**

Present

Main Responsibility:

Reporting to the Board Audit & Risk Committee, I am tasked with starting a full Enterprise Risk Management function from scratch, across KTDA Agencies and its 6 subsidiaries and 67 factories across the country. This will include recruitment, drafting of policy and framework, spearheading awareness, conducting assessment, reporting etc.

August 2015 – **Managing Consultant – Specialising in Payment Systems, JMW Limited**

Present

Responsibilities:

1. Drafting of Payment System White Papers and Implementation strategies for a variety of clients – current list includes Nyandarua, Machakos and Kitui County Governments
2. Convening and presenting at workshops and seminars on the areas of Payment Systems, Compliance and Risk Management
3. Sensitisation of stakeholders on behalf of my clients, including suppliers, regulators, government agencies, customers etc
4. Supervision of the Automation of Revenue for counties, as an independent consultant
5. Providing ad-hoc consulting services to would-be consortiums of consulting groups primarily Financial Sector Deepening Kenya, Bankable Frontiers and Financial Services Volunteer Corps

Apr 2012 – July 16 **Deputy Head, Payment System Policy Development, National Payments System, Central Bank of Kenya**

Responsibilities:

1. Appraising, Processing and Analysis of new Payment Service Provider applications before forwarding for approval
2. Conducting financial analysis on monthly, quarterly and annual returns presented by the market participants
3. Making presentations to various market players and stakeholders on the modernisation and developments of Kenya’s Payment System landscape
4. Drafting and implementing of Payment System policies, guidelines and regulations as and when required

2005-2011 **Assistant Manager, Assurance and Advisory, Deloitte and Touché, Reading, UK**

As a member of the Assurance and Audit team, I joined as an Associate in 2005 after my graduation. I left as an Assistant Manager to come back home and pursue a change in career. My responsibilities throughout my six-year stint varied as I became more experienced, and included the following;

1. Conducting of year-end audits of a large portfolio of clients from the financial services sector - key assignments included HSBC and Northern Rock
2. Preparing financial statements for the approval of the Board of clients
3. Conducting of annual stock-takes
4. Assisting in drafting compliance reports to be forwarded to various statutory bodies
5. Performing financial risk analytics for a wide array of organisations, ranging from SME’s to large listed multinational organisations
6. Coordination and Supervision of an audit team comprising 3 Associates and 2 Senior Associates

2002-2005 **Various Temporary Jobs during University Years**

1. Royal Bank of Scotland Group (NatWest), Reading U.K.
2. Virgin Media Call Centre, Reading, U.K
3. Barclays Bank, Nairobi Kenya

Computer Skills

SAP ERP, MS Office, Oracle ERP, Oracle Hyperion, T24, aCCelerate Analyser (Risk Management software), Audit AS/2, Sage ERP – Experienced User of the Kenya Payment and Settlement System (KEPSS) Platform

Achievements and Hobbies

**Most promising Newcomer of 2012 – CBK Yearbook**

Swimming (CBK Swim Team)

Golf

Farming

Referees

Mr. Lerionka Tiampati Mr. Stephen Mwaura

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