

Erick Ogallo

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EDUCATION

- **Open University, United Kingdom (Distance Learning)** **Anticipated September 2019**
Master of Science, Environmental Management
- **Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya** **December 2013**
Bachelor of Science, Environmental Resource Conservation (2nd class upper division)
- **Short Courses and Training**
 - *Tree planting and forest creation using Miyawaki technique and methodology-Afforest, India 2017*
 - *Chain of Custody Certification, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) 2017*
 - *Conservation Agriculture, A Rocha, Nairobi, Kenya (2016)*
 - *Certificate in Climate Change, Transparency International, Nairobi, Kenya (2015)*
 - *Women, Ecology & Future of Earth, St. Catherine of Vienna Virtue College, Nairobi, Kenya (2013)*

EXPERIENCE

- Mother Earth Network, Coordinator & Program Manager** **February 2013 - Present**
- Training interfaith leaders and communities on Farming God's Way (Conservation Agriculture), establishing demonstration plots as a model for livelihoods creation and economic empowerment.
 - Assisted to raise profile of the environmental trust to achieve the first ever Environmental Stewardship Award from United Religious Initiative in 2016, and the Total Eco Challenge Award in 2013 and distinguished service awards from Society for Conservation Biology (2017).
 - Designed, coordinated and facilitated three interfaith youth forums to bring over 900 youth together for workshops on environmental conservation in the urban context. Also spearheaded the first Interfaith Environmental Day celebration that brought 7 major interfaith groups and over 1000 participants together to discuss interfaith engagement in conservation.
 - Increased the partnership base of the organization from 10 active partners in 2013 to 25 member organizations today.
 - Manage budget development, resource mobilization, and expenditures for the organization to ensure fiscal sustainability.
- Kijani Forests For Change, Coordinator of Forest Restoration Initiatives** **February 2014 - Present**
- Executed research project and training workshops among 90 community members in central Kenya to promote landscape restoration and community participation in tree planting through training in conservation farming and agroforestry.
 - Represented NGO in regional and international forums by World Resources Institute (WRI) and Ministry of Environment.
 - Manage local and international interns on various projects, including development of non-timber forest product models and agroforestry concepts for community economic empowerment and livelihood improvement at the household level.
 - Help to forge partnerships with local community groups, local and international environmental organizations and represent the NGO at Kenya Forest Working Group meetings. Also assist to write donor reports and blog posts at blog.kijani.ngo.
- Millennium Community Development Initiatives (MCDI), Project Assistant** **September 2012 – January 2013**
- Coordinated a community water project that addressed fluoridation issue of Nairobi residential area (Karinde). The project included creating awareness through visual media to document the effects of fluoride on human health for over 15,000 locals.
 - Helped to coordinate, form and capacity build 5 new Water Resource User Associations (WRUA's) with support from MCDI
 - Strengthened and promoted MCDI's magazine, *The Barometer* by writing articles and features on issues such as Integrated Water Resource Management, and developed content for *Environett*, a website that featured programs of the WRUA's.
 - Spearheaded an IT project that enabled the University of Nairobi Environmental Club to advocate and create awareness on emerging environmental issues on campus and beyond.
- Millennium Community Development Initiatives (MCDI), Intern** **May 2012 – August 2012**
- Conducted a feasibility study and produced an Environmental Status Report on Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) in Kiambu County.
 - Coordinated the development of Sub Catchment Management Plans with 4 WRUA's within Kiambu County after successfully documenting their water management practices through support from the Water Services Trust Fund.
 - Reported on the shortcomings of WRUA's in successfully managing water resources. This report was featured on MCDI's website and other publications and assisted with laying a road map for resource mobilization.

SKILLS & AWARDS

- **Technical Skills:** MS Office, PowerPoint presentations, Forest Inventory Analysis, Budgeting.
- **Memberships:** Kenya Forest Working Group (KFWG), African Forest Forum, and Society for Conservation Biology.
- **Forums & Awards:**
 - National Forestry Program Workshops, Ministry of Environment, Kenya, **Youth Representative** (2015)
 - Africa Forest Restoration Initiative, World Resources Institute (WRI), Ethiopia, **Youth Representative** (2016)
 - XIV World Forestry Congress, FAO, South Africa, **Youth Representative, Speaker and Panelist** (2015)
 - Total Eco-Challenge, Kenya, **Tree Ambassador Award for Conservation** (2014)

REFERENCES

- Daniel Omondi, Kijani Forests for Change, *Co-founder*, daniel@kijani.ngo, +254-716337962
- Fr. Herman Borg, Mother Earth Network, *Chairman*, hermannborg@gmail.com, +254-734905292
- Mr. Paul Opanga, Coordinator (EA) Forest Stewardship Council, p.opanga@fsc.org +254722-726690