

## ***CURRICULUM VITAE***

### **1.0 PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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### **2.0 QUALIFICATIONS:**

#### **2.1 Academic Qualifications**

- **2003, Ph.D:** University of Franche-Comté, Besançon France
- **1995, DEA:** University of Franche-Comté, Besançon, France
- **1988, MA:** Paris III (Sorbonne)
- **1978, B.Ed:** University of Nairobi
- **Area of specialization:** Didactics – Teaching of French as a foreign language and training of teachers of French.

#### **2.2 Professional Courses:**

- **2011, Tutor ProFLE:** Trained and certified as a Tutor for ProFLE - a distance training programme for teachers of French as a foreign language run by the International Centre for Pedagogical Studies (CIEP) in Paris, France.
- **2009, Trainer Tv5 Monde:** Trained and certified as a Trainer for Tv5. Org by the CAVILLAM in Vichy, France.

### **3.0 EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

- **1997 to date:** Lecturer in French in the Department of Foreign Languages, Kenyatta University.
- **1993 – 1997:** Lecturer in French in the Department of French at Maseno University

- **1990 – 1993:** Assistant Lecturer in French in the Department of French at Maseno University College.
- **1983 – 1990:** Lecturer in French at Siriba Teachers' College.
- **1978 – 1983:** Taught French in various schools including Lenana School, Pangani Girls, Alliance Girls and Kisumu Girls.

#### **4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY AT (KU):**

- **2005 to date:** Chair, Department of Foreign Languages, Kenyatta University.
- **1998 – 2000:** Ag Chair, Department of Foreign Languages, Kenyatta University

#### **4.1 At Other Institutions:**

- **1996 – 1997:** HOD, Department of French, Maseno University
- **1992 – 1994:** Ag HOD, Department of French, Maseno University
- **1983 – 1990:** HOD, Department of French, Siriba Teachers College

#### **5.0 FELLOWSHIPS: NONE**

#### **6.0 POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION (M.A):**

##### **6.1 COMPLETED**

- **Gikonyo Florence (2011):** Topic « Image de la femme et de la fille africaines dans le roman « *Assèze l'Africaine* » de Calixte Beyala ».
- **Muthengi David (2010):** Topic « Ecueils relatives à l'enseignement du français dans les écoles secondaires kenyanes pour les non voyants »
- **Mulama Hillary S. (2008):** Topic « Les écueils de l'enseignement du français é l'école primaire au Kenya : le cas des écoles de Nairobi »
- **Nyarango Margaret (2008) :** Topic « Etude sémiotique des emballages et logos des produits alimentaires et boissons vendus au Kenya »

##### **6.2 ONGOING**

- **Caroline Oriwa: C50/CE/15407/2008 :** Les représentations socioculturelles de la France et de la francophonie chez les favx débutants de la region de l'ouest du Kenya

- **Grace Oluoch** C50/CE/15412/2008: La Place des documents authentiques dans la didactique du FLE au Kenya. Le cas des écoles secondaires de Kisumu.
- **Peter O. Omolo** C50/CE/13904/2009: Le rôle de l'interaction verbale et non-verbale dans l'acquisition de la compétence communicative orale : Le cas des élèves de Busia County au Kenya.
- **Merab Omolo** C50/CE/14235/09: Le texte littéraire pour pallier l'insuffisance en compétence communicative en classe de FLE : Le cas des élèves du secondaire à Nairobi.
- **Godwin Wangila** C50/CE/22323/2010: Le Développement des Compétences Communicatives orales en Classe de FLE: Le Cas des Apprenants Kenyans à Nakuru.

#### **PhD.**

- **Gladys Otieno** – University of Paris III, France/Kenyatta University: L'Enseignement du français du tourisme et de l'hôtellerie dans les universités publiques kenyanes.
- **Dismas Nkezabera** C82EA/24523/2011: Problématique de l'intégration des TIC dans la Didactique du FLE au Kenya: Le cas des Centres de Ressources du Français.
- **Francis Ndung'u** – University of Aix Merseille Université ED 536 : De l'acquisition de la Morphosyntaxe verbale à la Didactique du FLE chez les Lycéens Nairobiens : Quels enjeux ?

### **7.0 CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS**

#### **7.1 Participation at Workshops/Conferences**

- **2007, July – August:** Attended a course in “Different approaches in the teaching of French as a foreign language” at the University of Franche-Comté, Besançon France.
- **2009, August:** Attended a course on the use of Information Communication Technology in the teaching of French as a foreign language at the CAVILLAM, Vichy France.
- **2010, 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March:** Attended a training workshop on 1). Learning of a New Language. 2). Class Observation held at Kenyatta University and sponsored by the French Embassy.

- **2010, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November:** Attended a training workshop on 1). Trends in Methodology and 2). Multilingualism and Identities held at Kenyatta University and sponsored by the French government.
- **2011 Oct - Nov:** Attended a training workshop on the teaching of French for specific purposes held at Sportsview Hotel Kasarani and sponsored by the French government.

## 7.2 Presentation of papers at Academic and Professional Conferences:

- « L'acculturation et l'enseignement du français dans le contexte Kenyan: quelle approche pour la formation des maîtres ? » a paper presented at a conference held from 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at the United States International University, Nairobi.
- « La formation initiale des enseignants de français: nouvelles exigences, Nouveaux outils», a paper presented at a regional conference held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2008 Kenyatta University, Nairobi.
- « La question d'interférence dans un contexte de multilinguisme : l'exemple des apprenants du FLE à l'Université Kenyatta » ? a paper presented at a conference held from 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at the University of Kwa Zulu Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.
- “Foreign language teaching in a multilingual context: the case of French in Kenya” a paper presented at an international conference held from July 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 2010 at Kenyatta University.
- “Un nouveau regard sur la question de l'interférence: Le cas des étudiants du FLE a l'Université Kenyatta”, a paper presented at an international conference held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at Kenyatta University.
- “Le Français au Kenya, son statut en 2017: un regard messianique sur le futur du FLE dans un pays Anglophone” a paper presented at the FIPF Congress held from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012 in Durban South Africa.
- “The role of universities in the promotion and revitalization of the French language in learning institutions” a key note address during the national workshop for teachers of French held from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2012 at the Lycée Denis Diderot in Nairobi.

## 7.3 Convening and Coordinating Conferences/Workshops:

- **2010, November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup>** at Kenyatta University: Organized and facilitated a training workshop for national Resource Centre directors on “*The use of Tv5 web site in the teaching of French.*” The workshop was sponsored by the Embassy of France and the Kenya Association of Teachers of France (KATF).

- **2011**, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology: Facilitated a training workshop on *“The interactive approach in the teaching of French”*. The workshop was sponsored by the French Embassy and the Kenya Association of Teachers of French (KATF).
- **2011**, 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November at Kenyatta University Organized an international conference on the teaching of French.
- **2013**, June to September 2013 at Alliance Française Nairobi, trained and examined teachers on ProFLE, a distance learning programme for teachers of French. Certification is done by the CNED, France.

## **8.0 RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS:**

### **8.1 Articles in Refereed Journals:**

- Milcah Chokah (2013): “Fifty years of the teaching/learning of French as a foreign language in Kenya: Challenges for teachers and learners”. International Journal of Education and Research. Vol 1 No. 3 March 2013.
- Milcah Chokah (2013): “Training teachers of French in Kenya: Redefining the needs of an increasingly demanding context”. Vol 1 No. 9 September 2013.

### **8.2 Books:**

- **2012: Milcah Chokah, *L’Enseignement du français au Kenya***, published by Jomo Kenyatta Foundation, ISBN 9966-22-902-7 2012.

## **9.0 NETWORKING AND COLLABORATING WITH EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### **9.1 Partnerships:**

- Partnership with the University of Grenoble, France to strengthen the MA (TFFL) programme at KU. MOU signed in 2009.
- Partnership with the Alliance Française of Nairobi. Agreement of Cooperation signed in 2010.
- Networking with Francophone universities of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), the Middle East Region (MER) and the Great Lakes Region (GLR).

### **9.2 Member of the following research bodies:**

- AUF Research Network
- EAC/Great Lakes Research Network

## **10.0 EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL GRANTS**

- November 2011: Won a total of € 4000 from the Association of Francophone Universities (AUF) and the French government to hold an international conference on French.
- February 2013: Submitted a proposal to AUF for the establishment of a Digital Campus at Kenyatta University. The proposal was successful and the francophone digital centre will be established in the course of 2015 (cf minutes of the Regional Committee of Experts' meeting of October 2013).
- 2009: Participated in the writing of a grant proposal for the establishment of a Kenyatta University Disability Services Office (KUDSO).

## **11.0 LOCAL, REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

### **11.1 External Examiner in other universities**

- **2010 to date:** External Examiner, Kenya Technical University.
- **2010 to date:** External Examiner, Karatina University College, Moi University
- **2006 to 2010:** External Examiner for French, Moi University
- **2006 to 2011:** External Examiner for French, IDIS, University of Nairobi

## **12.0 AWARDS/RECOGNITION**

- **2011, 9<sup>th</sup> February:** awarded the medal of the *Order of Academic Palms* by the French government for service to the dissemination and promotion of the French language.

## **13.0 COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- Member of the Kenyatta University Bible Study Fellowship Committee.
- Member of the Chaplaincy, KU Community Church.

## **14.0 ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP**

### **14.1 Development of teaching/academic programmes in department/school/university**

- **2009:** Initiated and oversaw the development of the new Masters in French as a foreign language (MA FLE) Programme, in partnership with the University of Grenoble (France), Cape Town (South Africa) and Alliance Française (Nairobi).

- **2012:** Oversaw the development of the Bachelor of Arts in Japanese programme – approved by Senate in February 2013.
- **2013:** Initiated and oversaw the development of the French for Beginners Course – approved by Senate in February 2013.
- **2014:** Played an active role in the establishment of the Korean Language Institute at Kenyatta University
- Development of the PhD in French with coursework is on course as well as work on partnerships with University of Pau, France, University of Lyon 2, France to boost this and other programmes when they are launched.

## **15.0 OTHERS**

### **15.1 Appointments**

#### **(i) National:**

- **2005 to date:** Appointed adjudicator for French at the National Drama Festival
- **2008 to 2013:** Appointed Member of Steering Committee for the France/Kenya Cooperation FSP project.

#### **(ii) Regional:**

- **2012:** Appointed member of the Regional Committee of Experts of the AUF, Indian Ocean Region

### **15.2 Contribution to University Advancement:**

- Successful application for Kenyatta University membership to the AUF, an international body in 2010.
- Successful organization of conferences/seminars/workshops at KU (as listed above).
- Successful organization of annual Language Days with the support of the French Embassy, the Canadian High Commission, Alliance Française of Nairobi, Goethe Institute, DAAD, the Japan Foundation and the Brazilian Embassy.
- Successful participation in negotiating for sponsorship of Masters programme at KU. Sixteen MA students have so far been given partial scholarships (between 2009 and 2013).
- Active participation in regional activities with presentations on KU: Reunion (2009), Rwanda (2012), Maputo (2012), Tananarive (2013), Djibouti (2013) and Moroni (2014).

- Launched a project in 2010 to market KU programmes offered in the department of Foreign Languages. Have made successful visits to Pumwani School Nairobi, Jamhuri High School , Nairobi and Mukumu Girls, Kakamega ( September 2012 and March 2014).

### **15.3 Membership to Professional Bodies**

- Member of Kenya Association of Teachers of French (KATF) and by extension the International Federation of Teachers of French (FIPF).

### **Referees:**

1. Professor Judith Waudu

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