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EDUCATION

1997 – 2000	Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Economics	Egerton University
1986 – 1989	Master of Science (Dipl.-Ing.agr.) in Agricultural Economics	Kiel University
1980-1984	Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Agriculture,	University of Nairobi

WORK EXPERIENCE

March 2013 - Current	Professor of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Management, Egerton University
Dec. 2009 – Mar. 2011	Visiting Professor: Food Security Center, University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany
2005 – March 2013	Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Management, Egerton University
Dec. 2005 – Dec. 2006	Visiting Scientist: International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid and Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Eastern and South African Region
2003 – 2005	Chairman: Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Management, Egerton University
2002 –2005	Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Management, Egerton University
1994 – 2002	Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Management, Egerton University
1992 – 1994	Assistant Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Management, Egerton University
Nov. 1990 – Mar. 1992	Research Assistant: German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) Farm Management Project, Nairobi
Dec. 1984 – Aug. 1985	Researcher: National Potato Research Station (Now KARI).

PROJECTS

<p>National Partner Coordinator and Principal Investigator: <i>Identifying Socioeconomic Constraints to and Incentives for faster Technology Adoption: Pathways to Sustainable Intensification in</i></p>

Eastern and Southern Africa (Adoption Pathways). Funded by Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR). Duration: 2012 - 2016

Collaborator: *Pearl Millet Innovations for Improved Livelihoods in Drought-prone Areas of Eastern and Central Africa (ECA)*. A Project funded by Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA). Duration: 2011 – 2012

Collaborator: *Evaluation of Efficiency and Effectiveness of Dissemination Pathways for Scaling up Selected Smallholder Dairy Technologies*. A project funded by the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI) Eastern Africa Agricultural Productivity Project (EAAPP). Duration: 2011 – 2012

Project Leader and Principal Investigator: *Management of Lake Victoria Wetlands*. A project funded by SIDA/SAREC through Inter University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) in 2005.

Project Leader and Principal Investigator: *The Influence of Social Capital on Sustainable Agriculture in Semi-Arid Areas of Kenya: A Case Study of Machakos and Taita-Taveta Districts*. A project funded by International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in 2003.

Collaborator: *Land Tenure and Sustainable Land use in Semi-Arid Areas of Kenya: A Case Study of Taita-Taveta District*. A project funded by Egerton University in 2003.

Project Manager and Principal Investigator: *Vulnerability, Livelihood Assets, and Institutional Dynamics in the Management of Wetlands in the Lake Victoria Basin*. A project funded by SIDA/SAREC through Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) in 2003.

Collaborator: *Vulnerabilities, Livelihood Assets and Institutional Dynamics: An Analysis of a Sustainable Land use Framework in Taita-Taveta District's Marginal Areas, Kenya*. A project funded by Egerton University Alumni Association in 2003.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Chelang'a, P.K., **Obare, G.A.** and Kimenju, S.C. (2013). Analysis of Urban Consumers' Willingness to Pay a Premium for African Leafy Vegetable (AVIs) in Kenya: A Case of Eldoret Town. *Food Security* 5(4): 591 - 595.

Murage, A.W., **Obare, G.**, Chianu, J., Amudavi, D.M., Midega, C.A.O., Pickett, J.A. and Khan, Z.R. (2012). Effectiveness of Dissemination Pathways on Adoption of "Push-Pull" Technology in Western Kenya. *Quarterly Journal of International Agriculture* 51(1): 51 – 71

Shiferaw, B., Muricho, G., Kassie, M. and **Obare, G.** (2012). Rural Institutions and Imperfect Agricultural Markets in Africa: Experiences from Producer Marketing Groups in Kenya. In: Mwangi, E., Markelova, H., Meinzen-Dick, R. (Eds.), *Collective Action and Property Rights for Poverty Reduction: Insights from Africa and Asia*. Ch. 5, pp. 110 – 148. Philadelphia and Washington: University of Pennsylvania Press for the International Food Policy Research Institute.

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Berem, R.M., Owuor, G.O. and **Obare, G.** (2011). Value Addition in Honey and Poverty Reduction in ASALs: Empirical Evidence from Baringo County, Kenya. *Livestock Research for*

Rural Development 23 (12), Article #243.

Odendo, M., **Obare, G.** and Salasya, B. (2011). What Factors Influence the Speed of Adoption of Soil Fertility Management Technologies? Evidence from Western Kenya. *Journal of Development and Agricultural Economics* 3(13): 627 – 637.

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Bekele, N., Mithöfer, D., Amudavi, D., **Obare, G.** (2011). Integrated Pest Management Training and Information Flow among Smallholder Horticulture Farmers in Kenya. In: D. Mithöfer and H. Waibel (Eds.), *Vegetable Production and Marketing in Africa: Socio-Economic Research*, Ch. 16. Wallingford: CAB International.

Mugunieri, G. L., Were, S.O. and **Obare, G.A.** (2011). Agricultural Science and Technology Policy System Institutions: Impact on Efficiency and Technical Progress in Kenya and Uganda. *Journal of Agricultural Science and Technology* 13(1): 1 – 15

Nyagaka, D.O., **Obare, G.A.**, Omiti, J. and Nguyo, W. (2010). Technical Efficiency in Resource Use: Evidence from Smallholder Farmers of Irish Potatoes in Nyandarua North District, Kenya. *African Journal of Agricultural Research* 5(11): 1179 – 1186.

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Ouma, E., Jagwe, J., **Obare, G.A.** and Abele, S. (2010). Determinants of Smallholder Farmers' Participation in Banana Markets in Central Africa: The Role of Transaction Costs. *Agricultural Economics* 41(2): 111 – 122

Odendo, M., **Obare, G.** and Salasya, B. (2009). Factors Responsible for Differences in Uptake of Integrated Soil Fertility Management Practices amongst Smallholders in Western Kenya. *African Journal of Agricultural Research* 4(11): 1303 – 1311

Shiferaw, B., **Obare, G.**, Muricho, G. and Silim, S. (2009). Leveraging Institutions for Collective Action to Improve Agricultural Markets in Less Favored Areas: Empirical Evidence from Kenya. *African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* 3(1): 1 – 18.

Mwakubo, S.M. and **Obare, G.A.** (2009). Vulnerability, Livelihood Assets and Institutional Dynamics in the Management of Wetlands in Lake Victoria Watershed Basin. *Wetlands Ecology and Management* 17(6): 613 – 626.

Omondi, I., Baltenweck, I., Drucker, A.G., **Obare, G.** and Zander, K.K. (2008). Valuing Goat Genetic Resources: A Pro-poor Growth Strategy in the Kenyan Semi-Arid Tropics. *Tropical Animal Health and Production* 40(8): 583 – 596.

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Shiferaw, B., **Obare, G.** and Muricho, G. (2008). Rural Market Imperfections and the Role of Institutions in Collective Action to Improve Markets for the Poor. *Natural Resources Forum* 32(1): 25 – 38.

Shiferaw, B., **Obare, G.** and Muricho, G. (2006). Rural Institutions and Producer Organizations in Imperfect Markets: Experiences from Producer Marketing Groups in Semi-Arid Eastern Kenya. *Journal of SAT Agricultural Research*, 2(1): 1 – 36. DOI:10.3914/ICRISAT.0196. Also published as CAPRi Working Paper Series No. 60, The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, D.C.

Obare, G.A., Omamo, S.W. and Williams, J.C. (2003). Smallholder Production Structure and Rural Roads in Africa: The Case of Nakuru District, Kenya. *Agricultural Economics* 28(3): 245 – 254.

Omamo, S.W. Williams, J.C., **Obare, G.A.** and Ndiwa, N.N. (2002). Soil Fertility Management on Small Farms in Africa: Evidence from Nakuru District, Kenya. *Food Policy*, 27(2): 159 – 170.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Household, Consumer, Behavioural, Institutional and Development Economics

MEMEBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

1. European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) (2010 – to date)
2. Royal Economic Society (RES) (2009 – to date)
3. African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE) (2006 – to date)
4. International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) (2003 – to date)

COMMUNITY, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

1. Board Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Project “Long-term farming system comparisons in the tropics” by the Cooperation and Development Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL), Switzerland (2009 – to date).
2. Member of the CGIAR System-wide Program on Collective Action and Property Rights Initiative (CAPRI) (2006 – to date) Member of the African Forest Forum (AFF) (2006 – to date)

3. Member of the African Forest Forum (AFF) (2006 – to date)
4. Member of the Improved Management of Agricultural Water in Eastern and Southern Africa (IMAWESA) – (2005 – to date)