

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## Personal information

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SPECIALIZATIONS: *French and Applied Linguistics, Written Communication, Language Teaching and Learning, Text Linguistics.*

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

**2009 APRIL: Université de Franche-Comté (Besançon), France: PhD Degree** in French Language Education, Written Communication and Applied Linguistics. PhD Research title: Geocultural space, writing, text and the teaching of written French in the Kenyan context (*L'Espace géoculturel, l'écriture, la texture et l'enseignement du français écrit dans le contexte kényan*).

**2002:** Completed PhD Coursework with a pre-doctoral thesis (in the French educational system: *Diplôme d'Études Approfondies, DEA*) at the Université de Franche-Comté (Besançon), France. The field of study was Written Communication in a secondary school setting. My research topic was, "Assessment of written scripts of Kenyan high-school learners of French as a Foreign Language with special emphasis on textualization mechanisms" (*Évaluation des productions écrites de lycéens kényans au niveau intermédiaire du français langue étrangère, par rapport aux mécanismes de textualisation*).

**1997:** Master's Degree in Education (M.Ed.) (*Maîtrise*) at the Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier III, Montpellier, France. Field of study: Pedagogy of French as a Foreign Language (*Français Langue Étrangère*).

**1996:** My second Bachelor's Degree (*Licence*) (B.A. Education option), at the Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier III, France. Field of study: Linguistics with emphasis on Pedagogy of French as a Foreign Language (*Sciences du Langage option français langue étrangère*).

**1994: Kenyatta University**, Nairobi, Kenya: obtained my first Bachelor's Degree in Education (B. Ed), Arts, Upper Second Class Honours, with Literature in English and French as my teaching subjects.

**1989:** Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (KACE) Examination; scored Three (3) Principal passes of which **Principal 'A' in French, the best candidate in the subject French in KACE 1989 countrywide (in Kenya)**.

**1988 - 1989:** Advanced (A') Level studies at the Alliance High School, Kikuyu (Nairobi).

**1987:** Kenya Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination. Scored **Distinction '1' in French (the highest mark)**. Obtained a strong Division ONE.

**1984 - 1987:** Secondary school (O-Level) studies at the Alliance High School, Kikuyu (Nairobi).

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**- February 2010 to the present:** Senior Lecturer in French and Applied Linguistics, Language Pedagogy and Written Communication at Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya : Department of Literature, Linguistics, Foreign Languages and Film Studies.

- besides teaching undergraduate students, I teach (since 2003) Postgraduate courses in Literature, Research Methodology, Text and Discourse Studies, French and Applied Linguistics to Master's Degree and PhD students in Moi University, Eldoret.

- I have taught, over more than two decades, all the courses in the undergraduate (B.A.) French Syllabus of Moi University: written and spoken (phonetics and phonology) and literature.

- **September - December 2010** : Part-time Senior Lecturer at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Kakamega, Kenya, in the Department of Language and Literature Education.

**1999 (November) to February 2010**: Lecturer in French and Applied Linguistics, Language Pedagogy and Written Communication at Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya; Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages.

**1994 (November) – 1999 (November)**: Graduate Assistant, then Tutorial Fellow, at Moi University, Department of Tourism;

- taught all French Language and Resource Management courses to undergraduate students.

**1994 (May – November)**: Graduate Teacher at the Alliance High School, Kikuyu (Nairobi) - taught French and English languages and Literature in English;

- taught French language on a part-time basis at Mang'u High School, Thika (Nairobi).

**1991 - 1992**: Did part-time (English - French) translation for Know-How International (KHI), Hawkins Associates, Nairobi.

- I have also done translation for the African Union (AU-IBAR, Djibouti) (2004 - 2006) and for Moi University, Eldoret (Kenya).

**1990 –1992**: Taught French Language at Ridgeways Catering College, Nairobi, part-time.

**1990** (January - August): Taught French and English at Muguga High School, Kikuyu (Nairobi).

#### EXTERNAL EXAMINER EXPERIENCE

- **From 2017 May - the present**: External Examiner for French Studies at Kaimosi Friends University College (KAFUCO), (a Constituent College of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Kakamega, Kenya) in the Department of Language and Literature Education.

- **From 2014 May - 2021:** External Examiner for French Studies at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Kakamega, Kenya, in the Department of Language and Literature Education.

- **From 2013 – the present:** External Examiner for French Studies at Maseno University, Kisumu, Kenya: Department of French Studies.

- **From 2013 – the present:** - External Examiner for French Studies at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST), Bondo, Kenya, in the Department of Business Studies.

## **POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION**

### M.A. Degree Candidates

#### Defended and graduated

1. Christine Awuor Abong'o, registration number PG/MA/0039/2008: successfully **defended** her M.A. Thesis on 31.08.2011 (Maseno University, Kisumu, Kenya).
2. Clara Bulili, reg. no. PG/MA/082/2006: successfully **defended** her M.A. Thesis on 13.02.2012 (Maseno University, Kisumu, Kenya).
3. Richard Arina OKONDA, SASS/PGF/01/2011: successfully **defended** his M.A. Thesis on 10.03.2016 (Moi University, Main Campus, Eldoret, Kenya).

#### In progress:

4. Carolyne N. MUVAYIA, SASS/PGLIN/01/12, M.A. Linguistics Thesis Title: 'The role of out- of- class exposure on second language acquisition: a cross-sectional study of Wajir Girls secondary school'. (Moi University, Main Campus, Eldoret, Kenya).

### Doctoral Degree Candidates

Completed and Defended successfully

1. SIMOTWO Priscah Chepkechir, SASS/DPHIL/LIN/03/11

Thesis Title: Language and Protection of the Environment among the Kalenjin of Kenya.  
(Defended successfully on 23.09.2021).

2. NJIIRI Joyce Muthoni, SASS/DPHIL/LIN/101/13

Thesis Title: Reading Skills Activities as Determinants of Reading Comprehension Performance among Form Three Learners in Isinya Sub-County in Kajiado County, Kenya.

Submitted completed PhD Thesis to Moi University on November 5, 2020. Successfully defended Thesis in October 2021.

In progress:

2. MWANGI Doreen, SASS/DPHIL/LIN/102/13

Thesis Titled: Communicative Language Teaching in the Teaching of Spoken Language in Selected Schools in Kiambu County.

3. SPEKE Roselyne Kerubo, SASS/DPHIL/LIN/02/19

Thesis Titled: Construction of Female Dominance in Staffroom Talk. A Study of Learning Institutions in Kisii County, Kenya.

**THESES AND DISSERTATIONS EXAMINED (AS EXTERNAL EXAMINER)**

1. WANINA David Odhiambo, 2020, PhD in French Thesis Titled: « Stratégie d'aide à la production orale en classe en milieu universitaire kenyan: cas d'étayage dans l'enseignement du français du tourisme et de l'hôtellerie » The Thesis was undertaken and defended in the Department of Language and Literature Education of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, MMUST, Kakamega, Kenya.

2. KASILI Joyce, 2019, PhD in French Thesis Titled: « Observation et analyse des comportements non verbaux chez les enseignants non natifs en classe de FLE au Kenya ». The Thesis was undertaken and defended in the Department of Language and Literature of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, MMUST, Kakamega, Kenya.

3. AUMA Rose, 2019, PhD in French Thesis Titled: « Stratégies d'enseignement mises en œuvre en classes de FLE au Kenya (le cas des écoles secondaires du comté de Kakamega) ». The Thesis was undertaken and defended in the Department of Language and Literature of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, MMUST, Kakamega, Kenya.

4. MULENDA Mubalama Flavien, 2014, PhD in French Thesis Defence. Thesis Titled: « Évaluation du français sur objectifs spécifiques (FOS) dans les écoles professionnelles du Kenya. » The Thesis was undertaken and defended in the Department of French and other Foreign Languages of Maseno University, Kisumu, Kenya. I was the chairman of the defence meeting at Maseno University on 21.10.2014.

5. ODIALA Veronica Akoth, EDF/G/06/15, M.ED. FRENCH Thesis Titled: “Compétences des apprenants kenyans du FLE à travers leurs productions écrites sous forme de textes injonctifs: cas des recettes et programmes.” (read in November 2020), Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Kakamega.

6. MALOBA Boaz S. W., SASS/PGL/06/06, M.A. Thesis Title: “Linguistic Politeness and Gender Predispositions on Mulembe F.M. Radio Call-in Shows” (read in October 2013), Moi University, SASS.

#### **UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISION**

- Since FEBRUARY 2010, I have successfully supervised OVER Fifty (50) Undergraduate Research Projects in the areas of Linguistics, Media, Communication and French Studies at Moi University.

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO UNIVERSITY LIFE AT MOI UNIVERSITY**

- Member of a 6-member task-force mandated by the Vice-Chancellor of Moi University to come up with a Report for the creation of the Moi University Centre for Language, Translation and Interpretation Services (CeLTIS) (in January - March 2021).
- Member of the Departmental Postgraduate Studies Committee in the Department of Literature, Linguistics, Foreign Languages and Foreign Languages (since April 2020).
- Co-ordinator of the French Section, in the Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages (November 2010 – January 2021).
- Co-ordinator of the Master of Arts (M. A.) Degree in French Studies Programme (of Moi University, Eldoret) (September 2011 – the present).
- Co-ordinator/Chair of the Departmental Postgraduate Studies Committee in the Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages (November 2011 – April 2020).
- 2013 – I developed the Diploma in French Language Curriculum of Moi University, Eldoret, with a little help from my colleagues Ms Prisca C. Simotwo and Mr W. Kiprono Kutol.
- 2010: I developed, together with Dr José Kangandio Watunda of Masinde Muliro University (Kakamega, Kenya), the Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree in French Language Studies Programme for the Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages of Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya.
- 2003 - 2012: Co-ordinator of Academic Research Seminars and Publications in the Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya.
- 1995 – I developed the French Language Syllabus for the Bachelor of Science in Tourism Studies Curriculum of the Department of Tourism, Moi University, under Prof. Isaac Sindiga (Head of Department). I was the **first African** to teach French at Moi University, Eldoret, after Ms Marianne Ferrer from France introduced it in September 1993.

## OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS in Kenya

- 1994 – I developed the French Language Curriculum for Kenyatta University’s Bureau of Training and Consultancy under its founding Director, Prof. Jonathan Chege.
- 1990 January – I introduced the French Language as a taught subject at Muguga High School, Kikuyu, Kiambu, Kenya, as an untrained teacher.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. Board Member – Nyasita Primary School, Siaya County, Kenya.
2. PTA Member – Lenana School – Nairobi County, Kenya.
3. Member – St Matthew’s ACK Cathedral, Eldoret, Kenya.

## CONSULTANCIES

1. Member of the Editorial (Academic) Board of the peer-reviewed Journal *Synergies Afrique des Grands Lacs*, published by a Global French research network (since January 2021).
2. 2018 - 2022 - Member of the Editorial (Academic) Board of the Annual Francophone Conference hosted by the Department of Modern Languages, Federal University of Bahia, Salvador, Brazil.  
- I peer-reviewed Conference Articles and Abstracts for their Annual Conference.
3. 2016-2020 – consulted by Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Kakamega, on various occasions on academic matters.
4. In April-May 2013, I was a consultant for the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), a Kenya Government parastatal organization, on its adoption of the International Standards on Language Codes (**Number: ISO 639-6:2009**).



5. Since 1997, I have been consulted from time to time by various departments of Moi University, Eldoret, and other institutions in Kenya to translate (between French and English) documents for them.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **i) ACADEMIC REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS**

**a) - January 2006 – December 2012:** I was a book reviewer (or reader) for three Journals, *Discourse Studies*, *Discourse and Society*, and *Discourse and Communication*, published by Sage Publications of London, Los Angeles, New Delhi and Singapore (cf. Book reviews below).

**b) -** I have peer-reviewed SIX (6) full-length Articles for Academic peer-review Journals:

- For the *Journal of the Language Association of Eastern Africa* (JLAEA), an Article titled ‘Assessing the value of authentic materials based on local situations in foreign language teaching -The case of French for tourism in Kabale University, Uganda (2021).

- For the Journal *Maarifa*, of Moi University’s School of Arts and Social Sciences, four (4) articles, among them:

- « Les procédés d’appel à l’émotion dans l’œuvre romanesque de Pius Ngandu Nkashama », by Dr Kangandio José Watunda, 2009.

- « Figurative deictics in *Les Etoiles Ecrasées* by Pius Ngandu Nkashama » (sic), by Dr Kangandio José Watunda, 2011.

- “ Impact of Plantation Agriculture on Social Economic Endeavors of Rural Community. A Case Study of African Highland Produce Company Limited” by Dr Eliud K.Yegon, 2009.

- For the Online Journal of African Affairs (OJAA), an article titled “Socio-Political Contests in a Kenyan Administrative Outpost: The Case of Kapedo Centre in Baringo County, Kenya”, 2014.

- For the Journal *Synergies Afrique des Grands Lacs*, an Article in November 2021.

c) In 2019, I peer-reviewed Five (5) Abstracts for the First International Conference of the Language Association of Eastern Africa in Eldoret, Kenya, on August 1-2, 2019.

## *ii) Publications*

### BOOKS

1. 2021 – Academic Module titled “The French Verb – its conjugation and usage. Tome 1.” for the Institute of Open and Distance Learning (IODL) of Moi University to be used by undergraduate and postgraduate students.

2. 2011. *L’Espace géoculturel, l’écriture, la texture et l’enseignement du français écrit dans le contexte kényan*, published by the French Government Research Publishing Agency A.N.R.T., Paris, 2011, 438 pp. **ISBN: 9782729580216.**

### ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

1. OGUTU J. N. 2020a. November 2020. « L’Anaphore – nominale et pronominale – et sa place dans la didactique du français écrit. » in the Journal *Collection FLE/FLA* Vol. 1, n° 2 (Le FLE et les langues en Afrique), ISBN 13-9782956509936, pp. 154-163 [www.observatoireplurilinguisme.eu/collectionflefla](http://www.observatoireplurilinguisme.eu/collectionflefla)

2. OGUTU J. N. 2020b. February. “La didactique du FLE à l’aide de la littérature française – un exemple kényan”, in the Journal *Revue DELLA/AFRIQUE* Vol. 2 n° 5 ISBN 978-2-9537299-3-1, pp. 176 -183. [www.observatoireplurilinguisme.eu/dellaafrique](http://www.observatoireplurilinguisme.eu/dellaafrique)

3. OGUTU J. N. 2018a. “L’anaphore et l’enseignement du français écrit aux apprenants swahilophones: une étude en milieu kényan”, article in the online Journal *ANTIPODES* Number 1, juillet – décembre 2018, *Études de langue française en terres non francophones*, Journal published by the Federal University of Bahia, Brazil, School of Arts, Department of Romanic/Romance Studies and the FIPF, Paris, France, e-ISSN : 2596-1836, pp. 05 - 17. [www.portalseer.ufba.br](http://www.portalseer.ufba.br)

4. OGUTU J. N. 2018b. “L’enseignement du français écrit aux apprenants swahilophones: le cas de l’anaphore en milieu kényan”, article in the Journal *PLURILINGUISME Number 3, Volume 2, 2018, Langues, formations et pédagogies: le miroir africain*, Journal ISBN 13-9782956509936 published by the *Observatoire Européen du Plurilinguisme* and the University of Ghana, Legon, pp. 473 - 492. [www.observatoireplurilinguisme.eu/plurilinguisme](http://www.observatoireplurilinguisme.eu/plurilinguisme)

5 OGUTU J. N. 2012 October. “Reducing Conflict while Enhancing Democratic Governance in Eastern Africa: the Need for Dialogue in Kenya’s Political Set-up”, article in the *OSSREA Bulletin*, Journal of the Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), Vol. IX, no. 3, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, pp. 05 - 17. [www.ossrea.net/publications/ossreabulletin](http://www.ossrea.net/publications/ossreabulletin)

===== February 2010 (Senior Lecturer) =====

6 OGUTU J. N. 2009. “The Link between Writing, Technology And Development: Insights for Kenya from Jack Goody”, article in the *Journal of Language, Technology & Entrepreneurship in Africa* published by the United States International University, Nairobi, pp. 186 – 204.

7 OGUTU J. N. 2007. “Writing: An Anthropological Application of Jack Goody to Sub-Saharan Africa, with special reference to Kenya”, article published in the *International Journal of Humanistic Studies* of the University of Swaziland, Swaziland, pp. 52 – 71.

8 OGUTU J. N. 2006. « L’Apprentissage de la textualisation en FLE par les lycéens kényans : le cas de la cohésion nominale », article in the journal *Analyses*, 11, published by l’Université Toulouse II, Le Mirail, France, pp. 207 – 228.

9 OGUTU J. N. 2003. « The acquisition of textual cohesion in French as a foreign language by secondary school students in Kenya » article in the *Humanities Review Journal*, published by Ibadan University, Nigeria, vol. 3, no 2, pp. 36 – 57.

10 OGUTU J. N. 2002. “Apprendre la langue du sport” article in *Le français dans le monde*, n° 321, journal of the International Federation of Teachers of the French language, Paris, France, p. 59.

## CHAPTERS IN REFEREED UNIVERSITY-LEVEL TEXTBOOKS

- 1 OGUTU J. N. 2011. ONE chapter:  
« Literacy and development; a case study of Kenya with special reference to Jack Goody », in OGECHI N. O. (ed), 2011, *Themes in Language, Literature and Education in Kenya*, Ontario, Canada, Nsemia Inc. Publishers, pp. 135 – 150. ISBN 978-1-926906-06-5

===== February 2010 (Senior Lecturer) =====

- 2 OGUTU J. N. 2006. « L’Apprentissage de la textualisation en FLE par les lycéens kényans: le cas de la cohésion nominale » chapter in Iraki, F. K. (éd.), *Research on French Teaching in Eastern Africa, Opportunities and Challenges*, Nairobi, USIU, Proceedings of the First International Conference for Researchers in the French Language in Eastern and Central Africa held at the United States International University, Nairobi, 14 - 15 June 2006, pp. 81- 95.

## BOOK REVIEWS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- 1 2012. OGUTU J. N. Review of the book JENKINS Richard. *RETHINKING ETHNICITY – Arguments and Explorations* (Second Edition). London, UK: Sage Publications, 2008. VIII + 207 pp. ISBN 978-1-4129-3583-8 (pbk). in the Journal *Discourse and Society*, London, Sage Publications. Vol. 23, number 1, pp. 96 – 97. [www.journals.sagepub.com/discourseandsociety](http://www.journals.sagepub.com/discourseandsociety)

- 2 2010 **August**. OGUTU J. N. Review of the book Cislaru G., F. Pugnère-Saavedra and F. Sitri (eds). 2008. *Les Carnets du Cediscor, 10. “Analyse de discours et demande sociale: le cas des écrits de signalement”*. Paris: Presses Sorbonne Nouvelle, in the Journal *Discourse Studies*, Vol. 12, number 4, pp. 557–559. [www.journals.sagepub.com/discoursestudies](http://www.journals.sagepub.com/discoursestudies)

===== February 2010 (Senior Lecturer) =====

- 3 2009a. OGUTU J. N. Review of the book *Functional perspectives on grammar and discourse. In honour of Angela Downing* by Christopher S. Butler, Raquel Hidalgo Downing and Julia Lavid (eds). Amsterdam and Philadelphia: John Benjamins, in the journal *Discourse Studies*, Vol. 11, pp. 497 – 499, Sage Publications, London.
- 4 2009b. OGUTU J. N. Review of the book *Researching Communications: A Practical Guide to Methods in Media and Cultural Analysis* (Second Edition) by David Deacon, Michael Pickering, Peter Golding and Graham Murdock, in the journal *Discourse and Communication*, Vol. 3, pp. 107 – 108, London, Sage Publications.
- 5 OGUTU J. N. 2008. Review of the book *BRIDGES AND BARRIERS – Language in African Education and Development* by WILLIAMS Eddie in the journal *Discourse and Society*, Volume 19, number 4, pp. 549 – 554, London, Sage Publications.
- 6 OGUTU J. N. 2007. Review of the book *IN OTHER WORDS: Variation in reference and narrative*, by Deborah Schiffrin, in the journal *Discourse Studies*, vol. 9, n° 5, London, Sage Publications, pp. 714 – 715.
- 7 OGUTU J. N. 2006a. Review of the book *African Languages in Education and Development* by F. R. Owino (ed.), in the journal *Discourse and Society*, 17(2), pp. 259 - 263.
- 8 OGUTU J. N. 2006b. Review of the book *Introduction to Discourse Studies* by J. Renkema, in the journal *Discourse Studies*, vol. 8, n° 5, pp. 705 - 706.
- 9 OGUTU J. N. 2000. Review of Egara Kabaji’s book *Women in Development* published in the *Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review*, journal of the Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), Vol. XVI, no. 1, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, pp. 91- 95.

### ***iii. Peer-reviewed papers presented at Academic Conferences***

1. 2021 August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, Eldoret, Kenya. Presented a research Paper titled: ‘COVID-19 and Language. Literacy as a Life-Skill – the Example of the Covid-19 Pandemic, with Special

Reference to Kenya' at the Second (International) Conference of the Language Association of Eastern Africa (LAEA).

**2. 2019.** Les stratégies d'apprentissage du français écrit chez les apprenants du français langue étrangère à l'ère du numérique – le cas dans trois universités publiques kényanes, Paper presented at the First International Conference of the Language Association of Eastern Africa in Eldoret, Kenya, on August 1-2, 2019.

**3. 2015 (June 24-26) :** presented a paper at the First Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOUST) International Scientific Conference (Bondo Town, Kenya). The paper was titled: 'Language and the Making of Kenya: a case for Dialogue as a Tool for Better Governance'.

**4. 2014 (October 10-14) –** Beijing, China: presented a paper titled: 'L'anaphore et l'enseignement du français écrit aux apprenants swahilophones: une étude en milieu kényan' at the **China Agricultural University** – Université d'Agriculture de Chine. Conference Theme : *Théories de référence, outils didactiques et diffusion du savoir : Nouvelles dynamiques pour la recherche et le dialogue d'expertise dans l'enseignement des langues à l'université.*

***iv. Seminars, workshops, conferences attended***

**1. February-March 2021** – Moi University. CARTA (Consortium for Advanced Research and Training in Africa) Training on Supervision of Postgraduate Students - Workshop by Seminar February-March 2021 organized by the Office of the Dean, School of Graduate Studies of Moi University.

**2. 2019** - the First International Conference of the Language Association of Eastern Africa in Eldoret, Kenya, on August 1-2, 2019.

**3. 2013 (8-10 May)** – International Conference organized by the Literature Department of Moi University at Sirikwa Hotel, Eldoret. Conference Theme: Literature and the Production of Knowledge in Kenya, 1963-2013.

**4. 2013 (4-5 April):** Attended a capacity-building workshop on Module Evaluation in Open and Distance Learning, organized by Moi University's Institute of Open and Distance Learning, in Eldoret, Kenya.

**5. 2010 (June):** Attended a capacity-building workshop organized by the French Government and AFRAKEN (the Network of French Alumni in Kenya) in Nairobi.

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**2008 (October):** Presented a paper titled “L'Évaluation en français langue étrangère et seconde: types, fonctions, modalités et moyens techniques” at the Second International Conference for Teachers of and Researchers in the French language in East and Central Africa, titled “Enseigner et apprendre le français: les meilleures pratiques” at Kenyatta University, 24 – 25 October, Nairobi. The abstract of this paper was published in the book of the abstracts of this Conference, p. 23.

**2007 (October 29 - 31):** Attended an international conference titled “Linguistique et littérature, Cluny, 40 ans après”, at the Université de Franche-Comté, Besançon, France.

**2007 (June) :** Presented a paper titled “Le document authentique et l'enseignement de l'expression écrite ; pour mieux valoriser la grammaire”, at a one-week workshop in Kisumu, Kenya, organized by the French Embassy in Kenya and the Ministry of Education in Kenya for teachers of French in the Rift Valley, Western and Nyanza provinces, 4 - 8 June.

**2006 (June):** Attended and presented a paper titled “L'Apprentissage de la textualisation en FLE par les lycéens kényans: le cas de la cohésion nominale” at the First International Conference for Researchers in the French Language in Eastern and Central Africa held at the United States International University, Nairobi, with the theme *Research on French Teaching in Eastern Africa, Opportunities and Challenges*.

#### **v. ON-GOING RESEARCH**

- Currently doing research on the topic:

- Literacy as a Life Skill – the Example of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

## *vi. Membership of Professional Bodies*

Member of the

1. International Federation of Teachers of the French Language, FIPF, Paris, France, via the Kenya Association of Teachers of the French Language (KATF),
2. Administrative Board of the (French) Alliance Française of Eldoret Town, Kenya, since 2002.
3. AFRAKEN – the Association of Kenyan researchers trained in France.
4. Founder-Member, the Language Association of Eastern Africa.
5. Kenya Red Cross Society (Life Member since March 2008), and affiliated to the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies (ICRCS).
6. Bible Society of Kenya (Life Member since July 2017). Member Number BSK/LM/001655.
7. Académie africaine de recherches et d'études francophones (African Academy for Francophone Studies and Research), Lomé, Togo.

## **DONOR/DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**

- 1. 2011 to 2019:** I personally requested the French Embassy in Nairobi for books and audio-visual equipment and they subsequently gave Moi University at least 300 NEW Academic Textbooks freshly bought in France (worth over KShs 700,000), and over 600 used Academic Textbooks and other equipment (worth over KShs 400,000).
- 2. 2019 - 5 Day Workshop** at the University of Rwanda, Kigali. I was fully sponsored by the French Government.
- 3. 2016 (March 20).** I single-handedly recruited, trained and supported Moi University French Students to participate at the 2016 Annual Francophonie Day held at the Kenya School of Monetary Studies, Nairobi. They used their own money, went and participated there and were **awarded 60 French language textbooks which they brought back to Moi University Main Campus Library.**
- 4. 2014 –** A student of mine, Mr Felix Mandela Omae won a 10-day (6-16 July) all expenses paid trip to France in an essay-writing competition organized by the French Embassy in Kenya. I helped him to revise his essay before he submitted it for the Competition, “LabCitoyen”.
- 4. 2013 (August) –** I personally secured a **2-week ALL EXPENSES PAID Trip to France for my colleague (Caroline Kabiru)** to attend an in-service Refresher Workshop at Cavilam, Vichy, fully funded by the French Government through their Embassy in Nairobi.



## **HONOURS**

1. February 2016 – A peer-reviewed journal article of mine listed among the 21 MOST READ Articles world-wide by Sage Publications (of London, Los Angeles, New Delhi and Singapore) (cf. [www.dcm.sagepub.com/reports/most-read](http://www.dcm.sagepub.com/reports/most-read)).

2. 2011. My PhD Thesis which I successfully defended at the Université de Franche-Comté in April 2009, Besançon, France, was the FIRST PhD Thesis by a Kenyan to be published into a Book by the French Government (ANRT).

## **I.C.T. SKILLS**

I have a practical mastery of Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, PageMaker, the Internet, the Keyboard and Social Media.