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Education

2022 – summer 2026	Texas Tech University, USA	Ph.D. Agricultural and Applied Economics
2011 – 2012	University of Bologna, Italy	MBA in Retail Banking and Financial Industry
2004 – 2009	Makerere University, Uganda	Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics

Professional Training

August 2016	The Golda Meir MASHAV Carmel International Training Centre, Israel	Certificate on Start-up Accelerators for Emerging Entrepreneurs
January 2016	Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen UR, The Netherlands	Certificate on Market Access for Food Security: Pro-poor Inclusive Value Chain Development
June 2015	DANIDA Fellowship Centre and NIRAS International, Denmark	Certificate in General Tools and Concepts in Agribusiness SME Development

WORK EXPERIENCE

Texas Tech University – Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

Graduate part-time instructor: 2025 fall

- Teach Fundamentals of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AAEC 2305), an undergraduate core course.
- Provide academic support through office hours and feedback sessions.

PhD. Research Assistant September 2022 – Present

- Collect, clean, and analyze large-scale datasets for faculty-led research projects.
- Conduct literature reviews to inform study design, hypotheses, and methodology.
- Co-author academic manuscripts for peer-reviewed journals.
- Assist with instruction and grading for agricultural economics undergraduate courses.
- Present research findings at academic conferences and departmental seminars.

Student Advisory Board Member September 2022 – September 2023

- Advised on enhancements to library services, study spaces, resources, events, and policy initiatives.
- Participated in user experience research to evaluate and improve library services.
- Promoted library resources and engagement opportunities to the broader student community.

The Consortium for Enhancing University Responsiveness to Agribusiness Development Limited (CURAD), January 2014 to June 2022

- Supported and developed over 350 competitive and sustainable enterprises through agribusiness incubation across six agricultural value chains through structured agribusiness incubation programs
- Designed and implemented agribusiness incubation tools, frameworks, and policies to improve operational efficiency, scalability, and replicability.
- Expanded incubation infrastructure, including investment mobilization for equipment and facilities, while coordinating comprehensive support systems for entrepreneurs/incubatees.
- Promoted experiential learning models such as the “Farmer Ownership Model” and “Earn As You Learn” to increase farmer incomes and develop entrepreneurial competencies among university students.
- Shared and scaled successful incubation experiences nationally, regionally, and internationally to encourage broader adoption of agribusiness incubation models.
- Advocated for the integration of agribusiness incubation into government programs to ensure policy support, funding, and long-term sustainability.
- Promoted entrepreneurial-oriented curricula in six universities and technical colleges to encourage the graduation of job creators in agriculture.
- Supported the commercialization of innovations developed by students and researchers in tertiary and research institutions.
- Advanced institutional alignment with global agribusiness development priorities through collaboration with key partners, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA).
- Championed intellectual property policy reforms to protect and enable the commercialization of innovations across public and private institutions.
- Strengthened strategic partnerships and secured new collaborations to enhance CURAD’s relevance, sustainability, and growth.

Key Projects and Consultancies

Name of Funder	Name of project	Position/Role	Value (USD)	Year
Danish International Development Agency & Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)	Consortium for Enhancing University Responsiveness to Agribusiness Development Limited (CURAD)	Client Development Officer for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)	2,000,000	2012 to 2016
National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO) & World Bank	Enhancing the commercialization of agricultural research outputs using the agribusiness incubation model	Business development manager	134,000	2016-2017
Agribusiness Initiative Development Limited, (aBi)	Agribusiness Incubator & Agri-park Project	Business development manager	1,800,000	2018-2022

Utz/Rainforest alliance	Improving Coffee Productivity in Uganda through Coffee-Specific Extension Training	A business development specialist	64,800	2018-2020
International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, ICIPE	Integrating Aroma Honey Toffee and Bamboo Hives into Apiculture Value Chains in Uganda, Kenya, and Rwanda	Incubation team leader	250,000	2018-2021
European Union & NARO	Improving Competitiveness and Productivity of the Beef Sub-sector through Fostering Gender Responsive, Inclusive and Sustainable Rangeland, Agro-Forestry and Water Resources Management (RAWM - Beef). (lead)	Incubation team leader	1,500,000	2019-2021
USAID	Scaling IPM technologies	Incubation team leader	750,000	2020-2022
Enabel, Belgium	Coaching program for business support organizations	Team leader	35,000	2021
Mastercard /Heifer International	Africa Dairy Accelerator Program (ADAP) Consultant	Team leader	10,000	2022

Board Member, Youth Advisory Board – African Union

Consultant – 4th Africa-Europe Youth Summit, Côte d’Ivoire (9–11 October 2017).

- Facilitated technical discussions among African and European youth representatives during the *Business, Job Creation, and Entrepreneurship* working session.
- Guided consensus-building and developed key recommendations on enabling business environments for youth, expanding access to finance, and establishing sustainable capacity-building frameworks for youth-led enterprises.
- Contributed to the Abidjan Declaration, with proposals formally adopted and presented to Heads of State at the 5th AU-EU Summit.

(Abidjan Declaration reference: [European Parliament Report, 2017](#))

Civil Society Conference for the 5-Year Review of the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development (AADPD+5), Accra, Ghana (30 September – 01 October 2018).

- Represented youth perspectives at the AADPD+5 Civil Society Conference, contributing to the assessment of implementation progress on population and development commitments.
- Developed youth-focused policy recommendations and engaged in regional dialogues, shaping the Expert and Ministerial outcomes of the review process.

Africa Talks Jobs Dialogue Platform, jointly organized by the African Union Commission, NEPAD, Business Africa, and GIZ. Ethiopia (30–31 October 2018)

- Represented youth perspectives in a multi-stakeholder dialogue

- Contributed to policy discussions on skills development, startup sustainability, and public-private partnerships for youth entrepreneurship.
- Engaged in working groups on financing models, policy frameworks, and best practices that informed continental strategies and supported the creation of a Pan-African Entrepreneurship Hub.

Consultant – Africa Agribusiness Incubation Network (AAIN) 2018 to 2021

- Served as Consultant and Trainer of Trainers in the establishment and operationalization of the Bongo Agribusiness Incubation Hub (BAIH) in Northern Ghana, in partnership with the Association of Church-based Development NGOs (ACDEP), Canadian Feed the Children (CFTC), and AAIN.
- Developed the first BAIH operational model and incubation graduation pathways, strengthening stakeholder understanding of business incubation processes.
- Provided technical support to incubation managers and trained regional agribusiness incubation managers and business mentors, building capacity to scale innovations and deliver sustainable agribusiness services across the region.

Centre for Design Thinking (CEDET) | Founder & CEO 2016 – 2021

- Established and led CEDET, managing a core team of four staff to advance agribusiness innovation among base-of-the-pyramid (BoP) communities.
- Applied human-centered design approaches to empower low-income farmers to co-create sustainable solutions to agribusiness challenges.
- Equipped hundreds of farmers with design thinking tools, enabling them to rethink products, services, and systems for improved entrepreneurship and employment outcomes.

UniCredit Bank , Bologna, Italy: Risk Strategy Intern (MBA Placement) June – August 2012

- Analyzed loan loss provisioning and portfolio performance by calculating key metrics, including cost of risk, loan loss provisions, and coverage ratios.
- Benchmarked risk performance across business lines, regions, and peer institutions, ensuring alignment with Basel II regulatory requirements and industry best practices.
- Supported network strategy development by evaluating risk-weighted assets and conducting credit risk analysis using probability of default (PD), exposure at default (EAD), and loss given default (LGD) models.

**Centenary Rural Development Bank, Uganda: Commercial Agricultural Loans Officer
2009 – 2013**

- Conducted value chain analyses for crop and livestock enterprises to identify financing gaps and investment opportunities.
- Appraised loan applications, disbursed credit, and monitored loan performance, ensuring compliance with institutional lending policies.
- Managed credit risk through loan recovery initiatives and regular portfolio evaluations, contributing to the successful financing of thousands of smallholder farmers and dozens of farmer groups.
- Served as Acting Credit Manager on multiple occasions, demonstrating leadership and supporting portfolio growth and sustainability.

PUBLICATIONS

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