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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Legal Studies,
University of Debrecen, Hungary
2021– to date

Master of Laws (LLM)
University of Nairobi,
Kenya, 2013 – 2015

Bachelor of Laws (LLB.)
University of Nairobi,
Kenya 2008 – 2012

BA Government
University of Nairobi, Kenya
1999 – 2004

Kenya Certificate of
Secondary Education (KCSE),
Alliance High School, Kenya
1994 – 1997

Kenya Certificate of Primary
Education (KCPE), Dukana
Primary School, Kenya
1986 – 1993

PROFILE

A professional lawyer and academic with excellent research and consultancy skills in immigration issues. Vast experience in public service, leading cross-functional and culturally diverse teams at various levels of management with a demonstrable track record of competence and efficiency. An ardent team player with self-drive and excellent interpersonal skills.

CAREER OBJECTIVE

To be part of an organization that undertakes positively impactful programs in my field of expertise and to engage in socio-legal research that would contribute to the development of policy initiatives in the areas of International Migration, Asylum protection, and Intergovernmental coordination.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lecturer in International Migration and Refugee law, University of Nairobi, Kenya **2019 – to date**

Duties and responsibilities

- Preparing and delivering lectures, tutorials, workshops, and seminars
- Design, develop curricula, and deliver course materials using a range of methods and platforms
- Set and grade assignments and examinations to ensure students remain in compliance with the University policy on academics
- Conducting research, and writing papers, proposals, journal articles, and books.

Director of Legal Service, County Government of Marsabit, Kenya **2014 – 2019**

Duties and responsibilities

- Provide legal advice on policy developments, strategic direction, and on the interpretation of relevant County legislation
- Evaluate legal documents to ensure the protection of the County
- Provide legislative support to the County including the preparation of briefs on legislation and amendments where appropriate
- Ensure that all County inventions are patented, and its rights protected
- Identify strategic priority areas for legal reform and undertake legal research
- Represent the County in all legal matters

Senior Immigration Officer **2005 – 2013** **Kenya Immigration Service, Kenya**

Duties and responsibilities

- Approving applications for travel documents
- Approving applications for various passes and permits
- Investigation and Prosecution under immigration laws

Assistant Programme Officer **2004 - 2005** **Centre for Minority Rights Development, Kenya**

Duties and responsibilities

- Project assistant to the *Kenya Pastoralist week*, an annual forum for the exchange of ideas, culture, and experiences between pastoralists and other communities in the East African region
- Developed strategies for information sharing and monitoring of policies and development programmes for pastoralists i.e. Initiated campaign for tarmacking of the Isiolo – Moyale road dubbed the '*Great Trek*' road campaign

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Member, Law Society of Kenya (LSK)
- Member, Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya (ICPSK)
- Member, East African Law Society (EALS)

AWARDS

1. University of Nairobi Scholarship – Master of Laws (LLM) 2013/2014 Academic Year
2. Stipendium Hungaricum Ph.D. Scholarship, Tempus Public Foundation, Hungary

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. Dukana High School, Member, Board of Management
2. Dukana Youth Enlightenment Association, Founding Member

REFEREES

1. Dr. Siska Katalin
Associate Professor University of Debrecen, Hungary
4028 Debrecen, Kassai út 26.
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2. Dr. Sarah Kinyanjui
Associate Dean, University of Nairobi, Kenya
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3. Justice Eric Ogola
Judge of the High Court of Kenya
Telephone: +254-722-280058
Email: ericogola@gmail.com

Research Assistant

2003

Kenya National Focal Point

(SaferAfrica and Security Research & Information Centre),
Kenya

Duties and responsibilities

- Undertook surveys in selected Provinces of Kenya with a view to establishing the scope and magnitude of the proliferation of small arms and light weapons in the Country.

Volunteer

2003

**United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR),
Kenya**

Duties and responsibilities

- Revalidated, verified, and rationalized refugee population as it existed in the **UNHCR** registration Database, based at Dadaab Refugee Camp, Kenya

Intern

2002

United Nations (UN-Habitat)

Duties and responsibilities

- Reporting to the co-coordinator Best Practices and Local Leadership Programme, I participated in the review, analysis, and evaluation of Best Practices submissions, the uploading of new records onto the database, and the preparation of summaries of selected best practices for wider dissemination.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Strategic Leadership Development Programme (SLDP) **2018**
Kenya School of Government, Kenya
2. Senior Management Course (SMC) **2016**
Kenya School of Government, Kenya
3. Advocates Training Programme (ATP) **2013**
Kenya School of Law, Kenya
4. Trial Advocacy Skills Training **2013**
Kenya School of Law, Kenya
5. Leadership Development Course **2006**
Kenya School of Adventure and Leadership, Kenya
6. Immigration Practices, Kenya Institute of Administration (KIA) **2005**
7. Environmental Journalism and Communication Training **2004**
Daystar University, Kenya

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. Yatani, Vincent Godana, Mohammad Safrin, and Diangsa Wagian. "Exclusion of the principle of non-refoulement in article 33 paragraph 2 of the 1951 Refugee Convention." *Ex Aequo Et Bono Journal of Law* 1.1 (2023). <https://journal-iasssf.com/index.php/EAEBJOL/article/view/108>
2. Yatani, Vincent Godana. "INVISIBLE DISPLACEMENT: A CALL FOR COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL PROTECTION FOR" OTHER PERSONS OF CONCERN". *Sriwijaya Crimen and Legal Studies* 1.1 (2023):56-67
<http://journal.fh.unsri.ac.id/index.php/SCLS/article/view/2788>

3. Vincent Yatani, 'Refugee Protection in Multi-Level Governance Regimes: A Case for Kenya and Indonesia' (2023) 5 Lampung Journal of International Law, Indonesia. p-ISSN: 1978-5186 E-ISSN: 2723-2603. <http://jurnal.fh.unila.ac.id/index.php/lajil>
4. Vincent Godana Yatani & Njoki Mboce, "Presumption of Citizenship for Foundlings: Exploring enforceability of Article 14(4) of The Constitution of Kenya 2010", Journal of Conflict Management and Sustainable Development (2022) Vol. 8 Issue 1. <http://journalofcmsd.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Presumption-of-Citizenship-for-Foundlings.pdf>
5. Yatani, Vincent Godana
Second-class Citizens? Critical analysis of Kenya's Dual Citizenship Model HOLIDAY STUDIES IN HONOR OF THE 60TH BIRTH OF KATALIN SISKÁ – QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF THE UNIVERSITY, Debrecen: University of Debrecen, Faculty of Law, pp. 543-563 (2021)
 Language: English |Book link (s) ISBN: 9789634903598
 Publication: 32574313| Published Book: 32546009
 Core| Chapter in Book (Study)| Scientific | Manual application
6. Yatani, Vincent Godana
 Dimming Refugee Rights in National Interest Shuffles: The Case of Refugee Camps Closure in Kenya (2021) Publication:32892984
 Published Core Conference Proceedings Scientific
7. Presented a paper, 'Whose concern is the 'other persons of concern'? Debunking the plight of displaced populations within their 'country of origin' during the Science of Law, the Law of Everyday Life VIII. online conference held on 8th April 2022 organized by Praetor Vocational College University of Debrecen Faculty of Law.
8. Presented a paper titled, "Harmonizing the digital environment of the State and Law: A case for Kenya," at a Conference on the Digital Environment of the State and Law in the 21st Century conference held on 13th May 2022, organized by the Doctoral School of Law and Political Sciences, University of Szeged.
9. Presented at the IV. Scientific Conference of the Colleges of Advanced Studies of the University of Debrecen held on 8 November 2022, at the University of Debrecen; a paper titled, "Refugee Protection in Multilevel governance regimes: A case for Kenya and Indonesia"