

Dabesaki Mac-Ikemenjima – Curriculum Vitae

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Short Profile: Over 10 years of cumulative experience as school teacher, youth policy consultant and currently researcher developing a new measure of University and secondary school students' multidimensional quality of life. Country specific experience includes: Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Zambia and South Africa. International assignments completed in Ethiopia and Algeria. Languages skills include: Kalabari [mother tongue], English [speaking, writing and reading]: French [basic, survival level].

Education

- **University of East Anglia:** PhD, International Development, exp. Sep 2013
Working thesis title: Measuring youth quality of life in Rivers State, Nigeria
- **University of East Anglia:** MA, Development Studies, Sep 2010
Dissertation: Youth well-being in South Africa: What dimensions should we measure?
- **Rivers State College of Education:** BEd, Educational Psychology, Guidance and Counselling, Mar 2006

Employment and Consultancy

- Editor, **Open Society Institute**, New York Office, USA, October 2009- date
- Youth Development Consultant, **African Union Commission**, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 2005- 2009 (various occasions)
- National Youth Service, **Federal Ministry of Youth Development**, Abuja, Nigeria, Feb 2007 – Mar 2008
- Consultant, **Commonwealth Youth Programme**, Lusaka Office, Zambia, Sep 2007 – Jul 2008
- Rapporteur, **Commonwealth of Learning**, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Mar- Sep 2009
- Executive Director, **Development Partnership International**, Port Harcourt, Nigeria: 2004- 2008
- Consultant, **United Nations Population Fund**, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 2005-2007 (various occasions)
- Project Director, **Youth Development Initiative**, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 1999 – 2002

Selected Publications

1. Mac-Ikemenjima, D., 2010. *Service my country (187 paged autobiographical notes)*. Milton - Keynes: Author house.
2. Mac-Ikemenjima, D., 2009. Beyond Banjul: its time to implement the African Youth Charter. *Open Society Institute-African Governance Monitoring and Advocacy Project*.
3. Mac-Ikemenjima, D., 2008. Youth development, reintegration, reconciliation and rehabilitation in post-conflict West Africa: A framework for Sierra Leone, Liberia and Cote d'Ivoire. *International NGO Journal*, 3 (9), 146-152.
4. Osah-Ogulu, D. J. and Mac-Ikemenjima, D., 2004. Shaping Attitudes; Care and Appreciation of the virtual Library. *Nigerian Journal of Professional Research in Pedagogy and Psychotherapy*, 1 (7-8), 74-85.
5. Mac-Ikemenjima, D., 2005. e-education in Nigeria: Challenges and Prospects. In Bracey, B., & Culver, T. *Harnessing the Potentials of ICT for Education: A multi stakeholder approach. Proceedings from the Dublin Global Forum of the United Nations ICT Task Force*, p. 89-96.

6. Mac-Ikemenjima, D., 2002. *Our Rocky Years: Adolescence, Problems, Challenges, Prevention*. Port Harcourt: Salvation Press.

Honours and Awards

- Rivers State Sustainable Development Agency Overseas scholarship award for PhD in International Development, 2010
- Rivers State Government Overseas scholarship award towards MA in Development studies 2009
- Commonwealth Youth Programme RYC Innovative Project Award 2007
- Fellow, Global Rights Partners for Justice- Amplifying Youth Voices on Rights, Poverty and Discrimination 2005 – 2007
- Member, Scientific Programme Committee Policy Track, XVI International Conference on AIDS, Toronto, Jun 2005- Aug 2006

Selected Conferences

- Africa Institute of South Africa, Young Graduate and Scholar Conference, (Johannesburg, Mar 2011), presented – ‘Youth Development Policy in post conflict Africa: between Capabilities, Rights and Human Capital approaches.’
- United Nations Peace Building Commission’s Working Group on Lessons Learned (New York Jul 2010), presented - Youth Employment in post conflict settings: what is there to learn?
- Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (Trinidad and Tobago, Nov. 2009) - Youth Forum participant.
- Commonwealth of Learning and Commonwealth Youth Programme, Youth for peace workshop (Freetown Jul 2009) - Facilitator.
- National Youth Commission, Merger Dialogue of Youth institutions in South Africa (Johannesburg, Nov 2008) – keynote speaker, ‘Youth Development Institutional landscape- the international perspective’
- Second ordinary congress of the Pan African Youth Union (Brazzaville, Jul 2008) - Resource Person.
- Commonwealth Youth Ministers meeting (Colombo, Apr 2008) – Participant at the Regional Youth Caucus meeting.
- Young Citizens for Sustainable Development Roundtable (sponsored by the Nigerian Government- London, Mar 2008) – keynote speaker, ‘Vision 2020: Setting the agenda for Youth Development and Empowerment.’
- Commonwealth Youth Caucus Capacity Building Workshop (Lusaka, Feb 2008) - Facilitator, ‘National Youth Council: CYP survey on the status of NYC in the Africa Region.’
- African Union, Second ordinary session of the Conference of African Ministers in charge of Youth (Addis Ababa, Feb 2008) – Rapporteur.
- Federal Ministry of Youth Development, National Council on Youth Development, (Katsina City, Mar 2007) – presented, ‘Integrating the needs of young people into the Second National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS 2).’
- United Nations Commission on Social Development (New York, Feb 2007) – panel speaker, ‘Youth Development through Participation: Challenges and Opportunities in Africa.’
- Global Rights, Universal Education Conference, John Hopkins University (Washington DC, Feb 2007) – presented, ‘Education for All: Challenges and Opportunities in the Niger Delta: Study of Eleme and Oyigbo Communities in the Rivers State of Nigeria.’
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa – 5th African Development Forum (Addis Ababa, Nov 2006) – presented, ‘the long road to Banjul and beyond: Process of the African Youth Charter and the role of youth in its popularization and ratification.’

- UNAIDS Technical Consultation on the role of behaviour change in advancing HIV prevention (Geneva, Sep 2006) – participant.
- International AIDS Society, XVI International AIDS Conference (Toronto Aug 2006) – co-chair of two sessions and presented poster: ‘Treating Sexually Abused Girls Using Instant Messaging (IM) Technology.’
- Africa Union Special Session of Heads of state and Government on AIDS, TB and Malaria (Abuja, May 2006) – participant.
- UNFPA/ WHO/Engender Health Global Consultation on the Sexual Reproductive Health Rights of People Living with HIV/AIDS (Addis Ababa, Mar 2006) - opening plenary speaker, ‘I Love you! Meeting the Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs of Young People Living with HIV/AIDS.’
- Commonwealth Youth Programme Regional Advisory Board Meeting (Maseru, Oct 2005) - participant at Regional Youth Caucus meeting.
- United Nations General Assembly Special Session Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (New York, Jun 2005) – summary speaker at the special Youth Breakfast meeting.
- Youthnet/United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Round table, Global Health Council conference (Washington DC, May 2005) – moderator and presenter.
- United Nations ICT Task Force Global Forum (Dublin, Apr 2005) – participant, contributed invited paper, ‘e-education in Nigeria: challenges and prospects.’
- United Nations Consultation on the World Programme of Action for Youth, United Nations department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York, Feb 2005) – Rapporteur.
- International AIDS Society, XV International Conference on AIDS (Bangkok, Jul 2004) – speaker, ‘The role of young people in the third decade of HIV/AIDS.’
- UNESCO National Virtual Library Feasibility Study Workshop (Kaduna, Aug 2003) – contributed invited paper (co-authored with Osah-Ogulu, D. J.) ‘Shaping Attitudes; Care and Appreciation of the virtual Library.’
- UNDP Policy and Advocacy Workshop to develop Action Plans for State Action Committees on HIV/AIDS (Uyo, Dec 2001) – participant.