

# CURRICULUM VITAE

**Family name:** Gerenge  
**First names:** Robert  
**Nationality:** Kenyan

## Education and Professional Training Background

Institution	Degree(s) or Diploma(s)
University of Witwatersrand	Phd Candidate in Political Science
George Mason University, 2020	Masters of Science in Conflict Analysis and Resolution
University of York , 2012	Masters of Arts in Public Policy
University of Nairobi, 2003	Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and Sociology
United States Institute for Peace, 2004	Certificate in Conflict Analysis
University of Colorado, 2004	Certificate in Intractable Conflicts
University of Bradford, 2004	Certificate of Conflict Transformation
Kingsway Institute , 2000	Certificate in French
UNITAR, 2005	Certificate in Humanitarian Law and Law of Armed Conflict
UNITAR, 2005	Certificate in Peace Support Operations
UNDP-EC-International IDEA, 2013	Certificate in International Electoral Assistance
African Union, 2017	Internationally Accredited Facilitator in Bridging Resources for Democracy, Governance and Elections (BRIDGE)

**Language skills:** (Indicate competence on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 - excellent; 5 - basic))

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
<b>English</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>French</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Kiswahili</b>	<b>Native</b>	<b>Native</b>	<b>Native</b>

## Key Experiences:

- Over 15 years international experience in governance, election management, peace and security including strategic policy and senior level technical advisory.

- Internationally accredited Trainer-of-Facilitators in Bridging Resources for Democracy, Governance and Elections (BRIDGE) with key knowledge in material design and delivery of training in election management across the electoral cycle ( constitutional and legal framework of elections, electoral system design including in fragile/post conflict settings, planning and operations, electoral Logistics, voter education , Electoral Conflict Management, Election Management Bodies, Results management, post-election review, election observation etc)
- Designed and delivered training to over 1,000 election officials in election management and election observation across the continent of Africa.
- Involved at senior expert level in programming and electoral advisory in over 50 political and electoral processes in Europe, South America, Africa including in conflict and post-conflict/fragile settlements such as Somalia, CAR, Mali, Burundi, South Sudan, Sudan, Libya, Mozambique, Liberia, Comoros, Madagascar, Zimbabwe. I have comparative exposure in Francophone, Portuguese, Anglophone and Arab political and electoral contexts.
- Long term electoral advisor to EMB in the DRC in the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission which successfully assisted the country in organising post-civil war constitutional referendum in 2015 and general elections in 2006, 2011, and 2018. I trained dozens of election officials in various aspects of election management.
- Assisted in designing a programme on electoral conflict resolution for Africa's Great Lakes Region
- Conducted electoral violence field research for ECES in the DRC which was published
- Coordinated a project for support to the constitution making process in Zimbabwe. Provided expert support to CSOs and women organisations on options for governance and democratic and electoral systems architecture for the new constitution.
- Member of the expert group that developed EAC Principles for Election Observation and Evaluation
- Team member, consultancy on development of SADC Electoral Advisory Council (SEAC) Strategic Plan
- Senior Trainer of SADC election observers in Zambia, Seychelles, DRC and Lesotho
- Senior Trainer of a pool of election observers for the South African Government. Involved material design and training delivery
- Lead advisor/Team Leader for Pre-election expert team which provided level technical support (political analyses and scenario-building) in support for the EAC/COMESA joint Panel of Eminent Persons during the electoral conflict mediation of the 2015 Burundi crisis.
- Team member, fact finding mission commissioned by Swedish Government on programming for support to post-secession state-building process in South Sudan
- Provided expert advice on electoral system architecture for post-conflict situations for senior Government officials and Election Management Bodies from Somalia and South Sudan. Also provided advice on organising elections in complex security contexts under international peacekeeping jurisdiction.
- Technical Advisor and coordination of the African Union election observer missions in Senegal, Equatorial Guinea, Libya, Algeria, Equatorial Guinea and Mauritania.
- Lead Technical Advisor to the EAC-IGAD-COMESA integrated election observation mission to Kenya in 2013
- Coordinator, EISA/The Carter Centre integrated election observation mission to Mozambique in 2014 general elections

## Country Exposure

Country	Date from - Date to
<p><b>Europe:</b>            France, 2014 European Parliament Elections            Belgium, 2014 European Parliament Elections</p> <p><b>South America:</b>            Ecuador : 2014 Local Government Elections</p> <p><b>Africa:</b>            Kenya - General elections 2002; Electoral process 2010-2013            DRC -2005 constitutional referendum; 2006, 2011 and 2018 general elections            Guinea - 2010 General elections            Cote d'Ivoire : General elections in 2010            Burkina Faso : Parliamentary elections in 2012            Zimbabwe – constitutional making process, 2010-2013 ; Electoral process 2012-2013 ; Electoral process 2018            CAR: General elections 2011; Electoral process 2015-2016            Senegal : General elections 2012            Libya : Constituent assembly elections 2012            Egypt : first post Arab spring electoral process 2011-2012 ; Parliamentary elections 2015            Seychelles: 2011 and 2015 general elections            South Africa: 2016 local government elections; National assembly elections in 2014            Mozambique : general elections in 2014 ; Governance reform process 2014-2016            Lesotho : parliamentary elections in 2012 and 2017            Angola : General elections in 2017            Burundi : Political dialogue/peace process 2015 ; General elections in 2015            Tanzania : General elections in 2010 and 2015            Rwanda : Parliamentary election in 2013            Uganda : General elections in 2011 &amp;2016            Tunisia : General elections in 2019            Algeria : Presidential elections in 2014            Mauritania : Parliamentary elections in 2014            Madagascar: 2013 &amp; 2018 electoral process ; Governance reform process 2014-2016            Equatorial Guinea: 2016 parliamentary elections            Cameroon: 2013 &amp; 2020 legislative elections; 2018 Presidential elections</p>	<p>From 2004 to date, involved in short to long-term expert assignments including programmatic backstopping while working with United Nations, African Union, Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa and European Centre for Electoral Support</p>

Chad: Governance institutional and process strengthening: 2012-2014 Somalia : electoral reform process : 2017-2019 Malawi : tripartite elections 2014 and 2019 Zambia : elections in 2015 Ghana: 2012 general elections	
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**Academic experience:**

Executive Briefings on politics and peace and security in Africa, November 2020– Present, SOAS University of London.  
 Peer Reviewer, Articles for the Journal of African Elections: 2014 - 2017  
 External Examiner, Dept of International Relations, University of Witwatersrand, Dec 2014, Dec 2015  
 Guest Lecturer, Management of Democratic Elections in Africa module, University of South Africa, June-July 2016, July 2017

**Publications**

Shale, Victor and Gerenge, Robert (2016) **Electoral Mediation: Comparative Experiences from DRC, Lesotho and Kenya**, *Conflict Trends*  
 Gerenge, Robert (2015), **South Sudan’s December 2013 Conflict: Bolting State-Building Fault lines with Social Capital**, *African Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Vol 15(3): Page 85-109  
 Gerenge, Robert (2015) **Preventive Diplomacy and the AU Panel of the Wise in Africa’s Electoral-related Conflicts**, *Policy Brief No.136*, South African Institute for International Affairs  
 Gerenge, Robert (2014). **The 2013 General Elections in Zimbabwe and Kenya: Lessons Learned for Africa and Beyond: Policy Brief No.98**, South African Institute for International Affairs  
 Gerenge, Robert (2014) **South Sudan’s Resurgent Political Crisis: Through the Lens of Social Capital**. *Conflict Trends*, Issue 1, p.20-27  
 Gerenge, Robert (2011) **The Electoral System for South Sudan: Apportioning Immediate to Long-term Needs**, *IFES Election Guide*  
 Toulou, Lucien and Gerenge, Robert (2014), **“Youth Apathy in Elections and Governance in Africa** Nelson Mandela Institute for Development Studies (MINDS)  
 Gerenge, Robert: **Electoral Violence in SADC Region: DRC Case Study** (book chapter), *ECCES*

**Academic Scholarship Awards:**

Commonwealth Scholarship Award, University of York, UK  
 The Harold "Hal" and Carol Saunders Scholarship, George Mason University, USA  
 Post-Graduate PhD Merit Award, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

**Academic Membership affiliation:**

Member, Politics after War Research Network